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ASMSU Wins Grant to Support Recycling

The Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) has received a \$4600 Recycling Infrastructure grant from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to support beverage container recycling at campus sporting arenas and other major venues at MSU. The ASMSU project is one of 19 recycling projects in the State that were selected by the DEQ to receive funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

ASMSU has managed recycling on the MSU-Bozeman campus since January of 2009 when students enacted a fee to fund the ASMSU Sustainability Center, which manages recycling and other student-centered efforts. To date the Sustainability Center has collected over 160 tons of recyclable material from the MSU's core academic and residential buildings.

The grant provides ASMSU with the resources to acquire the additional recycling bins and equipment necessary to accommodate major campus venues such as the Bobcat Stadium and Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, which serve hundreds of thousands annually. The ASMSU Sustainability Center is working closely with MSU Sports Facilities to implement the program at these locations this summer. This expansion of service is expected to divert approximately 9 tons of aluminum and 4 tons of plastic from MSU's waste stream each year.