

Welcome to the FY 2026-2027 SOLID WASTE GRANT WORKSHOP

JANUARY 20, 2026

- ▶ WE WILL BEGIN MOMENTARILY
- ▶ MUTE YOUR MICROPHONES
- ▶ TYPE YOUR NAME AND ENTITY IN THE CHAT BOX TO QUALIFY FOR THE 10 POINTS FOR ATTENDING OR EMAIL BRENDA SALINAS AT:
bsalinas@lrgvdc.org



FY 2026-2027

Solid Waste

Sub-grantee 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.

TCEQ

LRGVDC

SUB-
GRANTEE



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.



FY 2026-2027 solid waste grants funding availability & category

Total Funding for FY
2026/2027 - \$120,000.00

Funding Breakdown

Funding per application \$30,000.00

- FY 2026-\$60,000.00
- FY 2027-\$60,000.00

Funding Categories

- *Source Reduction & Recycling
- *Litter & Illegal Dumping & Community & Collection Events

Only ONE project may be funded per entity per biennium



Who can apply for funding?

Eligible

- ❖ 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

Not eligible

- ❖ 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.



Eligible expenses under Litter & Illegal Dumping & Community Collection events

- ▶ Equipment, such as trailers and trucks
- ▶ Program administration expenses, such as office supplies and equipment, and vehicle maintenance
- ▶ Subcontract expenses
- ▶ Protective gear and supplies
- ▶ Fencing, barriers, and signage
- ▶ The only allowable expense for education and outreach would be the creation/graphic design of brochures and pamphlets to reduce waste and recycle/promote event.



Grant Standards



Grant recipients must comply with state & local laws pertaining to use of state funds



Equipment & facilities purchased or constructed with grant funds must be used for intended purposes



Funded projects must be consistent with the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO THE REQUEST FOR APPLICATION



LRGVDC Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Goals:

Goal	Goal 1) Maximize beneficial resource use.
Goal	Goal 2) Responsibly manage problematic waste.
Goal	Goal 3) Maximize proper disposal.
Goal	Goal 4) Lead regional planning.



Resolution

Section C.

RESOLUTION

(Example/Sample)

RESOLUTION OF LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC) AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZING (Person and/or title) TO ACT ON BEHALF OF (Name of entity) IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION; AND PLEDGING THAT IF A GRANT IS RECEIVED (Name of entity) WILL COMPLY WITH THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) is directed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to administer solid waste grant funds for implementation the COG's adopted regional solid waste management plan; and

WHEREAS, (Name of Entity) in the State of Texas is qualified to apply for grant funds under the Request for Applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY (Name of entity) IN (Location of office) TEXAS;

1. That (Name/title of individual) is authorized to request grant funding under the LRGVDC Request for Applications of the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program and act on behalf of (Name of entity) in all matters related to the grant application and any subsequent grant contract and grant project that may result.

2. That if the project is funded, (Name of entity) will comply with the grant requirements of the LRGVDC, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the State of Texas.

3. The grant funds and any grant-funded equipment or facilities will be used only for the purposes for which they are intended under the grant.

4. That activities will comply with and support the adopted regional and local solid waste management plans adopted for the geographical area in which the activities are performed.

PASSED AND APPROVED by (board or chief official as applicable) in (city), (state), on this the (number/day) day of (month), (year).

(Signature of Authorized Official)

(Notary Signature)

(Typed or Printed Name)

(Type or Printed Name)

The same person designated in the Resolution must be the person who signs the grant application.

Any application submitted without a Resolution will be automatically disqualified. A sample Resolution is included in the grant application.
(see Tab C of the grant application)



Private industry notification is a MUST

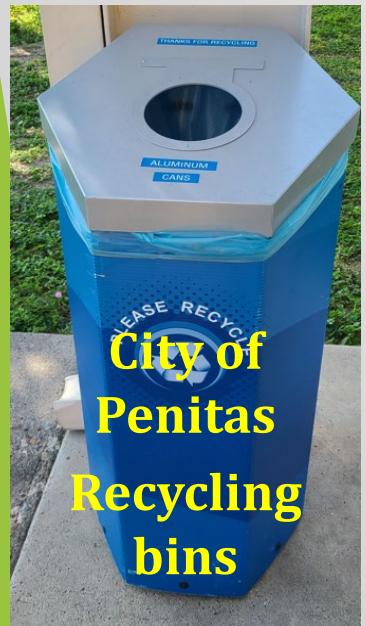
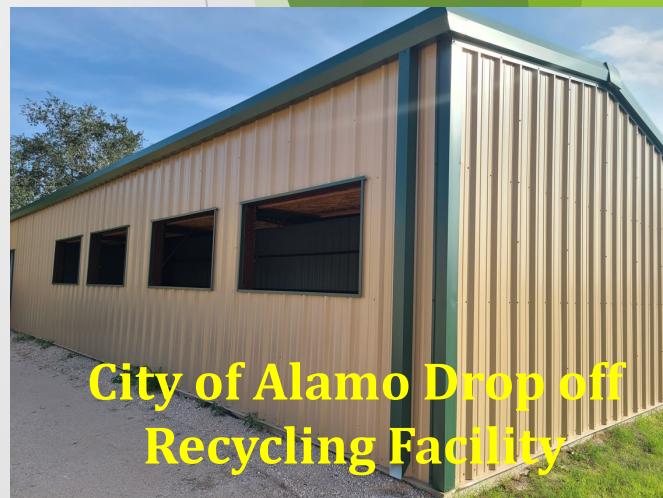
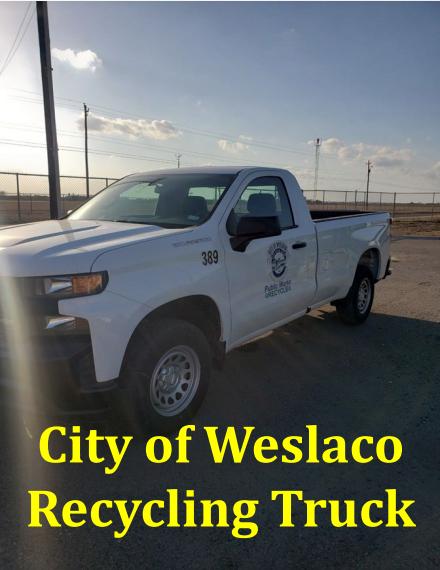
- ▶ Grant funded projects must not create an unfair competition with existing private industry. It is a requirement that grantee notify private companies on your project.
- ▶ On page 16 of the application, list all private sectors in the affected geographic area known to provide a similar or related service. **THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETE IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING (No signature is required from the private sector notified)**

Private Sectors list can be found on the LRGVDC website.



Examples of funded projects include:

- ▶ Vehicles
- ▶ Recycling trailers
- ▶ Bins
- ▶ Balers
- ▶ Recycling Facilities
- ▶ Surveillance Cameras



GRANT DUE DATE



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Application closing date:
**February 13, 2026,
12 noon**

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER
DEADLINE DAY AND TIME **WILL**
NOT BE ACCEPTED



Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)



25 member SWAC consists of:

- 4-large city seats
- 4-medium city seats
- 3-small city seats
- 4-private sector seats
- 2-environmental seats
- 3-education seats
- 2-private citizens seats
- 2-Non-voting: TCEQ rep seats

What is the role of the SWAC committee?

One of the main objectives of the SWAC is to look for alternative solutions for Regional Solid Waste Management challenges. The SWAC also Scores and Ranks administratively complete applications anonymously.



Scoring ballot

Population to be served (0-20 points maximum)	Points
Indicate area/geography covered by this project	
Include data and demographics	
Regional partnerships	
SUBTOTAL =	

Statement Need & Sustainability (0-30 points maximum)	Points
Program Summary & Objectives	
Intention to Sustain the Project	
Cash Match or In-Kind Match	
SUBTOTAL =	

Work Program (0-40 Points)	Points
Project Feasibility	
Supporting documentation	
Staff Qualifications	
Budget	
Project Calendar	
SUBTOTAL =	

Poor Performance Deduction in the past two grant cycles (subtract 10 points)	Points
LRGVDC will <u>verify</u> reports submitted between 2021-2025.	
Submitting of Reports (subtract 5 points)	
Expenditure of Funds (subtract 5 points)	
SUBTOTAL =	

Virtual Workshop Provided by LRGVDC staff (Optional - to qualify for 10 points)	Points
Attendance at Virtual Workshop provided by LRGVDC	
SUBTOTAL =	

TOTAL SCORE: (Maximum 100 points)	
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**AUTOMATIC
10 points for
today's
attendance**



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)



Poor performance deduction

LRGVDC will verify reports submitted between 2021-2025.

- ❖ Submitting of Progress & Results Reports (subtract 5 points)
- ❖ Expenditure of Funds (subtract 5 points)



Workshop provided by LRGVDC

If your application is deemed administratively complete and attend the workshop you qualify for 10 points the day of the scoring and ranking meeting.

- ❖ Attendance today (10 points)



Grant writing tips



Your project must support one or more of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Goals



Do your research and make sure you address all the review criteria in complete sentences.



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 make sure you signed in via chat/email.
- ▶ Make sure all documents listed are attached: ex: resolution, maps etc.
- ▶ Mark N/A on sections that do not pertain to your project.
- ▶ Notification of Private Industry is Required – (see page 16 of the Solid Waste Application)
- ▶ **Applications must be submitted via email in PDF format to:**

Brenda Salinas - bsalinas@lrgvdc.org and cc: Melisa Gonzales-Rosas at melisa.gonzales@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.

Don't forget:



Pre-award process

ATTEND WORKSHOP



APPLICATION DUE DATE FEBRUARY 13, 2026,
NOON

SCORING & RANKING – Applicant will have 3 minutes
to present before the SWAC

APPROVAL BY LRGVDC BOARD

APPROVAL BY TCEQ

LRGVDC WILL EMAIL CONTRACTS AND
REPORT/REIMBURSMENT FORMS TO GRANTEES



Post – Award Process

- FY2026 Contract May 2026-May 2027 / FY 2027 Contract September 2026- July 2027
- Deliverables will be specified in the contract
- Quarterly Reporting Progress & Results Reports – Template will be provided
- LRGVDC will conduct site visits to monitor progress of project.
- Project follow-up a year later 2027
- Reimbursement - Invoicing (preferably monthly or as necessary) – template provided
- Expend funds within 6 months
- Funds will be de-obligated if 90% of funds are not expensed within ten (10) months.
- Reminder: Provide procurement procedures from your entity.





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Thank you!

