

Funds Available for Scrap Tire Surface Material Grants

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has announced that applications are now available for scrap tire surface material grants administered by the Department's Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP). Approximately \$250,000 is available during the 2010 grant cycle for scrap tire surface material. Grant recipients requesting mats or pour-in-place material will be eligible to receive up to \$20,000 while those requesting shredded material will be eligible to receive up to \$10,000. Applicants may apply for only one scrap tire material grant during an open grant cycle.

Who can apply?

Public schools, private schools, parks, non-profit day care centers, other non-profit organizations, and governmental organizations other than state agencies are eligible to submit applications. Prior recipients of scrap tire material grants are ineligible during this grant cycle unless an expansion to the prior surfaced area is planned or a different location/area will be surfaced. Prior surfaced areas cannot be repaired or ungraded with grant funds.

What projects are eligible?

Grant funds are available for the cost and delivery of the scrap tire surface material for playgrounds, running tracks, walking trails or other surfacing projects approved by the Department. Due to the Americans with Disability Act, preference will be given to applicants requesting mats or pour-in-place surface materials.

All grant recipients will be required to purchase scrap tire surface material from manufacturers whose scrap tire surface material contains at least 40 percent Missouri generated scrap tires. All projects must be located in the state of Missouri.

Loose scrap tire surface material for playgrounds must be eight inches (8") deep, wire-free and be properly contained. Running tracks, walking trails and other surfacing projects must conform to the manufacturer's specifications and be approved by the Department. Mats or pour-in-place material must be placed on asphalt, concrete or other suitable surfaces.

While the current scrap tire regulations allow the Department to require a recipient match of up to 50 percent, match is not required for this year's grant cycle. The Department may require matching funds for future grant cycles. The evaluation criteria include a criterion related to matching funds. Applicants proposing matching funds are eligible for up to fifteen (15) additional points. An applicant receiving a grant based upon points awarded for match, who does not provide match as stated in their budget summary by project completion, will only be eligible to receive reimbursement based on the actual match provided.

How can I get an application?

The application package may be downloaded from the Department's SWMP website at: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirefinassistance.htm> .

Copies of the application can also be requested by writing to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Solid Waste Management Program, Attn: Dan Fester, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102

What's my deadline?

Complete applications that are mailed must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Complete applications that are hand delivered to the Department must arrive by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.