

FY26 NMCB Coffee Hours-1.08.2026 RAID Grant- TRANSCRIPT

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So I will go ahead and start.

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So again, welcome.

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Thank you for joining us and we do think New Mexico clean and beautiful Chantal and Delana for for inviting us to talk about our grant which again is the recycling and illegal dump grant or raid for short.

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So I wanted to let everybody know that we are not have released the grant yet.

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So most likely what we're looking at is probably, probably early April.

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We still do have some things that we still need to establish before we release the grant.

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But I just wanted to let everyone know that there has been some changes to the rate grant this year and we'll we'll go over that and but I'll just let everybody know if you haven't heard is that the funding amount is still the same \$800,000 will be awarded this year.

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However, the biggest change are two things and we'll go into the here in a bit.

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First thing is that previously we had an allocation for what was funded.

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So again, what we do fund are illegal dump cleanups, whether it's just municipal trash or tires.

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And we also promote recycling and composting.

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So we'll show you some of the projects.

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Some of you folks that are here actually have done some great projects.

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So we'll showcase some of those towards the end of this presentation.

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But we really wanted to just tie you into what we do do and also kind of just alert folks out there that I think I may have talked to you before about what type of cleanups can we do and how does that tie into the New Mexico clean and beautiful as the type of cleanup you want to do?

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And as well, I think one of the issues that we have been asked was are we able to fund projects that revolve around, let's say, cleaning up dilapidated buildings or anything along those lines?

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We'll try and cover that maybe towards the end.

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And if people have specific questions on that, we, we're more than happy to share, share our thoughts and see how you could possibly apply for a grant and, and get what you want.

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But I think it's, it's really thinking about what we want to do.

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But before we start, I wanted to introduce my team as well.

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So again, my name is Levi Lementino.

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I am the Outreach section manager for the Resource Recovery Bureau outreach section, other folks that I have today and if actually you could turn on your turn on your camera and let let the folks see you.

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First, we have Angela Hutcherson, she is the training coordinator for the outreach section.

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Also we have Daniel Arevalo who is the RAID coordinator who not only takes care of scrap tire, our scrap tire program, meaning he manages scrap tire haulers, civil engineering, application projects that use scrap tires and of course tire recyclers.

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Next up we also have Matthew Gretton.

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If he is here, he is the outreach specialist.

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Matthew has been pretty integral with the outreach section over the past year.

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He's been taking part with the update of the New Mexico Solid Waste management plan, conducting some certification classes, but also managing quite a few rate grants.

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So Matthew, if you're on there, go ahead and turn your camera on.

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And lastly, we have Elias Cruz, who is the newest member of our team.

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Elias comes from Taos Pueblo and recently has worked for Santa Domingo Pueblo.

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So he has joined us recently and he is also an outreach specialist.

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So one of the things he does do is actually take care of the rate grant.

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So in addition to annual reporting and a few other things, but primarily this is the team.

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What we do have is our contact sheet for uh that we had given to Chantal and the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful team.

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So if you they'll send that out or if you have a need to get a hold of us, please do so.

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You can write it into the chat or you can send it to Chantal, or you can just send it directly to us.

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Again, we have our contact information that we have today.

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So with that, why don't we begin?

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So again, welcome and let's go through the rate grant for this year.

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All right, so here's what we'll cover.

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So first of all, we'll cover the Recycling and Illegal Dumping Rate Act and what the rate grant fund is.

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We'll just go, you know, just quickly over the purpose what's eligible as far as activities and expenses and who is eligible to apply.

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Sometimes that can be an issue.

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I just wanted to let people know that again, only eligible entities can apply.

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And we, we unfortunately don't allow individual residents to apply for the fund itself.

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So and of course the things we'll cover is the application process and funding priorities.

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Right now I can do say that it's kind of still in the flux, but as in years past, we're looking at recycling, composting and scrap tire projects.

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But we'll get into some of the things that we're kind of looking at as well.

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And of course, towards the end, we'll share some of the notable past grant projects from this just this past year, going back a few 5-6 years or so.

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So with that said, why don't we get into the Recycling and Illegal Dumping Act?

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So again, for those of you that don't know, the legislative purpose of why this act was created was #1 to prevent an abate illegal dump sites.

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So again, this was a source of funds to not only address municipal solid waste.

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So everything from just regular trash sofas being dumped, one of the things that we really promote is the removal of scrap tires in illegal dump sites as well.

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So that still is something we are willing to fund.

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But again, with the change that you can see down there in the bottom, scrap tire projects are no longer be the priority.

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It's pretty much that we will have all, all projects will be considered equally so long as we are able have the funds to allocate funds to your specific project.

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Also, another thing is the purpose is to promote reuse and recycling.

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So when we do say reuse and recycling, we want our grantees, our community to know that we're talking about beyond just recycling plastics and cardboard.

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When we do say recycling, one of the things that we want people to realize is that let's say asphalt, concrete, building materials and how you process them and recycle them also counts as recycling or reuse.

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So I think sometimes we want to make sure if if we are looking at that, that's where maybe there could be a good plug in for those of you that want to, let's say remove building materials from your community.

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And maybe it's more of selling a bigger project more than a smaller project that just looks at cardboard and your traditional recyclables.

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Another thing that we the purpose for this act is to foster sustainable use of resources.

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So again, here in New Mexico, one of the things we definitely want to view the materials that we throw away as a resource, One of them I just mentioned could be concrete materials for clean fill asphalt for the same reason.

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And of course something such as organics.

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So again, something that we do see a lot of in our local solid waste facilities, landfills, a lot of greenways that could be either mulch composted.

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So those are things that we want to have people see as a resource that could be used for roadways, for improving communities, gardens, whatnot.

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So again, those are resources that we want to not only start but improve as we go on.

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And of course the biggest thing since we are the environment department and that is our thing is to create a cleaner and healthy environment.

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So a lot of the projects that we do fund and and look to promote are those types of projects.

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So anything from stopping illegal dumpsites from, you know, impacting groundwater or surface water or, you know, promoting, you know, adverse effects for for health, maybe mosquitoes, what not.

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So all of those things were definitely about addressing.

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But again, it's better that you also connect it to those priorities of recycling, composting or scrap tire management or cleanups of illegal dump sites.

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So, So what is new for this year as it shows up there, One of the things that happened this year was a legislative change in the RAID Act.

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So again, the RAID Act was developed from about 2005 to 2007 when the the allocation for the funds that made the act was created along with the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Act.

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So during that time, what was not introduced was a circular economy plan.

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I believe what was required of the original RAID act was a recycling plan.

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So with with really a lot of change not only nationwide but also here within the state of New Mexico.

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What we're really looking at is more of a materials management so that we can better situate the state in the long term for managing them.

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Materials, as I mentioned, a few of those such as green waste, organic waste, clean fill, all those things.

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So we want to make sure that not only are we addressing it on a small level, but we're trying to produce it as a part of the New Mexico State economy.

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So whether it's dry fill, clean fill or organics or anything else, we really want to start building that big infrastructure if we can.

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And of course the other big to change was the we did away with the 2/3 and 1/3 funding allocation, which was primarily had edged out quite a few projects in the past because they were either recycling or composting related or maybe they did not have any tires mentioned let's say in a clean up or illegal dumpsite clean up abatement project.

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So now this year, all projects will be considered just based on their merits and how they match the priorities and what's within the application itself.

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So with that, let's kind of move on to what we still will cover and and will be funded.

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So again, scrap tires, as I mentioned, a big primary purpose of the RAID Act was to manage scrap tires, which was already again a problem early in the late 90s into the early 2000s.

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So hence the legislation to create a fund to address this statewide and of course at the local level through granting of these funds for projects that is addressed scrap tire.

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So again, we've had multiple projects, everything from entities, organizations buying tires made out of scrap.

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I mean made buying materials that say picnic tables, tables, other things made out of scrap tires or maybe even playground materials made out of scrap tires or pull mulch, rubber.

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Also cleaning of illegal dump sites filled with scrap tires.

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Likewise anything to do with scrap tires.

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So again, we will still be funding those things and really a lot of it is not just a reusing, but also protecting the health.

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So I don't know if anyone has been watching the news, but some of these problems are still persisting.

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And our outreach section actually manages the scrap tire program.

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So we can tell you that some of these problems still persist.

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And what are those problems?

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What we do have is still illegal dumping of tires or cashing, piling of massive amounts and where we do sometimes see massive fires that break out.

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I believe in the past three months we had something similar to this down in the southwest section of New Mexico near the Silver Silver City area.

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So again, these are things that we want to prevent and of course, put education out there that helps us to prevent this, address it, mitigate it and abate it.

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So if these are things that you are seeing within your community and you want to address, please let us know and let's let's collaborate on how we can address this and see what your best course of action might be.

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So again, it might be just simple disposal, landfilling stuff.

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So we don't see, you know, at first actions like this or maybe it's recycling.

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But again, some of the stuff we've been seeing around the state in the past five years, we've had massive amounts of tires like these piles either being disposed of properly in landfills or recycled in Mesa, AZ or Denver City, TX.

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So again, this is definitely what we don't want to see.

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But again, we still want to address those simple programmatic needs, let's say at facilities that may be coming across occasional tires and they need to process it as simple municipal solid way.

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So maybe you just want a tire cutter to chop those in half or maybe a simple program so you are managing what you are receiving.

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So again, it's something we are willing to fund.

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And again as far as the source of the funds, the the recycling and illegal dump fund along with the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful is funded by \$0.50 from each motor vehicle registration in the state of New Mexico.

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So approximately this works out to 1.6 million for both the New Mexico Clean and beautiful and rate grants.

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So in essence we get half which works out to be 800 dollars, \$800,000 per fiscal year that we award out.

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So as a, as a quick summary, since 2007 when the rate grant first started, we have funded 419 individual grants up to this year and are we'll have granted out \$14.7 million.

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And and that can be substantial for some communities that go back-to-back in some cases.

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We'll have some communities that go 3-4 years in a row with a progressive project and get a lot of things done and, and we'll cover one of those entities this year.

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Bernalillo County, great job they've done over the past few years with starting with outreach and then just kind of moving on to addressing scrap towers and Bernalillo County by doing abatement and collection events, but also just really tying into the outreach section of it.

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So, so let's kind of just quickly talk about the big change again with the rate grant.

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So again, that's going to be no fund allocation.

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So again, previously this, this here kind of showed you what the funding was like.

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So if you had a non tire project as shown here, whether it was a recycling, composting or maybe an illegal dump site abatement you wanted to clean up, but there was no tires in there.

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You were restricted to the one third fund which was stopped at \$266,000.

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So and of course, that's where all the recycling, composting projects, you would compete with those folks.

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So this year we have done away with it.

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And as you can see here, tire projects would take up a big portion of it, which was 533,000.

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And in some years, we were unable to fund other projects that were really worthy only because they didn't meet that fire criteria.

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So this year, we're not going to say we're not going to accept tire projects.

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Please keep those coming.

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But this year if you have other projects that don't have tires, we you're still you're going to get a better consideration than in the past.

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So basically what we're looking at instead of this two third, one third is that now all recycling, composting and clean up projects, including tire projects will all be considered under the same amount of funds, which will be the total \$800,000.

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So again, this this is probably the biggest thing for this year's grants.

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So if you are interested, please give us a call myself or anyone in our team and we can start kind of walking you through what's possible and what you, what could be, you know, realistic, you know, starting this year and maybe looking one 2-3 years down the line on how you want to progress your project, whether it's outreach to address recycling in your community, maybe be it some sort of other message that you want to send that's solid waste related composting, recycling or scrap tire management.

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So again, what do these projects look like?

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Well, we can show you some of the stuff that we have addressed.

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So, so in the past 19, 20 years, what we have addressed are approximately 250 illegal dump sites.

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So again this you can see it is a strictly tire dump site.

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In the past if you had applied for a tire illegal dump site abatement and you showed us this photo, you would have gotten it.

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Unfortunately, we all know in New Mexico, illegal dump sites are not just composed strictly of scrap tires.

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And in fact, in our rules, we were requesting that at least 50% of the materials consisted of scrap tires within your legal dump site.

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So for this year, that will not be considered.

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We will be just considering whatever illegal dump sites you may have.

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But again, as I mentioned, there's a distinction between illegal dump sites like this and let's say dilapidated buildings that are on site or maybe maybe residents within your town or community where trash has accumulated due to that person's own actions.

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So again, that's something that's not going to be considered an illegal dump site, even though litter may come from that.

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I think those types of projects we will want to sit with you and see where you can plug in to address those things more from, let's say recycling of building materials than paying to clean up someone's mess that, you know, legally they are responsible to take care of.

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But again, if you have questions on that, please let us know at the end of this this presentation or give us a call and we can work walk you through.

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So in addition to illegal dump sites like this throughout New Mexico we've been addressing, we've also will help to improve our recycling infrastructure.

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And right here kind of shows you a little snapshot of some of the things that we do fund.

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So in the past 19, 20 years, we funded the installation of over 160 bins, trailers and roll off containers.

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So again, this is kind of a small type, but again, we do fund larger bins like a 40 or 30 or 20 yard roll offs, which you traditionally see, let's say at a transfer collection center.

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So whatever your needs are, we can, we can match that.

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So a lot of times though, we're we're trying to meet the needs of small communities and things, what's shown here may be the most advantageous or the most efficient supplies that they could use to let's say start up their recycling program or maybe their composting things.

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So, but anyway, nothing is fixed.

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Maybe your situation is different, but really what you want to do is give us a call and let us know what you're thinking about.

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And, and let's not forget that there are newer things out there that could be also looked at as far as maybe a self-contained unit that's monitored, that's powered by solar power.

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But anyway, give us a call.

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Maybe you have some ideas or maybe we could give you a few ideas on what's possible out there.

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So again, as far as who can apply, we have eligible entities that are allowed to apply.

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So these are going to be New Mexico municipalities, counties, Pueblos, tribes and nations.

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So that'll be all 19 Pueblos, Apache and Navajo nations here and within the New Mexico boundary.

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So again, if a tribe or or Pueblo or nation is also situated in another state, let's say Arizona, Colorado, I'm afraid what we can only fund is those lands that are within the state of New Mexico also.

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Likewise, we also consider solid waste authority eligible entities, likewise land grant communities and cooperative association.

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So we've had a lot of questions on cooperative association.

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So basically those are all utility.

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I would say like almost like a joint powers agreement prior to solid waste authorities.

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There's very far, few and in between.

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If you feel like you might be a cooperative association, you're not too sure, please give us a call and we'll let you know about where you fit within this.

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Also, land grant communities, there's quite a few out there.

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One of the things that we do want to let people know is that whether you're one of these eligible entities, one of the things that you will need to do is have pretty much an administrative and let's say a financial component to your organization.

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So basically we want you to be able to enter into an agreement, a contract with the New Mexico Environment Department, be able to fund the project upfront before we reimburse you.

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And actually that is one of the biggest things that I have failed to mention right off the bat, that the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful grant is a reimbursement grant, meaning that once you are awarded, we will be expecting the awarded entity to pay for things as they go and we reimburse them once they provide proof of a final invoice and proof of payment for whatever project that they are undertaking.

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So moving on, other eligible expenses will include recycling infrastructure as we have shown before we were showing you smaller compartment compartmentalized trailers and bins.

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But again what could be eligible or larger recycling infrastructure, whether it's been some level of maybe fencing, some concrete work.

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But again, you can see that we have limited plans, so it really is best to not only tie in with us but also have your project lined out so it could be funded.

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So other things that we are looking at, as I mentioned, education and outreach, really if you are going to be doing a project, we recommend that you do have some component that has education and outreach.

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Not only to let folks know that you got to grant yourself, but also how you want to change behaviors.

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Because a lot of the projects that we are doing, it is really about changing behaviors and it should have a strong component, whether it's through basic pamphlets, radio, social media, anything along those lines.

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And of course there we've got some great grantees in the past few years that also went into producing, you know, videos and whatnot that were shared on television and in movie theater.

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So those are things that we definitely want to have a portion of your project as well.

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We want to have projects that help to stimulate recycling markets here regionally, not just here in New Mexico, but kind of help build that base to where recycling is a legitimate business here in New Mexico.

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We do have some level right now, but as I think we all know that we can improve the recycling markets here in New Mexico and regionally in the Southwest.

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And of course, the biggest thing we still want to address is scrap tire management.

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So if that's something you're seeing out there and or maybe you just want to host a cleanup where where you want to maybe see some of those tires kind of be taken off from private properties.

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We definitely help to fund collection events, if not maybe abatement of where maybe scrap tires are being dumped.

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But better yet, we want to work with you to help not only to just abate it, but how can we prevent it?

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Not only through education, but maybe to do some sort of joint project with local members within your community where you help build some sort of coalition where you know, you can see there on the right where maybe you're monitoring your reporting and you're giving information out that helps direct people to the right resources to dispose of those materials, whether it's municipal trash or maybe it's building materials or scrap tires.

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And of course, as mentioned there in the left, right bottom, illegal dump cleanups and prevention, which is similar to the scrap tire management.

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So if those are things that you're interested in, please let us know.

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We have quite a few projects that we've already funded.

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So if you're looking at maybe some input, maybe some direction, that's definitely something we can help you out with.

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So scrap tire management projects, as I mentioned, here's what some of them have looked like.

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So having some kind of collection events, maybe tire processing equipment.

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We have funded several communities and counties to not only get tire slicer so they're able to manage whatever they do receive and just cut it up and process it as regular trash instead of a specialized material like scrap tires.

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We've also helped to pay for hauling tip fees for proper disposal, and not just for landfilling but also proper recycling of the tires.

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And if you don't know a source or a location for recycling, we can let you know about those things as well.

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Likewise, we have information on tire haulers and whatnot throughout the state that we're more than happy to provide if you don't have that information.

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Also, we help to promote the purchase of materials made from recycles, recycled tires from New Mexico, OK.

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And as far as recycling, as I mentioned before, I think one of the things that we want to look beyond just your traditional recycling.

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And when I say traditional recycling, I'm talking about let's say plastics, cardboard, things that we've heard about, let's say maybe in a school setting or in an office setting.

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But let's not forget that recycling also includes other materials.

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As I mentioned before, these are great shots of some of those materials.

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So one of the things that we want to also think about are concrete asphalt.

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As you can see here, that could be something that we could project just based on what kind of idea that you have you want to develop.

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So you can see here there's a concrete asphalt being reused potentially for clean film.

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And maybe that's something where we could try and work with you and plug you into other sources of funding.

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So if if no one knew, there is also other programs here at the New Mexico Environment Department that could possibly address not all, but possibly some historical buildings or those that may have been built prior to 1970, 1960 that may have asbestos or some materials.

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So the New Mexico Brownfields Voluntary Mini Remediation Program could be somewhere we could also plug you in.

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Likewise, there are other funds here at the New Mexico Environment Department and statewide.

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One of them is the Resource in Rural Infrastructure program or RIP that could also help these fund these types of programs or our projects.

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And also let's not forget there are other material management projects such as organics.

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We can see here down on the right a bigger type of project where that probably involves shredding, moving.

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So, but again, we are more than willing to look at projects like that.

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Also waste oil, motor oil, we've had some folks come in and and propose reusing, using motor oil instead of disposing and recycling is purchasing oil used oil heaters and using that within certain their facilities.

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So great way to not only promote recycling, reuse, but also making sure that material stay within let's say the community or whatnot.

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So funding.

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So again, as I mentioned, the funding is a reimbursement based grant, meaning we will expect folks to be upfront and then we will reimburse you and we can reimburse you as you go along.

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So let's say if you have \$100,000 grant and maybe you're paying \$5000 at a time, we can reimburse you as as soon as you can provide those things.

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So we don't want to put you out of a total \$100,000.

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So we can fund you as you go on so long as you're able to provide those documentations that we have requested.

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So again, the funding is based on the state fiscal year.

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So that'll be from July 1st through June 30th.

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And of course we do not expect any kind of in kind contributions or matching funds are required, but can be encouraged.

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So again when we do see that when there are matching funds, we we really see that that has the buying of your community or your organization.

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So we do like to see that, but again not really required.

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So again, what we do fund our tangible goods and services and you can also ask us what that could be if you have some questions about it.

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And ineligible expenses are going to be labor, internal cost, so anything.

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So what we won't pay for is your own labor.

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So what you can't do is say, well, we want to also pairs up to do this.

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So if you are thinking about maybe some sort of Labor contractual might be a better way to go about it.

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Likewise internal cost may something that's more relevant to what you should be maybe taking care of.

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We won't be looking at that.

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But again, if you have questions, let us know and we can walk you through these, the funding criteria and what's really expected.

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So as far as the application process, generally, we have gone from about February to March.

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But in the past year, we've definitely worked with our partners with the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful and the Que Linda program.

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So I believe this year we're going to be kind of going a little bit later, probably starting in April and going about 5 weeks before we close the thing.

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So possibly late March, early April into late April, early May is when we'll send out the, the, we'll let folks know that the, the, the, the grant has been open and that you can also get the forms from the address shown here.

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So if you do want to have this presentation as a reference, please let us know.

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Chantal and Delana can send that to you.

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Likewise, we can send it as well.

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One thing that we do ask is that you read all the instructions in the application 1st and this year may be critical because as I mentioned, there were changes to the RAID Act where we took out the one third 2/3 things.

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So we are still looking at possibly making a hybrid one application this year.

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We should primarily have the same things that we had before but with some slight changes.

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So make sure you are reading those instructions before you apply and of course give us a call, always a good idea to do that.

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So once we do get those applications, the next thing will be us checking the applications for just basic eligibility and of course consistency with the RAID Act.

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We'll also look at the project and its merits and its consistency with the priorities that we will establish and let you know in the near future.

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So again, the application process will be weeks if not a month or so on your end to get done and submit it.

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And after that it'll be about a month or so while we go through the application and and the end result will be RAID award meeting in late May or early June when we will have people come in and at least voice their opinions on their project and then we'll go from there.

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Priorities again for this year are gonna be slightly different.

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But if you have been an applicant of the rate grant before, I would say please look at those priorities again.

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Is there a question out there?

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All right.

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So again, if you are have applied for a rate grant, I think to still look at those same things.

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So we're still most likely going to be looking at need urgency, amount of local funding available consistent with surrounding land use, population serve and of course you're consistent with the department priorities.

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Again, this is something we'll let you know and of course alternative solutions available.

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So again, all of these are are outlined by within the RAID Act itself and the recycling and illegal dumping and scrap tire management rule.

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So again, all of these will still be in there and the big change will probably be just the changing of the points within these things.

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So, and again as I mentioned before, we had a change in 2007, this coming year these these may change and of course the application may change somewhat slightly.

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So again, just a quick word on one of the things that we do help to guide you along as if you are looking at recycling, there is a tier system that we have adopted within our solid waste management plan from from the from EPA.

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So again, this is the this is what we we look at.

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So if you are trying to start recycling, we want you to look at how we have set up the tier system in the solid New Mexico solid waste management plan.

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So going from Tier 0 to Tier 4, Tier 0 being the bottom.

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Why we want folks to possibly start at Tier 0 is because those items that are mentioned there, acid batteries and use motor oil are things that are just prohibited within our landfills currently.

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So that's where we want folks to start, but there are already a lot of things out there to help promote you to manage those materials.

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Likewise, as you go up in tiers Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4, your next level will be traditional household recyclables, as I mentioned, old corrugated cardboard, paper, plastic, aluminum, tin cans, and scrap metal.

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The next chair might be brush and green waste, glass, electronics and tires.

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So again, a little bit more involvement as far as knowing what you need to do, having better equipment, and of course, possibly a facility to actually complete these tasks in Tier 2.

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Likewise for Tier 3 and 4, getting a little bit more involved might be construction and demolition waste or C&D box bar paper board number 3-7 plastics and reuse area.

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So again, that's where we we want to folks to start going as a higher level of tight.

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And then of course a Tier 4 will be household hazardous waste, which is a little bit more involved food waste and composting and of course possibly going single stream.

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But again that will require a lot of effort as far as having equipment and manpower to eventually sort those out.

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So again, just something to follow as far as hierarchy and where you may want to start and and move on up as you evolve your recycling program.

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So, so we'll finish this off before we get into any questions with some of the notable projects that we've seen in the past few years.

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And maybe this will give you a few ideas.

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And if so, you can always ask us questions at the end of this presentation.

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So one of the most notable projects that we've had has actually come from Bernalillo County for managing scrap tires both illegally dumped and for collecting and also having outreach.

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So over the past four fiscal years, they've been awarded \$633,000 and they've done everything from a dress legacy dump sites and did great outreach, which they started out with in fiscal year 23 and eventually worked into abating legal dump sites in fiscal year 24.

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And the past year they did collection events targeted in certain areas.

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And all the time they're really just hammering away with their outreach, not only through pamphlets, developed Flyers, but also radio media and, and we'll give you an example of what those look like.

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And then this year they're still continuing on with their league illegal dumpsite remediations in FY26.

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So again, I think with this effort, not only did it have a great action as far as actually clean up sites, but the biggest thing I feel, and, and it should be part of any project was not only selling the projects, but letting people know, hey, these are these are behaviors that we want to change.

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And for Bernalillo County, they, they really went far and above, not only producing materials that could be reused within the county, but which was showing up everywhere, television, movie theaters, billboards.

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So this is an example.

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And of course, here in New Mexico, pretty important to have Spanish language for, for those that are Spanish speakers and listeners.

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So again, what they did was not only do English, but also Spanish.

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Versions of some of their outreach.

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And here's some of the stuff you might have seen.

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You can see you there on the upper right, guy tossing out a tire, illegally dumping that.

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And of course, I don't know if you saw the commercial, but in the commercial what happened was the tire comes back, follows the guy back to his house and ends up at his door.

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Great selling.

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I just really put the, you know, the the subject out there about illegal dumping and how we're supposed to manage tires.

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So what that eventually worked in, as they're still continued their outreach was actually abating massive illegally dumped tires on the West side of Albuquerque.

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And you can see here from the photos the massive amounts that were taken.

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So we're talking hundreds of tons of tires that had to be built and was eventually shipped, I believe to the local landfill, then sent to Mesa, AZ for recycling.

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So that was the second year after they really started plugging in with their local community, tiny creating partnerships.

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And a lot of it was really letting people know this is where you should take your materials, letting them know the resources, the proper way to dispose of them while they're addressing these in the outskirts.

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And then of course, last year what that developed into was scrap tire collection events in the in Bernalillo County.

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And again, this is something that we do promote and has happened as well here in Santa Fe County over the past year.

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But this is a great idea if you're seeing tires out there in your community and you want to get rid of it.

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We definitely promote the events such as this.

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And of course, again, I believe your outreach should go along with it.

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Not only does it help to promote the grant itself, but what you're doing.

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And of course, as I mentioned before, changing behaviors, that's really what we're wanting to do.

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And of course, what's your long term plan for continuing this so we don't revert back to the same situation in a year or two?

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So again, another great thing about what Bernalillo County did was they created out outreach metrics and seeing what you're doing.

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So as I mentioned before, they had stuff shown on television, on billboards, and of course broadcasting on the local KOTKRQE and other local channels and of course seeing where their message was being received.

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So again, kind of seeing the total number of impressions, this really sells a lot and seeing what your community is seeing and actually just quantifying that impact on your community.

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So a great job, definitely something we want all grantees to strive to as far as matching your project with outreach and of course, continuing on and hopefully developing those partnerships that it's really important to do because really a lot of the stuff we do will rest on our partnerships and how we reach our communities with our messaging.

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Other notable projects in the past have been Valencia County.

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We were really sad that they were not funded this past year because they've been doing some great work there in Valencia County.

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So in FY20 8, they had some illegal dump site projects that they wanted to adjust their funded \$28,000.

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They had addressed some legacy dump sites and installed some fencing and signage.

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So surveillance really trying to prevent it before it gets there and of course helping trying to develop some sort of enforcement mechanism that not only help to possibly fund addressing it in the future, but also deterring that type of action in the past year.

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In FY25, they continued on with more cleanups and really double down on their monitoring.

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In the past fiscal year, they installed an additional 22 cameras and cleaned more sites and really just wanted to make sure that they were addressing sites such as these that were showing up in the local towns and communities.

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So if there's stuff like this that you're seeing just much like Valencia County and not only do you want to address it, clean it up, we want to see that you're helping to promote the behaviors part of it.

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Again, sending that message.

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So an outreach section will be great if you are thinking about some sort of abatement project.

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So notable tire project, So Village of Santa Clara down in Southwest New Mexico, great tire project.

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So again, we're not just wanting to have people throw tires away or let's say recycle them.

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One of the things that will help promote the reuse of scrap tires in New Mexico is actually trying to have them reused in roadways.

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So great project.

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And Santa Clara was actually using it and having become rubber being poured as part of the asphalt.

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So actually it demonstrated an innovative use of the recycled tire market and help stimulated the market for recycled tire mark materials and products here in New Mexico.

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So again, that was a very small flash in the pan for for one year.

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But this is really where we want to go statewide where our New Mexico dot does adopt this.

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So again, that's a that's a dream down the road.

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But in the meantime, we still want to have our grantees think about these types of projects where reuse of crumb rubber could be integrated into a rate project.

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Likewise, again, more, more examples of these with the asphalt, with the crumb rubber.

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And from what we've been told, anything with crumb rubber and asphalt will last a lot longer, quieter, tends to maintain their color a lot longer where let's say painted stripes will just stick out a lot cleaner.

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So again, just overall great use of that material type.

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Additional notable projects in the past year.

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The past year Santa Fe County did a great project doing a cleanup along the Santa Fe River.

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So they're awarded 18,000 and they were able to conduct the Santa Fe River Greenway project, basically taking out some trash and scrap tires along the river way, which also included reseeding of the area with plants and some local grasses.

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So one of the things that they did was was great was promote the use of some of the local materials.

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By that I mean compost from from one of the local composters here in Santa Fe, NM.

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So the project basically involved cleaning up what's shown here on the map, cleaning up those tires.

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You can see there was quite a bit within the waterway here within Santa Fe.

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So all that was actually taken out by a contractual services, a landscaper and then of course they took that to the local transfer station here at Buckingham Transfer station, which was, you know, landfill properly.

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And of course in the end part of the whole thing was some education that went on signage and of course just cleaning up that section of the river.

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So great project there not only addressing scrap tires, but also integrating in a reuse material, in this case organics or compost.

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So kind of moving along other notable recycling projects, the city of truth or consequences, great use of waste motor oil and fiscal year 21, they are awarded 13,000 to use waste oil to heat their their city recycling center.

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So their stuff was pretty happy about that also included an educational campaign to raise awareness among the public and of course how to properly reuse, but also promote them bringing in their used motor oil.

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So again, this was an example of hyperlocal recycling solution.

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And again, this is kind of what it looked like.

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So if you are dealing with used motor oil and you do want to get something going or maybe it's also recycling used motor oil and you need a secondary containment, primary containment, that's something we can also look at as well in addition to other materials or solvents that you may have.

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But again, definitely give us a call and see what you're thinking about.

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So if you are interested in seeing who's being funded under what and maybe you're a new employee to your organization and you don't know your organization had applied, you're more than welcome to go to the address shown there and just look at who's been funded over the past 1920 years.

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As I mentioned, over the past 19 years, we funded over 419 projects and we funded in the amount of 14.7 million and, and, and available funds.

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So again, if you are interested, give us a call.

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If not, check this site and look at some of the previously funded projects just to give me an idea of who's done what.

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And again, if you're maybe new to your organizations and you don't know that your organization, county, city, tribe is applied, go ahead and check that out and see what they have gone for before.

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So again, I'll just close here in a bit, but I wanted to let you know, again, my name is Levi Lemon Tino.

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I'm the outreach section manager.

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Daniel Arevalo is the rate coordinator and also manages the scrap tire program.

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Angela Hutcherson is the training coordinator.

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Matthew Brenton is our compost guy.

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He's the outreach specialist, has quite a bit of knowledge on on composting.

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So if you have those questions, give us a call.

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And of course, Elias Crew is also outreach specialist and really working with the rate grants this year and annual reporting.

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So if you have any questions, please give us a call.

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You also see the address there with our contact where you can go and download that.

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But if not, Chantal and Elena will also send that to you if you required or, or she'll just send it to you as a reference.

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So, and again, here's our main contact information for the main office.

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And if you are wanting to write an e-mail, you can write it to us specifically or send it to our main inbox, which is again the RRB or the resource recovery inbox.

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I guess with that, are there any questions?

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Thank you, Levi.

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That was a great presentation.

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We had one in the chat.

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I'll just read it out now.

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Has there been any direct consideration or effort at EV battery recycling going forward?

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I'm sorry, could you repeat the question again?

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Has been, has there been any effort at EV battery recycling has been some effort?

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I think right now that's a good question.

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So if that's something you are interested in, I think one of the things that we want to work with you is just to make sure like what is your level of project that you want to do and are you maybe wanting to do this as a business and maybe move on into a facility type.

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But as far as a project that is something we can look at.

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But as far as specifics on the type of projects, I I can't really say just yet, but any follow up questions to that?