

RECYCLING IN ALABAMA

ARC Conference
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ADEM
Alabama Department of Environmental Management

History of recycling: A look into the past

1989

Alabama Legislature amended the Solid Wastes Disposal Act and required the development of an Alabama Solid Waste Management Plan. The recycling rate for Alabama was 8.3%.

2008

Solid Wastes and Recyclable Materials Management Act (SWRMMA) passed legislation.

2014

Beginning in 2014 through 2015, a statewide recycling campaign created a Public Service Announcement (PSA) and aired it on local television stations. The recycling rate went from 21% in 2016 to 26% in 2017.

2024

Recycling regulations are in the process of being updated which will include an increase in the diversion rate goal.

Goals for Alabama Recycling Fund

Enhance Current Programs

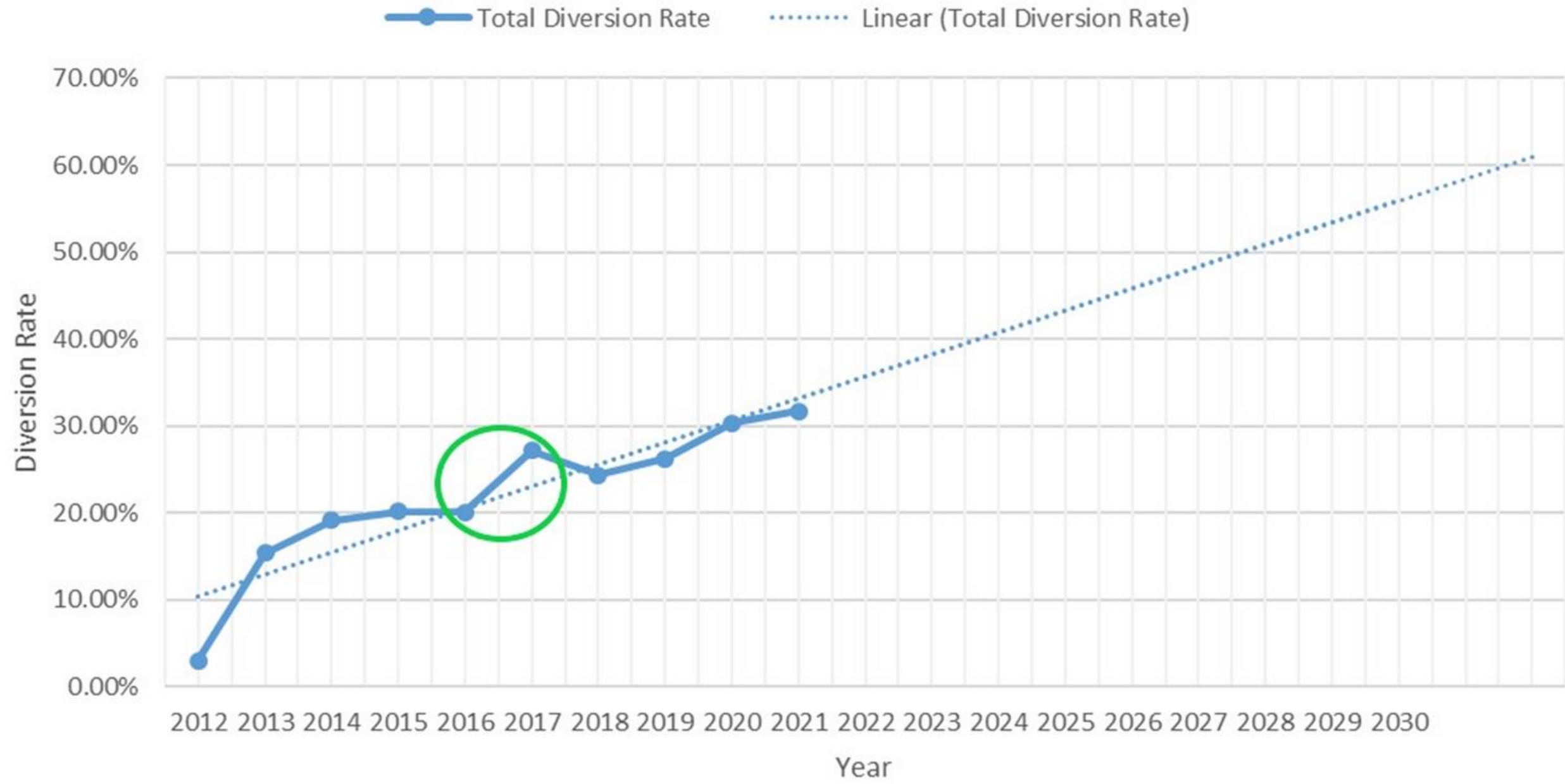
Infrastructure

Education & Outreach

Start New Programs

Grow Alabama's recycling rate beyond 25%

Total Diversion Rate



Applying for ARF Grants

Who

Local Governments, Municipalities, Non-profits, and Authorities

What

Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Application, Form 009 & Supplemental Documentation

When

Deadline is March 1st, 2025 for the FY26 Applications

Where

Apply on the Alabama Environmental Permitting and Compliance System (AEPACS)

Funding



Education & Outreach
Advertisements, hand-outs,
promotional items, website, etc.



Professional Services
Consultants, engineering,
planning, etc.

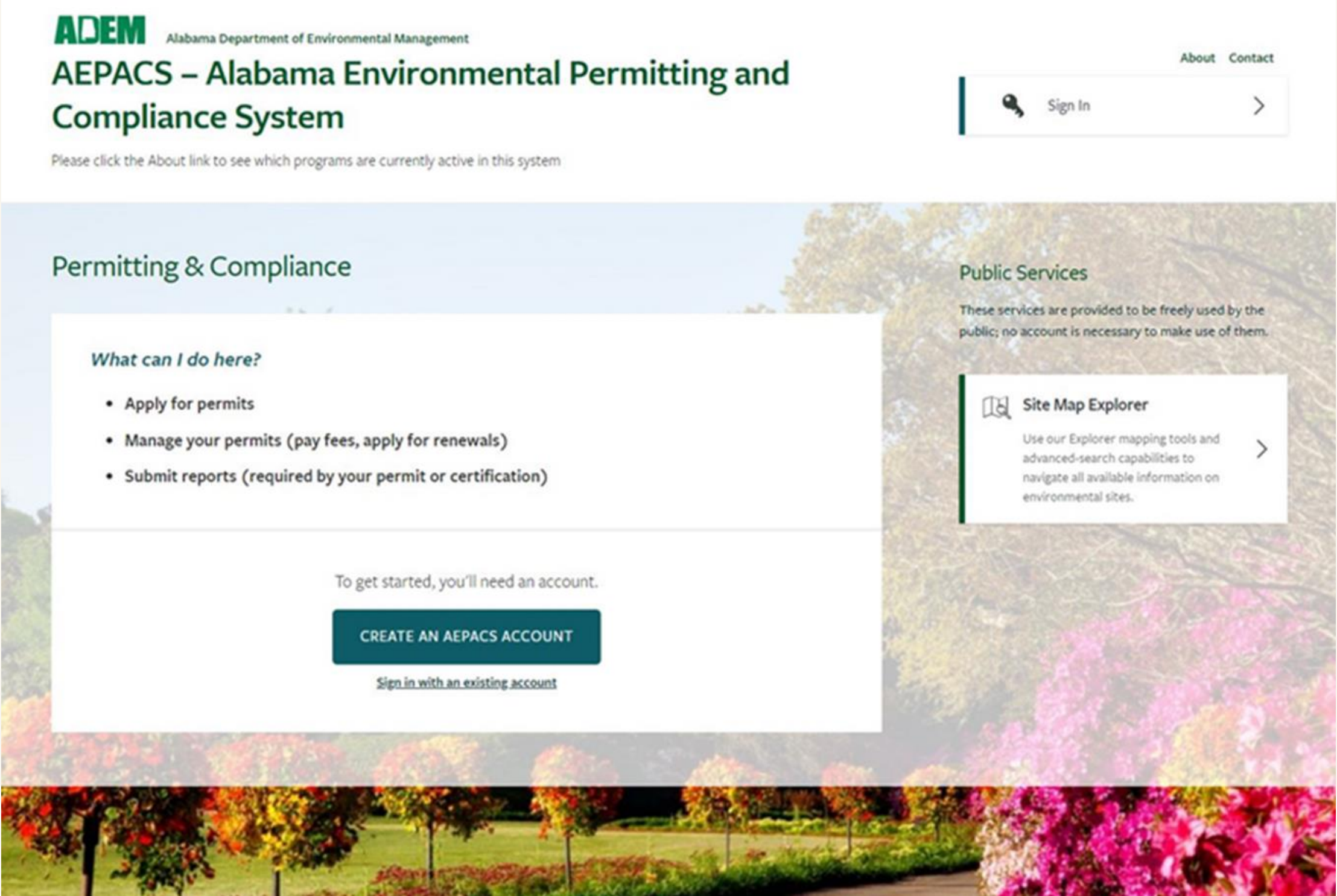


Personnel
Salaries, benefits, etc.



Infrastructure
Equipment, buildings,
land, etc.

The Application



How to Submit

1. Sign into your AEPACS account

2. Select “Start a New Form”

3. Select “I’m not sure”

4. In the search bar type “009”

Click “Begin

Dashboard

Details

Start a New Form ✓

Submissions

Contacts List

Permits

Evaluations

Non-Compliance Items

Compliance and Enforcement Actions

Environmental Projects

Financials

Documents

Authorized Users

*I want to start a **new application*** >
Forms used to apply for a New Permit, License, or Entrance into a Program

*I want to renew, modify or terminate an **existing permit, license or registration*** >
Forms used to reissue, modify, transfer or terminate a permit

*I have a **reporting obligation** to fulfill* >
Reporting forms relating to current permits and active compliance actions

*I want to make a **service request*** >
Forms used to make a service request

✓ *I'm not sure* >
Search all available forms (excluding reporting forms)

All Forms

009

▼ Displaying 1 out of 77 Application Forms

Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Application, Form 009 ✓
Site Name: Lawrence County Recycling Inc.
Form Description: Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Application, Form 009
Program Area: Land - Solid Waste

Begin

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Details

The screenshot shows the 'Applicant (Entity Applying)' section of a form. It includes a dropdown menu for 'Contact Auto-fill', a text input field for '* Lead Applicant (Gov. Entity, Group, or Organization Name)', and a row with a dropdown for '* Phone Type' and a text input for '* Phone Number'. An 'ADD PHONE' button is located at the bottom left.

This should be the name of the government agency, non-profit or municipality that the grant is for.

The screenshot shows the 'STAARS MAILING ADDRESS' section. It contains text input fields for '* Address Line 1', 'Address Line 2', '* City', and '* Postal Code'. There are also dropdown menus for 'State/Area' (with 'AL' selected) and 'Country' (with 'United States' selected). A 'VALIDATE ADDRESS' button is positioned at the bottom.

This is where the reimbursement check will be sent. This must match what is in STAARS.

The screenshot shows the 'Project Contact (Main Point of Contact)' section. It features a 'Contact Auto-fill' dropdown, a row with 'Prefix' dropdown, '* First Name', and '* Last Name' text inputs, a '* Governmental Body or Agency Name' text input, and a row with '* Phone Type' dropdown and '* Phone Number' text input. An 'ADD PHONE' button is at the bottom left.

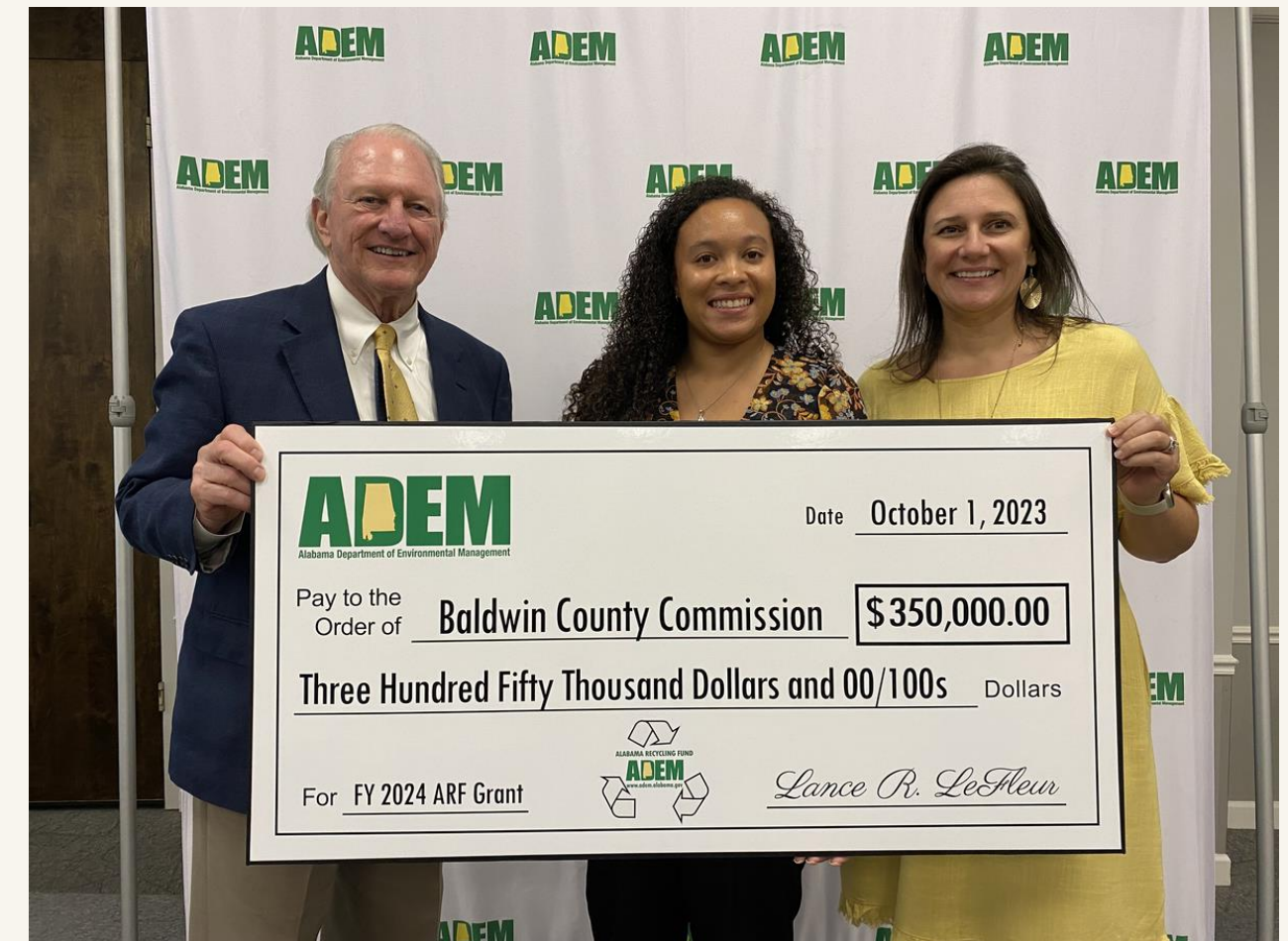
The project contact is the individual who we will contact for details regarding the grant and will receive general correspondence.

The screenshot shows the 'Responsible Official Contact' section. It includes a 'Contact Auto-fill' dropdown, a row with '* Prefix' dropdown, '* First Name', and '* Last Name' text inputs, a '* Title' text input, and a row with '* Phone Type' dropdown and '* Phone Number' text input. An 'ADD PHONE' button is at the bottom left.

The responsible official is who will sign the grant agreement and to whom letters will be addressed.

Application tips

- **Consider partnerships**
 - Are there other entities near you with similar goals and objective?
- **“Hub and Spoke Model”**
 - Do you accept material from outside your city/town?
- **Prioritizing requested items**
 - Since partial funding is awarded, state which items are most important for funding
- **Community Investment**
 - Is your community matching funds or further investing? Are there other communities or entities supporting your program?
- **Environmental Justice Area**
 - Is your community considered a Justice 40 area?



**Project
Objective
Need
Process
Funding**

Project

Expanding the current recycling services to include the issuance of recycling trailers to small and new businesses

Objective

Business participation in the recycling program to increase by adding additional recycling trailers throughout the community for cardboard and other recyclable items.

Need

The recycling collection from these businesses will increase the demands to purchase new equipment and upgrade equipment currently in use. Many of the new and small businesses are on a waiting list to obtain a trailer and to participate in the recycling program. 15 trailers will accommodate the businesses on the waiting list. With 200 trailers at businesses, we are requesting a work truck to service the abundance of trailers on a weekly basis

Process

Trailers will be purchased November 2024. Once received, trailers will be distributed to businesses on the wait list. The work truck will be purchased December 2024. Lead time is four months.

Funding

We request 15 trailers as our top priority to accommodate the businesses on our waitlist. Secondly, we request the work truck to service the 200 trailers in our city.

ARF Grant Recipient... Next Steps

- Receive your big check at the Alabama Recycling Coalition Expo.
- Funding starts October 1st so start planning and ordering any equipment as soon as possible.
- Supplemental Project is due December 31st.

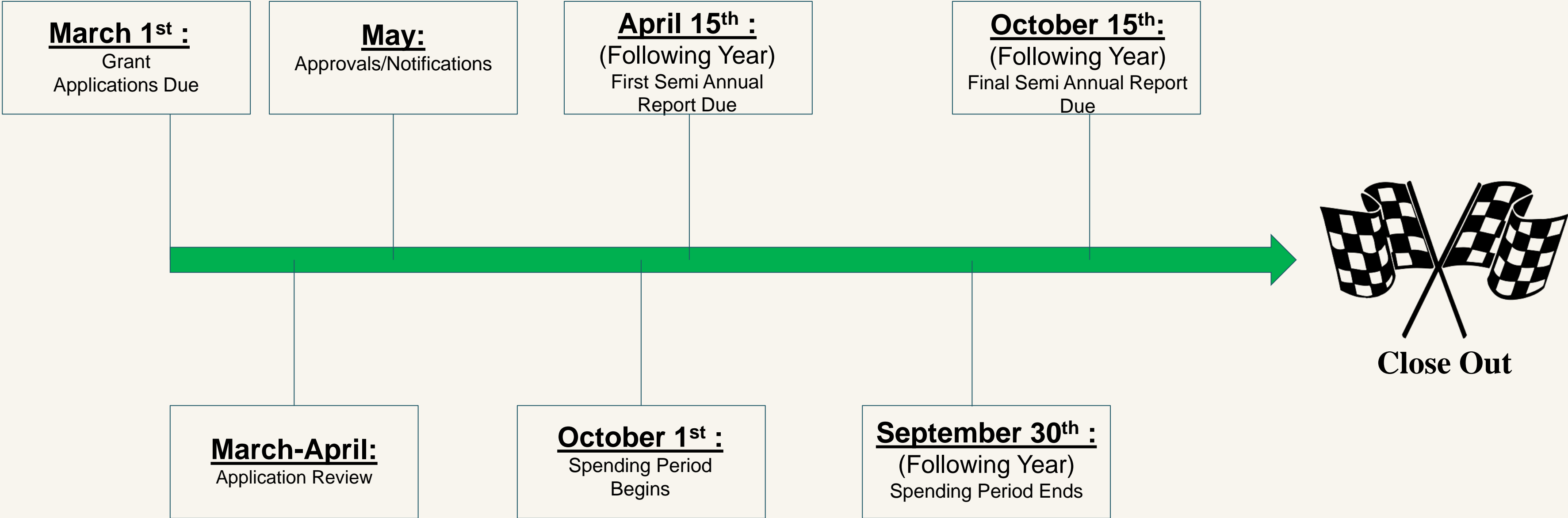


What's next?

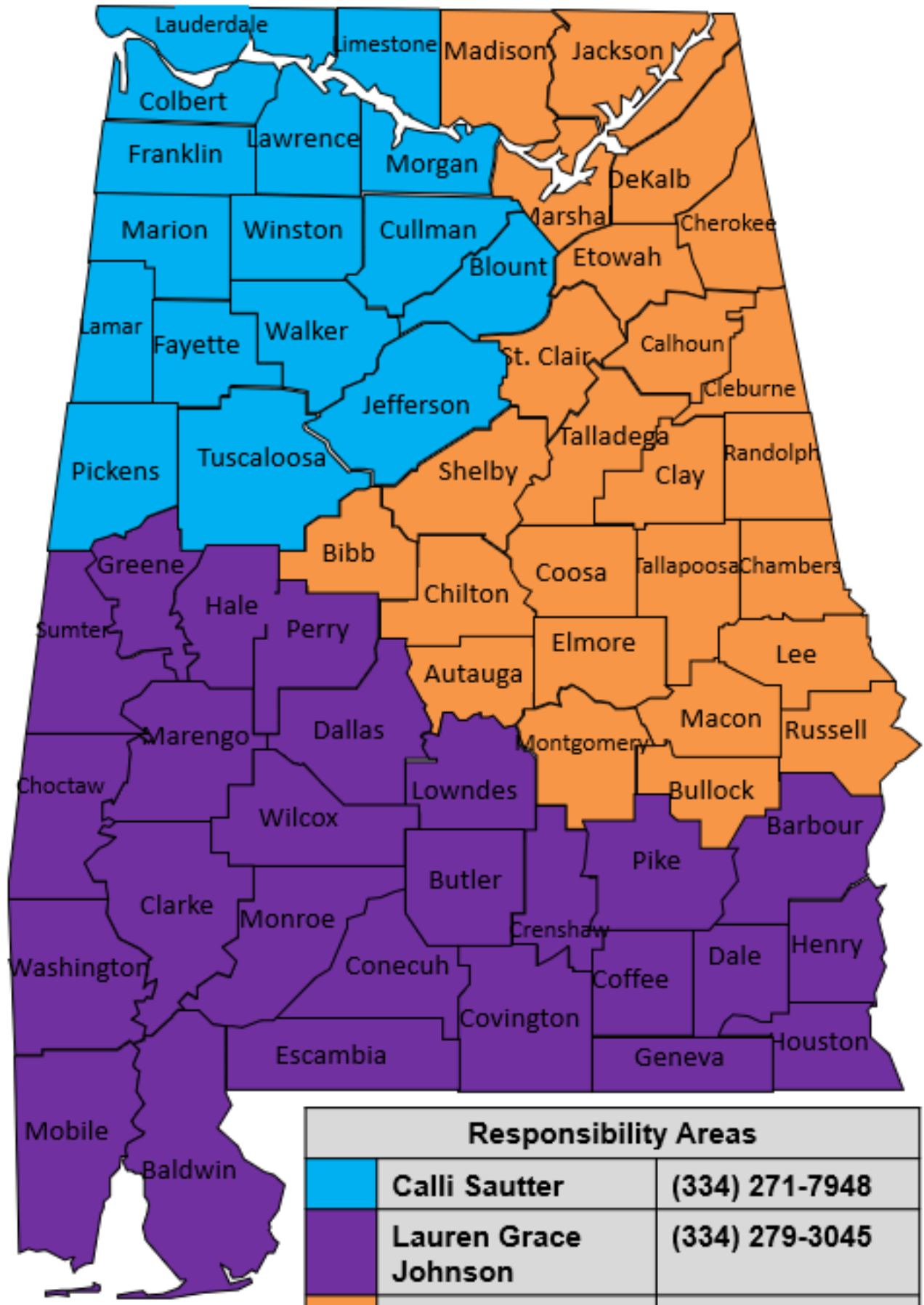
- First Semi-Annual Report is due April 15th.
- Final report is due October 15th.
- Reports should include:
 - Status of Project Objective
 - Invoices & Proof of Payment
 - Documented increase in collections and participation
 - Location of public bins/containers



Grant Life Cycle



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As of 05/15/2024

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