

Fall Deadline for Solid Waste Assistance Grants

The deadline to apply for MDEQ's Local Government Competitive Solid Waste Assistance Grants (SWAG) is 5:00 p.m., October 1, 2019. The competitive SWAG grants are open to municipalities, counties, regional solid waste management authorities, solid waste districts and other local government entities. In addition, county governments should receive notice from MDEQ this month on the availability of the noncompetitive allocated SWAG funds. These noncompetitive grants are allocated annually to county governments based on the county's state aid road mileage formula.

Both the competitive and allocated SWAG grants may be used by eligible local governments for clean-up of unauthorized dumps; establishment of a collection programs for recyclables, white goods or other bulky wastes; public education campaigns on solid waste and recycling; salary support for local solid waste enforcement officers; household hazardous waste collection programs; and, other activities that support proper management of solid wastes. Grant application forms are available on the MDEQ [website](#), or for more information or to request a grant application, contact Taaka Scott-Bailey or Tonisha Rogers at 601-961-5171.