



TO: TCOG Governing Board
THRU: Eric Bridges, Executive Director
FROM: Alexis Taylor-Baker, Regional Services Specialist
DATE: January 14, 2024
RE: FY 2024/2025 Municipal Solid Waste Implementation and COG Project Summary Form

RECOMMENDATION

Approve submission of the FY 2024/2025 Municipal Solid Waste Implementation and COG Project Summary Form to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

BACKGROUND

The Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Grant Program provides funding and technical assistance to regional city and county governments, school districts, and law enforcement districts within Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties. Funding is provided by pass-through grants from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to combat illegal dumping, promote recycling, and ultimately reduce the amount of waste introduced to local landfills.

DISCUSSION

Implementation and COG Project Summary Form approval will enable Texoma Council of Governments to continue the Municipal Solid Waste Grant Program. The program funding supports the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. As endorsed by the Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC), TCOG proposes to host multiple individual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events during the FY2024/2025 biennium. The first is April 20, 2024 at Texoma Earth Day, second is April 27, 2024 at TCOG, and the third will be October in Fannin at a date to be determined. For the Fiscal Year 2025, NRAC discussed similar schedule with October being held in Cooke County. Any left-over funds will lend themselves to an additional event.

The NRAC met on October 26, 2023 and voted to recommend the Implementation COG Projects that are represented in the FY 2024/2025 Summary Form to be presented to TCEQ.

BUDGET

The TCEQ budget is \$115,000 per year, or \$230,000 for the two-year biennium.