1. Proposals that request funding only or mostly for recycling program (infrastructure) costs, which may include equipment, facilities and other costs approved by the Department.

2. Proposals that are well planned, include all documentation required, and include a plan that is thorough and well adapted for their particular location.

3. Regionalization! Proposals involving multiple governmental jurisdictions get preference.

4. Proposals that request funding for promotion of recycling, recycling education, and recycling program advertising are allowed if they are only a small portion of the overall amount requested, are specific to the particular program, and will benefit that program.

5. Proposals must utilize all existing public and private recycling infrastructure to the greatest extent possible.

6. Projects must be compatible with the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) under which the jurisdiction is covered.

7. Proposals for development and implementation of recycling programs in jurisdictions without existing programs shall receive priority.

8. Proposals which target multiple materials for recycling will receive priority over those that focus primarily on a few material types.

9. Proposals which target multiple sources for recycling of materials will receive priority over those that focus on primarily one or few sources

10. Proposals for projects/activities that will be supported by funding sources in addition to the Alabama Recycling Fund will receive priority.