



Grants and Loans to Local Governments 2005 Solid Waste Management Update

No state solid waste grants or loans were awarded during Fiscal Year 2005 from the Georgia Solid Waste Trust Fund (SWTF.) Each year the State Legislature must appropriate funds collected to the Trust Fund for distribution for local tire abatement efforts, waste reduction and education programs. During FY 2005, no funds were appropriated to the Environmental Protection Division for their designated uses.

Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

EPD's Local Government Enforcement and Education grant program was designed to support local efforts to prevent and enforce against illegal scrap tire and solid waste disposal. Enforcement officials know that illegal scrap tire piles have an unpleasant habit of appearing and reappearing and the support they receive from the Enforcement and Education grant program helped them prevent their spread. The program gave local governments financial incentives to use enforcement and education activities to address:

1. The management of scrap tires, including preventing the illegal dumping of scrap tires;
2. Solid waste reduction and the controlling of illegal dumps; and
3. Other environmental issues.

No Local Government Enforcement and Education grants were awarded during FY 2005.



Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA)

GEFA typically administered a *Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant* program funded by the SWTF intended to help local governments foster an integrated approach to solid waste management by supporting waste reduction, recycling, and composting programs. Grants of up to \$50,000 were available to qualified cities, counties, and solid waste authorities. Demonstration projects or projects implementing an integrated solid waste management plan designed to help the state reach its waste reduction goal were eligible to receive grants of up to \$200,000.

No GEFA grants were awarded during FY 2005.

Another financial support program offered by GEFA is their low interest revolving loan program available to local governments. No GEFA loans for solid waste were awarded during FY 2005.



For more information regarding Georgia's solid waste management or for a glossary of terms used in this report, contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Office of Environmental Management at 404-679-4940, or online at www.dca.state.ga.us/environmental/swar.html