

Priorities for 2021 ORSWMD Grant Cycle

This list of targeted materials and types of projects is primarily based on Missouri's targeted materials list. Ozark Rivers has prioritized materials and project areas to address specific needs in the district — however all projects will be considered. Visit our website at ozarkrivers.org for a list of funded projects and detailed information.

High Priority

Household Hazardous Waste*
Education
Scrap Tires
Paint
Electronic/appliance scrap
Carpet and padding
Organic Waste (food waste)
Textiles

* HHW: Includes household batteries, oil-based paints, waste oil
toxic household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and more

Medium Priority

Mattresses
Plastics (#1 & 2)
Plastics (#3-7)
Old newspaper
Construction & Demolition Waste
Cardboard

Low Priority

Ferrous Metals
Bi-metal containers
Yard Waste
Non-Ferrous Metals
Lead-Acid Batteries
Mixed Glass
School Lab Waste
Solar Panels
Other paper (office paper,
pasteboard, mixed paper, etc.)



Examples of applying the above categories into activities for 2021 grant projects:

- Education - Waste reduction and recycling education is integral to the district's mission. This priority emphasizes the need to carry out educational efforts that raise awareness and increase participation in school-based or community initiatives. Examples: residential/school food waste reduction programs, residential composting workshops, or reuse programs such as end of the school year clean out to reclaim reusable binders/paper, or anti-littering initiatives in neighborhoods for adopting public spaces. *All* submitted grant projects should include an educational component.
- Market Development – These projects bring products with recycled content into the marketplace and stimulate demand or expand existing markets for recovered materials generated in our region. Examples include using post-consumer glass to manufacture insulation or making stable mats out of recovered car tires.
- Waste Reduction and Reuse – These projects may include feasibility studies, project research and development or implementation of waste reduction and reuse activities. Examples: mattress recycling, commercial food waste reduction or composting, reusing residual material for feedstock, community-based projects for DIY repair clinics and projects aligning with the targeted materials listed above.

Other Priorities:

- Hard-To-Recycle Items - Collection, processing and end market development for hard-to-recycle materials. Examples: recycling furniture, mattresses, carpet, rigid plastics (such as laundry baskets and toys), Styrofoam, ceramics and porcelain. Local manufacturing of products from recycled materials is most desirable.
- Organics Management - Projects that address infrastructure and collection programs for food waste management or strategies for increasing food donation programs resulting in food waste reduction.
- Construction and Demolition Waste - Projects which effectively divert C&D materials from the landfill or develop ways to reuse or repurpose discarded C&D materials. Examples: recycling and processing clean Gypsum wallboard or using processed materials as additives for construction purposes.

A grant application workshop will be held on July 29th at the Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) office in St. James. Grant applications must be submitted to the MRPC office located at 4 Industrial Dr., St. James, MO 65559 by noon on August 21, 2020. For more information, contact Jill Hollowell at jhollowell@meramecregion.org or call 573-265-2993.