

**Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee
Mini Grant Program**

The Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee (BCSWOC) is offering mini grants to local entities to support resource recovery in Barry County.

Applicants may request up to \$4000 per project, to cover no more than 67% of total project cost. Grantees must provide at least 33% of the project total cost in matching funds.

Mini grant applications can be found online at www.barrycountyclecycling.org, or through the Barry-Eaton District Health Department, 330 West Woodlawn Avenue, Hastings, MI 49058. Applications will be accepted throughout the year. Qualified applications will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funds have been expended.

The BCSWOC established this mini grant program to stimulate and promote recycling and reuse of solid waste and other materials rather than disposal of such materials through placement in a landfill. This grant opportunity is available thanks to the generous support of Barry County and the Barry Community Foundation.

The goal of the mini grant program is **to recover to the maximum extent possible, the resources available in Barry County's waste stream through source reduction, source separation, recycling and reuse**. We seek to achieve this through the following objectives:

Objective A: Work toward reduction, reuse or disposal of solid waste.

Objective B: Provide educational materials and promote support of alternative methods of solid waste management.

Objective C: Provide a framework conducive to alternative means of solid waste disposal.

Objective D: Establish, promote, and fund activities aimed at reduction, reuse and recycling of solid waste.

Eligible applicants for the mini grants are:

- a. Local units of government
- b. Non-profit organizations recognized in the community
- c. Civic groups
- d. Business organizations licensed with the State
- e. Other groups as approved by the BCSWOC

If you are not sure that your group is eligible, please include a letter of inquiry which includes your group's name, mission, by-laws (if applicable), and tax status with your grant application.

Additional questions should be directed to:

Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee

c/o Rachel Frantz

Barry County Recycling Coordinator

1611 S Hanover St, Suite 105

Hastings, MI 49058

E-mail: recycle@barrycounty.org

Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee
Mini-Grant Program Outline
Grant Period – January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Purpose

The Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee (BCSWOC) has established this mini grant program to stimulate and promote recycling and reuse of solid waste and other materials rather than disposal of such materials through placement in a landfill. The mini grant program is intended to provide funds for recycling and reuse efforts, to add, expand, or improve efforts. It is **not** intended to be a source of funds for day-to-day operations (staff time, utility costs, trucking costs, etc).

Program Requirements

1. Eligible grant recipients include:
 - a. Local units of government
 - b. Non-profit organizations recognized in the community
 - c. Civic groups
 - d. Business organizations licensed with the State
 - e. Other groups as approved by the BCSWOC
2. Grants shall only be awarded for eligible projects which seek to achieve the following goals and objectives of the BCSWOC: (A) Work toward reduction, reuse or disposal of solid waste. (B) Provide educational materials and promote support of alternative methods of solid waste management. (C) Provide a framework conducive to alternative means of solid waste disposal. (D) Establish, promote, and fund activities aimed at reduction, reuse and recycling of solid waste.
3. Maximum grant amount shall be \$4000 per year, per project. For the purposes of this program, a year shall be considered to be twelve months from the date of grant award. Applicants may apply for more than one grant in a given year, but will be awarded no more than one grant per year per project. Applicants may apply for additional grants for a given project in future years.
4. No project or work completed prior to award of the grant by the BCSWOC shall be eligible for funding.
5. Mini grants shall require at least 33% of total project costs to be provided by match from the applicant organization. Matching funds can come from any source (other grant programs, donations, general fund, etc.).
6. Grants are to be reimbursement grants (funds shall be distributed for reimbursement to the applicant for expenses paid for by the applicant) unless otherwise approved by the BCSWOC as a condition of grant award. Applicants shall provide detailed evidence (receipts, payroll records, etc.) of expenditures submitted for reimbursement.
7. Grant applications may be submitted and shall be considered throughout the year, until funding is exhausted. Grant applications shall be reviewed at the monthly meeting of the BCSWOC. The BCSWOC shall determine if projects are deemed eligible for grant funding. Applicants are welcome to attend to fully explain their project and the proposed use of the funds should a grant be awarded. The BCSWOC reserves the sole right to fund grant requests as the Committee deems appropriate and to the extent that funds are available, and to reject any and all applications for funding through the mini-grant program as the BCSWOC sees fit.
8. Applications shall be submitted to: Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee, Barry-Eaton District Health Department, 330 West Woodlawn, Hastings MI 49058, or they may be e-mailed to: recycle@barrycounty.org. To the extent possible, applications will be considered by the BCSWOC at the next BCSWOC meeting following their receipt.
9. See the attached grant application form. Applicants shall provide a description of the use of the funds to be provided under the grant with sufficient detail to allow the BCSWOC to ensure that the funds are to be used for an eligible public purpose.

**Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee
Mini-Grant Program – Grant Application Form**

Name of applicant:

Organization represented:

Address of applicant:

Contact name, email, and phone number:

Total project cost*

**Please attach a full project budget, detailing costs and match to your application*

Amount of grant request (\$4,000 max request): \$

Amount of matching funds (min 33% of total project): \$

Source of matching funds:

Project name:

Describe the project and how it addresses the goals and objectives of the BCSWOC, as listed in the grant program outline (attach additional sheets and other project documents as necessary):

Signature of grant applicant:

Date of submittal:

To be completed by BCSWOC:

Date application received _____

Approved (Y/N) _____

Note: Upon grant award, BCSWOC will prepare a grant agreement for approval by the BCSWOC and the grantee specifying in detail the work to be completed through the use of grant funds, schedule for completion of such work, the required local matching funds and how such funds are to be used, and other details, terms and conditions as applicable to each grant. No work shall be completed prior to the parties entering into the grant agreement unless otherwise authorized by the BCSWOC in writing.