

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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THROUGH: Amy Epkey, Administration Deputy Director  
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FROM: Jack Schinderle, Division Director  
Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division

DATE: February 13, 2018

SUBJECT: Approval of Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Recommendations for  
Fiscal Year (FY) 2018



The Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division (WMRPD), Solid Waste Section (SWS), Sustainable Materials Management Unit (SMMU) has completed the review of the applications received for the FY 2018 Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Program under Part 169, Scrap Tires, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and is requesting your approval to fund the recommended eligible projects.

A total of \$3,500,000 has been appropriated for FY 2018 from the Scrap Tire Regulatory Fund for the Scrap Tire Cleanup and Scrap Tire Market Development Grant Programs. The scrap tire cleanup grants are given priority and are awarded before the market development grants.

There were 87 cleanup grant applications and 1 law enforcement grant received for a total of 88 applications. However, one application was late and, therefore, ineligible for funding, and another applicant did not meet the 500-tire minimum requirement and was therefore ineligible for funding.

The 86 administratively complete applications, including the law enforcement grant, requested \$1,214,428.00 to fund cleanup of approximately 600,000 passenger tire equivalents. Because adequate funding is available, the grant review committee within the WMRPD is recommending funding of all 86 eligible projects.

The Scrap Tire Grant Program (Program) has increased focus on funding community drop-off-day type cleanups in an effort to provide affordable and convenient access for tire recycling across the state. This type of cleanup accounts for 74 of the grant applications.

There are ten private cleanup locations in the FY 2018 set of applications. These address legacy tires that have been at these locations for years. Also, the Greater

Detroit Resource Recovery Authority is seeking a grant on behalf of the City of Detroit to fund tire cleanups at various locations throughout the city.

Following review of all applications and some minor budgetary changes, the Program recommends funding the 85 cleanup grant applications for a total of \$1,190,339 to reimburse applicants for disposal and transportation of scrap tires, \$675 for a law enforcement grant, as well as directing \$13,414 from this year's appropriation to reimburse one holdover grant from FY 2017 (Herman Ekkel Property). The total funding recommended to be awarded is \$1,204,428. This will leave \$2,295,572 for funding scrap tire market development grants in FY 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jeff Spencer, Supervisor, SMMU, SWS, WMRPD, at 517-284-6879; spencerj3@michigan.gov; or you may contact me at 517-284-6551.

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Amy Epkey, Administration Deputy Director

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Michael McClellan, Environment Deputy Director

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