



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance

## RECYCLING BIN FUNDING AND INEXPENSIVE BIN IDEAS

1. Talk with your local solid waste office to see if they would want to partner with you to start a recycling program. If so, they would be eligible for funding through our office.
  - Click here to contact your local recycling coordinator - <http://p2pays.org/localgov/ncwaste.html>
  - Click here for information about our grant program – <http://p2pays.org/localgov/Financial.asp>
2. North Carolina local governments are eligible to purchase bins off the state contract with Brittany Supply. Bill Brown is the contact at 828-665-1618 or [bsi239@aol.com](mailto:bsi239@aol.com). The 32 gallon recycling bin is \$12.95 and \$4.65 for lids; the 20 gallon bin is \$9.69 and \$3.49 for lids.
3. Ask your recycling hauler to provide you with bins. It is in their best interest. They can probably get a discount and may know of another organization switching out their bins or upgrading.
4. Talk with your local Wal-Mart manager. Their grant program information can be found here - <http://www.walmartfoundation.org/wmstore/goodworks/scripts/index.jsp>
5. Contact your local beverage (soft drinks or beer) distributor to see if they can provide you with some recycling containers.
6. Check out the NC Office of Environmental Education grant page here - <http://web.eenorthcarolina.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.108.37430&tid=85010>  
Here are some grants of interest.
  - NC Beautiful Grant: <http://www.ncbeautiful.org/programs/windows-of-opportunity.html>
  - Coca Cola Bin Grant: <http://bingrant.org/>
  - Albemarle Pamlico National Estuary Program Grant: <http://www.apnep.org/index.html>
  - Keep Durham Beautiful: <http://www.keepdurhambeautiful.org/our-programs/grants-programs.html>
7. Look for ways to get containers donated. Examples include:
  - Copy paper boxes from print shops
  - Milk cartons or bread containers from grocery stores
  - Syrup barrels from your local soda manufacturer
  - Buckets from a local construction site
  - Barrels from a local manufacturer – For example - Ajinomoto, a company in Raleigh, has an industrial waste product that can easily be turned into recycling bins. They are 3 foot round cardboard bins with lids. You can contact them to see if any are available to pick up for free. Their main number is 919-231-1680.
8. If you attend a Project Learning Tree workshop schools are eligible for their grant program. More information is here - [http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21\\_22\\_63.html](http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_63.html).
9. Sometimes companies are looking to sell used recycling containers on our WasteTrader web page found here - <http://ncwastetrader.org/home.aspx>.

