

# School recycling grants

Hennepin County provides grants for K-12 schools to start or improve programs to divert recycling and organic materials, which includes food and non-recyclable paper, from the trash. Grant funding can also be used to take steps to reduce waste in the first place.



<b>Eligible recipients</b>	Public, private and charter K-12 schools in Hennepin County
<b>Eligible expenses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bins, barrels, carts and sorting stations</li> <li>• Reusable or compostable foodware to replace disposables</li> <li>• Sharing table supplies</li> <li>• Bulk condiment dispensers to replace single-use options</li> <li>• Reimbursement for monitors to oversee separation of organics, recycling and trash</li> <li>• Stipend for teachers to start and lead environmental clubs</li> </ul>
<b>Application timeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications for grants of up to \$50,000 are accepted once per year in late February.</li> <li>• Applications under \$15,000 are accepted on a rolling basis as funds remain.</li> </ul>
<b>Amount of funding available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varies depending on school size and project. Typical project awards range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.</li> <li>• Maximum award amount is \$50,000.</li> <li>• \$150,000 is available annually.</li> </ul>
<b>Matching funds</b>	25% match (in-kind or cash match) for awards more than \$25,000.
<b>Project timeline</b>	Projects must be completed in 2 years.
<b>Reporting requirements</b>	Midterm and final report with progress of project.
<b>Examples of projects</b>	<p>School recycling grants are awarded on a competitive basis, and priority is given to the following types of projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food waste or donate leftover food</li> <li>• Replacing single-use and disposable items with bulk and reusable items</li> <li>• Collection of recyclables in areas outside of the school building and at special events</li> </ul>



## Contact us today

If you are considering applying for a school recycling grant, contact us to:

- Discuss your project and its appropriateness for this funding source.
- Get information and tips about the application process.
- Evaluate potential costs and savings.
- Learn about resources to start or improve recycling and organics programs.

## For more information

- Visit [hennepin.us/schoolrecycling](http://hennepin.us/schoolrecycling)
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