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Schools, others win \$15,000 in grants

Butler County Department of Environmental Services picked 14 grant recipients

HAMILTON- Butler County will soon hand out more than \$15,000 in grants to help local businesses, schools, nonprofit agencies and governments promote waste reduction and recycling.

The county Department of Environmental Services picked the 14 grant recipients after a competitive process; the county received 18 applications, totaling \$53,000 in grant requests.

Last year, the county received only eight applications.

“The public and the private sectors are becoming more aware and that is evident by the number of grant applications we received this year,” said county Commissioner Charles Furmon.

The grants will help subsidize new recycling containers, promotional materials, and recycling services.

At Badin High School, Science Teacher Kay Collins will buy paper for the school’s poster maker and about five “toters” to cart recyclable paper. She said the school makes money off recycling, saves the environment, and provides a teachable moment.

“We’re really trying to encourage good stewardship of the earth, especially with something they can do in the classroom, which is paper,” Collins said.

This is true of all seven schools that will get the award, officials said.

Other recipients – including Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park, Keep Middletown Beautiful and the Oxford Community Arts Center – will use the grant funding to promote recycling to the general public.