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Solid Waste District to Fund Recycling Projects

The Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District has announced the availability of grant funds from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to fund recycling and waste reduction projects in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors throughout Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties.

The grant funds are intended to reduce the amount of waste entering the local waste stream and/or to facilitate recycling. Any individual or organization with a project to recycle, reduce, or reuse such items as: paper, organic waste, resin plastics, or electronics can submit an application and may be awarded funds to support their project.

Previous grants have included the purchase of wood chippers, recycling bins, composting materials, recycling curricula, and various equipment that assist in recycling or waste reduction activities. District Grant funds have also been used for electronic waste collections, household hazardous waste and white goods collections; outdoor classrooms, recycling education and recycling business expansions.

Preference shall be given to projects that reduce, reuse, recycle or strengthen consumer demand for post-consumer wastes, including paper, glass, plastics, demolition waste, organic waste, yard waste, waste oil and electronics. Applications will be evaluated according to several criteria. Some of those criteria are:

- How well the project contributes to community-based economic development.
- If the project promotes waste reduction or recycling.
- Project feasibility.
- If the project has an effective marketing strategy.
- If the project can be implemented in a timely manner.
- How well the project complies with federal, state and local requirements.

Those individuals or entities interested in applying for funds for a waste reduction or recycling project may contact Linda Laderoute at (660) 582-5121 or e-mail linda@nwmorcog.org to request an application. Applications can also be found online at <http://recycle.nwmorcog.org/>.

The application deadline is 3:00 p.m. Monday, April 1, 2013.

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