



Guidelines for Clean-up Grants

Keep Cass County Beautiful Community Clean-Up Grant Program promotes litter cleanups and recycling in Cass County. Grants are awarded to provide incentives to community groups who conduct litter cleanup projects along public roads and public parks. Funding: \$75/mile along roads, streets, curbs, etc., and \$15/acre for parks is available. The funds provide an incentive for picking up litter and may be used at the group's discretion. Keep Cass County Beautiful's Community Clean-up Grant Program promotes litter cleanups and recycling in Cass County. Grants are awarded to community groups who conduct litter cleanup projects in public areas - along streets, curbs, alleys and sidewalks, at schools, parks and other open spaces such as county and country roads. The main objective of the grant application must be to pick up loose litter in public places.

Guidelines

1. The application period is January 01-November 01. Application information can be completed and returned by email or US mail to the KCCB director at 10225 12th St., Murray, NE. *(On-line applications will soon be available on our website.)* Funding for this program is limited and applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. Cleanups can take place any time January-November. Final reports must be submitted to KCCB no later than two weeks after completion of the cleanup project.
3. The main determinant of award amounts is the size of the area cleaned (in miles or acres). A description must be submitted indicating the areas cleaned up. The amount of litter picked up, amount of material recycled and completeness of final reports may also be taken into account.
4. The project must incorporate a recycling plan, if at all possible, in order to receive maximum funding. The recycling plan should indicate how recyclable material will be collected, separated from trash and properly disposed of.
5. Grant awards do not need to be used for the cleanup project. The awards are an incentive to keep Cass County clean and applicants can be flexible with the use of grant funds.
6. A Final Report Form must be submitted within two weeks of project completion. A cleanup checklist is available to help track the information required for the NDEE Final Report. Required documentation includes:
 - Number of volunteers and amount of hours worked (include planning, organization and implementation).
 - Size of area cleaned up (street names, number of blocks, park area, number of miles, etc).
 - Quantity of litter collected & amount of recyclables collected by weight or volume (number of bags collected)
 - List of organizations involved.
 - Donations and in-kind contributions (transportation costs, food and drink, etc.).
 - Project wrap-up and any additional comments or suggestions.
7. Pictures of the project are required. Take photos before, during and after that show volunteers picking up litter, group photos of volunteers with bags of litter and amounts of litter collected. Awards will not be distributed if pictures are not submitted. Digital photos are preferred but printed photos will be accepted.
8. Liability waivers provided by KCCB must be signed by all participants and returned with the Final Report. Once the application has been reviewed and approved, the KCCB Director will contact you to make

arrangements for pickup supplies. KCCB can provide trash bags, loan safety vests, gloves and other helpful tools.

For more information contact: Dana Stahl, Executive Director, Keep Cass County Beautiful, 10225 12th St, Murray, NE Email: director@keepcasscountybeautiful.com ; website: keepcasscountybeautiful.org. Funding for this program is provided by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.