

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-65

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LITTER AND TRASH COLLECTING GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID GRANT TO THE WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, HIGHWAY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2002

WHEREAS, Weakley County intends to apply for a Litter and Trash Collecting Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the grant will impose legal obligations upon Weakley County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the county legislative body of Weakley County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 25th day of June, 2001 in Dresden, Tennessee that:

SECTION 1.

- 1. Ron Gifford, County Executive is authorized to apply on behalf of Weakley County, for a Litter and Trash Collecting Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, approximately \$26,247.
2. Should said application be approved by the Tennessee Department of Transportation then Ron Gifford, County Executive is authorized to execute contracts or other necessary documents, which may be required to signify acceptance of the Litter and Trash Collecting Grant by Weakley County. EX. A & B

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY: Bennie W. Castleman

SPONSORED BY: Roy Stewart

ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED: George Broussard, Chairman, Public Works Committee

ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED: [Signature], Chairman, Finance, Ways & Means Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Broussard that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

Motion seconded by Commissioner Phebus

Upon being put to a roll call vote, motion carried by a vote of 19 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Passed and 1 Absent.

Attested: Pat Scarbrough, County Court Clerk

Approved: Ron Gifford, County Executive

This the 25th day of June, 2001.

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**LITTER AND TRASH COLLECTION**

**NEED**

A drive along the roads and highways of Tennessee is the best and most graphic demonstration of the tremendous litter and trash problems facing the state. On any given day on any given rural road or state highway, one can observe first-hand the result of carelessness on the part of many of us. Drink bottles, cans, fast food containers and wrappers, even household trash strewn along the side of the road has become all too common. It is not necessary to quote statistics here--personal observation in this situation is sufficient to recognize the need.

Obviously, members of the Tennessee General Assembly, perhaps in their travel to and from the State Capitol, have recognized and responded to the need. In passing Public Chapter #290, legislators have provided millions of dollars in the form of a Litter Grant Program to county governments, like ours, in Tennessee. This program laid out in the permissive legislation, state that the program is "for the purpose of funding programs for the collection of litter and trash along county, state and interstate roads and highways within the respective counties."

In response to this legislation, Weakley County, Tennessee is submitting this application for request for funding of a Litter Grant Program in Weakley County.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

Weakley County proposes to work county prisoners and community service workers from said county for the collection of litter and trash along approximately 937 miles of county roads. Roads within specific areas, along which litter will be collected are shown on the map included as a part of this application.

We do not do as much roadside pickup as usual due to the fact that more money is spent on educational awareness and our labor line is drastically reduced. The two workers we have stay busy going through illegal dumpsites acquiring names and filling out affidavits for court use.

Prisoners will be used when it is necessary for roadside pickup and the area worked will be chosen by the litter supervisor according to the degree of debris in that particular area. The prisoners or community service workers will be transported to and from the work area by means of the litter van or pick-up truck. Each way there will be a driver and a supervisor on board in order to provide guidance and further instructions when on the worksite.

All those on the litter detail will be supplied with adequate safety colored vests and will be required to wear these at all times they are working on or near a roadway. In addition, they will be supplied with the following:

1. Heavy work gloves
2. Hard hats (if necessary)
3. Adequate tools for retrieving the litter
4. An adequate water supply
5. First aid kit

The water supply will be provided during the work period and a well stocked first-aid kit will be maintained and carried to the work area each day.

In addition of the safety equipment mentioned above, those working will be supplied with bags in which to place the litter and trash.

The work detail will proceed to fill litter bags and deposit them into the dump truck and or trailer which will be used in each work area or place filled litter bags along the roadway after which the dump truck will follow behind

with two workers collecting the filled bags and placing them into the truck. The work detail will assist in the cleaning of roadside dumps by using a front end loader if necessary.

#### RECYCLING

As an adjunct to this program, the county plans to include a recycling program involving aluminum cans and returnable bottled (glass). Currently, there is an on-going aluminum can recycling program in Tennessee. An aluminum recycling pickup point is located in Dresden and McKenzie and Jackson.

We now have our own county recycling center at our shop site which will be really helpful as we can take them to the local bins for recycling such as paper, glass and plastic.

#### EDUCATION

As an extensive outreach to make the public more aware of the need to restrain from constant littering, an advertisement campaign will be set up at the local newspaper for a printing during the program. Distribution of car litter bags will be set up at booths along with other litter "freebies" from Clean Tennessee and Keep America Beautiful Headquarters at area parades along with our annual float presentation in each parade such as Iris Parade in Dresden; Tater Town Parade in Gleason; Fire Prevention Day in Greenfield; and Rodeo Days at UT in Martin. We run notices at various times that we have free litter bags available at all times at the Highway Dept. in Dresden. When we throw bags from the floats in the parades, we enclose some "free" coupons for our logo T-shirts--"You're the Key, Be Litter Free". We continue to distribute pencils to the local schools along with visits from Sparkey to make them aware that littering is not acceptable and how to prevent litter from building up on playgrounds and parks, homes etc. Ads are run periodically on our local radio stations (WCMT, WCDZ) We receive many anonymous calls on our litter hotline concerning names found in dumps and throwing out large bags of garbage on roadsides. Our litter hotline is 731-364-3018. Area schools and scout gatherings are well aware that we are on task to rid our county of litter. We visit local community meetings and explain how we can help. We were the guest speaker this year at Dresden Lion's Club, Rotary Club, Greenfield Library and Road Board meetings. We are still supplying our Welcome Wagon rep. called Heartfelt Greetings with freebies such as pencils, litterbags and stats on litter in our county and how to prevent it.

**WEAKLEY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
LITTER GRANT PROPOSAL FOR 2001-2002      EX, "B"**

**SALARIES:**

Foreman	64000-141	1000 hrs. @\$7.47	\$7,840.00
Truck Driver	64000-147	1000 hrs. @ \$6.35	\$6,350.00
Prog. Admin	64000-161		\$3,200.00

**TOTAL SALARIES:** \$17,390.00

**BENEFITS:**

Social Security	64000-201	\$480.00
Employer Medicare	64000-212	\$784.00
Unemployment	64000-210	\$862.00
Retirement	64000-204	\$150.00

**TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS:** \$19,666.00

**EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS:**

	64000-302	\$3,400.00
Litter Enforcement	64000-532	\$3,162.00

**TOTAL EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS:** \$6,562.00

**OTHER SUPPLIES:** \$19.00

**TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2001-2002 LITTER GRANT PROGRAM:** \$26,247.00