

**FY2016/2017 Solid Waste Public Meeting Summary
 Wednesday, September 23, 2015
 10:00 A.M. William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room**

The following North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff were in attendance at the Solid Waste Public Meeting: Edith Marvin, Tamara Cook, Liz Zecckine, Soria Adibi, and Sandra Barba.

NCTCOG staff gave an overview of the forthcoming Solid Waste Program for FY2016 and 2017. The total budget for FY2016 and FY2017 is \$1,083,699 each fiscal year, with \$650,219 allocated for implementation grants in each year. The minimum amount for an eligible local government project is \$15,000 and the maximum \$200,000. There will also be a project type for regional collaborative projects (consisting of at least 3 eligible entities) which will have a minimum amount of \$125,000 and a maximum \$500,000.

The Resource Conservation Council (RCC), which meets quarterly, will approve a sub-committee dedicated to the entire grant scoring and grant approval process. The planners supporting these subcommittees were introduced and each gave a brief overview of the proposed FY2016/2017 Funding Plan and Implementation Scoring Criteria. NCTCOG staff were available after the general briefing and answered questions posed by attendees.

The NCTCOG's Environment and Development Department is charged with administrating the grants. The application will be available on NCTCOG's website October 26, 2015. Applications will be submitted electronically and all applicants are encouraged to carefully read the application documents. Application scoring will be as follows:

Scoring Criteria Category	Local Government Project Category	Regional Collaborative Project Category
Feasibility and Implementation	40 points	30 points
Addressing Needs and Demonstrating Results	45 points	35 points
Regional Advancement of Materials Management	15 points	10 points
Partnership and project impacts	N/A	25 points
Total Points	100	100

NCTCOG staff members made themselves available to address any questions attendees might have toward completing the application.

Questions and comments posed by attendees:

Question: Why were less grant applications received in the FY2014/2015 Grant Cycle compared to previous grant cycles?

Answer: The TCEQ Solid Waste Fund allocations were cut as per the Texas Legislature. The current grant cycle projects will have an opportunity to receive partial funding for their proposed project. Also, the new proposed regional collaborative project category will allow multiple entities to partner on proposed projects.

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Comment: The addition of the regional collaborative project category is a great idea.

Question: Can applicants submit grant applications for enhancement of already existing projects?

Answer: Yes, grant funds may be used to expand and/or enhance a current, ongoing project(s).