

Alabama Recycling Fund FAQs

Q: What are the ARF's priorities?

A: The ARF's priorities are

- 1st Establishing hub and spoke models
- 2nd Establishing infrastructure
- 3rd Maintaining or upgrading existing facilities and capabilities
- 4th Public outreach and education.

Q: What is a hub and spoke model?

A: A hub and spoke model is the creation of a centralized processing facility that collects recyclables from surrounding communities, at no cost to those communities.

Q: When is the deadline for grant applications?

A: The deadline for applications is March 1st each year.

Q: What is amount of the available fund?

A: While the amount varies from year to year, the average total funds awarded from 2009-2019 is \$1.7 million.

Q: What is the max amount of money that can be received?

A: The maximum amount of money is \$350,000 or 20% of the years ARF amount, whichever is less.

Q: What if my project totals greater than \$350,000 or 20%?

A: While these limits are non-negotiable, there are options for multi-year grant agreements.

Q: I have a broken or old piece of equipment. Is that something the ARF can help with?

A: If that equipment is vital for operations or replacement would enhance recycling capabilities, then yes that is something the ARF can help with.

Q: What would a good grant application look like?

A: All applications are different, but the key is specificity. The more detailed and specific an application the better. Additionally, statements from community officials stating why this grant would benefit the community in its efforts to recycling, would enhance the application.

Q: How can a facility spend its awarded grant funds?

A: The awarded funds are 100% reimbursed.

Q: Can a non-government establishment receive a grant award?

A: No, unless that non-government establishment partners with its municipality and is not the lead applicant.