

## What is the Used Oil Grant Program?

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) issues gift grants (not matching grants) for the purpose of encouraging the establishment, improvement and operation of used oil collection centers that serve residents who change their own oil. The used oil that is collected at these centers is then properly recycled.



## Who Can Apply for the Grant?

Towns, cities, counties, solid waste districts, other government entities, and non-profit organizations that focus on waste management and recycling issues are eligible to receive grant funds. The grant is also open to private businesses that are registered motor vehicle inspection stations.

## Grant Criteria

To qualify for the grant, the used oil collection center must meet the following criteria:

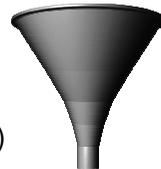


- **Serve local "Do-It-Yourself" oil changers.**
- **Recycle used oil collected either on-site or off-site.**
- **Promote the safe storage and management of used oil.**

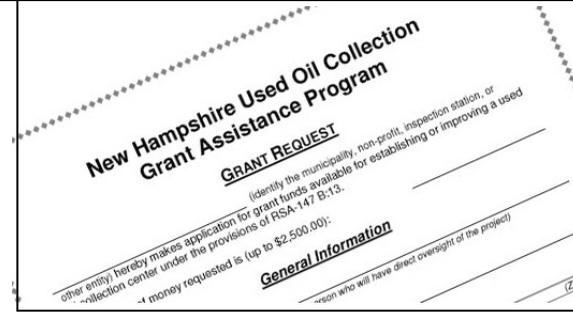
Most grants are for a specified amount, up to \$2,500. A center that serves two or more towns may qualify for up to \$5,000.

### Regulatory Information

Used oil generated from businesses, or other private/commercial entities *is not* "Do-It-Yourself" used oil and must undergo testing prior to being collected. Collectors of these types of used oil are obligated to follow the Used Oil Marketer Regulations (Env-Hw 807.09)



## The Application Process



A Paper application is available from DES or you can download one from the DES website. The Used Oil Grant Application may be submitted at any time.

If your application is approved, you will receive a grant agreement from DES. This grant agreement is a contract which must be signed and states that the grantee intends to use the grant funding to collect "Do-It-Yourself" used oil and/or used oil filters.

Once a grant contract has been approved, the recipient will be notified by DES that they have been approved for the grant.

Work must be completed within one year of grant approval. All receipts are to be returned to DES within 30 days of project completion.

## When to Apply

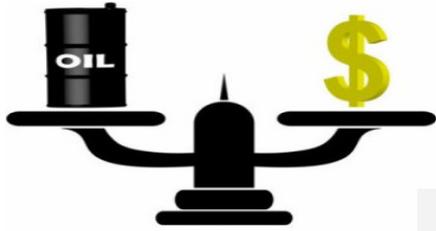
It is best to apply for grant funds and to receive grant approval before incurring any expenses. This ensures that the funds are available for the specific grant recipient.



All suitable applications will be considered until all grant funds have been expended for the fiscal year. The State's fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Notes:

## How Can the Funds be Used?



Grant funds may be used to establish, improve, or operate a used oil collection center, as well as to transport used oil off-site to a recycler. Typical uses for the grant funds have been:

- Collection Tanks
- Drum Containment
- Spill Kits / Sorbents
- Used Oil Fuel Burners
- Funnels
- Fill Gauges
- Related Security Hardware
- Used Oil Filter Crushers
- Sheds
- Transfer
- Pumps
- Promotional Material
- Transport Costs to a Recycler
- Used Oil Burner Cleaning & Servicing
- Sampling Costs
- Removal of Collection Tank Sludge
- Replace Used Oil Heater Chimneys

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How are Grant Awards Prioritized?

Grant awards are issued on a first-come, first-served basis with the highest priority for towns that have no collection center, then towns that do have a collection center, followed by other government entities, private inspection stations, and non-profits.

### How can I Prevent Receiving Contaminated oil?

DES offers training to Certified Solid Waste Operators and other interested parties to assist them in identifying contaminated oil before it is added to a collection container.

### What if the oil we Collect Becomes Contaminated?

The State of NH has a \$10,000 fund for disposal of tainted Do-It-Yourself used oil. This fund applies only to tanks & containers of "Do-It-Yourself" used oil.

### Where Does the Money Come From?

When new motor oil is purchased in NH, a 2¢ per gallon fee is assessed. This money is placed into a dedicated fund for used oil collection programs.

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