**ecomaine**

**School Recycling Grant Guidelines**

**Goal:** *To provide monetary resources that will help schools reach goals to reduce solid waste disposal and/or increase recycling.*

1. **Grant eligibility**
   a. School must serve students that live in a municipality served by or affiliated with ecomaine.
   b. School may be public or private and of any grade levels (including post-high school).
   c. School must agree to provide two progress reports to ecomaine: at the midpoint and upon the completion date.
   d. School must be willing to freely share its program and results with other schools for replication purposes.

2. **Grant money available**
   a. ecomaine will make school grants available from a pool of $20,000.
   b. School may apply for a grant in any amount up to $5,000.
   c. Money awarded by ecomaine must be spent in accordance with the applicant’s submission to ecomaine.
   d. Grant monies will be awarded to schools, not individuals.
   e. Grant monies will be dispersed:
      i. Eighty percent (80%) upon initial award.
      ii. Twenty percent (20%) upon completion of the midterm and final project reports.

3. **Grant Application**
   a. Applications are due by **October 31, 2017**; late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.
   b. Grant applications must be signed by the school's principal, superintendent, or president.
   c. Applications must include specifics that address these judging criteria:
      i. Project outline and school commitment
      ii. Ease of project replication
      iii. Likelihood of success and program sustainability
      iv. Why the project is compelling and worthy of funding
   d. Applications will be judged by a committee appointed by ecomaine's Recycling Committee.
   e. Application forms are available at www.ecomaine.org or by calling 773-1738.