

**Heart of Texas Council of Governments
1514 South New Road
Waco, TX 76711
(254) 292-1800**

Executive Committee Meeting

**Thursday
July 22, 2021
2:00 PM**

*The meeting will be held by Virtual/Telephone Conferencing
(as approved by the Texas Attorney General)*

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Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

**Heart of Texas
Council of Governments**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MCLENNAN**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments, 1514 S. New Road, Waco, Texas, will meet on Thursday, the 22nd Day of July 2021, at 2:00 p.m., by *Virtual/Telephone Conferencing (as approved by the Texas Attorney General)* at which time the following subjects will be considered.

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum
- II. Proof of Posting of notice in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- III. Introduction of Guests
- PAGE IV. Consideration of and/or action on the following:
 - A. New Business
 - 1 1. Resolution to apply for Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) grant for the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP) Round 2.
 - 4 2. Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee appointment
 - 5 3. Approval of Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, Volume 1

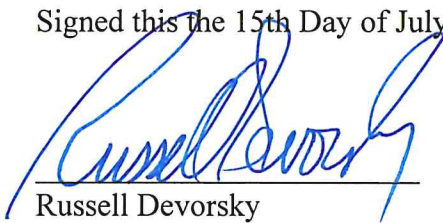
B. Report of the Executive Director

V. Other Reports

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

Signed this the 15th Day of July, 2021



Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

JULY 22, 2021

SUBJECT:

Resolution to apply for Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) grant for the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP) Round 2.

INFORMATION:

The TDHCA has opened Round 2 of the TEMAP grant program. This grant is for \$500,000 to provide assistance to low-and moderate-income (LMI) persons who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The coverage area will be all of the HOTCOG region unless TDHCA awards other entities within the region this grant. TDHCA will inform HOTCOG which areas they will cover after their determination of grant awards. TDHCA requested that we ask for full coverage so that citizens whose communities do not apply for this program will still have the ability to seek mortgage relief. HOTCOG staff will be administering this program for all of the region. Allocation of the funds is provided below:

Heart of Texas Council of Governments Region Low 80% income limits per county

County	Pop Income 80% and under	% to allocate	Allocation Fund Breakdown
Bosque	3535	4.89	\$24,450.00
Falls	3950	5.47	\$27,350.00
Freestone	3549	4.91	\$24,550.00
Hill	7399	10.24	\$51,200.00
Limestone	4740	6.56	\$32,800.00
McLennan	49026	67.9	\$339,650.00
total	72199		\$500,000.00

Factors to consider: Salvation Army of Waco may apply which would change the allocation numbers if they get funded.

If Waco received allocation directly the numbers change

Bosque	3535	8.67	\$43,358.33
Falls	3950	9.69	\$48,458.34
Freestone	3549	8.71	\$43,558.33
Hill	7399	18.16	\$90,808.33

Limestone	4740	11.63	\$58,158.34
McLennan	17573	43.13	\$215,658.33
total	40746		\$500,000.00

At this time HOTCOG staff does not know how TDHCA will break down amounts given if more than one entity in the Region applies for grant.

ACTION:

That the Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee authorize HOTCOG staff to apply for the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program Round 2; a Community Development Block Grant Cares Act program CFDA #14.228 through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in the amount up to \$500,000; and grant the Executive Director, Russell Devorsky, the authority to sign and execute contractual documents through the Resolution as presented.



Judge Linda Grant
President

Judge Jay Elliott
Secretary/Treasurer

Councilmember Jim Holmes
Vice-President

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

Heart of Texas **Council of Governments**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES

A RESOLUTION BY THE HEART OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (HOTCOG) SERVING BOSQUE, FALLS, FREESTONE, HILL, LIMESTONE, AND McLENNAN COUNTIES OF TEXAS, DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR REQUESTING FUNDS PERTAINING TO THE TEXAS EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEMAP) ROUND 2. A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES ACT (CDBG-CV) PROGRAM **CFDA #14.228** THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA).

WHEREAS, HOTCOG is applying for funds, in the amount of five hundred thousand (\$500,000), through TDHCA from the round 2 of TEMAP CDBG-CV program CFDA #14.228 to benefit low-and moderate-income (LMI) persons and;

WHEREAS, HOTCOG's coverage area is Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties.

WHEREAS, the HOTCOG Executive Committee Board, that comprises all the County Judges and other elected leaders of the Region, estimated that it would be in the best interest of their communities to have HOTCOG staff apply for the TMAP Round 2 funding to cover the Region as a whole.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint persons to execute contractual documents and documents for requesting funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and;

WHEREAS, the Heart of Texas Council of Governments of Texas acknowledges that in the event that an authorized signatory HOTCOG changes, the Council of Governments must provide TDHCA with the following:

- a resolution stating who the new authorized signatory is.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AS FOLLOWS:

The Executive Director, Russell Devorsky, of HOTCOG be authorized to execute contractual documents and amendments, if applicable, between the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Heart of Texas Council of Governments for the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program, Round 2, CFDA #14.228.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF TEXAS on July 22, 2021.

Linda Grant, President
County Judge, Freestone County

Attest:

Jay Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer
County Judge, Falls County

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

July 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Advisory Committee Appointment

INFORMATION:

SWAC terms are approved by the Executive Committee for a two year term. As part of the SWAC by-laws Membership representatives from the private service providers are required to be on the committee and committee membership shall not be less than 19 or more than 27 members. At this time there are only 14 members. The SWAC is requesting the following person listed below to be on the committee for a two year term to begin August 1, 2021.

- Kody Patillo: Assistant Director of Solid Waste for City of Waco

ACTION:

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommends that the Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee approve the appointment of Kody Patillo to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

July 22, 2021

SUBJECT:

Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Volume I (RSWMP Vol. 1)

INFORMATION:

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee will meet on July 22, 2022 and review the changes made to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Volume I as requested by TCEQ. The following recommendation is being made to the HOTCOG Executive Committee for the RSWMP Vol. 1. The recommendation is as follows:

The committee recommends that the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Volume I be approved in conformance with the Heart of Texas Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Volume II Update that was conducted and approved in 2013.

ACTION:

HOTCOG Executive Committee approves the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Volume I as presented.

Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Volume I

Regional Solid Waste Management Plans are required by Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §363.062, relating to Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP). Contents of the RSWMP are described in THSC §363.064 and in 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 330, Subchapter O.

This form contains set fields for data entry. To complete an entry, click on the area where the

instructions are shown and begin typing. Rows can be added or deleted in the tables as needed.

The RSWMP Volume I Form was developed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

(TCEQ) in coordination with the Texas Association of Regional Councils. Planning organizations

with questions about the form can contact the TCEQ Business and Program Services Section by calling 512-239-2335.

Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Volume I

Regional Organization Information

Table 1. Organization Information

Name of Council of Government	Heart of Texas Council of Governments
Mailing Address	1514 South New Rd. Waco, TX 76711
Website	Hotcog.org
Phone Number	254-292-1800
Email Address	falen.bohannon@hot.cog.tx.us

Section I. Geographic Scope

[Ref. 30 TAC §330.645(a)(1)]

The geographic scope of the regional planning process shall be the entire planning region.

Table I.I. Geographic Scope

Names of Member Counties in the Entire Planning Region	McLennan, Hill, Bosque, Falls, Limestone, Freestone
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Section II. Plan Content

[Ref. 30 TAC §330.635(a)(2)]

A regional plan shall be the result of a planning process related to the proper management of solid waste in the planning region. The process shall include identification of overriding concerns and collection and evaluation of the data necessary to provide a written public statement of goals and objectives and actions recommended to accomplish those goals and objectives.

II.A. Regional Goals and Objectives

[Ref. 30 TAC §330.635(a)(2)(A)]

In the table, list the long-range regional goals and corresponding objectives for the proper management of solid waste in the planning region. Add rows as needed.

Table II.A. Regional Goals and Objectives

<p>Goal #1 Promote Integrated Solid Waste Management Strategies</p>	<p>Objective 1.A. Continue to address underserved areas as warranted by needs and population growth of the HOTCOG region, e.g., expand citizens' collection stations, as needed</p> <p>Objective 1.B. Address recycling needs in response to changes in market dynamics of recycled commodities</p> <p>Objective 1.C. Address capacity issues, as warranted by current capacity of integrated waste management system (e.g., expand landfill(s))</p> <p>Objective 1.D. Continue to monitor the development of waste-to-energy and waste conversion technologies and implement, when feasible</p>
<p>Goal #2 Encourage Public Education and Involvement in Integrated Solid</p>	<p>Objective 2.A. Develop public education materials about solid waste management and recycling</p> <p>Objective 2.B. Increase public awareness of the importance of stopping illegal dumping</p> <p>Objective 2.C. Increase public awareness through clean-up events such as Waste Tire Amnesty Days</p> <p>Objective 2.D. Encourage community programs through school curricula, advertising campaigns, environmental programs, and volunteer organizations</p> <p>Objective 2.E. Encourage local efforts to stop illegal dumping</p> <p>Objective 2.F. Clarify local government responsibilities and encourage use of litter abatement officers with a vision of establishing a regional task force</p>

<p>Goal #3 Encourage and Promote Funding Availability to Ensure Regional and Local Implementation of this plan.</p>	<p>Objective 3.A. Utilize available grant funds for local plans, illegal dumping enforcement, and development of collection stations.</p> <p>Objective 3.B. Provide updates and distribution of the regional solid waste information system.</p> <p>Objective 3.C. Promote and encourage grant and loan funds from federal, state, and private sector institutions to comply with the plan.</p> <p>Objective 3.D. Continue to monitor the availability of grants and pursue grant funding consistent with HOTCOG's goals.</p>
<p>Goal #4 Encourage the Development of HHW and Diversion Programs</p>	<p>Objective 4.A. Encourage public and private partnership efforts.</p> <p>Objective 4.B. Support reduction of HHW</p> <p>Objective 4.C. Assess the need, feasibility, and public interest of a regional. HHW collection facility(s) or mobile facility(s).</p> <p>Objective 4.D. Recommend the development and use of alternative non-HHW products.</p>

II.B. Efforts to Minimize, Reuse, and Recycle Waste

[Ref. 30 TAC §330.635(a)(2)(B)]

In the table, provide a description and assessment of efforts to minimize, reuse, and recycle waste.

Table II.B. Waste Minimization, Reuse, and Recycling

Subject	Description
<p>Current Efforts to Minimize Municipal Solid Waste and to Reuse or Recycle Waste</p>	<p>The region has several recycling options. City of Waco provides voluntary curbside recycling. Cobbs provides drop off recycling for all Waco residents free and charge for non-residents. Residents of the rural areas have a few drop off stations including a collection station in Marlin and Meridian. Based on review of the annual reports submitted to the TCEQ from the four MSW landfills in the HOTCOG region, biosolids comprise less than one percent of the waste received at these landfills. The Waco Metropolitan Area Regional Sewerage System (WMARSS) wastewater treatment plant serves approximately 175,000 people from the cities of Waco, Bellmead, Hewitt, Lacy-Lakeview, Lorena, Robinson, and Woodway (Exhibit 3-14).</p>
<p>Recycling Rate Goal for the Region</p>	<p>Participation in the City of Waco Curbside Recycling program is voluntary, not mandated. From a total of 34,559 residential accounts, the total number of participating households is 9,568 (27.7%). On an annual basis, the curbside recycling program collects approximately 3,000 tons of recyclable materials. It has been estimated that the average City of Waco household recycles approximately 520 pounds per year. By weight, the greater Waco MSA residential recycling rate has been estimated to be 16.9%. A total of 79 businesses, 7 residential apartments, 20 public elementary schools, 21 secondary public schools and 4 private schools participate in recycling.</p>
<p>Recommendations for Encouraging and Achieving a Greater Degree of Waste Minimization and Waste Reuse or Recycling</p>	<p>Expand residential collection services to currently underserved areas. Improve service to underserved areas through construction of new strategically located citizens' collection stations. Maximize capacity and efficiency of recycling operations. Maximize capacity and efficiency of landfills. Continue to address underserved areas as warranted by needs and population growth of the HOTCOG region, e.g., expand citizens' collection stations, as needed. Address recycling needs in response to changes in market</p>

Subject	Description
	<p>dynamics of recycled commodities.</p> <p>Address capacity issues, as warranted by current capacity of integrated waste management system (e.g., expand landfill(s)).</p> <p>Continue to monitor the development of waste-to-energy and waste conversion technologies and implement, when feasible.</p> <p>Encourage the development of transfer stations, as needed to address efficiencies of transporting MSW to disposal/processing facilities.</p> <p>Continue to monitor the development of waste-to-energy and waste conversion technologies and implement when feasible.</p>
<p>Existing or Proposed Community Programs for the Collection of Household Hazardous Waste</p>	<p>Household hazardous waste (HHW) is managed within the region through periodic collection events. In the past several years, HOTCOG has supported one-day collection events that have included McLennan County cities of Waco, Hewitt, Lorena, Lacy Lakeview, Robinson and Woodway.</p>
<p>Composting Programs for Yard Waste</p>	<p>Curbside Brush Collection:</p> <p>Residential Solid Waste Services in Waco include the free pickup of one 5'x 4'x 4' (maximum) brush waste pile which was generated by residents, defined as those who occupy a home and pay for solid waste services via their water bill. Yard waste collection is provided to residents in many of the cities in the region and collection and recycling centers in some locations accept yard waste. Based on the information available, there are no large-scale composting operations in the HOTCOG region at this time.</p>
<p>Public Education/Outreach</p>	<p>Develop public education materials about solid waste management and recycling.</p> <p>Increase public awareness of the importance of stopping illegal dumping.</p> <p>Increase public awareness through clean-up events such as Waste Tire Amnesty Days.</p> <p>Encourage community programs through school curricula, advertising campaigns, environmental programs, and volunteer organizations.</p> <p>Encourage local efforts to stop illegal dumping.</p> <p>Clarify local government responsibilities and encourage use of litter abatement officers with a vision of establishing a regional task force.</p>

II.C. Commitment Regarding the Management of MSW Facilities

[Ref. 30 TAC §330.635(a)(2)(C)]

By checking the boxes below, the Council of Government makes a commitment to the following, regarding the management of MSW facilities:

- (i) encouraging cooperative efforts between local governments in the siting of landfills for the disposal of solid waste;
- (ii) assessing the need for new waste disposal capacity;
- (iii) considering the need to transport waste between municipalities, from a municipality to an area in the jurisdiction of a county, or between counties, particularly if a technically suitable site for a landfill does not exist in a particular area;
- (iv) allowing a local government to justify the need for a landfill in its jurisdiction to dispose of the solid waste generated in the jurisdiction of another local government that does not have a technically suitable site for a landfill in its jurisdiction;
- (v) completing and maintaining an inventory of MSW landfill units in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code, §363.064. One copy of the inventory shall be provided to the commission and to the chief planning official of each municipality and county in which a unit is located; and
- (vi) developing a guidance document to review MSW registration and permit applications to determine conformance with the goals and objectives outlined in *Volume II: Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Implementation Guidelines* as referenced in 30 TAC §330.643.

Section III. Required Approvals

Table III.I. Required Approvals

Solid Waste Advisory Committee	7/22/2021
Public Meeting Dates	7/22/2021
Executive Committee	7/22/2021