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Arlington ISD - Wood Chip Project

Requested Funding: \$183,668.00

The Arlington ISD Wood Chip Project will expand the reuse and recycling of organic materials on campus and facility grounds. The District's 88.5-square-mile attendance zone covers the majority of the city of Arlington, all of the small towns of Dalworthington Gardens and Pantego, and much of the Tarrant County portion of Grand Prairie, and the proposed project will divert or reduce a sizable amount of organic waste from entering the landfill.

Arlington ISD - Chemical Disposal and Campus Clean-out Program

Requested Funding: \$181,500.00

The Arlington ISD Chemical Disposal and Campus Clean-out Program will ensure the safe and proper collection and disposal of a large, accumulated inventory of hazardous materials such as paint, cleaning supplies, and science lab chemicals on campuses and other AISD facilities. The proposed project will protect students, staff, and the environment by mitigating the risks associated with the potential instability, improper handling, storage, and disposal of chemicals, which can lead to health issues, accidents, and environmental damage.

City of Arlington - Recycling Access at Older Multi-Family Properties

Requested Funding: \$200,000.00

Bridging the Gap in Recycling Access: Increasing Access at Older Multi-Family Properties aims to expand recycling services to Arlington residents living in apartment complexes constructed before the City's 2018 recycling ordinance. These properties are not currently required to provide recycling, leaving thousands of residents—many in underserved communities—without access to basic diversion services. This project will fund the placement of recycling dumpsters and ten months of collection service at qualifying properties, supported by targeted education efforts such as signage, utility bill inserts, recycling bags, and informational postcards. Together, these components will provide an equitable and cost-effective model for expanding diversion. Data collected will inform long-term sustainability planning and demonstrate the financial and environmental benefits of city-supported multi-family recycling.

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City of Arlington - Regional Collaborative Illegal Dumping Study

Requested Funding: \$357,087.00

Shared Borders, Shared Solutions: A Regional Approach to Illegal Dumping and Environmental Education unites the Cities of Arlington, Dalworthington Gardens, and the Town of Pantego in a strategic effort to confront illegal dumping through a consultant-led regional study and dynamic public outreach. The study will identify high-impact dumping sites, analyze contributing factors, and deliver coordinated, data-driven solutions tailored to the needs of all three cities. To support lasting behavior change, the project features an engaging, place-based education initiative led by EcoHero, a nationally recognized platform that uses music, storytelling, and local themes to connect with elementary students. Deliverables include a custom Arlington-themed Read/Rap-Along book, animated video, live-streamed performance, and classroom curriculum. These tools, combined with community-facing materials such as postcards, flyers, and promotional items, will strengthen cross-jurisdictional partnerships, build community awareness, and lay the groundwork for future remediation and cleanup funding from TCEQ, EPA, and other state and federal sources.

City of Cedar Hill - MiniBeast Horizontal Grinder

Requested Funding: \$149,735.16

The City of Cedar Hill, also referred to as “the City”, requests \$149,735.16 to purchase a horizontal grinder to be able to grind brush, accumulated by routine parks maintenance, into mulch to be utilized in City-owned landscaping and to create a free mulch program for residents, with mulch to be stored within a limestone block staging area. The City of Cedar Hill currently sends approximately 8 tons of tree limb and stump debris to the landfill twice per week; this project would allow 100% of generated tree limb waste to be diverted from the landfill and recycled. This project demonstrates short-term and long-term impacts and benefits in Cedar Hill’s waste management program.

City of Decatur - Debris Reduction Initiative

Requested Funding: \$252,713.00

In a city of 8,000 residents, the amount of vegetation waste accumulating from the rapid developments and population growth in the City of Decatur is increasing. To address this debris in the community, Decatur Public Works would like to use a grant-funded track hoe with grapple attachment and *Charboss* air

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curtain burner to efficiently reduce the vegetation waste to useful ash through controlled combustion, minimizing harmful emissions compared to traditional open burning. This approach lowers landfill use, improves air quality, reduces fire hazards, and decreases operational costs, creating a safer environment for the local community.

City of Denton - Standardized Waste Sorters

Requested Funding: \$25,025.00

Implement standardized waste sorters across all City of Denton offices to support increase diversion and a reduction in recycling contamination.

City of Farmers Branch - Disaster Debris Management Plan Creation for the Cities of Farmers Branch, Coppell, Carrollton, and Town of Addison

Requested Funding: \$240,000.00

This project involves the cities of Farmers Branch, Coppell, Carrollton, and Town of Addison collaboratively developing individual disaster debris management plans. On May 28th, 2024 all four cities experienced high speed winds that created unseen amounts of debris, with natural events like this occurring at a more rapid pace the four cities have identified a need for disaster debris plans that work together. While each city will have its own tailored plan, the strategies are interdependent due to the high level of coordination that is consistent with the 4 cities, often referred to as the “Quad Cities”. The goal is to ensure seamless integration and mutual support during disaster response and recovery efforts. Once the plans are drafted, a joint workshop will be held with all cities to review, align, and strengthen coordination across jurisdictions. This collaborative approach enhances regional resilience, ensures unified action in the face of disasters, and betters management of solid waste in the region.

City of Forney - Illegal Dumping Reduction

Requested Funding: \$42,163.06

To strengthen its illegal dumping prevention and enforcement efforts, the City of Forney plans to acquire surveillance equipment, signage, and cleanup machinery. This includes three 4K surveillance cameras for persistent dumping hotspots and three game cameras to be rotated among other affected sites, along with fifteen deterrent signs to be placed at all known locations. Additionally, a stand-on compact loader would allow City staff to conduct site clearances without relying on contractors. These tools will enhance the City’s capacity to monitor, deter, and respond to illegal dumping more efficiently.

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City of Frisco - Baselines for Future Commercial Recycling Program

Requested Funding: \$150,000.00

In 2024, the city generated approximately 167,000 tons of waste across residential, commercial, and construction services, with commercial waste accounting for nearly 43% of this total. The City currently has open market commercial recycling and is pursuing the development of a commercial recycling franchise. In an effort to establish recycling baselines for the commercial recycling program, the City is proposing to use \$150,000 in NCTCOG's Solid Waste Implementation Grant funds to conduct commercial waste characterization studies, which will highlight opportunities to increase recycling rates across different commercial business types; inform service rate calculations; allow for creation of targeted recycling education; result in baselines by which the City can measure program progress and success; and support development of a robust commercial recycling program to serve as a model for other Texas municipalities.

Hood County - Citizen Collection Center Upgrade

Requested Funding: \$166,904.98

Upgrade the Citizen Collection Center

City of Mansfield - Litter Abatement Project

Requested Funding: \$75,000.00

The City of Mansfield is requesting grant funding to offset costs associated with implementing a comprehensive litter abatement program. Key components of this initiative include conducting an initial cleanup of identified street segments, creating a baseline level of cleanliness across targeted areas, and developing a "heat map" to identify areas with the highest concentrations of litter.

Parker County - Adopt-A-Road

Requested Funding: \$21,061.67

Parker County aims to maintain a clean and well-kept environment; it is crucial to educate and inform our community by promptly implementing the county road program.

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Parker County - Brush Removal

Requested Funding: \$194,154.00

The precinct is involved in brush cutting, tree trimming, and mowing, and new machinery will enhance operational efficiency. The Parker County Disposal Center will manage the brush cleanup and work with Waste Connections and Waste Management for trash removal. To address excessive brush growth, Parker County is seeking contractor assistance for grinding and removal.

City of Roanoke - Disaster Debris Management Plan for the City of Roanoke and the Town of Trophy Club

Requested Funding: \$49,962.00

The City of Roanoke and the Town of Trophy Club are jointly requesting grant funding to hire a qualified contracting agency to develop a comprehensive Disaster Debris Management Plan. This plan will ensure that disaster-generated debris is managed efficiently, in compliance with EPA and FEMA guidelines, and in a manner that prioritizes environmental safety. Additionally, the plan will align with federal reimbursement requirements, helping both jurisdictions recover eligible costs following a disaster event.

Wise County - Cardboard Compactor

Requested Funding: \$115,038.12

This project would include replacing the current obsolete cardboard compactor at our Decatur location and expanding cardboard recycling to our Chico location.

Wise County - Compactor 2

Requested Funding: \$115,038.12

This project would include replacing the current solid waste compactors at our Chico and Boyd Drop-off Stations. The current solid waste compactors at these locations are obsolete and no longer capable of adequately processing the amount of waste at these locations.