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AGENCY SUPPORTS LANDFILL DIVERSION...ANNOUNCES 4 GRANT RECIPIENTS

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The Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency announces the names of four Linn County organizations who have each received a grant for recycling initiatives. The newly established *Community Partnership Grant Program* is funded by landfill tipping fees and is available to all businesses and non-profit organizations in Linn County. The "Use Less – Recycle More" Community Partnership Grant Program is meant to spur creative ideas in doing the right thing when it comes to waste reduction and recycling.

Applicants, as evident in the program awards, have many options on how to invest grant money. Grant Program Administrator and Education Coordinator Stacie Johnson notes, "over 60% of what ends up in our Linn County landfill each year could be recycled. This new grant program is really exciting as we work to help community organizations in their efforts to divert valuable resources, such as paper, plastic and metal, from ending up in our local landfill."

The inaugural Community Partnership Grant award winners are:

- **Alburnett Future Farmers of America** - \$1,000 grant awarded to purchase recycling bins for the school system. This program is expected to divert 3 tons of recyclables from the landfill per year by delivering recyclables directly to the Solid Waste Agency's Recycling Drive-Thru Center on County Home Road.
- **Regis Middle School in Cedar Rapids** - \$1,000 awarded to purchase curbside type recycling bins. Their program is expected to divert 100 tons of recyclables from the landfill per year by partnering with a insulation manufacturing company located in Mason City, IA.
- **Roosevelt Middle School in Cedar Rapids** - \$975 grant awarded to purchase recycling bins. The effort will divert 17.5 tons of waste per year from the landfill by partnering with a local recycling company.
- **Rudd Sanitation of Central City** - \$1,000 grant awarded to purchase curbside type recycling bins for those displaced by the flood of 2008, residing now in FEMA trailers throughout Cedar Rapids and Marion. This program is expected to divert 122 tons of recyclables from the landfill per year by as they deliver their recyclables directly to the Solid Waste Agency's commercial recycling building on County Home Road.

Applications are accepted year round with decisions made within 45 days after receipt of application. Applications and more information can be found at solidwasteagency.org or by calling the Solid Waste Agency at 319-377-5290.

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