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**Application period open for RAID funds***Grants available for dumping site abatement, recycling programs and more*

**Santa Fe** — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is now accepting applications for 2019-2020 Recycling and Illegal Dumping (RAID) Fund grants for scrap tire management, illegal dumping abatement and recycling projects.

Municipalities, counties, solid waste authorities, cooperative associations, land grant communities, pueblos, tribes and nations are eligible for funds totaling \$800,000. Two-thirds of the fund is available for scrap tire projects and one-third is available for other projects. Ineligible entities are encouraged to partner with eligible entities. No matching funds or in-kind contributions are required, but are encouraged.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for projects that will expend significant funding but applications for smaller projects are also welcome. All eligible projects will be considered for funding.

Past projects have included those of Los Alamos County, which used \$31,000 last year to purchase roll-off carts for its curbside yard waste collection program, and Santo Domingo Pueblo, which received \$25,000 in 2017 to host digital storytelling workshops to create effective messaging about illegal dumping on tribal lands.

Grant funding may be spent to offset the costs of scrap tire collection and recycling, establish recycling facilities, purchase equipment and/or products produced by a recycling facility, provide educational outreach, develop recycling infrastructure, abate illegal dumpsites and contract with vendors to promote recycling.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for the state fiscal year starting July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. Although projects must be completed within this period, multi-year projects designed with phases corresponding to these fiscal year grant cycles will be considered.

The application, along with a list of other grants funded over the last ten years, is available online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/solid-waste/grant-programs/>. Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 29. They may be submitted by e-mail, fax, mail or in person at the NMED Solid Waste Bureau office at 1190 S. St. Francis St., Santa Fe, NM 87505.

For more information about RAID grants, the upcoming grant cycle or to discuss project ideas, contact our Solid Waste Bureau Outreach Specialists: Genevieve Morgan at [Genevieve.Morgan@state.nm.us](mailto:Genevieve.Morgan@state.nm.us) or 505-827-0129; or Melissa Maggass at [Melissa.Maggass@state.nm.us](mailto:Melissa.Maggass@state.nm.us) or 505-827-2828.

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