



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

**FY 2012/2013
Solid Waste Program**





Introduction & Goals of Program

As directed in the Texas Health & Safety Code, one half of the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) fee revenue collected by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is allocated to the 24 planning regions under a formula that accounts for population, area, solid waste fee generation and public health needs. These funds are dedicated to grants to support regional programs and local projects consistent with the regional solid waste management plans prepared by the Councils of Government. Grants will be provided on a two-year (biennial) basis, beginning September 01, 2012 and ending August 31, 2013.



LRGVDC Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Goals

- Goal 1) Reduce waste generation/disposal and develop responsible waste disposal practices.
- Goal 2) Plan for and provide adequate regional waste disposal capacity.



Purpose of Implementation Projects

- 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 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Committee Member	Entity	Representation
Ramiro Gomez, Chairman	City of Edinburg	Medium City
Elvira Alonzo, Vice Chair	City of McAllen	Large City
Frank Bejarano	Cameron County	County
Rolando Benavides	Hidalgo County	County
Martino Treviño	City of Brownsville	Large City
Adam S. Weaver	City of Harlingen	Large City
Oscar Garcia	City of Weslaco	Medium City
Randy Perez	City of Mission	Medium City
Grace Segovia	City of Pharr	Medium City
Darla Jones	Town of South Padre Island	Small City
Luciano Ozuna Jr.	City of Alamo	Small City
David Ivory	Private Citizen	Private Sector
Jon Deicla	Allied Waste Service	Private Sector
Jaime Lopez	Waste Management – South Texas	Private Sector
Robert Treviño	RGV Hydro Mulching	Private Sector
Ouina Rutledge	UT Pan Am	Education
Jimbo Bitner	Natural Soil Solutions, LLC	Education
Joel Cruz	Harlingen CISD	Education
Roberto Loredó	Donna ISD	Education
Patty Alexander	Valley Nature Center	Environmental
Laura Maxwell	Valley Proud	Environmental
Deborah Cox	Cameron County Master Gardener	Environmental
Darell Mangham	Airtech	Private Citizen
Dee Priest	Port Mansfield/New Orison	Private Citizen
Chris Lash	Keep McAllen Beautiful	Non-Voting Member
Cheryl Untermeyer	TCEQ	Non-Voting Member
Claudia Lozano	TCEQ	Non-Voting Member



Eligible Categories

- Source Reduction & Recycling
- Educational & Training
- Local Enforcement
- Citizen Collection Stations
- Litter & Illegal Dumping Cleanup & Community Collection Events
- Other Projects(addressed in the Plan)



Eligible Recipients

- Cities
- Counties
- Public school districts (excluding universities and other post-secondary educational institutions)
- General and special law districts 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 (COGs)



Eligible Expenses

- Personnel (2 year limitation on salaries for any project)
- Travel
- Supplies
- Equipment
- Construction
- Contractual Expenses
- Other Expenses(not falling under the main expense categories, if connected with the tasks and activities of the project.



Allocation and Priorities

Category Funding Limits:

No Category Funding Limits

Total \$98,674.

Grant Award Funding Caps:

\$98,674.

Source Reduction & Recycling - \$30,000

Education & Training - \$20,000



Project Selection Process

Selection Criteria

<i>New Project (10 points automatic)</i>	Points
New Projects – all new projects never been funded automatically receive 10 points.	
SUBTOTAL = 10	

<i>Project Merits and Needs (1-45 points maximum)</i>	Points
The SWAC gives the most points for “Project Merits and Needs.” Each application should have the following items.	
Project Title	
Program Objective & Summary	
Project Service Area	
Public Information	
Project Status/Feasibility	
SUBTOTAL = 45	



Project Selection Process

Selection Criteria

<i>Local Match and Commitment (1-30 points maximum)</i>	Points
Applicant intends to provide resource to make the project a success addressing the following items.	
Intention to sustain the project	
Matching funds or in-kind services	
Supporting documentation	
SUBTOTAL = 30	

<i>Regional Collaboration Efforts (1-15 points maximum)</i>	Points
Any project that is regional in nature and must be specific as to who they will be collaborating with and submit commitment letters or resolution to support the project.	
SUBTOTAL = 15	



Project Selection Process

Selection Criteria

<i>Poor Performance Deduction (subtract 10 points)</i>	Points
The applicant must provide evidence of the following items. LRGVDC reports will also be used.	
Submitting of Reports (subtract 5 points)	
Expenditure of Funds (subtract 5 points)	
SUBTOTAL = 10	

TOTAL SCORE: (Maximum 100 points)	
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Private Industry Considerations

- Maintain a mailing list of private service providers in the region and include those entities in mailings concerning availability of funding and the process for project review;
- Require applicants for funding to contact known private providers of similar services within the proposed service area and to inform the service providers of the proposed application;
- Notify private service providers of the availability of project applications for review over a ten day review period;
- Accept written comments from private service providers in the region concerning projects proposed for funding and consider those comments when evaluating projects for funding;
- Before the LRGVDC Board of Directors approves the final project selections, a specific determination must be made as to whether the projects comply with the statutory requirements pertaining to private industry;
- Advise in writing a private industry which submits comments opposing a project that they have ten days to appeal a funding selection decision directly to the TCEQ, with notification required of the LRGVDC as well;
- Delay awarding a pass-through grant or proceeding with a regional project if a private industry appeal is submitted to TCEQ, pending a decision from TCEQ on the appeal.



Private Industry Justification

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) has a total of twenty-nine (29) Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) members, which includes twenty-six (26) voting members and three (3) non-voting members. Representation for the voting members includes members from the tri-county region (Cameron, Hidalgo & Willacy Counties) and is composed of 12% county representatives, 12% large city representatives, 12% medium city representatives, 12% small city representatives, 20% private sector group, 12% educational group, 12% environmental group and 8% private citizen group. Private sector representation on the SWAC currently includes representatives from the following companies: Allied Waste Services, RGV Hydro Mulching, Airtech and Natural Soil Solutions, LLC.

Within the LRGVDC region many local governments coordinate services and work with the private sector. Over the past years the LRGVDC has not received any appeals on proposed projects or requests to increase the level of representation on the SWAC.

Citizen Collection Stations



Local Enforcement



Source Reduction & Recycling



Education & Training





Conclusion.....

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