

## Keep Virginia Beautiful Green Grant Guidelines 2026



Applications will be accepted until April 30<sup>th</sup>. The best way to submit the application is to use a Chrome browser on a laptop or desktop (rather than mobile device). If you use a ".gov" or ".edu" server, or are using a computer with a company that has a strict firewall, you might find it easier to submit from your home computer.

*There will not be an opportunity to save and return to your online application. **It's best to compose your answers in a separate document you can save**, then copy and paste your responses into the online application, so that you will retain your work in the event of a software or internet malfunction.*

### **Submission Guidelines:**

You may submit an application in more than one category, but only one grant would be awarded to any one group for this grant cycle. Applicants and participants who apply in the Cigarette Litter Prevention & Recycling category must be at least 21 years of age.

Projects or Programs must take place in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Funds will only be disbursed to group entities (i.e. nonprofits, municipalities, businesses, faith groups, civic groups, Scouts, and others).

No funds will be issued directly to individuals.

Funds cannot be used to reimburse expenses or projects that have already taken place. It is permissible to fund a portion of a project or program if other support is available.

Funds cannot be used to pass through to other individuals or organizations.

Funds will not be awarded for general operating expenses.

### **Final Report:**

You must complete your project or program by October 1<sup>st</sup> and submit a final report online by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Your organization is not eligible to apply if you were awarded a Green Grant the previous year but did not submit a final report.

**Categories:**

Apply in the category that matches the focus of your application's project or program: Litter Prevention, Cigarette Litter Prevention and Recycling, Community Beautification, Recycling and Waste Reduction, or Environmental Education. Descriptions of each category with examples of appropriate projects can be found in the online application form.

Applicants and participants who apply in the Cigarette Litter Prevention & Recycling category must be at least 21 years of age.

**Process:**

Grant applications may be submitted using online applications only. No paper or email applications will be considered.

A panel of judges who are experts in their fields will read, evaluate, and score the grant applications.

Grant awards will be announced on our website and through social media, one each day from June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Other considerations:**

If you are a volunteer who is submitting an application, a letter from leadership for the organization you represent may be required to demonstrate acknowledgement and support of the project or program. For example, a letter may be required from a principal if you represent a school PTA.

If the project or program is going to take place at a location that is not the property of the organization applying for the grant, a letter from the property owner may be required to acknowledge permission for the use of the property and support of the project or program.

Awardees will receive a Green Grants plaque that should be displayed at the site of the project or other appropriate location to show support from Keep Virginia Beautiful. Once the plaque is installed, please send us a picture so we can further promote the Green Grants Program, your project, and our support.

If you have questions about the Green Grants Program or application, please contact [Malissa Watterson](#), Director of Development.