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BOONE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AREA SET TO RECEIVE GRANT

Governor Beshear announces Boone as one of the recipients to receive state funds

BOONE COUNTY, KY — On June 5th Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear announced \$1.5 million dollars in recycling and household hazardous waste grants funds. The Boone County Solid Waste Management Area was one of 34 areas to receive funding. Boone County is designated to receive \$17,000 for household hazardous waste, mercury and television collection.

This is the second year for the Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program administered by the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet's Division of Waste Management. This grant program was established by the 2006 General Assembly with funding from the Kentucky Pride Fund. The fund is underwritten by a \$1.75 per ton fee on municipal solid waste disposed in Kentucky's contained landfills.

The grants are subject to formal acceptance by the recipients. The grants require a 25 percent local match in the form of cash or "in kind" services, materials or equipment from the cities or counties receiving the awards.

"Recycling is an important component of the solid waste solution. It reduces litter, extends the lifespan of Kentucky landfills and creates markets for material with recycled content," said Beshear. "The grants for household hazardous waste will allow homeowners to safely dispose of chemicals and other materials that pose a threat to human health and the environment."

One of the ultimate goals of this program is to expand recycling in Kentucky and reduce the amount of solid waste going into landfills.

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