

Bin-Only Grant Guidelines

BizRecycling – a program of Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy

Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy (R&E) is the organization through which Ramsey and Washington counties collaborate to responsibly manage waste. Through R&E, the counties strive to protect health and the environment. R&E offers programs to help residents and businesses reduce waste and recycle better.

The Bin-Only Grant is available to small businesses and nonprofits located in Ramsey and Washington counties to start or improve recycling and/or organics (food scraps) collections.

Visit BizRecycling.com to learn about additional grant options.

Available Funding

Funding for Bin-Only Grants is as follows:

- One-time grant of up to \$2,500 of trash, recycling and organics bins and equipment from the BizRecycling product catalog.
 - Labels are free for eligible businesses and are not included in the grant limit.
- Applicants may be eligible for more than one BizRecycling grant (i.e., Recycling, Food Waste Prevention and Recovery, Pollution Prevention and Waste Reduction and Innovation).

How to Submit a Grant Application

Applicants must work with one of BizRecycling’s Recycling Experts to submit a grant application. The Recycling Expert will assess trash, recycling and organics bin needs, make recommendations to improve waste management operations and help fill out the grant application. **Applications from businesses who have not had a site assessment will not be reviewed.**

To be connected to a Recycling Expert, email info@BizRecycling.com or call 651-768-6670.

Applications are accepted year-round until funds are fully disbursed. Applications take approximately six weeks to process, from the grant submission deadline to the grantee receiving the bins. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by staff from R&E, Ramsey County and Washington County.

Eligibility and Guidelines

Businesses that meet the following criteria are eligible for a Bin-Only Grant.

Eligibility

- All commercial entities, including private, nonprofit and institutional entities with an annual gross revenue of less than \$1 million.
- Must have a permanent physical location in Ramsey or Washington County.
- Must be in “active/good standing” status with the [Minnesota Secretary of State](#) at the time of application.
- Ineligible entities include individuals, home-based businesses, schools and colleges, government organizations and multi-unit residential buildings.

Guidelines

- Applicants must complete a site assessment with a Recycling Expert before applying.
- BizRecycling reserves the right to verify any information supplied, by means it deems appropriate, to determine the accuracy of an applicant's gross annual revenue submitted for this grant.
- Only products listed in the BizRecycling catalog are eligible.
- BizRecycling will order and purchase the bins and equipment and ship them directly to the grantee. All products will be delivered to the address provided in the grant application unless otherwise noted. No cash funds are given to the grantee.
- All ordered bins must adhere to the following best practice standards:
 - Bins must be color-coded (blue for recycling, green for organics/food scraps, and black or gray for trash).
- Bins must be properly labeled. Visit [BizRecycling.com/Shop](https://bizrecycling.com/shop) to order free labels for your business. free labels for your business.
 - Trash bins must be paired (located next to) with recycling and organics/food scraps bins, as applicable.
- Successful recycling operations include education. All applications must include a basic education component for employees and/or participants. Examples include:
 - In-person or virtual employee/participant training with a Recycling Expert.
 - Signage.
 - Recycling messaging in a newsletter or other written communications.

Rights of R&E

R&E may require confirmation of information furnished by applicants. R&E reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all applications if such action is in the public interest.
- Cancel the entire grant program.
- Appoint evaluation committees to review grant applications.
- Negotiate with any, all or none of the grant respondents.

A business completing a Bin-Only Grant application does not commit R&E to enter into a contract, nor does it obligate R&E to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of applications or in anticipation of a grant.

R&E reserves the right to revise these guidelines as needed.