What Types of ARF Fund Grant Proposals Receive Priority Ranking?

- **Regionalization & Partnerships:** Projects that involve multiple governmental jurisdictions will receive priority and may be eligible for more funding.
- Projects in areas **without** existing programs
- Projects that request funding **only** or mostly for recycling equipment and infrastructure costs
- Projects requesting funds that **directly** support recycling efforts
- Projects that target multiple **materials** and **sources** for recycling
- Projects that are well-planned, include all **documentation** required, and include a **plan** that is thorough and well-adapted for their particular region.

**2014 ARF Grant Recipients**

Sixteen grants, totaling over **$1.5 million**, were awarded to the following recipients in 2013:

- City of Florence: $156,500.00
- Athens/Limestone Recycling Center: $49,690.00
- City of Decatur: $123,252.00
- City of Dothan: $150,000.00
- East Alabama Recycling Partnership: $112,948.19
- West Alabama Recycling Partnership: $213,606.00
- Jefferson County Board of Health: $79,560.00
- City of Daphne: $36,287.00
- Albertville/Boaz Recycling Authority: $14,500.00
- City of Gadsden: $122,811.36
- City of Prichard: $64,892.00
- City of Andalusia: $127,000.00
- City of Troy: $125,000.00
- City of Alexander City: $40,125.00
- Jackson Co. Commission: $63,300.00
- City of Eufaula: $187,500.00

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Grant Application Deadline is March 1
What is the Alabama Recycling Fund (ARF) Program?
The Alabama Recycling Fund (ARF) Program was established in 2008 when the Solid Wastes & Recyclable Materials Management Act (SWRMMA) was signed into law. The ARF Program helps to promote and fund recycling programs in local communities throughout Alabama. Funding of the program is provided through a $1 per ton disposal fee placed on Solid Waste disposed of in Alabama Landfills. The grant program is administered through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

SWRMMA:
- Provides funding for the Alabama Recycling Fund (ARF) Grant Program.
- Provides funding for the ADEM Solid Waste Program.
- Also provides funding for the remediation of illegal dumpsites for innocent landowners.

What do ARF Grants Fund?
Alabama Recycling Fund Grants promote local recycling efforts by providing reimbursement grants to local governments to develop, implement, and enhance recycling programs.

Examples of what the ARF Grants Fund:
- Recycling bins/containers
- Recycling storage/bunkers
- Recycling infrastructure/equipment
- Education & outreach materials

Who are eligible for ARF Grants?
- Local governments
- Local governmental nonprofit organizations and authorities*

*This includes local public schools, K-12.

The proposed recycling project must be consistent with the approved local Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). Funding can be used for any needed revisions of the existing SWMP.

How to Apply?
Applications:
- Complete and submit the Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Application available online at adem.alabama.gov (under ADEM Forms, #9).
- Applications must be submitted to ADEM no later than March 1st of each year to be considered for funding.

Be sure to include:
- A well-planned and thorough Project Description.
- An Itemized Budget. (Do not request the max amount of funding.)
- Accurate Quotes and Pictures of items requested
- Any Contracts, Bids, and Agreements between partners.
- A description of Education and Outreach Objectives.