Community Based Environmental Protection Projects

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

Request to Enter Contract for Reimbursement

**Professional Services Grant Application FY26**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has the jurisdictional area of environmental responsibility over the prevention, control and abatement of pollution caused by solid waste which presents a threat to human health or the environment, under provisions of 27A O.S. § 1-3-101 and 27A O.S. § 2-10-202; and

The Executive Director of DEQ is authorized under the provisions of 27A O.S. §§ 2-3-201 and 2-3-202 to enter into contracts for the purpose of carrying out any of the purposes, objectives or provisions of the Environmental Quality Code, Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, for which DEQ has jurisdiction.

DEQ is authorized under the provisions of 27A O.S. § 2-10-802(C) to expend funds and enter into contracts with units of local government and political subdivisions of this State for purposes of administering the Oklahoma Solid Waste Management Act.

DEQ does not reimburse for buildings, vehicles, laptops, or drones.

**Grant money is not guaranteed. Funding is limited. DEQ’s ability to fund requests to local governments is entirely dependent on the amount of money available to DEQ to issue grants.**

**Basic Information:**

* Grants are provided on a reimbursement basis.
* **Grantees must enter into a formal Agreement with DEQ as vendors.   No funds are available until a fully executed Agreement and Purchase Order are issued. Funds spent prior to a formal Agreement and Purchase Order are not reimbursable.**
* All awarded funding must be spent in the fiscal year granted.
* Agreements expire June 30, 2026.
* Final invoices are due by August 31, 2026. **Invoices submitted after August 2026 may not be reimbursed.**

**Process for Receiving Funds**

1. Applicant submits application.
2. DEQ reviews application. Discussion between DEQ and applicant may occur at this time. Applicant sends revised Scope of Work and Budget to DEQ, if necessary.
3. DEQ writes formal Agreement and sends through state’s procurement process for approval.
4. DEQ sends applicant a formal Agreement to sign and return, electronically.
5. DEQ signs, then sends an electronic copy of the fully executed Agreement and Purchase Order to applicant.
6. Applicant may now begin to spend funds intended for reimbursement. **Funds spent prior to a fully executed Agreement and Purchase Order (between steps 1-5) are not reimbursable.**
7. Applicant sends invoices and monthly reports to DEQ.
8. DEQ reimburses invoices within 45 days.

For more information and application deadlines, visit the DEQ website at <https://www.deq.ok.gov/land-protection-division/waste-management/solid-waste/funding-opportunities-for-community-based-environmental-protection-projects/>.

**Application Submittal Instructions**

Return by e-mail to [SWGrants@deq.ok.gov](mailto:SWGrants@deq.ok.gov) with the subject line,

“[Organization] FY26 [grant type] Grant Application DEQ”

e.g., Oklahoma County FY26 Equipment Grant Application DEQ

Or send a hard copy to:

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

Attn: Libby McCaskill, Land Protection Division

P.O. Box 1677

Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677

Phone: 405-702-5100

Fax: 405-702-5101

**Professional Services Grant**

These grants are for:

* Non-profit organizations that successfully demonstrate sole-source provisions of services.
* Grant opportunities that do not fall into one of the other Solid Waste Management Grant categories.
  + These may include one-time clean-ups, technical assistance, facility start-up support, and more.

The contractor is required to submit monthly invoices, metrics, photos, and descriptions of each month’s work.

**NEW: DEQ will reimburse 80% of equipment costing $5,000-$50,000.**

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The following information must be provided before a contract for reimbursement will be considered. Scoring will be based on the following categories: environmental improvement, public outreach, collaboration, sustainability, scope of work, budget, quality of proposal, and past performance, if applicable. This form has been prepared to be applicable to a wide range of projects and as a result some of the questions may not seem directly applicable to what you propose. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability based on the information you have.

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| Date: |

1. Legal name of organization seeking a reimbursement agreement:

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2. Dollar Amount Requested:

3. Contact information for organization:

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| **Name/Title:** |  |
| **Phone Number:** |  |
| **E-mail Address:** |  |

4. Signatory Authority for organization with legal authority to sign contract with DEQ:

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| **Name/Title:** |  |
| **Phone Number:** |  |
| **E-mail Address:** |  |

5. Addresses:

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| **The contract will be sent here for signature (name and e-mail):** |  |
| **Reimbursements will go to this mailing address\*:** |  |

\*The address provided here must be registered in the Oklahoma Supplier Portal. If your organization is not registered as an Oklahoma Supplier, you must register here to be able to receive funds from the state: <https://oklahoma.gov/omes/divisions/central-purchasing/suppliers-and-payees/supplier-portal.html>

7. Project Description. Answer each question in its answer box to the right.

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| Question | Answer |
| 1. **Briefly describe your project and explain what type(s) of solid waste will be managed. How is this waste currently managed?** |  |
| 1. **If your project does not directly manage solid waste, explain how it supports solid waste management objectives.** |  |
| 1. **Will this project enhance related program(s) or effort(s)? Please describe.** |  |
| 1. **Who will be served by the program (municipalities, counties, regions, estimated population)?** |  |
| 1. **What is the environmental benefit of this project? (e.g. waste reduction, resource conservation, pollution prevention, litter abatement, education)?** |  |

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| Question | Answer |
| 1. **Describe your plans for public outreach to the community, such as news coverage, radio ads, flyers, posters, social media, and how often you will conduct the outreach. Please list your social media handles if applicable.** |  |
| 1. **Describe any public education aspects of your project/program. DEQ will prioritize applications that include an educational aspect.** |  |

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| Question | Answer |
| 1. **What is the total cost of the program?** |  |
| 1. **Are you partnering with anyone else to implement this program? If so, describe. To make more efficient use of limited dollars, DEQ will prioritize applications that propose partnerships and collaboration.** |  |
| 1. **Have you received a previous grant from the DEQ? If yes, what years, what dollar amount of funding was provided, and how much of that funding did you spend?** |  |

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| Question | Answer |
| 1. **How long do you intend for the program to remain in place?** |  |
| 1. **How will benefits be measured? / How will you quantify the success of your project?** |  |

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| 1. **Please attach a detailed scope of work and a detailed budget for the entirety of the project. More detailed and itemized budgets will be prioritized.** |

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| Question | Answer |
| 1. **Is there any other information that you would like to share?** |  |
| 1. **How did you hear about DEQ’s Solid Waste Management Grant Program?** |  |