

1       **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.370 (6) (bv) and (title); and *to repeal and recreate* 287.235 of  
 2           the statutes; **relating to:** recycling effectiveness improvement grants, making an  
 3           appropriation, and authorizing rule-making.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on Single-Use Plastics.

The draft replaces the recycling efficiency incentive grant program with a 3-part recycling effectiveness improvement grant program. One part of this program provides grants to “responsible units” (the units of local government that have taken on the responsibility for compliance with the state recycling law) to increase compliance with their programs through education and enforcement activities. This part must also include grants that seek to increase the diversion of recyclable materials from nonresidential, nonindustrial sources. The second part provides grants to counties that are not responsible units to develop plans for coordination of the recycling programs of the responsible units in those counties. The third part provides grants for the development of systems for the collection and recycling of large volume plastic films, including plastic films used in various agricultural and horticultural applications, to wrap goods on pallets for transportation or storage, and to wrap boats for winter storage. The draft appropriates \$1,900,000 annually for this program, the level at which the recycling efficiency incentive grant program was funded in the 2007–09 fiscal biennium.

The draft also restores funding of the waste reduction and demonstration grant program, appropriating \$1,500,000 per year for this program.

The appropriations that fund both of these programs are from the recycling and renewable energy fund, the fund to which landfill tipping fee revenues are credited.

4       **SECTION 1.** 20.370 (6) (bv) and (title) of the statutes are amended to read:

1           20.370 (6) (bv) (title) *Recycling efficiency incentive effectiveness improvement grants*.  
2 From the recycling and renewable energy fund, the amounts in the schedule for recycling  
3 *efficiency incentive effectiveness improvement grants* under s. 287.235.

4           **SECTION 2.** 287.235 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

5           **287.235 Recycling effectiveness improvement grants.** The department shall make  
6 grants to the following entities for the specified purposes:

7           (1) (a) To a responsible unit for the purpose of increasing compliance with programs  
8 established under s. 287.09 (2) (a) through public education and enforcement of ordinances  
9 adopted under s. 287.09 (3) (b). A grant under this paragraph is in addition to the amount of  
10 any grant for which the responsible unit is eligible under s. 287.23.

11           (b) The department shall ensure that grants under par. (a) include grants to fund  
12 activities that will increase the diversion of materials listed in s. 287.07 (3) from solid waste  
13 generated by individuals in nonresidential settings, including any of the following:

14           1. Commercial buildings, such as gas stations, convenience stores, shopping malls,  
15 office buildings, meeting or convention centers, and hotels.

16           2. Public facilities, such as highway rest areas, parks, schools, and government  
17 buildings.

18           3. Public events, such as fairs, carnivals, concerts, sporting events, and expositions.

**NOTE:** The materials listed in s. 287.07 (3) are those banned from landfills and subject to local recycling programs. They are aluminum containers, corrugated paper or other container board, foam polystyrene packaging, glass containers, magazines, newspapers, office paper, plastic containers, steel containers, waste tires, and bi-metal beverage containers.

1           (2) To a county, other than a county that is a responsible unit, for the purpose of  
2 preparing a plan for coordination of the recycling programs of the responsible units in the  
3 county.

4           (3) To a person who proposes to develop a system for the collection and recycling of  
5 large-volume plastic film. In this subsection, "large-volume plastic film" includes plastic  
6 film used to store or protect silage or hay, mulch agricultural or horticultural crops, cover  
7 greenhouses, wrap goods on pallets for transportation or storage, or wrap boats for winter  
8 storage.

9           **SECTION 3. Appropriation changes. (1) RECYCLING EFFECTIVENESS IMPROVEMENT**  
10 GRANTS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the  
11 department of natural resources under section 20.370 (6) (bv) of the statutes, the dollar amount  
12 is increased by \$1,900,000 for fiscal year 2011–12 and the dollar amount is increased by  
13 \$1,900,000 for fiscal year 2012–13 to fund grants under section 287.235 of the statutes.

NOTE: The recycling efficiency incentive grant program was funded at  
\$1,900,000 million in each year of the 2007–09 fiscal biennium. The  
program received no funding in the 2009–11 fiscal biennium.

14           (2) WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING DEMONSTRATION GRANTS. The amount in the  
15 schedule under section 20.005 of the statutes for the appropriation under section 20.370 (6)  
16 (br) is increased by \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2011–12 and by \$1,500,000 in fiscal year  
17 2012–13 for the purpose of making waste reduction and recycling demonstration grants under  
18 section 287.25 of the statutes.

NOTE: The appropriation affected by this provision funds both the waste  
reduction and recycling demonstration grant program and the business  
waste reduction and recycling assistance grant program. In each year of  
the 2007–09 fiscal biennium, the legislature appropriated \$1,500,000  
under this appropriation, \$500,000 of which was used for the waste  
reduction and recycling demonstration grant program and \$1,000,000 of  
which was used for the business waste reduction and recycling assistance

grant program. These programs received no funding in the 2009–11 fiscal biennium.

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