

# RC receives recycling grant award

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FRANKFORT - Russell is among five area counties to receive recycling grants from the state.

Friday, Governor Andy Beshear and Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman announced more than \$4.7 million in grants to Kentucky municipalities, fiscal courts, and foundations for 78 projects across the Commonwealth to expand recycling, reduce the amount of solid waste going into landfills, and improve the environmental management of household hazardous waste.

Local grants include:

- Russell County Fiscal Court, Recycling Grant Award, \$11,200
- Adair County Fiscal Court, Household Hazardous Waste Grant Award, \$14,700
- Casey County Fiscal Court, Recycling Grant Award, \$27,945
- Metcalfe County Fiscal Court, Recycling Grant Award, \$19,746
- Taylor County Fiscal Court, Recycling Grant Award, \$37,796.60

This program awards three types of grants.

The recycling grant provides funds for counties to purchase recycling equipment with the goal of promoting sustainable regional recycling infrastructure in Kentucky.

The composting grant funds the purchase of equipment to improve composting and promote creative solutions for managing food waste, lawn waste, and

other organic material.

The household hazardous waste grant provides funds for counties to conduct annual drop-off events for their citizens to dispose of household chemicals, old electronics, and other potentially hazardous wastes.

"Kentucky is fortunate that so many municipalities are stepping up to reuse and recycle to reduce the amount of solid waste piling up in our landfills," Gov. Beshear said. "This shows care for the environment and for each other."

There were 37 recycling grants worth \$2.47 million, 28 household hazardous waste grants worth \$798,964 and 13 composting grants worth \$1.43 million. These grants require a 25 percent local match in the form of cash or "in kind" labor, educational activities, or advertising to promote the program from those receiving the awards.

Secretary Goodman said some of these projects raise awareness about the importance of recycling home electronic equipment that can contain metals such as mercury, which would be harmful to human health if put into landfills.

"We all need to consider the life cycle of products and how we carefully dispose of them," Sec. Goodman said.

Funding for the grants comes from the Kentucky Pride Fund, which is generated by a \$1.75 fee for each ton of municipal solid waste disposed of in Kentucky landfills.

For more information about the division's recycling efforts, please visit the Kentucky Division of Waste Management website.

# Community Thrift Shop blessed to be open After COVID-19 shutdown



From left, Fran Thomas, Colleen Ferrucci, Sharon Thomas, and Carole Thomas were on hand at The Community Thrift Shop last week as the popular shopping spot reopened under COVID-19 guidelines.



The Community Thrift Shop, on Main St., in Jamestown, has reopened after nearly three months of being shut down due to COVID-19.

Wade Daffron  
The Times Journal

Practicing patience and prudence, one of Russell County's favorite shopping spots has carefully reopened.

This past Friday and Saturday, The Community Thrift Shop, located on the grounds of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Jamestown, opened its doors after being closed for nearly three months due to the COVID-19 crisis.

"It's sure been different," Fran Thomas, a helper at the store said.

Fran stated that the store, located on Main St., is accustomed to having people lined-up at the door whenever they open on weekends.

"But we're having to ask people not to do that right now," she said.

The popular shop - featuring donated clothes, furniture, toys, books, household items, and knick-knacks of all kinds - encourages visitors to practice social

distancing and adhere to health requirements.

Fran said six to eight people are being allowed in the store at a time, and all shoppers must wear masks.

"I know people who come here like to gather around and talk, but we're not able to do that yet," she said.

"We've missed everyone, and we know people will miss socializing," said Carole

Thomas, who often works the counter at the shop. "We look forward to be able to do that again."

The Community Thrift Shop is maintaining its normal hours of Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

"There may be a wait if the store is at capacity," Fran said, due to health restrictions.

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