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#### **SCRAP TIRE SURFACE MATERIALS GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Solid Waste Management Program recently announced the availability of funds under the Scrap Tire Surface Material Program. Under this program, material derived from scrap tires is used as a soft surface for facilities such as playgrounds, running tracks, walking trails, and the like. This year, DNR has established two separate classifications of projects. In the “Non-playground” category are projects running tracks, walking trails or equine/livestock stalls/riding areas. Projects proposing to use mats or pour-in-place materials are eligible to apply for up to \$100,000, and projects requesting loose bulk material will be eligible for up to \$50,000. In the “Playground” category, projects proposing to use mats or pour-in-place material are eligible for up to \$20,000. Projects proposing to use loose bulk material will be eligible for up to \$10,000. Only one application will be accepted from any applicant.

Once again, for the 2012 round, no local match is being required. Provision of matching funds will, however, strengthen an application by up to 15 points in the evaluation process. Also, repair of projects done under prior grants will not be an eligible activity. Prior recipients of funding under this program are not eligible unless the proposed project is an expansion of an area previously funded.

Public and private schools, parks, non-profit day care centers, other non-profit organizations, and governments other than state agencies are eligible for funding. Funds will be used to support delivery and installation of materials on surfacing projects approved by DNR. Due to Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, preference will be given to mat and pour in place projects. There are also local content requirements that will need to be met.

Your staff reviewed the four-page application form and found it reasonably straightforward. The answer to the question “Solid Waste Management Region” is “District R, Southeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District.” The answer to the question “Describe in detail the Solid Waste Management Region’s involvement in the project” is “The District R Solid Board of Directors has consistently supported projects under this program as a valuable use of scrap tires that is wholly in accord with both Missouri and District R objectives.” If you would like additional information feel free to contact David Grimes at the Southeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District, (573)547-9357 or via email at [dgrimes@semorpc.org](mailto:dgrimes@semorpc.org). The form can be found at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirefinassistance.htm>. Also available on the web site is a listing of previous grant recipients and projects.

The deadline for this application is November 14, 2011, so there is some time to work with. The Department of Natural Resources contact telephone number was listed as (573) 526-3902, and written queries should be addressed to:

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