



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2015 Wisconsin Act 392**  
[2015 Assembly Bill 515]

**Recycling Grant Program**

Very generally, the basic recycling grant program (also known as the municipal and county recycling grant program) is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide financial assistance to a “responsible unit” for certain residential recycling and yard waste program costs. A “responsible unit” means a city, village, town, county, another unit of government, including a federally recognized Indian tribe or band in Wisconsin, or a solid waste management system designated under state law.

Between fiscal year (FY) 2011-12 and FY 2014-15, DNR has been appropriated \$19 million annually to provide financial assistance through the basic recycling grant program. 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 (Budget Act 55) decreased the appropriation by \$4 million for FY 2015-16 such that the appropriation for that FY was \$15 million. Budget Act 55 increased the appropriation back to \$19 million for FY 2016-17.

**2015 Wisconsin Act 392** increases the appropriation for FY 2015-16 by \$3 million. As such, the appropriation for DNR to provide financial assistance through the basic recycling grant program for FY 2015-16 is \$18 million.

*Effective date:* This Act takes effect on April 28, 2016.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.