



May 14, 2026

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Director PW
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RU 40292

SUBJECT: Announcement of 2026 Recycling Grants to Responsible Units

Dear Responsible Unit Contact:

On behalf of the Governor, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to offer an award of \$253,532.54 to your responsible unit to offset your recycling program costs during the current calendar year. This grant amount is composed of your Basic Recycling Grant + the Recycling Consolidation grant if you applied and are eligible. Remember that the total grant amount may not exceed projected net eligible costs as stated in your grant application.

Basic Recycling Grant Award	\$238,937.13
Recycling Consolidation Grant Award	\$14,595.41

Calculating Your Basic Recycling Grant

Your Basic Recycling grant amount was determined as prescribed by Wisconsin Statutes:

- 1- We identify your RU percentage of total available funds from 1999, then
- 2- We apply that percentage to the total available grant appropriation (\$19,000,000).

Calculating Your Recycling Consolidation Grant

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the consolidation grant awards are calculated on a per capita basis. A total of **211** Responsible Units applied for this grant by the deadline and are eligible to receive this grant. The total population of all those eligible applicants is **4,133,698**. The Legislature provided \$1M for this program. So, the per capita rate is **\$0.241** per person in each Responsible Unit ($\$1,000,000 \div$ by population = \$0.243 per person in eligible RUs).

Timing of Grant Check

The grant award payments will be issued as one check per responsible unit on or before **June 1, 2026**.

Accepting Grant Conditions

By endorsing the grant check, you are accepting this award and agree to comply with the grant conditions, the program's financial guidelines, and the assurances you signed in your grant application. Grant conditions can be found at the Basic Recycling Grant website under the "RESOURCES" tab:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid/Recycling.html>

Important Reminders

- If you spent less than the awarded amount within the current grant year, you will be required to repay the difference between your awarded amount and the actual amount you spent. A separate notification about this will be sent to affected RUs.
- Your Recycling Grant Award is to be used for eligible expenditures directly related to the cost estimates submitted with your grant application—*Estimated Budget Spreadsheet*.
- **You will report actual 2026 recycling costs in the spring of 2027 Annual Report of Recycling Program Accomplishments.** This Annual Report is necessary for maintaining continuity of data collection and to determine whether or not your total net eligible recycling costs matched or exceeded your grant award.

We appreciate your efforts to recycle in Wisconsin. Should you have any questions about this letter or the recycling grant program, please contact Wendy Soleska, Grant Manager by e-mail at Wendy.Soleska@wisconsin.gov or by telephone number (608) 852-1358.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Ritchie". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jim Ritchie,
Director Community Financial Assistance

C. Wendy Soleska – Grant Manager (via e-mail)