

FY 2024 – 2025 Regional Solid Waste Grants Program

Questions and Answers

1. How is “regional coordinated” defined in respect to achieving consideration for multi-jurisdictional projects?

Regionally coordinated is interpreted to mean support and involvement by more than one government entity, e.g., a municipality signs a letter of support with intent to participate in a County sponsored event, sends volunteers, and may provide monetary support as well.

2. How is “public – private” partnerships defined?

When a local government solicits support and participation from private industry in the form of in-kind or matching contributions.

3. How many applications may we submit?

You may submit as many applications as you feel your local government needs. Please know you must identify which application is your number one choice for funding, number two choice, number three choice, etc. We will fund as many priority applications as we can before we move to funding secondary, tertiary, etc.

4. Is there a minimum or maximum amount for these grants?

Yes, there is a \$10,000 minimum and a \$40,000 maximum allowable for these grants.

5. Are these rolling grants?

No, these grants are targeted for seed money for solid waste programs, infrastructure to promote solid waste diversion, planning, reduce/reuse/recycling efforts.

6. Should the Resolution be notarized?

Applicants may use a notary if their policies and procedures call for one. However, a notary is not required to submit an application. If not utilizing an official Notary, the City Clerk, County Secretary, or other staff attesting to the signatures should seal the document and sign attesting to those signatures.

7. Is providing a presentation before the SWAC a requirement to be eligible?

No. All applicants will be scheduled an opportunity to present on their application before the SWAC scores and ranks the application. While this presentation is not mandatory, it is highly recommended each applicant take full advantage of this opportunity to provide a brief overview (3 - 5 minutes or less) on their proposed project.

8. Can last biennium’s application documents be used for this biennium?

No. All applicants must utilize the FY 2024-2025 forms, as these have substantive changes.

9. **We have noted some formatting issues while working on the document and will need to reformat some of the document to be able to fully complete it. Is this okay?**

The document should not require additional formatting. You may attach additional documents containing the information that you are providing. If additional documents are provided, you must refer to them in the appropriate section of the application form.

10. **Is there a template Resolution we may use as a guide?**

Yes, this has been posted on our RFA website with the other contract documents.

11. **Any donations we receive, such as cash donations for food and/or a donation of a porta-potty for the event.....do those count towards our 10% catch match?**

Unfortunately, the two examples used are deemed ineligible expenses per TCEQ and will not count as match. These will need to be tracked and reported as in-kind contributions. If the donations are used to pay for a solid waste service, then it would be deemed a cash match.

12. **For Community Collection Events, are we required to have event insurance, and will the TCEQ cover the costs if required?**

This is the language in the contract about the insurance requirement (page 23):

11. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

11.1 Insurance. Unless prohibited by law, the Performing Party shall require its contractors to obtain and maintain during the Contract Period adequate insurance coverage sufficient to protect the Performing Party and the TCEQ from all claims and liability for injury to persons and for damage to property arising from the Contract. Unless specifically waived by the TCEQ, sufficient coverage shall include Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance, Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance, and Commercial General Liability Insurance. Before any Performing Party contractor performs any work at a TCEQ facility, Performing Party shall provide TCEQ a Certificate of Insurance for the Contractor's Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance.

This insurance is required for community collection events during the days of the events. Other COGs have found that most cities and counties already have insurance policies covering this, but if they do not and need to add to their policy, then TCEQ can reimburse for the insurance for the days of the events.

13. **Are letters of support/partnership to be uploaded with the new grant applications or mention of the partnership in the application acceptable? I didn't see a place to attach them if we get them.**

Yes, these are all value adds to your application. Attach each to your application.

14. **Do you have a list of vendors who pay for hazardous waste items, electronics and/or any other types of items we collect?**

The market price will dictate if vendors are willing to pay or need to charge for their services. You will need to contact them to find out. Following are some that have historically paid for materials:

- Goodwill Services has not charged local government sponsors in the past for E-recyclables. They have provided a truck, loaded the truck, hauled the items off for no charge. Their ability to do this does depend on the market.
Community Donation Specialist
Community Engagement
O: 512-637-7196 F: 512-637-7400
- ALTR-B Recycling Inc., provided us a brochure that identifies eligible rebates for certain items. The document is dated, but their contact information is 713-514-0931 (altr-binc.com). Again, their ability to provide rebates will depend upon the market and what the recyclables will bear.
- **Ken Blaison**
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Electronics Recycling & Trading Inc.
15508 Bratton Lane
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Cell: 512-605-8328

15. Do you have a list of private service providers for us to contact regarding any concerns they may have for a HHW Event?

For a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event:

- PSC Environmental Services, LLC
 - 4050 Homestead Road, Houston, TX 77028 (713-674-2406)
www.pscnow.com
 - <https://www.cleanharbors.com/> 507-263-0200
 - Clean Management 866-909-6483
- Clean Earth
 - 29338 Network Place, Chicago, IL (866-303-7344)
- Green Planet, Inc.
 - 6371 Royse City, TX 75189 (972-636-1515)
- Phillips Reclamation Services, LLC
 - 4050 homestead Road, Houston, TX 77028