

2008 District Priority Grant District Recommendations for Funding Non-Profit Organizations

Applicant: Pleasant Ridge Community Council
Project Title: Pleasant Ridge Educational Trail and School Activities
Amount Requested: \$2,445
Recommended Funding: \$2,190
Timeline: January – Commission Artwork
February – Create signage and stations, Apply for education grants
March – Install stations and mark the trail
April – Earth Day celebration and Nativity School's field trips
May – Complete Trail
June – Vermicomposting and landscaping
October – Pleasant Ridge Elementary School's field trips
November – TCP World Academy's field trips

Project Summary: The Pleasant Ridge Community Council is recycling and educating throughout the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood by coordinating activities at three schools and a park. The park will have an educational trail with sign stations highlighting recycling opportunities and information. The group wants to make an emotional connection to children and families using field trips, artwork in the schools, and an Earth Day celebration that highlights the trail and the community.

The District is not recommending funding \$200.00 for the cost of hiring a contractor to oversee the grant and fill out the quarterly and final reports. Staff believes that this would set a precedent for future requests of an unnecessary contracted service. The District is also not recommending funding \$55 for games on Earth Day because the proposed games are unrelated to solid waste issues.

Applicant: University of Cincinnati
Project Title: Pitch-In
Amount Requested: \$15,178
Recommended Funding: \$15,178
Timeline: January – Purchase supplies, organize all area teams, launch ad campaign, hire student workers, allocate incentive prizes
February – Conduct the Pitch-In Challenge
March and April – Review and announce results
June – Develop November's Pitch In challenge
August – Develop ad campaign
September – Organize components to launch competition
November – Conduct the Pitch-In Challenge
December – Review and announce results

Project Summary: Along with other universities across the country, the University of Cincinnati (UC) recently committed to integrating sustainability into the curriculum and making it part of the educational experience. UC is moving forward with its sustainability efforts by initiating a campus-wide recycling program and challenge called Pitch-In in cooperation with all colleges and departments on UC's Uptown West Campus beginning February 2008. To this end, it is envisioned that Pitch-In will expand the existing recycling program to all buildings on the Uptown West Campus by adding 100 additional recycling bins within the campus facilities.

The idea of this project is to increase the awareness and the action of UC's community through the potential of recycling. The project will involve the purchase of recycling bins, the participation of students, faculty, and staff and the education, awareness, and promotion of the challenge to the campus community in order to enhance the growth of UC's sustainability effort. A second Pitch-In Challenge will be conducted in November 2008 among the same areas and recycling results will be compared.

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Applicant: Crosby Township
Project Title: Crosby Township RECYCLES!
Amount Requested: \$10,240.00
Recommended Funding: \$5,340.00
Timeline: January to December – Maintain two recycling drop-off sites and continue offering yardwaste program with promotion every other month
Spring – Offer Clean-up Days Event for one weekend

Project Summary: Crosby Township will maintain two recycling drop-offs in the Township and offer a Clean-Up day to residents in the spring. All of these services will be promoted to residents using the Harrison Press.

The District is not recommending funding \$1,250 for an E-Waste collection since the District already provides this service to all Hamilton County residents. The District is also not recommending funding \$3,300 to pay for garbage dumpsters for the clean-up event or \$150 to advertise for the Clean-Up event that does not offer recycling. Finally, the District is not recommending \$200 to fund posters and prizes for the school recycling program since school recycling is covered through another District grant, the Recycling Assistance Program (RAP).

Applicant: City of Forest Park
Project Title: Large Appliance/Metal Recycling Drive
Mixed Paper Drop-Off Promotional Campaign
Used Tire Collection Drop-Off
Amount Requested: \$6,650.00
Recommended Funding: \$6,650.00
Timeline: Large Appliance/Metal Recycling Drive: April
Mixed Paper Drop-Off Promotional Campaign: January - December
Used Tire Collection Drop-Off: September

Project Summary: Large Appliance/Metal Recycling Drive- Forest Park will work with the Village of Greenhills to pick up appliances and metal items at the curb from residents. Forest Park will contract to remove Freon from refrigerated appliances and recycle all of the metal.

Mixed Paper Drop-Off Promotional Campaign- Forest Park will promote the drop-off using the Greenhills Journal and the Hilltop Press.

Used Tire Collection Drop-Off- Forest Park will work with Greenhills to host a used tire recycling drop-off for residents of both municipalities.

Applicant: City of Indian Hill
Project Title: Recycling Outreach Brochure
Amount Requested: \$2,500.00
Recommended Funding: \$2,500.00
Timeline: January to December – Have brochure printed and distribute to residents. Measure the difference in recycling percentage versus previous.

Project Summary: Indian Hill will distribute brochures to residents to educate them on the changes to their recycling program, to promote their new cardboard and mixed paper back door service, and explain the guidelines for the service.

Applicant: City of Norwood
Project Title: Re-Tire Your Old Tires
Amount Requested: \$2,050.00
Recommended Funding: \$2,050.00
Timeline: August – Offer Re-Tire Your Old Tires even in conjunction with Freon Removal program
October – Offer Re-Tire Your Old Tires even in conjunction with Freon Removal program

Project Summary: The City of Norwood will offer tire collection events on the same weekends as Freon removal events. They will publicize the events to increase participation, thereby decreasing abandoned tires throughout the city and increasing the city's diversion rate.

Applicant: City of St. Bernard
Project Title: St. Bernard Public Park Recycling Program
Amount Requested: \$10,000.00
Recommended Funding: \$10,000.00
Timeline: January – Place order for the recycling containers
March – Install container in strategic locations in two parks
April to November – Daily collection of recyclables and maintenance of recycling containers

Project Summary: The City of St. Bernard has two major parks where they will place ten sets of permanent and secured recycling containers. St. Bernard residents frequently use the parks for picnics and family gatherings and well as for baseball games. The City wishes to accomplish a sizable reduction in waste taken to the landfill by collecting recyclables at these parks.

Applicant: Springfield Township
Project Title: St. Bernard Public Park Recycling Program
Amount Requested: \$15,815.00
Recommended Funding: \$15,815.00
Timeline: September 2008 – Prepare for and conduct Recycle/Cleanup Day event
October 2008 – Record results and discuss improvements for 2009

Project Summary: Springfield Township plans a residential recycle/cleanup day to facilitate reuse and recycling, preserve landfill space, and educate the public about the importance and availability of recycling. The Township will be chipping and mulching yard waste, diverting tires for shredding, and collecting a variety of items for recycling from residents.