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SUBJECT: 2009 Legislative Changes to the Litter Control and Recycling Grant Program/Elimination of Special projects Grant Program

Legislation was passed during the 2009 General Assembly Session amending §10.1-1422.01 of the *Code of Virginia*, which pertains to the allocation of the moneys deposited in the Litter Control and Recycling Fund (Fund). The moneys in the Fund are expended for the annual Litter Prevention and Recycling grants to localities.

Effective July 1, 2009, the annual special projects grant program will be eliminated. At the same time, the amount of the moneys in the Fund allocated for the annual non-competitive grants to localities will increase from 90 percent to 95 percent. DEQ will continue to receive up to 5 percent of the moneys deposited in the Fund to meet its costs to process the annual grants and for the actual administrative costs of the Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board.

We will not know how much money will be available for your Fiscal Year 2010 non-competitive litter prevention and recycling grants until after the current fiscal year closes on June 30, 2009.

The annual funding cycle remains the same. Your grant application must be received on or before **June 30, 2009** and your performance and accounting report must be received on or before **August 31, 2009**.

FY2010 Application Process

The instructions and forms for FY2010 have been posted on the DEQ web site at: http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/programs.html . If you have questions concerning

the funding guidelines, the grant application or the performance and accounting report, please call Ms. Sheila Barnett in DEQ's Office of Environmental Education. You can contact Sheila at sheila.barnett@deq.virginia.gov or 804-698-4055.

Additional Sources of Grant Funding:

We are aware that a number of you utilized the special project grants in the past to augment your programs. Listed below are several resources that might be helpful in supporting special litter prevention and recycling projects:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency offers solid waste grant funding. The contact information can be found at:
http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/solidwastegrants.htm

Virginia Naturally has a grants webpage geared towards environmental education. You may be interested in the Tips and Resources section at the bottom of the page:
http://www.vanaturally.com/vanaturally/grants.html

You may also want to visit the USA Government website to find related opportunities:
http://www.usa.gov