

Grants for community projects to recycle drink containers

COMMUNITY groups, organisations and local governments keen on seeing fewer cans and bottles littering their streets and parks can apply for up to \$10,000 to fund a program that increases beverage container recycling.

The Keep Australia Beautiful Beverage Container Recycling Community Grants program, funded by the Coca Cola Foundation, provides support for projects that focus on improving the rate of out-and-about recycling, including at community events and in public areas.

Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA chairman Mel Hay said beverage containers, including glass and plastic bottles, made a significant contribution to litter in WA and urged communities wanting to counteract the litter problem to take advantage of the funding opportunity.

“It is hoped the grants will lead to an increase in drink container recycling which will complement the many litter reduction initiatives already being undertaken by WA communities,” he said.

“We are aiming to get a significant reduction in the number of beverage containers that end up as litter or going to landfill instead of being recycled.”

The national program is worth \$184,000 with \$17,000 allocated for WA projects.

Groups can apply for grants of between \$3000 and \$10,000.

To be eligible for the grants, projects must take place between July and December and be completed by February next year.

Funds must be used for on-ground works by members of the community.

Applications close on May 3.

Application kits and details of grant criteria are available by calling 6467 5169 or visiting www.kabc.wa.gov.au

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