

# REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

## FISCAL YEAR 2021 H-GAC SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION

This is a Request for Applications for H-GAC's FY21 Solid Waste Grants Program. Included in this grant application package are the following:

- H-GAC FY21 Grant Announcement including screening and selection criteria
- H-GAC FY21 What's New
- Self Assessment Document, Budget Guidance Document, Used Electronics Guidance Document, HHW Guidance Document, Guidance for Local Enforcement Equipment Purchases, Questions to Ask When Shopping for Recycling and Composting Equipment, and Grant Writing Tips

H-GAC has received solid waste grant funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for solid waste implementation projects. For FY21 solid waste implementation grants, **\$236,652** is available for local implementation projects. The local government implementation funds are intended to provide grant funding for projects which will implement the goals, objectives, and priorities established in H-GAC's latest approved Regional Solid Waste Management Plan . There is no minimum grant award.

Eligible grant categories are:

- Local Enforcement
- Source Reduction and Recycling
- Litter and Illegal Dumping Cleanup and Community Collection Events
- Household Hazardous Waste Management
- Education and Training
- Other

Implementation projects funded under this grant program must be consistent with the H-GAC regional solid waste plan, must promote cooperation between public and private entities and may not create a competitive advantage over a private industry that provides recycling or solid waste services that are readily available. *(See FY21 Grant Announcement and Grant Application for more details.)*

**Eligible Entities.** Entities eligible for funding are cities, counties, public school districts (excluding universities and other post-secondary educational institutions), general and special law districts created in accordance with State law with the authority and responsibility for water quality protection or municipal solid waste management (e.g., river authorities and municipal utility districts) and Councils of Governments (COGs). In order to receive an implementation grant, the prospective grant recipient must not be arrears in the payment of any municipal solid waste or hazardous waste fee owed to the State of Texas. Eligible entities may subcontract with other entities, such as private entities, non-profit organizations, or state and federal governments. Private entities, non-profit organizations, state and federal governments are not directly eligible for grants. They must partner with an eligible entity.

### **FY21 Solid Waste Grants Program Schedule**

H-GAC staff will be available to answer any questions concerning the grant application package at the grant application workshop. Please see schedule below:

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**  
**H-GAC Conference Room A**  
**Second Floor**  
**1:30 PM to 3:30 PM**

The workshop will provide time for applicants to ask questions regarding their applications and proposed projects, and will include:

- Overview of the Solid Waste Grants Program
- How to Complete the Online Application
- Important Deadlines and Future Requirements
- Question/Answer Session

Applicants requiring further assistance are asked to schedule an individual appointment. First time applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the March 19th workshop. For projects to be considered by H-GAC for FY21 funding, the application must be received via the online application **no later than noon, Thursday, April 16, 2020**. No late applications will be accepted or scored. Additionally, no faxed, emailed or hard copy applications will be accepted or scored.

The Solid Waste Grants Scoring Subcommittee will score grant applications individually and then meet on **May 5, 2020** to reach a consensus on applications recommended for funding. Funding recommendations will be emailed to each applicant and the H-GAC Solid Waste Management Committee on May 6, 2020. Any appeals to the funding recommendations must be submitted by **5:00 PM, Monday, May 11, 2020** (*See FY21 Grant Announcement for more details on the Appeals process*). The H-GAC Solid Waste Management Committee will meet on **Monday, May 18, 2020**, at **10:00 AM in H-GAC Conference Room A, Second Floor**, to hear appeals if needed. The H-GAC Board of Directors will complete final grant selection on **Tuesday, June 16, 2020**, at 10:00 AM in H-GAC Conference Room B, Second Floor. Once selected, grant recipient information will be sent to the TCEQ for review and comment.

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