



**NORTHWEST Newsflash**

**NORTHWEST MISSOURI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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## **GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Solid Waste District Announces FY2024 Grant Availability**

*Applications accepted from February 1, 2023, through April 3, 2023*

The Northwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District has grant funds available from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Solid Waste Management Program to distribute to both public and private entities throughout Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties. The grant funds are intended to reduce the amount of waste entering the local waste stream and facilitate recycling. Some examples of projects include the purchase of can crushers, recycling trailers, aluminum and cardboard balers, forklifts, recycling bins, composting and other organic recycling projects. Grant funds have also been used for outdoor classrooms, recycling education, rubberized track, and recycling business expansion.

The application will be posted online at [www.nwmorcog.org](http://www.nwmorcog.org), along with the Grant Evaluation Criteria and Application Guidance by February 1, 2023. Individuals or entities interested in applying for funds for a waste reduction or recycling project may contact Jerri Dearmont via phone at (660) 582-5121 ext. 7; or via email at [jerri@nwmorcog.org](mailto:jerri@nwmorcog.org). Applications must be received by Monday, April 3, 2023, by 3 p.m. at the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments office located at 114 W. Third Street in Maryville.

## **Nodaway County Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Survey OPEN!**

The Nodaway County Hazard Mitigation Planning Update process is underway! Become part of the planning process and take the five-question survey about the impact of natural hazards in Nodaway County. The link to the Nodaway County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Survey is <https://forms.gle/HJHDbsa92AyEaNvV9>. The survey is also available on a special page dedicated to the update planning process on the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments website at <https://nwmorcog.org/nodaway-county-hazard-mitigation-plan-update/>, as well as on the Regional Council's Facebook page. Nodaway County and the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments appreciate your opinions!

## **WE ARE HIRING: JOIN OUR TEAM**

Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments (NWMORCOG) is seeking applicants for a part-time position to manage the Solid Waste Program in our Maryville, Missouri office. The right person will work with the five-county area consisting of the cities, schools, and businesses on ways to reduce, reuse and recycle goods through the solid waste program. The position may also include some general office duties within our agency. As an entry level position, the right candidate will start with a wage of \$16/hour. If you like to help people and work with communities, this is a great opportunity for you to get started with a career. The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants for employment who feel they are the subject of discrimination may contact the NWMORCOG Executive Director or the Missouri state EO officer. For a full job description, visit [www.nwmorcog.org](http://www.nwmorcog.org). Deadline for consideration is February 1, 2023. To apply for the position, please email a resume and cover letter to [jerri@nwmorcog.org](mailto:jerri@nwmorcog.org).

## **GRANT OPPORTUNITY: ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) Application Period**

The FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application period is now open and closes on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 4 p.m. (CST). Helpful documents, including the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and Application Checklist, are posted at [FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant \(AFG\) Application Guidance Materials | FEMA.gov](#).

## **NEW STATEWIDE COMPETITION REWARDS MISSOURI BUSINESSES FOR CURBING EMPLOYEE CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING**

*Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of work-related deaths and cost employers billions of dollars each year*

Missouri businesses are invited to compete for cash prizes and help make our roadways safer in the inaugural [Buckle Up Phone Down \(BUPD\) Business Showdown](#), sponsored by AAA Missouri and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, in collaboration with Missouri Employers Mutual, the Governors Highway Safety Association, and General Motors. The BUPD Business Showdown is a new, FREE distracted driving prevention training course that provides participating businesses with cash incentives for employee participation. The goal of the program is to educate drivers on the dangers of cell phone-use while driving and offer solutions for preventing distraction behind the wheel.

### **How to Participate and Win Cash Prizes**

BUPD Business Showdown educational resources, employer communications, and registration information can be found at [savemolives.com/mcrs/buckle-phone-down-business-showdown](https://savemolives.com/mcrs/buckle-phone-down-business-showdown).

Missouri businesses with five (5) or more employees are eligible to participate.

There are four easy steps for businesses to compete in the BUPD Business Showdown contest and be eligible to win cash prizes:

1. [Register your business](#)
2. Adopt a safe driving cell phone policy (sample policy available under 'Employer Toolkit')
3. Have employees complete the 20-minute, online distracted driving prevention training video
4. Once completed, have employees submit the online Buckle Up, Phone Down pledge

Cash prizes, provided by AAA Missouri, funded through grants from the Governors Highway Safety Association and General Motors, will be awarded to three businesses with the highest percentage of employees who complete the training video and submit the online safe driving pledge.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$7,500
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$6,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$5,000

The contest period runs from January 9 to March 31, 2023. Winners will be announced and invited to an awards presentation at the Missouri State Capitol in April. Complete contest rules can be found [here](#).

## **WHITE HOUSE RELEASES INFLATION REDUCTION ACT GUIDEBOOK**

The White House has released the first edition of a new resource titled *Building a Clean Energy Economy: A Guidebook to the Inflation Reduction Act's Investments in Clean Energy and Climate Action*. The [Guidebook](#) walks through the law program-by-program and provides descriptions of the law's tax incentives and funding programs to build a clean energy economy, lower energy costs, and tackle climate change. View the Guidebook in full [here](#).

## GRANT OPPORTUNITY: NORTHWEST MISSOURI COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY FUNDS Available

*Community Outreach Funding available for roadway safety projects and events*

The Northwest Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety currently has grant funding available through its Community Outreach Funding program. The program was developed to help local organizations, schools and agencies fund outreach projects or events which emphasize highway traffic and safety. Community Outreach Funding information:

- Funding is limited and provided on a first-come basis through May 31, 2023.
  - Funding requests must be for physical items with the total costs equaling no more than \$2,000.
  - Organizations eligible to apply for these funds include schools, community groups, law enforcement, health departments and more.
  - Funding request must address at least one of the emphasis areas identified in the Show-Me Zero strategic highway safety plan. These include occupant protection, distracted driving, speed and aggressive driving and impaired driving. More information can be found at: <https://www.savemolives.com/mcrs/show-me-zero>.
- Program funds request: <https://www.modot.org/form/nwmcrs-community-outreach-fundin>

The NWMCRS is a partnership of safety advocates who have banded together to attack the problem of traffic crashes and deaths to make Northwest Missouri roadways safer. The NWMCRS serves the 20 counties of Northwest Missouri (Atchison, Nodaway, Worth, Harrison, Mercer, Putnam, Holt, Andrew, Gentry, Daviess, Grundy, Sullivan, Buchanan, Clinton, Caldwell, Livingston, Linn, Carroll, Chariton). In addition to grant opportunities, the NWMCRS also offers reservable resources, activities and items for highway and traffic safety events. For more information, about the NWMCRS and regional funding opportunities, visit: <https://www.savemolives.com/mcrs/Northwest-Region>.

## Upcoming Events

January 24: Federal Mogul Recruiting Event, RCOG Conference Room, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

January 24: MFA Recruiting Event, RCOG Conference Room, 4-6 p.m.

January 25: Federal Mogul Recruiting Event, RCOG Conference Room, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

February 20: RCOG closed

February 21: FY23 Q3 TAC Meeting RCOG Conference Room, 6 p.m.

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