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## **ADEM Awards Record \$2.3 Million in Recycling Grants To Government, Community Groups in Alabama**

**MONTGOMERY** – In the continued effort to enhance recycling and assist economic growth, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management announced it is awarding a record \$2.3 million in recycling grants to communities across the state for the 2023 fiscal year.

The 22 grants will be used to pay for collection equipment, educational materials, processing equipment such as glass-crushers, and other projects. The funds will benefit nearly 600,000 households in the state, including those in many disadvantaged communities.

Since 2009, ADEM has awarded grants to 230 recipients under this program with grants totaling more than \$23 million over that period.

Funding for the grants is made possible through the Solid Wastes and Recyclable Materials Management Act, which was passed by the Alabama Legislature in 2008. The legislation imposed a \$1-per-ton fee on all solid wastes disposed of in state landfills. A quarter of the proceeds generated by this fee goes to the Alabama Recycling Fund, which provides the foundation for ADEM to award the recycling grants on an annual basis.

“These grants will have an unprecedented effect on recycling efforts in Alabama,” ADEM Director Lance LeFleur said. “ADEM has had a consistent focus on working with our local communities, including those that are disadvantaged, to develop robust recycling infrastructure. This will increase the reuse of discarded materials, decrease the amount of waste entering our landfills, and contribute to a more sustainable future.”

LeFleur said ADEM is seeking additional funding for recycling projects in Alabama by applying for federal recycling grants funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed by Congress last year.

The following entities will receive recycling grants for fiscal year 2023, which begins Oct. 1.

- Calhoun County Commission – \$45,070
- City of Florence – \$191,818
- City of Mobile – \$340,000

- Shoals Solid Waste Authority – \$201,487
- Mobile County Commission – \$197,624
- East Alabama Recycling Partnership – \$88,428
- West Alabama Recycling Partnership – \$315,572
- City of Opp – \$87,945
- Keep Oxford Beautiful – \$37,614
- Albertville-Boaz Recycling Authority – \$5,225
- City of Northport – \$4,714
- City of Fayette – \$24,545
- City of Gadsden – \$22,518
- City of Selma – \$40,000
- City of Irondale – \$311,777
- City of Cullman – \$154,000
- City of Rainbow City – \$41,103
- City of Guntersville – \$147,299
- City of Talladega – \$15,309
- City of Prattville – \$11,797
- City of Alexander City – \$1,535
- City of Millbrook – \$14,615

*For more information about the Alabama Recycling Fund, click [here](#).*

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