

COMMUNITY RECYCLING FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS PROMOTING RECYCLED MATERIALS & RECYCLING PUBLIC EDUCATION

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To receive an Application please contact Mollie Mangerich, Environmental Division Manager at 898-5500 or email your request to:

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The City of Meridian's Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC) is proud to announce the reinstatement of the Meridian Community Recycling Fund. The fund is accepting applications from February 1st to March 31st, 2012 for projects in Meridian promoting the use of recycled materials and educating the public about recycling.

SWAC will make recommendations on projects for review by the City Council. Upon approval by City Council, successful applicants should be notified by April 22, 2012.

The Community Recycling Fund receives revenue from the sales of recyclable material collected by its franchised waste hauler, Sanitary Services, Inc. (SSC), generated within the city of Meridian. SSC voluntarily returns these funds to the City when the cost of selling recyclable materials exceeds SSC's expenses to dispose of them. Due to the reduced market for recyclable materials, the Fund had been dormant since 2009, but is once again able to provide limited financial assistance to eligible projects.

"We have appreciated our partnership with SSC and their support of this program. The funds they have given back to the community have made a real impact to our citizens – funding projects such as acquiring playground equipment and benches at parks, schools, and community play areas in Meridian which have a real benefit," said Mayor Tammy de Weerd.

Any project seeking funds from the City of Meridian Community Recycling Fund must be intended for public use and be implemented within the limits of the City of Meridian. Projects must be related to the subject of recycling by:

- Promoting the use of recycled, reused or repurposed or composted materials;
- Increasing community awareness to the benefits of waste reduction and recycling;
- Increasing public recognition of recycling-related activity by businesses, individuals, community service groups, or schools that is making a positive difference in our community;
- Other solid waste projects as determined eligible by the City of Meridian Solid Waste Advisory Commission.