July 30, 2020

Dear Mayor:

Now is the time to apply for 2021 Litter Abatement Grant funding. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about the Litter Abatement Grant program, including highlighting some important changes, and to provide you with a copy of the grant agreement and related forms. For this grant cycle:

* The signed “City Request and Agreement for Litter Abatement Program Grant Funding,” attached, **must be received in this office by 4:30 p.m. on November 2, 2020**, pursuant to KRS 224.43-505. Litter abatement grant agreements received after that date will not be accepted. **NOTE: This new incorporated form (DEP 7118) is the required form to be used to apply for the 2021 Litter Abatement Grant.**
* **The amount of grant funding each city is eligible to receive will not be determined until after November 2, 2020**. Once all applications are received, the amount of funding available will be calculated in accordance with statutory requirements.
* The litter abatement grant funding is to be used for direct expenses, as defined in 401 KAR 49:080 Section 3, incurred during calendar year 2021, associated with anti-litter control programs; for litter cleanup on public roads as provided in KRS 224.43-505; and to meet the requirements established in KRS 224.43-345.
* By February 1, 2022, the city shall submit to the Kentucky Division of Waste Management a completed **“City Litter Abatement Program Annual Report and Certification for Grant Funding”** signed by the Mayor. This form should be sent to Lisa Evans at the address shown below. ***This form is attached, is also available on our website at*** [***https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Waste/recycling-and-local-assistance***](https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Waste/recycling-and-local-assistance) ***and will be sent out to the cities in December through the Kentucky League of Cities.* NOTE: This new incorporated form (DWM 4900) is the required form to be used to report for the 2021 Litter Abatement Grant.**
* Litter abatement grant funds not spent during calendar year 2021 must be reimbursed to the cabinet by April 15, 2022.
* Per 401 KAR 49:080, Section 6, any city failing to comply with the terms of the litter abatement grant agreement shall be ineligible for litter abatement grant funding for the following year.
* Per 401 KAR 49:080, Section 3(2)(b), “Litter abatement grant program recipients shall keep documentation related to grant activities, including grant expenditure documentation, for at least three (3) years”
* If the city wishes to decline litter abatement grant funding for 2021, please check the box at the bottom of the “City Request and Agreement for Litter Abatement Program Grant Funding” and send it to Lisa Evans
* **A copy of the city’s solid waste ordinance or solid waste contract to demonstrate compliance with eligibility requirements shall be submitted.** A hard copy can be attached to the signed grant agreement, or an electronic copy can be emailed to Lisa Evans at lisa.evans@ky.gov.
* There is no match requirement for this grant.

**Note that all litter abatement grant forms have been incorporated by reference and therefore, are the required forms to be used for applying for the 2021 Litter Abatement Grant.**

Litter abatement grant funds will be disbursed by approximately January 1, 2021. Please verify address and Federal ID information on the Litter Abatement Grant Funding agreement for accuracy. **Submit the signed litter abatement grant form and a copy of your ordinance or contract by 4:30 p.m. on November 2, 2020 via email to** **lisa.evans@ky.gov****. If you prefer to mail a hard copy it can be submitted to:**

Lisa G. Evans, Grants Administrator

Recycling and Local Assistance Branch

Kentucky Division of Waste Management

300 Sower Boulevard

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

If you have any questions, contact Lisa Evans at lisa.evans@ky.gov or me at gary.logsdon@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

Gary Logsdon, Manager

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Attachments: City Request and Agreement for Litter Abatement Program Grant Funding

 City Litter Abatement Program Annual Report and Certification for Grant Funding

 Frequently Asked Questions for Anti-Litter Control Program Grants

 FEMA Rates