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Request of Applications for Environmental Development Grant Funding

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments (HOTCOG) in cooperation with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) announces the availability of Environmental Development Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2023, and issues this request for applications as of October 17, 2022. The application deadline is November 7, 2022. Funding is available for Environmental Development Projects within Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Limestone, Hill and McLennan Counties.

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for eligible local and regional municipal environmental management projects. Funding for this program is provided through a grant from the TCEQ.

Authorized project categories include:

Local Enforcement (prevention of illegal dumping, educating the public on illegal dumping laws and regulations), Litter and Illegal Dumping Clean-up and Community Collection Events, Source Reduction and Recycling (projects that provide a direct and measurable effect on reducing the amount of municipal solid waste for reuse or recycling), Local Solid Waste Management Plans, Citizens' Collection Stations and "Small" Registered Transfer Stations, Household Hazardous Waste Management and events, Technical Studies (research and investigations assessing possible risks to human health or the environment associated with landfill at the local level), Educational and Training Projects, and "Other" (such as a tire collection event).

The following public entities are eligible for grant funding under this program:

- Cities
- Counties
- Public Schools and School Districts (excluding universities and other post-secondary education institutions)
- General and Special Law Districts created in accordance with State and with the authority and responsibility for water quality protection or municipal solid waste management (e.g. river authorities and municipal utility districts)
- Council of Governments

Non-profit organizations and private companies are not directly eligible, but may be subcontracted by eligible public entities.

If you have questions or would like to receive an application, please contact Falen Bohannon at (254) 292-1870, or email <u>falen.bohannon@hot.cog.tx.us</u>. Grant applications will be available via email or in person at the address below:

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