



Who is eligible?

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) Solid Waste Program administers the state Abandoned Auto Fund. Units of government, including state entities, counties, cities, and municipalities, can apply for reimbursement for the costs of collecting and recycling abandoned automobiles, other equipment, and scrap metal. Some operations that have benefited in the past include landfills, local public health units, and local districts.

What items qualify?

Abandoned motor vehicles, automobile and implement equipment, large items that yield a significant amount of scrap metal, trailers, campers and RVs, stockpiles of major appliances and other machinery are some of the items that qualify for removal under this fund.

Benefits

There are many benefits to this program including reducing health hazards, improving the appearance of the landscape, and recycling metals. The program also provides technical assistance to communities in cleaning stockpiles of major appliances and other scrap metal. This project is a win/win for all involved! The local entity sees improved property function, unwanted metal is recycled and put to good use, and towing and transport companies are paid for their contribution.

How does it work?

The unit of government contacts the NDDEQ Solid Waste Program at solidwaste@nd.gov with the following information:

- The name of the unit of government requesting the fund
- A first and last name of the contact person, along with address, phone number and email address
- What the intended use for the funds will be
- The anticipated cost of removal

Someone from the Solid Waste Program will follow up on your request. If the request is approved, you will choose a business from a provided list of licensed scrap iron processors. Receipts will be turned into the NDDEQ for reimbursement.

Instructions for businesses interested in becoming a licensed scrap iron processor with the NDDEQ are located at <https://deq.nd.gov/Publications/WM/InstructionsForLicenseApplicationScrapIronProcessor.pdf>. It is free to become a licensed scrap iron processor!

**The biennium
fund amount is
\$250,000.**