



Morris County Clean Communities 2026 - 2027 Public Education Grant

Grant Overview

The Morris County Clean Communities Program is offering support for Morris County public entities to host educational programs related to litter abatement education. Public entities can include schools, libraries, public fairs, etc. Clean Communities is a statewide program that aims to change attitudes about litter through cleanup, educational, and enforcement efforts. We strive to create a unique learning experience for the public to learn about the importance of reducing our litter.

Morris County Clean Communities will be providing institutions information of the approved educational program vendors for this 2026-2027 grant period. **To be eligible for funding, your vendor must be pre-approved by the MCMUA.** If you wish to host a vendor not included on the provided list, please have them submit a vendor application to be approved by the MCMUA, found here: https://news.mcmua.com/?page_id=3709.

Requests may be made for partial or full reimbursements on litter educational programs, depending on the funding availability and program demand. Entities that can partially cover the cost of hosting the program may be prioritized to increase the number of these programs available to the public. The grants will be given on a first come, first serve basis. For increased chances of receiving funding, Morris County suggests submitting this application as early as possible.

Before submitting an application, please reach out to your municipal Clean Communities Coordinator for funding opportunities, which can be found on the MCMUA Clean Communities webpage. As part of the application process, the MCMUA is requesting proof that interested entities attempted to reach their local Clean Communities Coordinators.

Please note that Clean Communities will only be covering the cost of in-person programs and will not be covering the cost of cancellation fees. If there is a virtual component, you are expected to cover that additional cost. If the program is a virtual program, please reach out to Clean Communities to determine whether or not you are eligible for funding. Should the event be cancelled or if the date changes, please let us know immediately.

Expected Timeline



- Educational program vendor must fill out program form to be pre-approved by the MCMUA.
- March 5th, 2027: the final day the grant application can be submitted
- May 14th, 2027: the educational program must be completed no later than this date
- June 4th, 2027: a post educational program & statistical information form must be completed
- You will be reimbursed for the program after the secondary form is completed.

Please note: while grant applications *can* be submitted up until March 5th, this does NOT guarantee funding availability. It is suggested you submit it as soon as possible for better funding opportunities. The application **MUST** be submitted and approved before the educational program is completed. Otherwise, your funding may be revoked.

For programs after May 14th, please wait until the following grant application for the 2027-2028 year has opened up in April to submit your application.

For additional questions or assistance, please contact Morris County's Clean Communities Coordinator, Michelle Chavanne, at mchavanne@co.morris.nj.us or aclenord@co.morris.nj.us.