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EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



PRESS RELEASE

Second Round of Solid Waste Grant Funds to be Distributed

Additional \$28,683 Allocated for Projects Aimed to Minimize Solid Waste in East Texas Totaling \$137,943 this Grant Year

Kilgore, TX, December 20, 2012: Local governments and special districts will soon receive grant funds from the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) funded by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). In October, ETCOGs solid waste program received and approved sixteen proposals totaling \$109,260 to be distributed in FY 2013 Municipal Solid Waste grant funds. A surplus of \$28,683 was left available and a second round of funding was released for application. In response, ETCOG received a total of eight additional proposals which were received and reviewed by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee in November. The following agency projects were recommended for funding and received approval ETCOG's Executive Committee on December 6th:

APPLICANT	AMOUNT	CATEGORY
		Other-concrete slab for recycle
City of Gladewater	\$3,250	container
Upper Sabine Valley Solid Waste Management District	\$2,000	Other-Tires
City of Longview	\$2,400	Other-Tires
City of Emory	\$1,788	Source Reduction & Recycling
Rusk County	\$13,245	Source Reduction & Recycling
City of Henderson	\$3,000	Source Reduction & Recycling
City of East Mountain	\$3,000	Community Cleanup

Approved project categories included: 1) Local Enforcement- This category consists of projects which contribute to the prevention of illegal dumping. These projects may include programs to investigate illegal dumping problems, educate the public on illegal dumping laws, and prosecute violators. These programs may also include activities such as monitoring collection and transport through a manifest system to enforce laws pertaining to the illegal disposal of liquid wastes; 2) Source Reduction and Recycling; 3) Educational and Training Projects- Educational components are encouraged under the other categories in order to better ensure public participation in projects; 4) Community Cleanup Events.

To review the funding allocations from the first round of applications, <u>click here</u>. For more information, contact Julie Burnfield, Environmental Services & Economic Development Specialist – Lead, at 903.984.8641 x237.

About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.