

Waste Tire Grant Program Grant Guide



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Grant Award Purpose

The purpose of the Waste Tire Grant Program is to provide financial assistance to local units of government and public and private schools to purchase tire-derived products made from recycled waste tires including playground cover, mulching products and molded or extruded rubber products.

Who Can Apply

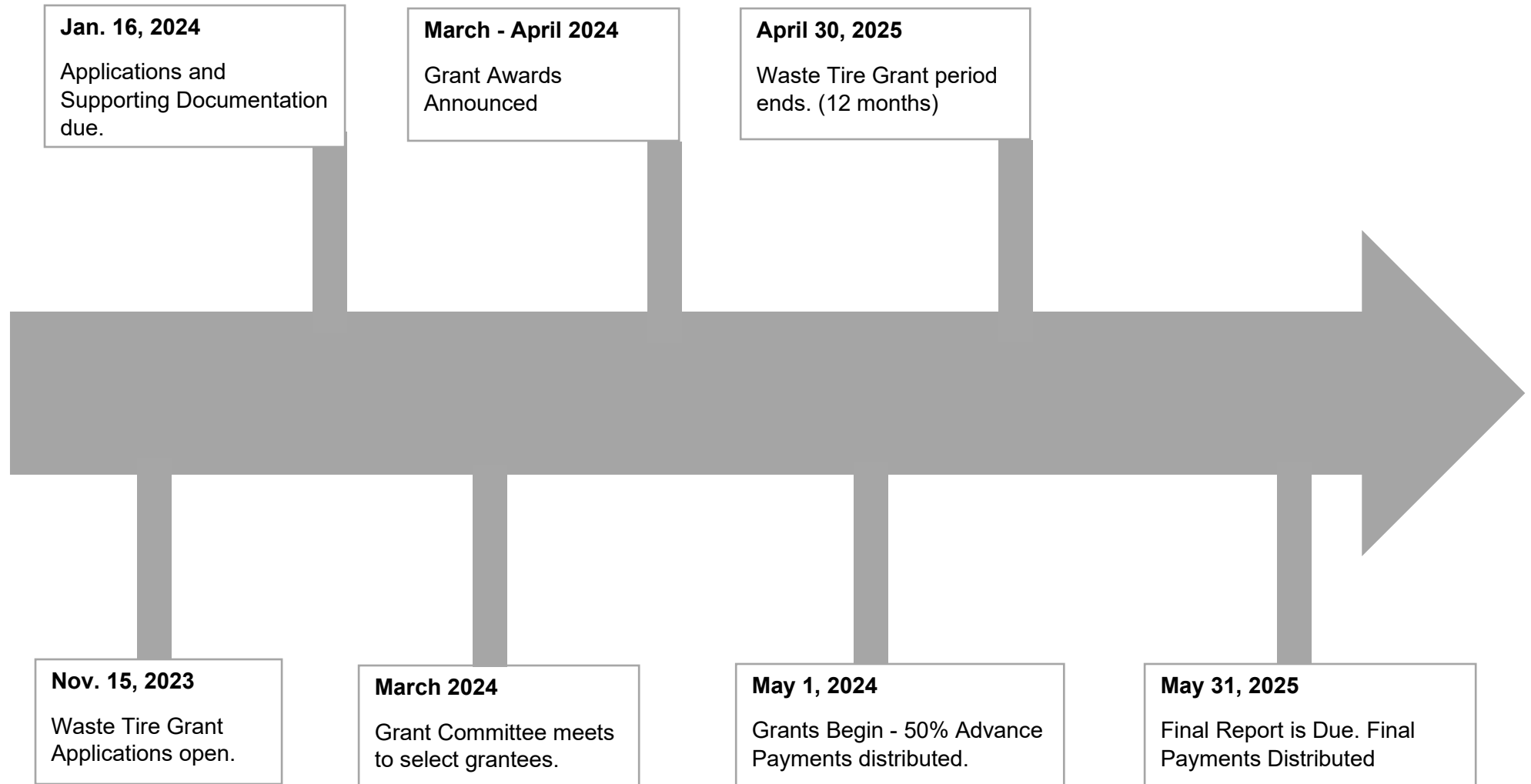
Previous recipients may apply.

Only Kansas's local units of government and public and private schools may apply for these grants. This includes counties, municipalities, school districts, private schools (limited to K-12), townships, park districts.

Eligible Projects

Waste tire derived products composed of multiple materials must be no less than 50% waste tire material by weight, unless composed of other recycled material.

Waste Tire Grant Timeline



Application Deadlines and Requirements

The Waste Tire Grant application deadline is January 16. Applications must be received or postmarked by this date to be eligible. Award announcements are expected in April. Contracts become effective May 1.

1. The Applicant must be in good standing:
 - If the applicant owns or operates a solid waste disposal facility, all solid waste tonnage permit fees must be current and paid.
 - Grantee shall obtain all necessary and applicable permits, and comply with all applicable federal, state and local statutes regarding solid wastes, and the [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) guidelines for Public Playground Safety.
 - A prior grant recipient must not have used grant funds for unauthorized purposes.
 - By accepting the grant, the grantee certifies that the project is ADA compliant, or that is part of an overall facilities system that provides ADA access and compliance pursuant to all local, state and federal requirements.
2. Prior grants must be closed, or a status report of that project must be submitted with the application.
3. Grant applicants, with the exception of table and bench applicants, must identify a quality officer with the grant application. (The quality officer must be a licensed engineer, certified playground inspector, representative of the manufacturer of the product, or a trained installer.)
4. Grantees must place a placard on the project site using a design provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and indicate the funding was provided by a KDHE grant program. Promotional materials must also contain the same graphic. Signs will be provided by KDHE for project sites. Grantees must participate in KDHE public education campaigns for the duration of the grant contract.
5. The grantee is required to carry property insurance (not to be confused with liability insurance), which would replace grant funded items destroyed by weather, vandalism, fire

Funding and Match Requirements

The grantee will receive an advance payment of fifty percent of the awarded KDHE grant funds, after the Secretary of KDHE and the grantee have signed the award contracts. If awarded, only approved expenses incurred after the state and before the end of the contract fiscal reimbursement period (12 months) will be allowed.

This advance payment may be held or delayed until all conditions of the grant program are met.

- The advance payment will be the only grant funding the grantee will receive up-front. All other funding will be on a reimbursement basis.
- A completed affidavit of expenditures with supporting documentation must be submitted for all reimbursements and match.
- If awarded, the grant will pay up to 50% of the eligible cost in the awarded project; the match requirement is a minimum of 50% of the total project. (Example: the grant award will pay \$5,000 and the grantee will match \$5,000, with the total project cost being \$10,000).

Final grant reimbursement will not be made by KDHE until all required documentation is received and approved, including:

- A final [affidavit of expenditures](#).
- Invoices.
- A final report with photos of the completed grant project.

- Proof of property insurance.
The KDHE [certificate of installation](#) from the quality officer for surfacing materials.

Eligible Items that can be purchased using Grant Funding

- Tire derived products.
- Shipping expenses.
- Supplies such as color, binder or coating.
- Installation costs of pour-in-place and unitary playground surfacing only (not rubber mulch).

Eligible items that can be purchased as “In-Kind Match”

- Salaries of employees working on the grant project.
- Volunteer hours at the rate of \$12.00 an hour.
- Management/Design donated for assistance with project planning, design, finance, legal affairs, marketing, engineering and environmental evaluations, during the grant fiscal reimbursement contract dates, will be considered volunteer labor.
- Base preparation and drainage under rubber playground surfacing.
- Loose-fill installation costs.
- Use of equipment and labor for installation purposes only.
- Shipping expenses (cash match).
Travel if the grantee is picking up the product.

Items not Eligible for Match or Grant Reimbursement

- The cost of preparing the grant and permit applications.
- Permit fees.
- Travel costs – except for picking up the grant product.
- Athletic field surfacing.
- General operation and maintenance costs of an existing or proposed facility.
- Federal and State grants or donated funds from other sources.
- Cost of removal of old playground equipment or installation of new playground equipment.

Quick Reference Chart for Funding

KDHE Grant Eligible Expenses	Grantee Match Eligible Expenses
Tire Derived Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pour-in-place rubber surfacing - Loose fill rubber mulch - Rubber Tiles or Unitary Mat - Molded or extruded rubber edging - Tables and benches - Other 	Tire Derived Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pour-in-place rubber surfacing - Loose fill rubber mulch - Rubber Tiles or Unitary Mat - Molded or extruded rubber edging - Tables and benches - Other
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Installation costs (Pour-in-place only)	Waste tire product installation costs
	Salaries for employees working on the grant project
	Volunteer labor at \$12.00 per. hour
	Management/Design donated for assistance with project planning, design, finance, legal affairs, marketing, engineering, and environmental evaluation, during the fiscal reimbursement at \$12.00 per. hour
	Base preparation and drainage under rubber playground surfacing
	Use of equipment and labor for installation of grant products
	Travel if the grantee is picking up project

Additional Key Information

- Rubber products exceeding \$1,000.00 with a useful life of a year or more are defined as capital equipment.
- The grants committee will not consider incomplete or late applications. Please make sure that you read the application and grant guide thoroughly to ensure you are properly completing the application and all supporting documentation is included.
- If you would like to include any additional information not specified in the grant application, please use a cover letter to explain this additional information.
- The fiscal reimbursement period is one year. Extensions can be requested but are not guaranteed.
- Installations of uncoated, all-black playground surface material will be required to have signage to warn users of potential heat hazards.

If you have questions or need assistance regarding the Waste Tire Grant, please contact:

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