

Tire Environmental Act Program (TEAP)

In 2015, the General Assembly created the Tire Environmental Fund, which assesses a fee on the tires of a new vehicle when it is first titled and registered in Tennessee. The collected funds go to TEAP, which is a competitive grant program that supports projects that further the development Tennessee markets for waste tires.

TEAP provides financial assistance to eligible entities in Tennessee (local governments, nonprofits, and for-profit entities) to enhance activities that fit into project categories such as tire recycling, tire-derived product use, or research, testing, and development.

A minimum 50% project match is required.

Not currently accepting applications. For more information please visit the [TEAP webpage](#).

TEAP - Eligible Categories

- **Tire Recycling:** Local government, nonprofit, and for-profit entities that collect, transport, receive, and process waste tires into a material for beneficial end use, as defined in Tennessee Code. Some potential example projects include tire shredding, tire granulation, pyrolysis, cryogenic processing. Proposals should identify viable end market(s) and associated partners.
- **Tire-derived Material Use:** Local government, nonprofit, and for-profit entities that enhance beneficial end uses of processed waste tires. Some potential example projects include construction of permeable surfaces that have environmental and engineering advantages, molded or extruded rubber products, use of tire-derived aggregate in construction erosion control, filtration, or the construction of infrastructure using tire-derived materials.

TEAP – Eligible Categories (continued)

- **Research and Development:** Entities (*limited to higher education institutions and/or academic research centers*) that conduct research, testing, or development of beneficial uses or products derived from waste tires. Research and development must focus on waste tire management, the use of tires as alternative fuels, or the use of tires in innovative infrastructure developments. Proposals should identify viable end market(s) and associated partners. Some potential example projects include rubberized asphalt research or research of alternative processing technology.

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Grant Details

- Over \$2.4 million in grants awarded since 2015.
- Over 2.6 million tires diverted from the waste stream
- Tires repurposed for beneficial use in rubberized asphalt, tire derived aggregate (TDA), tire derived fuel (TDF), and other tire-derived products.
- Application period set to reopen in early 2021

