

# Regional Solid Waste Grants Program

Funding Report for Fiscal Years 2020/2021

## IMPACTS & RESULTS IN YOUR REGION





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33 percent of the revenue is dedicated to local and regional solid waste projects consistent with regional plans approved by the commission in accordance with this chapter and to update and maintain those plans. Those revenues shall be allocated to municipal solid waste geographic planning regions for use by local governments and regional planning commissions according to a formula established by the commission that takes into account population, area, solid waste fee generation, and public health needs. Each planning region shall issue a biennial report to the legislature detailing how the revenue is spent.



**TEXAS SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT  
CHAPTER 361**





# HOW IT WORKS



## TRASH

Garbage is picked up from homes and businesses, loaded into trucks and delivered to landfills.

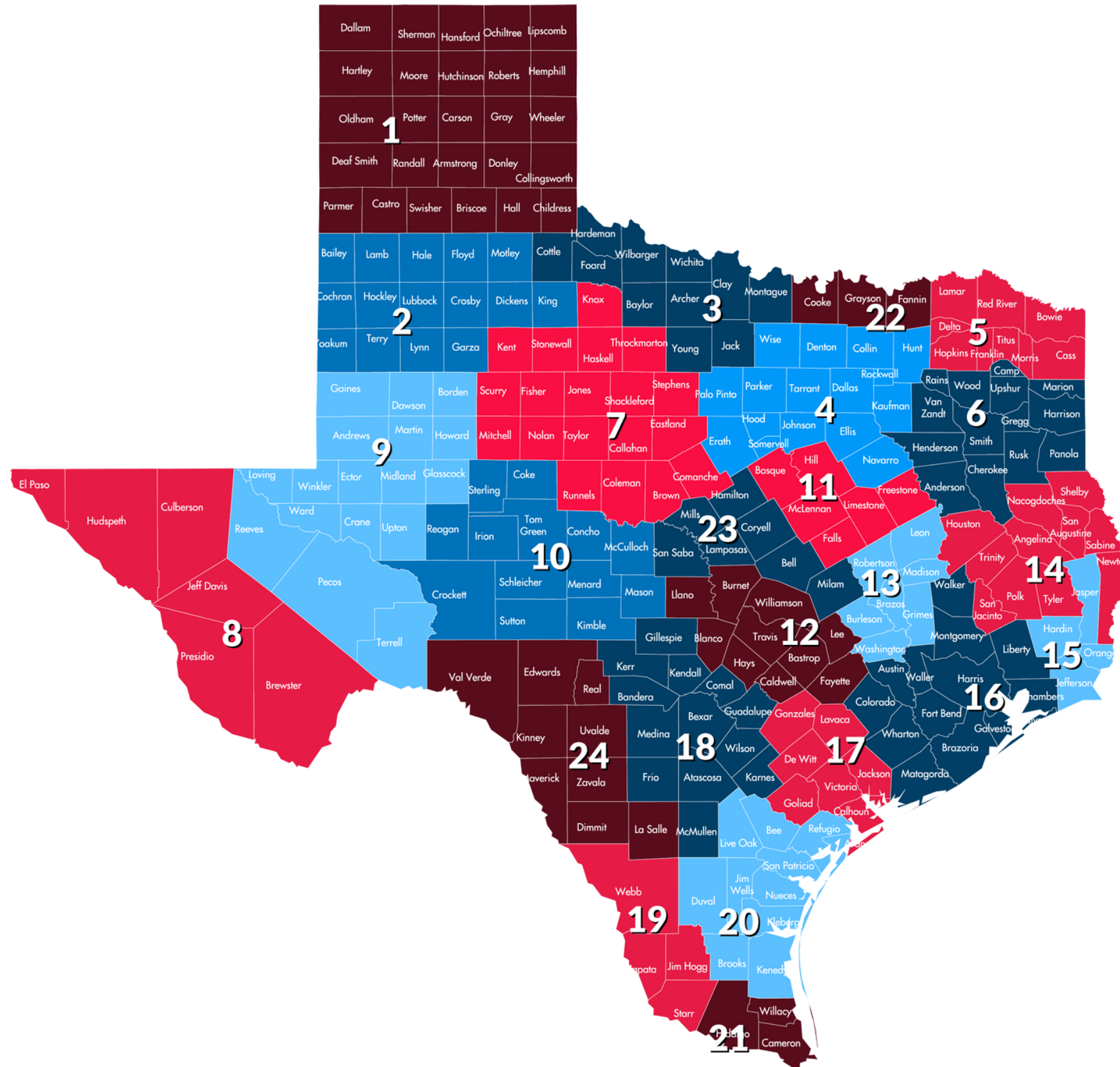
## LANDFILL

Trucks assessed a "tipping fee" for trash they deliver to the landfill. 33% of the amount collected is deposited into a state-dedicated account.

## LEGISLATURE

The Legislature appropriates funds for the regional grants.

# Regional Councils of Governments



**Alamo Area Council of Governments (18)**

Ark-Tex Council of Governments (5)

Brazos Valley Council of Governments (13)

Capital Area Council of Governments (12)

Central Texas Council of Governments (23)

**Coastal Bend Council of Governments (20)**

Concho Valley Council of Governments (10)

Deep East Texas Council of Governments (14)

East Texas Council of Governments (6)

**Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (17)**

Heart of Texas Council of Governments (11)

Houston-Galveston Area Council (16)

**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (21)**

**Middle Rio Grande Development Council (24)**

Nortex Regional Planning Commission (3)

North Central Texas Council of Governments (4)

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (1)

**Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission (9)**

**Rio Grande Council of Governments (8)**

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (15)

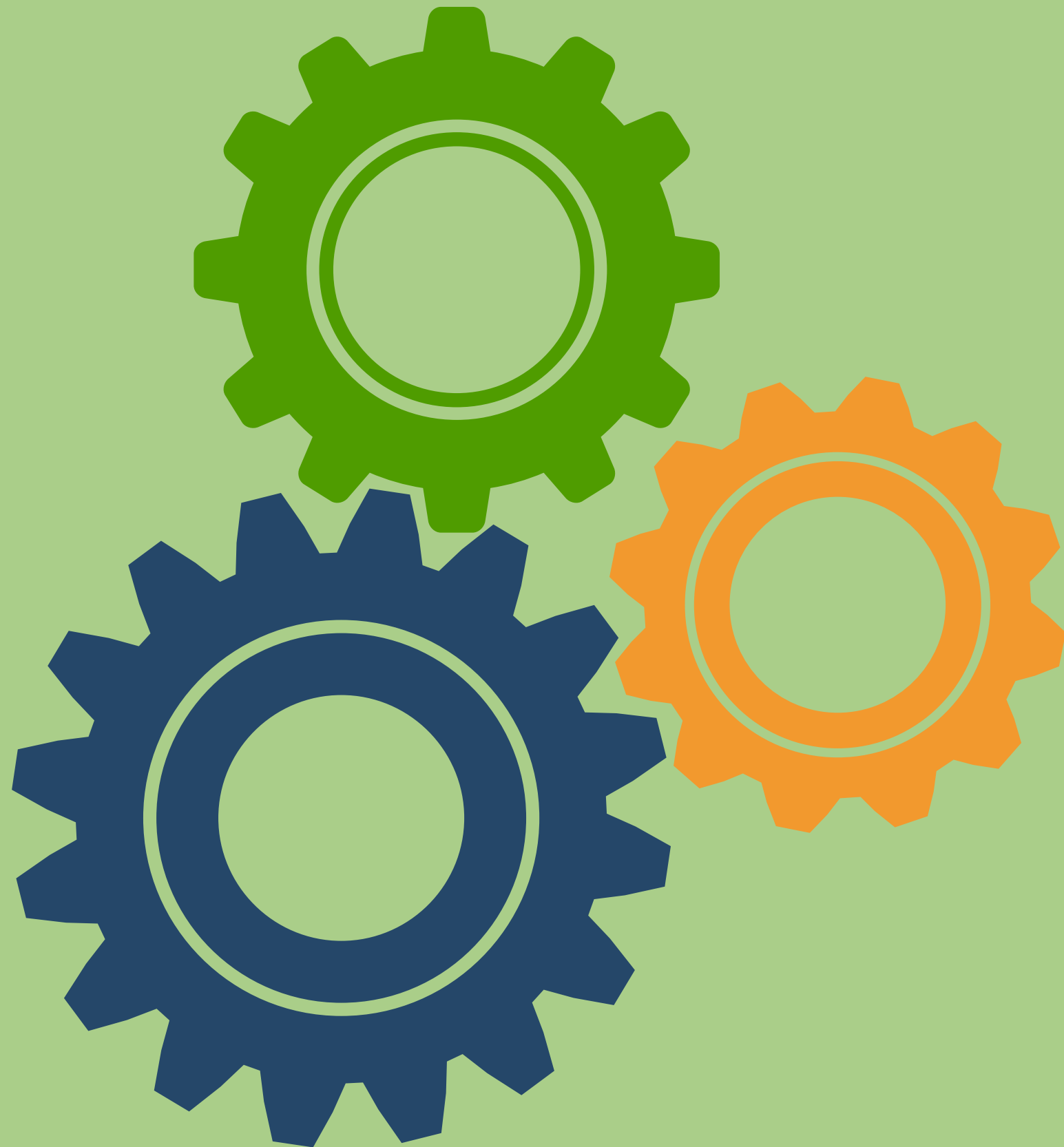
South Plains Association of Governments (2)

**South Texas Development Council (19)**

Texoma Council of Governments (22)

West Central Texas Council of Governments (7)





# Regional Planning & Coordination

## **Protecting health & safety**

COGs help local governments better deliver services to their constituents by providing technical assistance to local governments in the implementation and evaluation of solid waste management programs; education and outreach activities, programs, and printed materials that provide a unified message but can also be customized for local governments; and regional training such as environmental enforcement for peace officers and disaster debris management for emergency managers.

# WHY USE COGS TO OVERSEE GRANTS

## LOCAL FAMILIARITY

Grant proposals are evaluated by public and private experts from each region who are familiar with the region's needs and issues.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

COGs administered a wide range of grants, from \$378 to \$766,835 in Fiscal Years 2018/2019, with legislatively set-forth methods of accountability.

## PARTNERSHIP

COGs work with governments to develop and update Regional Solid Waste Management Plans.

## EFFICIENCY

COGs know what activities are under way in their areas, thus decreasing the chance for duplication of efforts.





# FY 2020 - 2021 By the Numbers

234

Total Projects



Partners collected enough left-over paint to trace a 1-inch line around the state of Texas

**300 times.**

Regional Solid Waste grantees diverted

**15.35 million**

pounds of recyclables, enough to cover almost 26 football fields with one foot of recyclables.



**57,339**

Texas students attend a school district with a grant-funded recycling program.



**1.97 million** pounds of used electronics were collected using grant funding.



Grantees reached out to Texans through

**4,470** mass media activities.



Grantees collected  
over 636,000 tires.

When stacked  
together, that's  
taller than the  
height of

1,523

Texas Capitol Buildings.

Texans collected more than

4.4 million pounds

of trash and recyclables at cleanups,  
equivalent to the weight of 4,890  
Texas Longhorns.



# Alamo Area Council of Governments

## Combating Illegal Dumping

The Regional Solid Waste Grants Program helps communities develop watch programs for areas prone to illegal dumping. In FY 2020, AACOG assisted a community by funding the purchase of cameras to assist officials with identifying those responsible and deterring them from committing the same crime in the future.

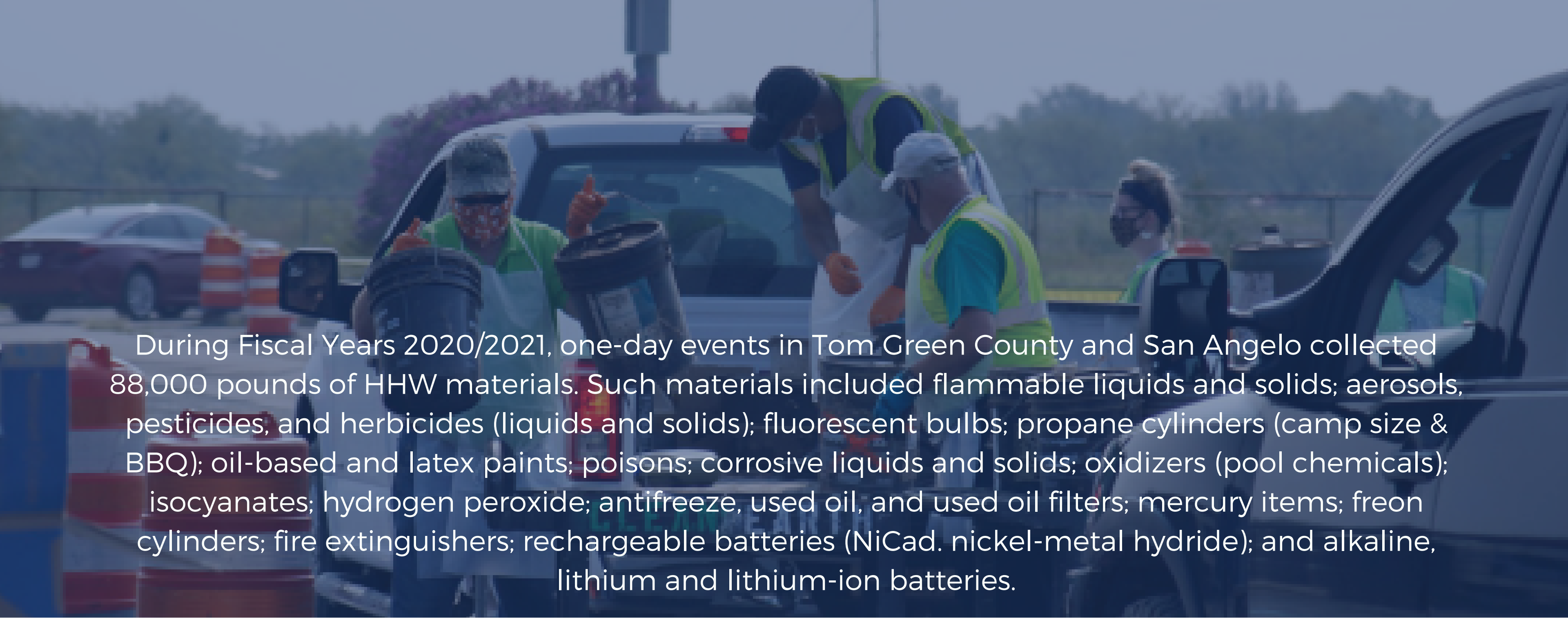




# Coastal Bend Council of Governments

CBCOG administered approximately \$12,474.59 for the purchase of 400 “No Dumping” signs and to provide scholarships to cover the full cost of online local enforcement training opportunities for code enforcement personnel and law enforcement officers who need continuing education credits for their licenses.





During Fiscal Years 2020/2021, one-day events in Tom Green County and San Angelo collected 88,000 pounds of HHW materials. Such materials included flammable liquids and solids; aerosols, pesticides, and herbicides (liquids and solids); fluorescent bulbs; propane cylinders (camp size & BBQ); oil-based and latex paints; poisons; corrosive liquids and solids; oxidizers (pool chemicals); isocyanates; hydrogen peroxide; antifreeze, used oil, and used oil filters; mercury items; freon cylinders; fire extinguishers; rechargeable batteries (NiCad, nickel-metal hydride); and alkaline, lithium and lithium-ion batteries.

# Concho Valley Council of Governments



# Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

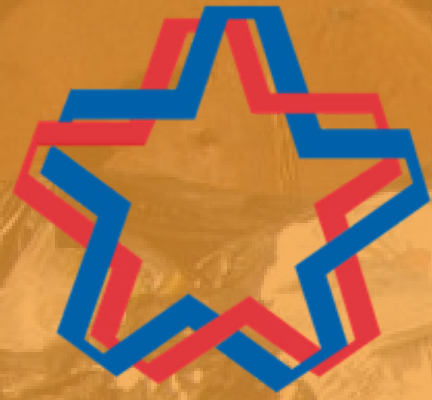
During Fiscal Years 2020/2021, four cities received funding through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Regional Solid Waste Grants Program, administered by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC). The City of Alamo received funding to expand recycling services for their community by building a recycling facility that would be accessible to the residents to drop off their recyclables after working hours and on the weekends. Recycling, sustainability, and environmental awareness have always been long-term goals for the City.

# Rio Grande Council of Governments

Illegal dumping is a significant problem in the community. To address this issue, the City established a scrap tire collection program (for a \$5 fee) in 2020 and recently (Summer 2022) added three bulk item collection containers at the Hal Flanders Recycling Center for the residents to use. The City has increased bulk curbside pick-ups to monthly (as opposed to quarterly) and has increased code enforcement education and citations related to illegal dumping and nuisance properties. This has helped mitigate the illegal dumping of used tires and furniture in the city and has given residents a convenient way to properly dispose of their waste, saving residents the 8-mile drive and the \$60 minimum disposal fee at the Alpine Municipal Landfill.







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