**Environmental Cleanup & Protection**

DETCOG administers a Regional Solid Waste Grant Program which is funded by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This program has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into local projects for environmental cleanup, recycling and community beautification.   From 2010 through 2020 the program has provided more than $843,179.38 to fund local projects. In the latest completed funding cycle, grants were awarded for recycling, general solid waste management, household hazardous waste management, organic waste management, and used oil management.

**DETCOG Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee Report**

DETCOG Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee met Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the Lufkin City Hall 300 E Shepherd St., Room 202, Lufkin, Tx 75902

The committee heard solid waste grant program applicant presentations and then reviewed and scored their applications.  The resulting scores were as follows:

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| City of Crockett | 635 Points |
| Angelina Beautiful Clean | 631 Points |
| San Jacinto County | 616 Points |
| City of Nacogdoches | 578 Points |
| Trinity County | 509 Points |

Based on the available $63,724.38, the committee recommends funding the five (5) grants at the following level:

The committee recommends that any funds not claimed by the other applicants are to be made available to Angelina Beautiful Clean for their Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

The committee also recommends that DETCOG’s Regional Services staff be able to use any administrative funds remaining at the end of the TCEQ contract year to purchase items embellished with the “Recycle” logo that could be given to the public to promote recycling.

 Acting on these recommendations the DETCOG Board approved the designated grants for the recommended funding at their January 23, 2020 meeting.  The grants will now be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for their funding approval.

**Deep East Texas Council of Governments**

**Regional Solid Waste Grant Program**

**2020-2021 Funding Plan**

**Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Priorities**

**Goals, Objectives & Strategies:**

Goal No. 1: Ensure the proper management and disposal of municipal solid waste.

Goal No. 2: Ensure the proper and safe management of solid waste, the availability of management alternatives, and implementation of statewide goals at the regional and local levels, through the development and implementation of regional and local plans.

Goal No. 3: Reduce the amount of solid waste generated and disposed of in Texas, through source reduction and recycling, to the extent feasible through voluntary approaches.

**Grant Project Priorities:** *(Activities under these designations subject to TCEQ requirements)*

1) *(Establishment of)* Citizens Collection Stations and Small Transfer Stations – (Goal No. 1)

2) Source Reduction & Recycling – (Goal No. 1)

3) Education & Training Projects – (Goal No. 2)

4) Litter & Illegal Dumping Community Clean-Up Events – (Goal No. 3)

5) Local Enforcement – (Goal No. 3)

6) Local Solid Waste Management Plans – (Goal No. 3)

7) Household Hazardous Waste Management – (Goal No. 2)

8) Technical Studies – (Goal No. 3)

9) Other

**Project Selection Process:**

DETCOG staff will screen all applications for eligibility. All applications will be available for public view for five (5) business days prior to the review by the DETCOG Solid Waste Advisory Committee (DETCOG-SWAC). All applications determined to be eligible will be presented to the DETCOG-SWAC for review. The DETCOG-SWAC will use the ranking and scoring system recommended by TCEQ, including recommended criteria. DETCOG-SWAC will deliver the recommended ranking to the DETCOG board of directors for their approval. DETCOG-SWAC bylaws exclude members from scoring applications from the jurisdiction or entity they represent and applications where the member contributed to the development of the application. Any appeals of the scoring procedure will be heard by the DETCOG executive director and the DETCOG-SWAC chairman. Once approved by the DETCOG board of directors, the applications will be forwarded to TCEQ for final approval. The scoring criteria will be as follows, which includes both TCEQ and DETCOG-SWAC recommendations:

1) Project description - 20 points

2) Work Program - 20 points

3) Project Cost Evaluation - 15 points

4) Contribution to DETCOG Regional Goals- 25 points

5) Regional Coordinated Effort - 20 points

(Joint Project involving 2 or more eligible entities will receive 5 bonus points)