

Memorandum of Understanding Between Ark-Tex Council of Governments and Hopkins County

I. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to define the requirements of Hopkins County, through the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) COG Managed Project (CMP) utilizing funds provided by the Solid Waste Pass-Through Grant Program from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

II. Duration and Modification of Agreement

The agreement will be in effect for the FY 2025 funding period beginning September 1, 2024, and ending August 31, 2025. However, the due date for completion of the cleanup / collection event is June 30, 2025. This will allow time for submission of invoices, project tracking forms, and reimbursement to take place prior to August 31, 2025.

The Agreement may be amended at any time in writing and by mutual consent of the Agencies. Each Agency may cancel its participation in the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other Agency. When the cancellation is for cause, i.e., a material and significant breach of any of the provisions of this Agreement, it may be cancelled upon delivery of written notice to the other Agency.

III. Overview

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) will provide funding in the amount of \$2,900.00 to Hopkins County. The funds are to be used for the purpose of implementing a Community Collection Event / Illegal Dumping Cleanups and / or to purchase educational outreach materials to be distributed to residents within the county in order to improve environmental awareness. ATCOG encourages the county to provide matching funds or in-kind services in an effort to increase the effectiveness of the cleanup event. However, it is not a requirement to be eligible to receive funds from ATCOG. Each County Judge may use their discretion in selecting an eligible entity to oversee the implementation of the project, such as a County Commissioner, City Manager, Mayor, or Superintendent of an Independent School District.

Hopkins County will be responsible for scheduling the project, procuring rolloff dumpsters, and monitoring the activities during the event. The county must also notify the ATCOG Environmental Resources Coordinator at least two weeks prior to the scheduled event, so ATCOG staff can conduct a site visit. ATCOG will reimburse the county for expenses up to \$2,900.00 upon receiving an invoice from the county indicating proper disposal of the items collected at the collection / cleanup event. ATCOG also encourages the county to divert any recyclable items from the waste stream to a material recovery facility (MRF).

IV. Schedule of Reporting Accomplishments

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) requires Hopkins County to submit an annual report upon completion of the project and will provide two project tracking forms (Forms B and H) that must be completed.

APPROVED:

Paul Prange

The undersigned Agencies bind themselves to the faithful performance of this Agreement. It is mutually understood that this Agreement shall not be effective until approved by all Agencies involved.

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Environmental Resources Coordinator Ark-Tex Council of Governments

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FY 2024/2025 REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM Form B: Litter and Illegal Dumping Cleanup

The following table should be a calculation of all grant-funded FY 2024/2025 litter and illegal dumping cleanup projects.

Reporting Parameter	Cumulative FY2024/2025 Results
Total number of projects funded	
Total project funding	\$
For river/lake and community litter cleanups: Total number of individual cleanup events held	
Total number of participants/volunteers	
If applicable, total waterfront cleaned up (in miles)	
If applicable, total estimated land area cleaned up (in acres)	
Total debris/litter collected for disposal (in pounds)	
Total amount of materials collected for recycling/reuse (in pounds)	
For periodic or ongoing cleanup of illegal dumping sites: Total number of litter and illegal dumping sites cleaned up	
Total estimated land area cleaned up (in acres)	
Total amount materials collected for disposal (in pounds)	
Total amount of material collected for recycling/reuse (in pounds)	

Comments:

FY 2024/2025 REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM Form H: Education and Training Projects*

*Use for stand-alone education and training projects, as well as projects in other grant categories containing education and training components.

The following table should be a calculation of all grant-funded FY 2024/2025 education/training projects.

Reporting Parameter	Cumulative FY 2024/2025 Results
Total number of stand-alone education/training projects funded	
Total funding for stand-alone education/training projects	\$
Total number of projects in other grant categories including education/training components	
Total funding for education/training components in other grant categories	\$
Total number of COG coordination activities with education/training components	
Total funding for COG coordination activities with education/training components	\$
Combined total of all education/training events	
Total number of persons involved in education/training events	
Combined total of all items distributed related to education/training events (e.g., brochures, fliers, manuals, freebies, etc.)	
Total number of mass media activities (e.g., press releases, PSAs, billboards or signs, etc.)	
Estimated total number of people reached through mass media activities	

Comments: