

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Daniel V. Cárdenas, Director of Environmental Services

**THROUGH:** Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:** AACOG FY 2005 Regional Solid Waste Grants

**DATE:** May 6, 2004

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to submit six (6) or more grant applications seeking an approximate total amount of \$429,666.00 from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) for FY 2005. The Regional Solid Waste Pass-Through Grant funds for FY 2005 support environmental programming efforts related to recycling, solid waste stream reduction and municipal enforcement of anti-dumping laws. If the grants are awarded, this ordinance further authorizes the execution of grant contracts between the City and AACOG and acceptance of all funding that may become available and may be received from the grant applications.

Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Since 1996, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has provided statewide grants to area Councils of Governments for distribution to municipal and local agencies. These funds are generated by local fees imposed by the State on volumes of disposed municipal solid waste. This expense is reflected in private and public fees charged by area landfills for municipal solid waste disposal services.

Cities, Counties and Independent School Districts in the region compete for these funds each grant cycle. The City of San Antonio has received a total of \$1.84 million from this grant program for twenty-nine (29) environmental initiatives since 1996. The Environmental Services Department has been awarded the majority of these grants, although the Code Compliance, Public Works, Health and Parks and Recreation Departments have also received funding for environmentally related projects. A listing of the previously approved projects is attached.

This Ordinance will authorize staff to submit applications, execute grant contracts between the City and AACOG, and accept any awards as may become available from the FY 2005 Regional Solid Waste Pass-Through Grant program totaling approximately \$429,666.00. Grant funds may be used to enhance environmental programs that promote recycling, deter illegal dumping or support other waste diversion initiatives. Funds may be used for equipment, site improvements, educational programs and supplies and environmental enforcement programs. If additional funds become available from the TCEQ, this proposed Ordinance authorizes the submission of additional applications for FY 2005 projects. This Ordinance authorizes the submission of applications for the following environmental related projects:

**Recycling Education Program - \$50,000.00**

Funding would be used to develop promotional and educational literature to inform customers on what materials are acceptable in the City's curbside recycling program and offer alternative recycling options for materials not accepted in the City's program. This grant would also fund the purchase of recycling bins to replace damaged bins currently in use.

**Computer-based Routing and Data Collection Program - \$62,800.00**

Funding will be used to purchase computer software, hardware and support training to improve the efficiency of the residential curbside recycling program and other departmental programs.

**City Office-Paper Recycling Program Enhancement - \$133,500.00**

Requested funding would provide for trucks and equipment in order to expand and enhance the City's in-house office paper recycling collection program and increase the quantity of materials accepted.

**Household Hazardous Waste Education Program - \$56,000.00**

Funding would be used to conduct a Household Hazardous Waste Education Program to include informational materials and a new portable facility to conduct classroom training for the public and house certain operational resources.

**Household Hazardous Waste Program Expansion - \$98,566.00**

Funds will be used to implement a "one-time" Household Hazardous Waste collection event in a location other than the permanent drop off center on Culebra Road.

**Glass Recycling Drop-off Center - \$28,800.00**

Funding would be used for the purchase of equipment to establish a glass container drop-off center. All glass collected would be pulverized and recycled.

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

Approval of this Ordinance will be a continuation of City Council policy and direction to protect environmental resources and to seek grant funding for environmental initiatives. All grant-financed activities are intended to carry out requirements of the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

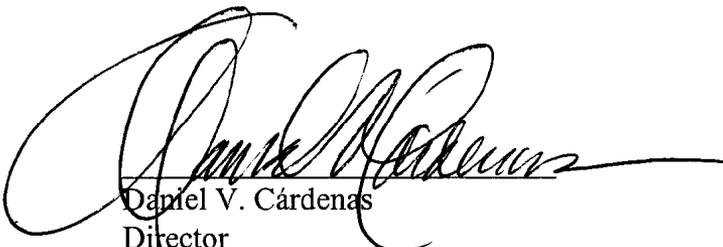
Improvements resulting from the acceptance of any grants awarded will be funded directly by the grant. Ancillary costs, such as fuel and labor costs, shall be funded by the Environmental Services Fund.

**COORDINATION:**

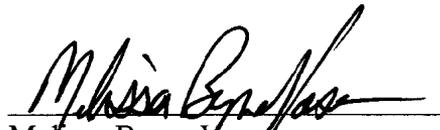
This request for Ordinance has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the Office of Management and Budget and Keep San Antonio Beautiful, Inc.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

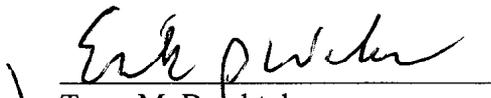
List of previous ACOG grant funded projects.



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Terry M. Brechtel  
City Manager

Attachment 1

TCEQ Regional Solid Waste Pass-through grant funds have provided for the following:

**1996 - \$171,809.00**

\$75,000.00 - for purchase of a tub shredder and equipment to shred and recycle brush

\$25,897.00 - for the purchase of equipment and educational material for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

\$20,796.00 - for the purchase of equipment to be used for the enforcement of illegal dumping laws

\$50,116.00 - for the purchase of four land applicators (spreaders) to be used by SAWS to land-apply compost

**1997 - \$99,260.52**

\$18,645.00 - for the purchase of a forklift and educational supplies related to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

\$34,497.00 - for salary, fringe benefits and related expenses for a code abatement officer position (Code Compliance Dept)

\$46,118.52 - for equipment and education materials for environmental health program (SA Metro Health Dept)

**1998 - \$219,207.80**

\$28,362.40 - for the purchase of paint can openers, storage building and supplies related to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

\$91,406.40 - for purchase of a wheeled loader, educational materials, construction materials and other supplies related to a Compost Demonstration Site Project

\$41,100.00 - for collection and recycling of brush material (Public Works)

\$20,000.00 - for the purchase of recycling bins for the Curbside Recycling Program

\$38,339.00 - for salary, travel and office supplies for a code enforcement officer position (Code Compliance Dept)

**1999 - \$75,996.00**

\$37,140.00 - for the purchase of Compost Program supplies, training sessions and printing of "Don't Bag It" literature

\$38,856.00 - for salary, travel and office supplies for a code enforcement officer position (Code Compliance Dept)

**2000- \$180,061.21**

\$82,500.00 - for personnel costs associated with quarterly Household Hazardous Waste collection events and expansion of the existing permanent facility

\$51,959.21 - for equipment to support the delivery of mulch to satellite parks within the city

\$45,602.00 - for salaries, equipment and office supplies for code enforcement officer position (Code Compliance Dept)

**2001 - \$258,154.00**

\$108,154.00 - for the purchase of a glass pulverizer and skid-steer loader for a recycling demonstration project

\$150,000.00 - for the purchase of a brush tub shredder for the Bitters Road Brush Recycling Center

**2002 - \$ 357,066.44**

\$108,382.88 - for enhancements to the City's Household Hazardous Waste drop-off facility

\$40,000.00 - funding to conduct a feasibility study for setting up a municipal recycling facility (MRF)

\$157,663.88 - for promotion of the City's recycling programs, including curbside collection and backyard composting

\$51,019.68 - funding to aid in illegal dumping enforcement through use of surveillance cameras and warning signs

**2003 - \$204,560.06**

\$66,398.80 - for GPS data receivers and programming to conduct a pilot to log and track violations of illegal dumping laws

\$128,907.50 – funding for promotion of the City’s recycling programs, including curbside collection and yard waste composting

\$117,300.00 – for enhancements to the citizen brush and bulky item drop-off site located adjacent to Camargo Park at Hwy 90

\$24,000.00 - for the purchase of a brush chipper for the Botanical Gardens (Parks and Recreation Dept)

Total of twenty-nine (29) TCEQ Regional Solid Waste Grants for \$1,836,322.53