

Resolution No. 23-04-006

Sponsored by Commissioners Nick Bright, Jared Anderson and Mike Caylor

A Resolution authorizing submission of an application for a Litter and Trash Collecting Grant for FY 2023- 2024 from the Tennessee Department of Transportation and authorizing the acceptance of said Grant.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in session assembled this day, _____ 2023.

Whereas, the Blount County Commission intends to apply for the aforementioned Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation and,

Whereas, the contract for the Grant for FY 2023-2024 will impose certain legal obligations upon Blount County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee:

- 1.** That Ed Mitchell County Mayor of Blount County is hereby authorized to apply on behalf of Blount County for a Litter and Trash Collecting Grant for FY 2023-2024 from the Tennessee Department of Transportation.
- 2.** That should said application be approved by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, that Ed Mitchell County Mayor of Blount County is authorized to execute contracts or other necessary documents, which may be required to signify acceptance of the Litter and Trash Collecting Grant by Blount County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

CHAIRMAN

COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____

VETOED: _____

BLOUNT COUNTY MAYOR

DATE

**WORK PROGRAM FOR BLOUNT COUNTY
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LITTER GRANT
2023-2024**

The Blount County Litter Grant Program for 2023-2024 will continue issuing citations to ongoing efforts of education and litter abatement. The grant is funded through the Tennessee Department of Transportation from a statewide tax on bottlers. Keep Blount Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, and the Blount County Sheriff's Office will work together to meet and exceed requirements for the program.

Blount County Sheriff's Office will use inmates to pick up litter on county and state roads within the county boundaries. A Blount County Deputy will transport and provide security for the inmates while on the work detail. No inmates with felony convictions will be allowed on the work detail.

Removal of litter: The Blount County Sheriff's Office will supply a deputy and a crew of 3 or 4 inmates to remove litter from roadsides. The crew will work to remove illegal dumpsites. The Litter Crew will also be available to assist KBB during Cleanup Events. They will routinely clean area boat ramps and roadside picnic areas. The inmates are transported in a truck with trailer by a Blount County deputy. The Sheriff's Office provides gasoline, tires and maintenance for the vehicle. Other items provided are Class 2 reflective vests, hats for sun protection, gloves, shovels, ropes, and garbage bags, grabbers for picking up trash, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, bug spray, signage, and emergency lighting. A cell phone for the guard is made available through the BCSO. Motorists will be alerted that inmates are working in the area with signs and lights. Lunch and water are also provided by BCSO as well as a first-aid kit.

Safety for the crew is foremost. The crew will not pick up on roads without shoulders. The crew will not pick up in extreme cold, rain, or heat. Blount County has participated in the Litter Grant program for more than twenty five years with no serious accidents.

Litter is transported to the Blount County Landfill and charged to the Blount County Sheriff's Office. Litter Grants funds help to offset these fees.

Education: Keep Blount Beautiful, an affiliate of the Keep America Beautiful organization, will work toward the educational goals. The partnership with the Sheriff's Office will continue to provide the required educational element of the Grant. KBB will provide a monthly report of the number of volunteers, their hours and the value of volunteer hrs and donations. Along with the bags of litter collected. This will also include the number of youth reached and educated. The educational activities in the county will be sent to the grant administrator to submit to TDOT with the Litter Grant monthly report. These include school programs, outdoor adventures clean-ups, and speaking opportunities for clubs, churches and classrooms. KBB is also a participant in the Great America Cleanup.

Adopt-A- Highway Program: The Adopt-A-Highway Program will continue to be managed through the Keep Blount Beautiful office. This provides an easier method for participants to obtain needed supplies for pickups for their adopted section of roadway.

Reporting: The Litter Grant will reimburse BCSO for a portion of the costs of the litter crew. The Litter Grant monthly report will be prepared and submitted to TDOT for reimbursement. An ongoing statistical report is updated with each reimbursement request. This information is a summary of litter crew activity including county and state roads cleaned and the miles covered, poundage of litter removed , illegal dumps and number of people working each day. These statistics are used during budget planning as well as newspaper articles that recognize the program.

The partnership of the Blount County Sheriff's Office, Keep Blount Beautiful and TDOT has continued for more than twenty five years. The campaign to eliminate trash through education and litter removal is continuing with the funding from the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Litter Grant Program.

**Submitted by Vicky McMurray
Date: March 15, 2023**

Education Plan for Blount County 2023-2024

Blount County will target 5 areas for FY 2023/2024 litter education.

Student Education

Keep Blount Beautiful (KBB) has an extensive student education program that aims to educate school-aged children on litter reduction/prevention and proper waste disposal. In the 2023/2024 FY, KBB will do the following to educate students on litter and environmental stewardship:

- Reach out to Alcoa, Maryville, and Blount County schools, home school associations, scout troops, and community groups to provide them with information on KBB education program and schedule presentations and field trips
- Create, update, and modify lessons on litter prevention, waste disposal, stormwater runoff, and more for students of all ages
- Visit schools to lead interactive classroom presentations. A focus will be placed on schools that have not been served in recent years
- Organize field trips for students including a tour of the landfill, visits to our Eco Center pavilion, and newly added the Blount County Recycling Center and Pistol Creek Wetland Center
- Organize WaterFest, an annual water education day for local students at the Eco Center
- Support other organization's education events through partnership

Public Education

KBB hosts events and manages programs that provide opportunities to the general public to participate in the litter reduction/prevention and proper waste disposal in Blount County. In the 2023/2024 FY, KBB will do the following to increase public involvement in litter reduction and waste disposal:

- Host the Blount County Great American Cleanup, an annual initiative to encourage residents to take action to improve their community. The 2023 series of events include land and water cleanups and a recycling collection
- Organize litter cleanups and beautification initiatives that focus on communities, roads, and waterways
- Host collection events for hard-to-dispose-of items for proper reuse or recycling such as electronics and clothes in order to avoid dumping and landfill disposal
- Educate the public on cigarette litter through the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program
- Manage the Adopt-A-Mile program and litter supply check-out program that supports businesses, community groups, families, neighborhoods, and students who want to participate in litter cleanups
- Host a virtual Blount County waste disposal seminar in partnership with local municipalities to educate the community on proper waste disposal in Blount County to avoid littering, dumping, and recycling contamination, and increase recycling and proper waste disposal. This seminar will also be presented in-person to small groups.

- Operate the “litter hotline” to answer Blount County residents’ questions about waste disposal and litter cleanup. Update the KBB website as needed to be a resource for residents.
- Support other organization’s litter pickup efforts through partnership

Media Education

In the 2023/2024 FY, KBB will do the following to promote litter reduction/prevention and proper waste disposal education by utilizing the media:

- Invite local media to participate in litter cleanup and waste disposal events and report the event to the public
- Publish press releases and public service announcements in The Daily Times
- Post litter and waste disposal information to social media platforms
- Post litter cleanup and waste disposal events to community calendars

Business Education

In the 2023/2024 FY, KBB will do the following to get businesses involved in litter reduction/prevention and proper waste disposal education:

- Recruit local businesses to participate in the Adopt-A-Mile litter pickup program
- Host litter cleanup events at local businesses and organize litter cleanups for businesses that want to participate in cleaning up Blount County
- Attend Blount Chamber of Commerce events and use chamber resources to share information with chamber members.
- Award recognition to businesses that maintain litter-free and beautiful properties through the Foothills Beautification Awards
- Request business sponsorship for KBB programs and events
- Provide waste disposal resources to businesses in Blount County that want to start recycling

Government Education

KBB works with the government to support local government efforts regarding litter reduction/prevention and proper waste disposal. In the 2023/2024 FY, KBB will do the following to work with and educate the local government on litter reduction and waste disposal:

- Manage the Adopt-A-Mile program in partnership with local sanitation and public works departments to get road signs installed and trash picked up
- Manage the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program in partnership with City of Maryville and Blount County to collect and recycling cigarette butts
- Collaborate with the City of Alcoa, City of Maryville, and Blount County on student and public education initiatives

- Host a virtual Blount County waste disposal seminar in partnership with local municipalities to educate the community on proper waste disposal in Blount County to avoid littering, dumping, and recycling contamination, and increase recycling and proper waste disposal.
- Meet with local government officials and directors to better understand litter laws and what Blount County could be doing better to address littering and dumping
- Provide information on and promote residential convenience centers managed by local government. Provide waste disposal information to be distributed to new resident in the City of Maryville.
- Promote the Blount County Mayors' Office "Be Better Be Blount" anti-litter campaign. Promote and assist with any government initiative to reduce littering.
- Recruit Board of Directors members to have KBB representation from City of Alcoa, City of Maryville, and Blount County

Attachment D – Litter Grant Budget

GRANTEE:		COUNTY OF <u>Blount</u>	
PROGRAM AREA:		TDOT LITTER GRANT PROGRAM	
THE LINE-ITEMS AND AMOUNTS BELOW ARE APPLICABLE <u>ONLY</u> TO EXPENSE INCURRED IN THE PERIOD			
BEGINNING:		ENDING:	
July 1,2023		06/30/24	
POLICY 03 Object Line-item Reference	EXPENSE OBJECT LINE-ITEM CATEGORY * (detail schedule(s) attached as applicable)	GRANT CONTRACT	GRANTEE PARTICIPATION
1 & 2	Salaries and Benefits & Taxes	\$36,800.00	\$36,800.00
4, 15	Professional Fee/ Grant & Award (detail attached)	0.00	0.00
5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12	Supplies, Telephone, Postage & Shipping, Occupancy, Equipment Rental & Maintenance, Printing & Publications, and Travel/ Conferences & Meetings (This is the "Direct Costs" schedule)	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
13	Interest (detail attached)	0.00	0.00
14	Insurance	0.00	0.00
16	Specific Assistance To Individuals	0.00	0.00
17	Depreciation (detail attached)	0.00	0.00
18	Other Non-Personnel EDUCATION (detail attached)	\$22,200.00	\$22,200.00
20	Capital Purchase (detail attached)	0.00	0.00
22	Indirect Cost	0.00	0.00
24	In-Kind Expense	0.00	0.00
25	GRAND TOTAL	*\$74,000.00	\$74,000.00
** Refer to Department of Finance and Administration Policy 03, <i>Uniform Reporting Requirements and Cost Allocation Plans for Subrecipients of Federal and State Grant Monies</i> , Appendix A for the definition of each expense object line-item. Policy 03 is posted on the Internet at: www.blountcountyalabama.gov			

Attachment D – Litter Grant Budget (continued)

LINE-ITEM NAME OTHER NON-PERSONNEL	AMOUNT
EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES TO BE DETERMINED THROUGHOUT THE GRANT PERIOD, TO INCLUDE STUDENT EDUCATION, PUBLIC EDUCATION, MEDIA EDUCATION, BUSINESS EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT EDUCATION, INCLUDING TRAVEL AND TRAINING PERTAINING TO LITTER PREVENTION EDUCATION.	\$22,200.00\ 0.00
TOTAL	\$22,200.00 0

Per the above example, please copy the amount under *Other Non-Personnel EDUCATION* section.