

CHAPTER 62-716  
SOLID WASTE GRANTS AND ANNUAL REPORT PROGRAM

62-716.100 Intent.

The intent of this rule is to establish procedures for evaluation and disbursement of ~~recycling and education grants, small county grants, and waste tire grants, and innovative recycling and waste reduction grants, and to set forth requirements for the annual report on solid waste activities required of local governments~~ litter control and prevention grants, and small county landfill closure grants to local governments for recycling and solid waste education in accordance with the intent of the Legislature, and to assist local governments in meeting the requirements of the Solid Waste Management Act.

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.100, Amended 11-16-94,\_\_\_\_\_.

62-716.200 Definitions.

In addition to applicable definitions in Rule 62-701.200, F.A.C., the following words, phrases, or terms as used in this rule, unless the context indicates otherwise, shall have the following meaning:

- (1) "Department" means the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) "Grants, base portions" means that part of the recycling and education grants equaling 25 percent of the total available in any given grant period.~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) "Grants, incentive portions" means that part of the recycling and education grants equaling 75 percent of the total available in any given grant period.~~
- (4) "Local government" means any municipality, county, district, or authority, or any agency thereof, or a combination of two or more of the foregoing when acting jointly in connection with a project, which has jurisdiction over the collection, recycling, disposal or treatment of solid waste.
- (5) "Litter" means any garbage, rubbish, trash, refuse, can, bottle, container, paper, lighted or unlighted cigarette or cigar, or flaming or glowing material.
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (6) "Littering" means the act of throwing, discarding, placing, depositing, or otherwise disposing of litter improperly along public highways, on public or private lands, or in public waters.~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (7) "Matching funds" means funds committed for purposes set forth in this rule in an amount equaling the total recycling and education incentive portions of grants awarded to a local government. Matching funds include budgeted funds, funds in escrow, and funds expended on recycling related program activities, but do not include in-kind contributions.~~
- (8) "Municipal solid waste" includes any solid waste, except for sludge, resulting from the operation of residential, commercial, governmental, or institutional establishments that would normally be collected, processed, and disposed of through a public or private solid waste management service. The term includes yard trash, but does not include solid waste from industrial, mining, or agricultural operations.
- (9) "Population" means the most recent population census determination under Section 186.901, F.S.
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (10) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection.~~
- (11) "Operating subsidy" means the use of grant funds for operational expenses of a recycling program, including personnel costs, training costs, rental of facilities, and other similar expenses approved by the Department.

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.200, Amended 11-16-94,\_\_\_\_\_.

#### 62-716.300 General Grant Application Requirements.

(1) Requests for funding shall be submitted to the Department on application forms as specified in Rule 62-716.900, F.A.C. Additional copies of grant program application forms may be obtained from any Department district office or Tallahassee headquarters.

(2) Applications received from local governments which have not returned to the Department any unexpended or unaccounted-for funds from prior year solid waste grants shall be rejected by the Department. Applications from local governments which have not met their obligations under the terms of any previous grant agreements for funds under this rule shall also be rejected by the Department.

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.300, Amended 11-16-94.

#### 62-716.310 Disbursement of Funds.

(1) Upon receipt and approval of the grant application, the Department shall determine the exact amount of the grant award and prepare a grant agreement.

(2) The grant agreement will be forwarded to the applicant to be signed by a local government representative and submitted to the Department.

(3) Unless a grant advance has been requested by the applicant grant funds shall be reimbursed on a monthly or quarterly basis for each year.

(4) The Department has the right to terminate a grant award and demand refund of grant funds for non-compliance with the terms of the award or these rules resulting in the Department declaring the local government ineligible for further participation in the program until the local government complies with the terms of the grant award.

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Amended 7-14-91, Formerly 17-716.310, Amended 11-16-94.

#### 62-716.320 Grant Recordkeeping.

Each recipient of grant funds shall maintain accurate records of all expenditures of grant funds, including matching funds if applicable, and shall assure that these records are available at all reasonable times for inspection, review or audit by Department personnel. Records shall be kept for at least three years.

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.320, Amended 11-16-94.

#### 62-716.400 Specific Recycling and Education Grant Application and Matching Requirements.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) The Department will provide grant application form 62-716.900(1) to all counties and to municipalities with populations greater than 50,000 by May of each year.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) All counties, and all municipalities with populations greater than 50,000, are eligible to apply for base portions and incentive portions of recycling and education grants. Municipalities with populations of 50,000 or less are not eligible to apply for~~

grants individually, but are eligible to apply for incentive portions of recycling and education grants jointly with counties under an interlocal agreement.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) Grant application Form 62-716.900(1) is divided into two parts. Part 1 is due no later than July 1 of each year. Part 2 is due no later than October 1 of each year. Upon receipt and approval of Part 1, the Department shall determine the amount of the grant award and prepare a grant agreement. Payment of grant awards will be contingent upon receipt and approval of Part 2.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) The following applicants shall provide matching funds for the incentive portions of recycling and education grants:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) Municipalities with greater than 50,000 population applying individually;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Counties with greater than 30,000 population in the unincorporated areas applying individually; and~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) Counties with greater than 30,000 population in the unincorporated areas applying jointly with municipalities which have less than seventy five percent of the remaining population in the incorporated areas of the county after deducting the municipalities which are not applying jointly with the county and which individually have more than twenty five percent of the total population in the incorporated areas.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (5) Applicants required to provide matching funds shall demonstrate to the Department that:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) They have, within the same fiscal year as the application is submitted, spent funds at least equal to twice the incentive grant amount for the same projects for which the grants will be used (including the amount that would be their match, and the amount to be reimbursed by the grant);~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) They have, within the same fiscal year as the application is submitted, spent funds at least equal to the incentive grant amount, and agree before receiving any grant funds that such funds will be used for the same projects for which the grant will be used;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) They have an available source of unencumbered revenue equal to the annual incentive grant amount, or have budgeted or pledged to spend an amount equal to the annual incentive grant amount, and shall agree before receiving any grant that such funds will be used for the same projects for which the grant will be used. Such demonstration shall include a binding resolution, appropriation or ordinance by the governing board of the local government; or~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (d) They have spent less than the incentive grant amount for the same projects for which the grant will be used, and have encumbered the remainder as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (6) All local governments applying jointly shall enter into an interlocal agreement that describes how the funds will be disbursed and used. Any agency or authority created by interlocal agreement for solid waste management or recycling purposes is eligible to apply for grants. The applicant shall submit all required documents in place of the local governments which are party to the agreement. Such applications and submittals shall be equivalent to those required if each local government were applying individually. Interlocal agreements between counties do not affect the matching fund requirements. When an agency or authority applies, or when two or more counties apply jointly, the amount of matching funds required shall be the same as it would be if each county were applying individually.~~

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Amended 7-14-91, Formerly 17-716.400, Amended 11-16-94, Repealed \_\_\_\_\_.

62-716.410 Recycling and Education Grant Eligibility Requirements.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) All applications shall include the following information, in addition to any recycling or waste reduction plan required by subsection (2) of this section, unless such information is included in the recycling plan:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) A description of the recycling and education projects or planning studies for which grant funds are requested, including any business and accounting plans for such projects or studies;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) An estimate of the quantity and type of materials to be collected and recycled under the proposed program, including an explanation of the methods used to estimate this quantity;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) A description of all existing or proposed recycling facilities, collection centers, or other related service centers located within the county, including ownership, capacity, type of facility, and approximate service area of such facilities;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (d) A demonstration that the materials to be collected or processed, or both, are not presently being recovered to the extent necessary to meet the goal established in Section 403.706(4), F.S. and would not be recovered, but for the proposed recycling project and a description of the method used to make this determination. This demonstration shall include an explanation of how existing private and public sector recycling programs and efforts will be incorporated into the recycling and education program;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (e) A summary of all costs incurred, or to be incurred, in planning or implementing the recycling and education projects;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (f) A copy of any interlocal agreement entered into between local governments to accomplish the purposes of this rule;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (g) Any contracts or agreements entered into or summaries of contemplated agreements or contracts to develop and implement the recycling or waste reduction program;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (h) The measurable objectives of the education program, and an explanation of how the education program will directly promote the use of existing or planned local recycling or waste reduction projects;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (i) A description of the methods used in evaluating the success of the education and recycling programs; and~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (j) A demonstration that grant funds will be used to provide for recycling those materials specified in Section 403.706(2), F.S., for both single-family and multi-family dwellings.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) The grant application shall include a recycling or waste reduction plan for the entire population of the county (incorporated and unincorporated), containing at least the following information:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) An explanation of the manner in which the recycling or waste reduction program will be implemented;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) A timetable for the continued development and implementation of the recycling or waste reduction program;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) The estimated percentage of the population participating in various types of recycling activities;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (d) The percent reduction each year in municipal solid waste disposed of at solid waste disposal facilities as a result of public and private recycling programs, including the success rates, perceived reasons for failure or success, and the public and private sector recycling activities which are ongoing and most successful;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (e) A description of the type and the weight of solid waste generated within the applicant's service areas and the general type and the weight of solid waste that is expected to be generated within the service areas in the 20-year period following the date of the grant application;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (f) An identification and description of the facilities where solid waste is being disposed of or processed, the remaining available permitted capacity of such facilities, any planned increases in the capacity of such facilities, and the anticipated effect of recycling programs on the type and size of such facilities;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (g) An explanation of how existing or anticipated solid waste reduction or recycling will affect the type and size of any planned or existing solid waste management facilities in the affected service areas;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (h) A description and evaluation of solid waste that is being or could be recycled, including, but not limited to:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 1. The type and weight of solid waste or materials which would otherwise become solid waste that is being or could be recycled by the public and private sector, giving consideration at a minimum to the following materials: glass, aluminum, steel and bimetallic materials, office paper, yard trash, newsprint, corrugated paper, and plastics;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 2. The anticipated and available markets or uses for materials collected through recycling programs; and~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 3. The estimated costs of and revenue from operating and maintaining existing and proposed recycling programs. This does not include specific costs and revenues from privately operated recycling programs, but a summary of such costs and revenues is required if the applicant intends to provide funding for such programs;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (i) A description of any recycling activities implemented or existing prior to July 1, 1989;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (j) For those local governments whose comprehensive plans required by Chapter 163, F.S., have been submitted at the time of application, an explanation of how the recycling program relates to the future land use elements; sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water, and natural ground water aquifer recharge elements; intergovernmental coordination elements; and capital improvements elements;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (k) A description of how all special wastes will be managed; and~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (l) A description of the progress made toward developing a composting program for organic materials such as yard waste, food waste, and paper waste that would otherwise be disposed of in a landfill.~~

~~Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.~~

~~Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.~~

~~History - New 5-16-89, Amended 7-14-91, Formerly 17-716.410, Amended 11-16-94, Repealed \_\_\_\_\_.~~

#### 62-716.420 Recycling and Education Grant Special Requirements.

~~(1) The Department shall not approve an education grant unless a local public or private recycling project is planned or under way and the proposed education project directly promotes the success of the recycling project.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) After July 1, 1989, no county or municipality shall receive a recycling or education grant unless each solid waste disposal facility owned or operated by the county or municipality has weight scales, as required by Section 403.706(18), F.S.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) After January 1, 1990, no local government shall receive a recycling or education grant unless the operator of each solid waste management facility owned or operated by it has completed an operator training course approved by the Department, as required by Section 403.716, F.S.~~

~~Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.~~

~~Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.~~

~~History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.420, Amended 11-16-94, 2-20-96, Repealed \_\_\_\_\_.~~

#### 62-716.430 Use of Recycling and Education Grant Funds.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) Solid waste recycling grants shall be used to provide funding for recycling program capital costs, which include equipment purchases, solid waste scales, facility construction and other such costs approved by the Department as part of the grant agreement.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) Recycling grant funds may also be used for operating subsidies, provided that the applicant shall demonstrate that such a use is necessary for the success of the recycling program, and shall show how the subsidy will benefit the program. The applicant shall also provide reasonable assurance that the program will be able to operate without a subsidy from this grant program if the grant program were to end.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Recycling grant funds shall be used for projects to assist local governments in recycling paper, glass, plastic, construction and demolition debris, white goods, and metals and in composting and recycling the organic material component of municipal solid waste.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) Recycling grant funds shall not be used for programs which do not involve recycling, even if such programs result in a reduction in the amount of solid waste being disposed.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Solid waste education grant funds shall be used to promote recycling, volume or waste reduction, proper disposal of solid wastes, and market development for recyclable materials. Up to 30 percent of education grant funds may be used for planning studies to assess the feasibility and success of the recycling and education programs.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) All existing public and private recycling infrastructure shall be fully used to the extent possible when planning and implementing the local government recycling program. Funds shall not be used for duplicating existing private and public recycling programs unless the applicant demonstrates that such existing programs cannot be integrated into the planned recycling program.~~

~~Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.~~

~~Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.~~

~~History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.430, Amended 11-16-94, Repealed.~~

#### 62-716.440 Allocation of Recycling and Education Grant Funds.

~~(1) Twenty five percent of the funds available for recycling and education grants shall be distributed as base portions of grants to all eligible counties and to eligible municipalities with greater than 50,000 population. The base portion of grants shall be awarded in equal amounts to all eligible applicants according to the provisions of Section 403.7095, F.S. The total base grant amount shall be determined by dividing the recycling and education base portions by the total number of eligible applicants. For purposes of this subsection, eligible applicants include counties and municipalities regardless of whether they apply jointly or individually.~~

~~(2) Seventy five percent of the funds available for recycling and education grants shall be distributed as incentive portions of grants based on the populations of the eligible applicants. In all cases, the incentive portions of grants shall be distributed based proportionately on the total population of each county and the municipalities within the counties applying jointly during a grant period. The total incentive grant amount will be determined by dividing the available funds by the total population of all applicants, and multiplying this amount by the population of each eligible applicant. Counties shall be credited only with the population of the unincorporated areas and municipalities shall be credited with the total population in their incorporated area. Counties and municipalities applying jointly shall receive one incentive grant based on their combined populations.~~

~~Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.~~

Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.

History New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.440, Repealed.

#### 62-716.450 Solid Waste Annual Reports.

~~By October 1, 1989, and each year thereafter, each county shall submit a report to the Department concerning its annual solid waste management program and recycling activities. A county which has submitted a recycling and education grant application which meets all the requirements of Rule 62-716.410(2), F.A.C., shall not be required to submit an annual report. The annual report by the county shall include:~~

- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) A description of any the public education program on recycling;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) The amount and type of solid waste disposed of at solid waste disposal facilities, including yard trash, white goods, construction and demolition debris, tires, and unseparated solid waste;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) The amount and type of materials from the solid waste stream that were recycled;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) The estimated percentage of the population participating in various types of recycling activities instituted;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (5) The percent reduction of municipal solid waste disposed of at solid waste disposal facilities in the previous year;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (6) A description of the recycling activities attempted, their success rates, the perceived reasons for failure or success, and the public and private sector recycling activities which are ongoing and most successful; and~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (7) A description of any recycling activities implemented or existing prior to July 1, 1989;~~

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.706, 403.7095, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.450, Repealed.

#### 62-716.500 Specific Small County Consolidated Grant Application Requirements.

(1) All counties with a total population of fewer than 100,000 ~~50,000~~ are eligible for annual consolidated grants of \$50,000, pursuant to Section 403.7095(3~~7~~), F.S.

(2) The Department shall provide each eligible county with application Form 62-716.900(2) by June 1 of ~~, 1989, and each year thereafter through 1996.~~

(3) No later than August 1 of each year, each eligible county applying for a grant shall submit to the Department for approval a complete application.

(4) Consolidated grants may be used for general solid waste management, litter prevention and control, and recycling and education programs.

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.7095, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.500, Amended 11-16-94, \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 62-716.510 Use of Small County Grant Funds.

~~Counties shall have operational weight scales at all solid waste disposal facilities in accordance with Section 403.7095(7), F.S., before grant funds may be used for any other purpose. A county shall use the grants authorized by Rule 62-716.500, F.A.C., for purchasing or repairing solid waste weight scales, annual solid waste management program operating costs, planning, construction, and maintenance of solid waste management facilities or recycling facilities, solid waste management education for employees or the public, or recycling demonstration projects.~~

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.7095, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.510, Repealed.

62-716.600 Specific Waste Tire Grant Application Requirements.

(1) The Department shall provide each county with an application Form 62-716.900(3) by June ~~May~~ 1 of each year.

(2) Completed applications for the ~~second-year~~ grant program shall be submitted to the Department for approval on July 1 ~~of , 1991,~~ and each year thereafter.

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, 403.719, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.7095, 403.716, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Amended 7-14-91, Formerly 17-716.600, Amended 11-16-94.

62-716.610 Allocation of Waste Tire Grant Funds.

(1) No later than June 1 of each year ~~May 25, 1989,~~ the Department shall determine the ~~first-year~~ grant funds available for waste tire grants from the waste tire account of the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund. Funds will be allocated in accordance with the provisions of section 403.7095(4), F.S. ~~Each year thereafter, the Department shall determine the amount of funds available no later than May 1.~~

~~(2) Each eligible county shall receive a pro-rata share, based on total incorporated and unincorporated population, of the funds in the waste tire account. Counties should consider the advantages of a regional program prior to receiving grant approval.~~

~~(3) Upon request, the Department shall provide technical assistance to a county or group of counties desiring assistance in applying for waste tire grants or choosing a method of waste tire management which would be an eligible use of the grant funds.~~

(2 4) Each applicant for a waste tire grant shall submit an annual report to the department accounting for the use of such grant. The report shall be submitted along with the grant application and shall summarize the expenditures of funds from the previous grant year. The report may be in whatever form is convenient for the applicant. Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, 403.716, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.7095, 4003.716, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.610, Amended 11-16-94, \_\_\_\_\_.

62-716.620 Use of Waste Tire Grant Funds.

(1) Counties shall use the waste tire grants authorized by this rule, individually or collectively, to:

(a) Construct or operate, or contract for the construction or operation of, a waste tire processing facility and equipment purchases therefor;

(b) Contract for a waste tire processing facility service within or outside the county or state;

(c) Remove or contract for the removal of waste tires from the county, region, or state;

(d) Perform or contract for the performance of research designed to facilitate waste tire recycling and to operate recycling and education programs;

(e) Establish waste tire collection centers at solid waste disposal facilities or waste tire processing facilities;

(f) Provide incentives for establishing or expanding privately operated waste tire collection centers for the public;

(g) Abate and provide mosquito control relating to waste tire sites, other tire piles, and other waste debris sites in the county identified by local mosquito control agencies as mosquito breeding areas;

(h) Perform, or contract for the performance of, enforcement and prevention activities to prevent the illegal transportation and disposal of waste tires and other solid waste; and

(i) Purchase materials and products made from waste tires that are collected and recycled within this state.

(2) Up to five percent of a county's grant may be used for administrative costs and planning or research studies to assess the feasibility of eligible projects within a county, or to assess the feasibility of establishing a regional waste tire program.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) Counties with populations less than 50,000 may use waste tire grants for any purpose related to solid waste management.~~

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095, 403.719, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.7095, 403.719, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Formerly 17-716.620, Amended 11-16-94, 2-20-96, \_\_\_\_\_.

62-716.700 Litter Control and Prevention Grants.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) The Department will provide grant application Form 62-716.900(4) to all counties by May 1 of each year.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) No later than August 1 of each year, each county applying for a grant shall submit to the Department for approval a complete application.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) One-third of the funds available for litter control and prevention grants will be distributed in equal amounts to all counties with a total population fewer than 50,000 which submit complete applications.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) The remaining two-thirds of the funds available for litter control and prevention grants will be distributed in equal amounts to all counties with a total population greater than 50,000 which submit complete applications.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (5) Litter control and prevention grants shall be used by recipients to establish local comprehensive government litter control and prevention programs which are coordinated and capable of having statewide identity and grassroots community support.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (6) Existing public and private programs shall be used to implement the local litter control and prevention program before any new program will be approved. Funds shall not be used for duplicating existing public and private litter control and prevention programs unless the applicant demonstrates that such existing programs cannot be integrated into the planned litter control and prevention program.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (7) Grantees may use up to one-hundred percent of the grant award for operating costs associated with education and prevention programs listed in sections 10 and 11 of the grant application. These costs may include rent, telephone, utilities, salaries and benefits, postage, office equipment and supplies, program material and marketing.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (8) Grantees may use up to thirty-five percent of the grant award for operating costs for projects to assist local governments with the removal of litter and debris. The remainder of the award not spent on removal shall be used to fund educational and prevention programs.~~

Specific Authority 403.704, FS.

Laws Implemented 403.4131, FS.

History - New 11-16-94, Amended 2-20-96, Repealed \_\_\_\_\_.

62-716.710 Innovative Recycling and Waste Reduction Grants

(1) In accordance with Sections 403.709(5) and 403.7095, F.S., the Department has developed a competitive grant program intended to promote innovative processes for recycling and reducing the volume of municipal solid waste. Applicants are eligible for grants for projects that demonstrate at least one of the following:

(a) Technologies or processes that are not in common use in Florida;  
(b) Technologies or processes that represent a novel application of an existing technology or process;

(c) Technologies or processes that overcome obstacles to recycling and waste reduction in new or innovative ways;

(d) Innovative processes to collect and recycle or reduce materials targeted by the Department and the recycling industry; or

(e) Effective solutions to solving solid waste problems resulting from waste tires.

(2) For purposes of this section, "innovative" means that the process, technology, or activity for which funding is sought has not previously been implemented within the jurisdiction of the applicant.

(3) Grant applications must be submitted on Form 62-716.900(1). The Department shall accept grant applications only during the application submission period. Applications must be delivered to the Department on or before the last day of the application submission period. The Department shall publicize the dates of the application submission period and other pertinent application information specified in this rule in the Florida Administrative Weekly.

(4) The Department shall announce the maximum funds than an applicant may request in a grant application in the publication of the application submission period.

(5) The Department shall announce the maximum number of grant requests allowed per grant applicant in the publication of the application submission period.

(6) The following criteria shall be used in evaluating and ranking eligible projects:

(a) Technologies or processes: 20 points. Demonstrate technologies or processes that are not in common use in Florida, that represent a novel application of an existing technology or process, or that overcome obstacles in recycling/waste reduction in new or innovative ways.

(b) Targets: 10 points. Demonstrate innovative processes to collect and recycle or reduce materials targeted by the Department and the recycling industry. Demonstrate effective solutions to solving solid waste problems resulting from waste tires, particularly in the areas of enforcement and abatement of illegal tire dumping and activities to promote market development of waste tire products.

(c) Benefits/Cost-effectiveness: 25 points. Demonstrate the potential benefits and cost-effectiveness of the proposed program.

(d) Sustainability: 25 points. Demonstrate sustainability of the proposed program.

(e) Transferability: 10 points. Demonstrate transferability of technology and processes used in the program and specify how the program will promote transferability.

(f) Local Support: 10 points. Demonstrate local support for the proposed program by the commitment of cash or in-kind matching funds.

Specific Authority 403.704, 403.7095,FS.

Laws Implemented 403.709, 403.7095, FS.

History - New \_\_\_\_\_

62-716.900 Forms.

The forms and instructions used by the Department in the Recycling Grant Program are adopted and incorporated by reference in this section. The forms are listed by rule number, which is also the form number, and with the subject title. Copies of forms may

be obtained by writing to the Administrator, Solid Waste Section, Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400.

(1) ~~Innovative Recycling Grant Application~~ ~~Solid Waste Recycling and Education Grant Application~~, effective \_\_\_\_\_ ~~11-16-94~~.

(2) Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Application, effective \_\_\_\_\_ ~~11-16-94~~.

(3) Waste Tire Grant Application, effective \_\_\_\_\_ ~~2-20-96~~.

~~(4) Litter Control and Prevention Grant application, effective 11-16-94.~~

~~(5) Small County Landfill Closure Grant Application, effective 11-16-94.~~

~~(6) Small County Landfill Closure Reimbursement Grant Application, effective 2-20-96.~~

Specific Authority 120.53(1), 403.061, FS.

Laws Implemented 120.53(1), 120.55, 403.0875, 403.7095, FS.

History - New 5-16-89, Amended 7-14-91, Formerly 17-716.900, Amended 11-16-94, 2-20-96\_\_\_\_\_.