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Division of Waste Management requests grant applications for two programs *Kentucky counties urged to apply for funds*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 3, 2015) – The Energy and Environment Cabinet’s (EEC) Division of Waste Management (DWM) is calling for grant applications for two waste-management programs: the cleanup of illegal dumps, and the cleanup of litter along public roads.

“These grant programs provide much-needed funding to local governments,” said EEC Secretary Len Peters. “The illegal open dump program has been very successful, cleaning up 1,701 illegal dump sites since its inception in 2006.”

“The Litter Abatement Grant program is a very simple and efficient way to help the scenic cities and counties of the Commonwealth ensure that their roads remain litter-free,” he added.

Since 2003, state and local governments have cleaned up 2.2 million miles of roadways with help from these grants.

Cleanup of Illegal Dumps

County governments can now apply for funds to clean up illegal open dumps.

Grant applications will be ranked based on three factors: location of the dump relative to sensitive receptors or protected areas, the relative hazard posed by the contents of the dumps and the size of the dump.

In the event that sufficient funds are not available to award every request, grant awards will be prioritized based on these rankings. Grant funding comes from the Kentucky

Pride Fund and is underwritten by a \$1.75 per ton fee on municipal solid waste disposed of in Kentucky's contained landfills.

Applications must be received by Lisa Evans at the Division of Waste Management by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015. The complete, signed original application and any supporting documentation must be submitted in order for the application to be complete.

Each grant requires a 25 percent local match. Grant application packets are being sent by email to county judge-executives and solid waste coordinators. For more information, contact Lisa Evans by calling 502-564-6716 or emailing lisa.evans@ky.gov.

Litter Abatement

Grant requests for litter cleanup will be accepted from counties in compliance with their five-year solid waste management plans and from incorporated cities which, by solid waste ordinance or other means, provide municipal solid waste collection service.

The Litter Abatement Grant program is supported by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Road Fund and Highway Construction Contingency Fund.

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