

Greener Grounds Grant Program

Supporting Cleaner, Greener Events in Tangipahoa Parish

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What Is the Greener Grounds Grant?

- Funded by Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB)
- Supports large outdoor public events ($\geq 1,000$ attendees/day)
- Helps reduce litter, manage waste, and educate the public



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Why This Matters in Tangipahoa Parish

- Parish hosts major events: Italian Festival, Oyster Festival, Strawberry Festival, Sicilian Festival, and Tangipahoa Parish Fair.
- Large public events create significant waste
- Opportunity to reduce waste, enhance image, and involve community volunteers

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Tangipahoa Parish Success Story

- 2024 Italian Festival received \$7,400 grant
- 2023 Sicilian Festival received \$7400 grant
- Funded signage, bins, grabbers, educational materials
- Outcome: Cleaner, volunteer-led event with community impact



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Tangipahoa Parish Success Story

Tangipahoa Parish - Italian Festival Recycling Collection Totals (Tickfaw, LA)

Date	#1 PET Plastic Bottles			Aluminum Cans			Glass Bottles			Percent by Volume		
	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Count	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Count	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Count	PET	Alum	Glass
2024 (4/26/24 - 4/28/24)	32.25	28.00	693	15.66	12.00	417	3.35	0.25	8	69.6%	29.8%	0.6%
2025 (4/25/25 - 4/27/25)	55.33	42.00	1,100	44.61	28.00	1,078	0.5	0	1	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%
Total	87.58	70.00	1,793	60.27	40.00	1,495	3.85	0.25	9	65%	35%	0%

Italian Festival - Contamination Data

Date	Contamination		% by Volume	Contamination Notes
	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Contam	
2024 (4/26/24 - 4/28/24)	16.40	8.00	16.58%	#1 cups, paper plates, paper napkins, paper bags, plastic 6-pack yokes, #5 lemonade cups
2025 (4/25/25 - 4/27/25)	22.50	9.50	11.95%	#1 PET Plastic Cups, #5 PP Cups, Plastic Straws and Utensils
Total	38.90	17.50	14.26%	



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Tangipahoa Parish Success Story

Tangipahoa Parish - Strawberry Festival Recycling Collection Totals (Ponchatoula, LA)

Date	#1 PET Plastic Bottles			Aluminum Cans			Glass Bottles			#2 HDPE Containers			Percent by Volume			
	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Count	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Count	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Count	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Count	PET	Alum	Glass	#2 HDPE
2025 (4-11/25 - 4/13/25)	490.50	373.00	8,672	114.81	80.00	3,120	38.70	3.00	63	46.72	60.00	232	72.3%	15.5%	0.6%	11.6%
Total	490.50	373.00	8,672	114.81	80.00	3,120	38.70	3.00	63	46.72	60.00	232	72%	16%	1%	12%

Strawberry Festival - Contamination Data

Date	Contamination		% by Volume	Contamination Notes
	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Contam	
2025 (4-11/25 - 4/13/25)	347.02	162.00	23.89%	#1 PET Plastic Cups, #5 Plastic Cups, Styrofoam Cups and Food Containers, Food Waste, Zip Ties, Plastic Bags
Total	347.02	162.00	23.89%	

Tangipahoa Parish Success Story

Tangipahoa Parish - Oyster Festival Recycling Collection Totals (Amite, LA)												
Date	#1 PET Plastic Bottles			Aluminum Cans			Glass Bottles			Percent by Volume		
	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Count	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Count	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Count	PET	Alum	Glass
2024 (3/15/24 - 3/17/24)	38.29	41.25	864	50.37	38.75	1,261	0	0	0	51.6%	48.4%	0.0%
2025 (3/14/25 - 3/16/25)	20.88	16.00	416	45.90	28.50	1,230	190	13	380	27.9%	49.8%	22.3%
Total	59.17	57.25	1,280	96.27	67.25	2,491	189.75	12.75	380	40%	49%	11%

Oyster Festival - Contamination Data				
Date	Contamination		% by Volume	Contamination Notes
	Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)	Contam	
2024 (3/15/24 - 3/17/24)	35.17	9.00	10.11%	Glass, Food Waste, & #1 & #5 Cups No trash cans set out on 3/15
2025 (3/14/25 - 3/16/25)	43.82	16.50	22.37%	Plastic straws, styrofoam, cups, napkins, food waste
Total	78.99	25.50	16.24%	

Oyster Shells (2025)	
Weight (lbs.)	Volume (ft³)
0	0
3,575	115
3,575.00	114.75



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Eligibility

Open to:

- Local governments (Parish, Hammond, Amite City, etc.)
- Nonprofits and festival boards
- Chambers of Commerce and community groups
- Must be public, outdoor events with qualifying attendance

Funding & Match Details

Specific figures are subject to change year-to-year

- Up to \$5,000 for events with 1,000+ attendees/day
- Up to \$10,000 for 3,000+ attendees/day
- Requires 15% match (cash, in-kind, or volunteer hours)
- Reimbursement-based program

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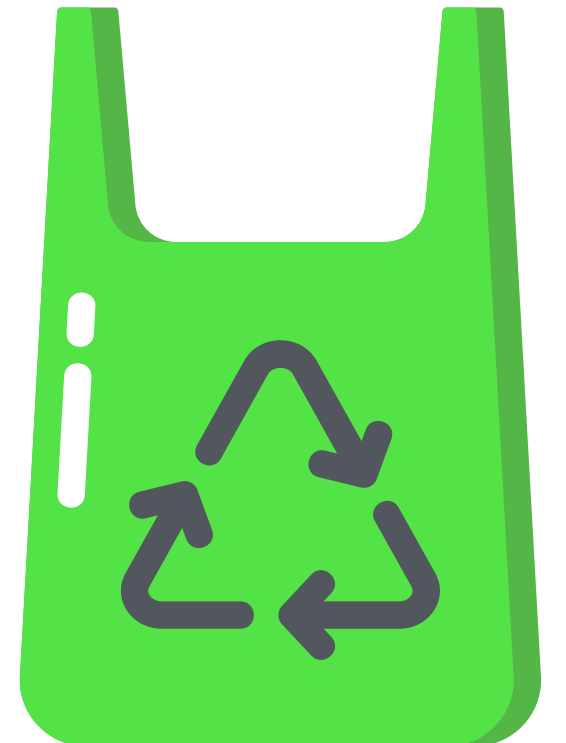


Eligible Uses of Funds

Details are subject to change year-to-year

- Trash & recycling bins
- Waste station signage and banners
- Litter grabbers, gloves, shovels
- Volunteer supplies (e.g., T-shirts, snacks – max 10%)
- Educational materials for the public

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What's Not Eligible

Details are subject to change year-to-year

- Dumpster or roll-off rentals
- For-profit labor or contractors
- Waste hauling or tipping fees
- Portable toilets, entertainment, food vendors

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Timeline for Application & Implementation

- Application deadline: June 20, 2025
- Events must occur before May 31, 2026
- Final reports due by May 31, 2026

Next year's dates will be announced in spring

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An illustration of a green trash truck with its bed raised, dumping a pile of colorful trash (plastic bottles, paper, etc.) onto a pile of trash on the ground. To the left of the pile is a triangular warning sign with a hand icon and the text "DO NOT LITTER". The background shows a city skyline.



Applying for the Grant

1. Download Greener Grounds Guidebook & Workbook
2. Attend required KLB webinar
3. Prepare budget, match documentation, and waste plan
4. Submit application through KLB's portal



Community & Environmental Benefits

- Cleaner event spaces
- Better public reputation for local festivals
- Volunteer and youth involvement
- Environmental awareness in the community



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How You Can Help Spread the Word

- Inform local leaders and festival organizers
- Share with Rotary, Lions, and civic groups
- Engage schools and youth groups for volunteer support

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Contacts & Resources

- Website: www.keeplouisianabeautiful.org
- Email: grants@keeplouisianabeautiful.org
- Local contact: Tangipahoa Parish Office of Community Development



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Thank You For Your Attention

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