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Grant Funding Available for Colorado Entities That Recycle

DENVER – The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is accepting grant applications for waste diversion and recycling projects in Colorado. The application deadline is 3 p.m. on March 4. Approximately \$1.1 million in grant funding is available for 2011.

Entities eligible to apply are

- public and government agencies, including universities and schools;
 - private sector organizations, both for-profit and nonprofit, that have the approval and/or support of a local government agency;
 - private sector organizations, both for-profit and nonprofit, *without* approval of local government when the application includes documentation that the project will be beneficial to the local community;
 - out-of-state companies or organizations that are expanding in or relocating to Colorado, or have an in-state business presence, and are registered as doing business in Colorado.
- Projects must benefit Colorado directly. Such organizations must be registered with the Colorado Secretary of State’s office prior to application submittal.

Grant applications may be downloaded from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s website at http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/oeis/p2_program/rreorfo.html. Awards will be announced in early May. The start date for projects is July 1.

Grant funding comes from landfill surcharges collected by the state. The surcharge is part of Colorado’s Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Act of 2007 passed by the Legislature.

Grant selection guidelines were prepared by the Pollution Prevention Advisory Board's Assistance Committee, composed of 13 representatives of Colorado's recycling community and appointed by the executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

To provide immediate results to legislative sponsors and demonstrate the funding is a good investment in Colorado's health and prosperity, the grants will be awarded for projects of 12 months in duration. Applications must clearly reflect the economic goals and criteria articulated in the Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Act of 2007 at http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/olls/sl2007a/sl_278.htm.

In making recommendations about which grant proposals to fund, the committee will rely on data produced by consultants who were commissioned to host a series of meetings allowing stakeholders from across the state to provide input on the future direction and focus of the grant program. This report, titled "Charting a New Course in Solid Waste Management for Colorado," is available on the Department of Public Health and Environment's website: http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/oeis/p2_program/visionplan.html