Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Funding Report Fiscal Years 2014/2015
Regional Solid Waste Grants Program

Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act
Chapter 361
GR-D Fund 5000

33 percent of the revenue is dedicated to local and regional solid waste projects consistent with regional plans approved by the commission in accordance with this chapter and to update and maintain those plans. Those revenues shall be allocated to municipal solid waste geographic planning regions for use by local governments and regional planning commissions according to a formula established by the commission that takes into account population, area, solid waste fee generation, and public health needs. Each planning region shall issue a biennial report to the legislature detailing how the revenue is spent.
1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
2. South Plains Association of Governments
3. Nortex Regional Planning Commission
4. North Central Texas Council of Governments
5. Ark-Tex Council of Governments
6. East Texas Council of Governments
7. West Central Texas Council of Governments
8. Rio Grande Council of Governments
9. Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
10. Concho Valley Council of Governments
11. Heart of Texas Council of Governments
12. Capital Area Council of Governments
13. Brazos Valley Council of Governments
15. South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
16. Houston-Galveston Area Council
17. Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission
18. Alamo Area Council of Governments
19. South Texas Development Council
20. Coastal Bend Council of Governments
21. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
22. Texoma Council of Governments
23. Central Texas Council of Governments
24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council
Grantees collected over 255,000 tires.

When stacked together, that’s taller than 584 Texas Capitol Buildings.
Garbage is picked up from homes and businesses, loaded into trucks and delivered to landfills.

Trucks are assessed a "tipping fee" for trash they deliver to the landfill. 33% of the amount collected is deposited into a state dedicated account for the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program.

The Legislature appropriates funds from the dedicated account for the regional grants.
1 in 3 Texans used a grant-funded recycling facility.

338,000 Texas students attend a school district with a grant-funded recycling program.
20 YEARS OF THE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM

- 14,000 tons household hazardous waste
- 200,000 illegally dumped waste cleaned up
- $4,376 grants given to local communities
- 4.2 million tons of recyclables
- 315,000 illegal dumping investigations
Who Benefits?

226
Projects funded statewide

151
Cities

53
Counties

10
COGs

3
School Districts

9
Other Districts/Authorities
COGs help local governments better deliver services to their constituents by providing technical assistance to local governments in the implementation and evaluation of solid waste management programs; education and outreach activities, programs, and printed materials that provide a unified message but can also be customized for local governments; and regional training such as environmental enforcement for peace officers and disaster debris management for emergency managers.

Solid Waste Advisory Committees
Closed landfill inventory
Data collection
Educational materials
Permit review
Public accountability
Illegal Dumping

Grant-funded programs kept Texas clean by enforcing solid waste laws and identifying 2,337 offenders. Partners collected nearly $180,000 in fines.

1.5 million pounds of waste removed from illegal dumping sites
Regional Solid Waste grantees diverted 135 million pounds of recyclables, equivalent to 11,700 elephants.

Recyclables

Recyclables collected by grant-funded programs create approximately 10 times as many jobs for Texans than if they were disposed of in a landfill.

“Elephant” icon by Cédric Villain and “Palm Tree” icon by Jacqueline Fernandes from the nounproject.com
Community Collection

Regional solid waste grantees collected nearly 100 million pounds of trash and recyclables, keeping Texas communities beautiful.

Texans collected enough trash and recyclables during cleanups to fill 199 football fields with one foot of garbage.

“Football Helmet” icon by Edward Boatman, “Trash” icon by Marianna Marozzi, “Trash” icon by Chiccabubble, and “Goal Post” icon by Valentina Velcro from thenounproject.com
Partners collected enough left-over paint to trace a line around the State of Texas 14 times.

Household Hazardous Waste

580,000 Texans dropped off household hazardous waste, including paint, at permanent facilities and 68 one-time events.
Used Electronics

During Fiscal Years 2014/2015, with Regional Solid Waste Grants Program funds, local governments collected 14,569.80 tons of used electronics.
Local Impacts of the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program FY 2014/2015
Oil and fuel filters collected during household hazardous waste collection events and from the City of New Braunfels' year-round maintenance are crushed and recycled as scrap metal. The City recycled **50.4 gallons of used oil and 1,730 filters as scrap metal**.

This oil filter crushing apparatus drains any remnant liquid from filters before crushing them.
Capital Area Council of Governments

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Thanks to Regional Solid Waste Grant Program funds, 5 counties in the CAPCOG region cleaned up more than 4,000 tons of debris following the 2015 floods.
Five household hazardous waste collection events in the CTCOG region resulted in more than 1,300 people disposing more than 100,000 pounds of household hazardous waste and 3,639 gallons of used oil and antifreeze.
Residents in unincorporated Harris County Precinct 1 now have a drop-off location for heavy trash and recycling. Funding from the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program was used to send direct marketing mailers to residents to promote the grand opening of the no-cost drop-off center.
Regional Solid Waste Grants Program funds helped the City of Alton to build their recycling center and expand their services throughout the community. This recycling trailer is placed inside subdivisions throughout the city for one week at a time to collect recyclables.
As of September 2016, the City of Grand Prairie has diverted over 14,500 tons of concrete, saving more than $450,000 in avoided disposal costs. The City processes concrete into flex-base material, with the remainder being used to fortify the perimeter road at the landfill.
The City of Levelland added 960 square feet to their recycling facility using Regional Solid Waste Grants Program funds. Since 2007, the City has received $103,712.02 in grant funding to the facility. With the growth Levelland has experienced, the expansion will allow the City to bring in larger amounts of recyclables, thus reducing the amount going into the landfill.
In Fiscal Years 2014/2015, the West Central Texas Environmental Partnership was highly successful in its goal of reducing members' municipal solid waste recycling streams by alleviating 571.81 tons of cardboard, 10.31 tons of paper, 160 pounds of aluminum, 72 tons of metal and 4.89 tons of plastic.
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