



BUSINESS POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM

OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW.

Get up to \$50k to replace potentially harmful chemicals for safer alternatives and upgrade outdated equipment to modern, efficient products.

Make your business healthier for your employees, your neighbors, your community, and your bottom line.

The **Business Pollution Prevention Program** is here to help your business reduce the use of chemicals that can be harmful to the environment and lead to costly disposal and regulatory fees. Receive free technical assistance and financial support of up to \$50,000 to help your business transition to safer, more sustainable chemicals and modern, high-efficiency equipment.

We're focused on helping businesses that utilize chemicals containing or producing perchloroethylene (PERC) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), such as some dry cleaners, auto body shops, industrial painters, and printers. If your business falls in this category, we're here to help.

Why your business should participate:

- Apply by December 31, 2022, to get up to \$50,000 (or 75% of project costs). Applications received after December 31 will be eligible for up to 50% of project costs.
- Financial support for up to 50% of project costs, up to \$50,000.
- Free assistance in identifying additional funding sources for projects.
- Free training and technical assistance to assess and implement alternative equipment and processes.
- Potential to improve indoor air quality and reduce potential health risks to employees and customers.
- Potential to reduce harmful emissions and negative impact on the environment. And on neighboring residents particularly vulnerable to the impacts of pollution.
- Option to switch to more advanced, cost-effective technology that is more energy and water efficient and more reliable. Potential for reduced fees for hazardous waste disposal.
- Promotional and community relationship advantages for a business using greener practices.

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IDEAL FOR:

Auto Body Shops

Industrial Painters

Dry Cleaners

Printers



Use grant funds for:

- Testing and analysis
- Equipment costs
- Installation, including contractor materials and labor
- Essential staff training on new equipment/processes
- Commissioning of new equipment
- Decommissioning of old equipment
- Other approved expenses required for project success

How does it work?

- We're with you from the very beginning. An expert from Environmental Initiative (EI) will discuss your business's proposed project(s) and assist you in completing an application.
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel and award decisions will be communicated by email and phone.
- Upon application approval, the business will sign a grant award contract and begin work with EI on the project.
- Upon completion of the project, the business will work with EI to submit final documents.
- Reimbursement for project costs will be provided upon documented, successful completion of the project.
- EI will conduct a follow-up visit to the business about six months after project completion to make sure new equipment/processes are running smoothly.
- Priority given to businesses owned by people of color and/or located in communities particularly vulnerable to the impacts of pollution.

How does my business participate?

For more information or to get started, contact Christina Vang-Dixon at Environmental Initiative via email: CVang@en-in.org. You will be connected with an EI expert to help you complete your application and identify additional possible sources of funding.

The Business Pollution Prevention Program helps Ramsey and Washington county businesses reduce the use of harmful chemicals and related technologies to protect the health of workers and communities and reduce environmental impacts.

In 2022, partnerships are focusing on helping businesses reduce or eliminate volatile organic compounds (VOCs), perchloroethylene (PERC).

Learn more:

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