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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Recycling And Solid Waste Management Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

**CARSON CITY** -- The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has begun accepting applications for \$150,000 in grants to be awarded to municipalities, educational institutions and nonprofit organizations for projects that enhance solid waste management systems and recycling projects, NDEP officials announced today.

NDEP officials are particularly excited about the new opportunities to work with rural communities to curtail "illegal dumping," a major cause of visual and environmental pollution in the rural areas.

The grant funding was authorized with the passage of Senate Bill 396 in the 2005 legislative session. Regulations governing the grants program were approved in March by the State Environmental Commission.

The new regulations establish criteria for determining eligibility, administration and organization of the Nevada Recycling and Solid Waste Grant Program. The source of the funding is the Solid Waste Management Account that receives a one-dollar-per-tire retail surcharge assessed on the sale of all new tires in Nevada.

Grant applications will be accepted through December 31. A committee of state officials will evaluate the applications and award the grants.

Interested parties may call Ed Glick, supervisor of NDEP's Solid Waste Branch, at (775) 687-9467 to obtain a grant application or to request more information on the grants program. Information of the state's solid waste management program is available on NDEP's website at <http://www.ndep.nv.gov/bwm/solid.htm>

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