LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

FY 2020-2021 SOLID WASTE GRANT WORKSHOP
HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

• Where does the funding come from?

In accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC) 361.014 grants are awarded to regional and local governments for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) management projects through the state’s Regional Solid Waste Grants Program. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is directed by the Legislature to dedicate one-third of the revenue generated by state fees on MSW disposed of at landfills to grants for regional and local MSW projects.

• What is the program’s funding main objective?

Provide grant funding for start-up projects that will provide a direct and measurable effect on reducing the amount of waste going into Texas landfills, by diverting various materials from the municipal solid waste stream for beneficial use or by reducing waste generation at the source.
LRGVDC REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GOALS:

- Goal 1) Reduce waste generation/disposal and develop responsible waste disposal practices and
- Goal 2) Plan for and provide adequate regional waste disposal capacity
What is the role of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)?

What is the role of the SWAC sub-committee?
FY 2020-2021 SOLID WASTE GRANTS FUNDING AVAILABILITY

• Total Funding for FY 2020/2021 - $100,000.00
• Funding Breakdown –
  o FY 2020-$50,000.00 & FY 2021-$50,000.00
• Funding Category Source Reduction & Recycling - $25,000.00
• Only one project may be funded per entity per biennium
ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

- Cities
- Counties
- Public schools and school districts (excluding universities and other post-secondary educational institutions)
- General and special law districts created in accordance with state law, and with the authority and responsibility for water quality protection or municipal solid waste management (e.g., river authorities and municipal utility districts)
- Councils of Governments
- Private and non-profit companies and organizations are not eligible to receive grant funding. However; recipients of a grant may contract with private and non-profit entities to provide specific grant-funded services.
ELIGIBLE EXPENSES UNDER SOURCE REDUCTION & RECYCLING

- Office Supplies (related to grant activities)
- Equipment
- Construction
- Contractual
- Other

CONFERENCES, TRAININGS AND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH MATERIAL ARE NOT ALLOWABLE.
• Notification of private industry is required for Source Reduction & Recycling (see Tab C of the grant application)

• Resolution - Resolution & Application must be signed by the same person. This includes your city Mayor, County Judge, or School Board Chair.

• The same person signing the application must also be designated in the resolution.

• NEW The Minutes approving the Resolution from your commissioner’s court, city council or school board meeting must also be attached along with the Resolution.

• Any application submitted without a Resolution will be automatically disqualified by the review committee. A sample Resolution is included in the grant application. (see Tab D of the grant application)
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POPULATION TO BE SERVED (0-20 POINTS)

- Indicate area/geography covered by this project
- Include data & demographics (ensure to cite source)
- Regional Partnerships
  - Collaboration within city limits or beyond
STATEMENT NEED & SUSTAINABILITY (0-30 POINTS)

- Program Summary & Objectives
- Intention to Sustain the project
- Cash Match or In-Kind match
  - Not required but encouraged to make application stronger and competitive
WORK PROGRAM – (0-40 POINTS)

• Project feasibility
• Supporting documentation
• Staff qualifications (staff that will be coordinating the project)
• Budget (narrative – be specific)
• Project Calendar (timeline)
Your project must support one or more of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Goals

Make sure you address all the review criteria in complete sentences and as thorough.

Answer each question clearly and concisely provide data.

Make sure your equipment request matches your level of need. All equipment/facility/items purchased under this grant must be used for solid waste purposes 100% of the time even after grant.
QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF AS YOU DEVELOP YOUR PROJECT

• What makes your project unique and or innovative?
• What makes your project important?
• How will your project benefit the community?
• How will you measure the success/effectiveness of your project?
• If this is a regional project please provide added details.
• How are ongoing project costs going to be covered once the grant funding is exhausted? (sustainability section on your grant application)
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

• You will automatically receive 10 points to your project for attendance today so please sign in.

• Make sure all documents listed are attached: ex: resolution, maps etc.

• Notification of Private Industry is Required – Signature of Private Sector is required (see Tab D of application)

• Applications must be submitted via email in PDF format to:
  Brenda Salinas - bsalinas@lrgvdc.org and cc: Blanca Davila at bdavila@lrgvdc.org any applications received after deadline day and time will not be considered for review. An email will be sent to you in receipt of your application.
POST – AWARD PROCESS

• Contract May 2020-May 2021 / September 2020-August 2021
  • Deliverables will be specified in the contract
• Monthly Reporting Progress & Results Reports
  • Designated project coordinator email monthly to Brenda
• Invoicing (preferably monthly or as necessary) – template provided
  • NEW Finance Director needs to sign form in Blue Ink & email to Brenda
• Reminder: provide procurement procedures from your entity.
• Site Visits from LRGVDC (at least three site visits)
• Project Closeout – follow-up a year later 2022
• Expend funds within 6 months
  • NEW Funds will be de-obligated if 90% of funds are not expensed within ten (10) months.
QUESTIONS?

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Thank you!