



**Certifications:**

In order to receive grant funds under this program, the proposed project must conform to the provisions set forth in the Request for Applications (RFA). The following certifications are intended to help LRGVDC ensure that these provisions are met. By signing this Application, the person acting on behalf of the Applicant makes the certifications listed below.

**1. Authority to Sign Application**

The person signing this Application hereby certifies that he/she has authority from the Applicant to sign the Application and that such authority will bind the Applicant in subsequent agreements.

**2. Application Contains No False Statements**

Applicant certifies that this Application has no false statements and that the Applicant understands that signing this Application with a false statement is a material breach of contract and shall void the submitted Application and any resulting contracts. The Applicant understands that LRGVDC will not accept any amendment, revision, addition or alteration to this Application after the final date and time for submission.

**3. Governmental Status**

Applicant certifies that it is located in the State of Texas and fits within one of the governmental classifications listed below, as determined under state law:

- a. City
- b. County
- c. Public school district (not including Universities or post secondary educational institutions)
- d. Other general and special law district with the authority and responsibility for water quality protection or municipal solid waste management, including river authority
- e. Council of Government

**4. Conformance to Standards**

The Applicant certifies to the best of their knowledge and ability that the proposed project, including all activities in the application, conforms to the eligible category standards and allowable expense and funding standards as set forth in the Request for Applications.

**5. Solid Waste Fee Payments**

Applicant certifies that it is not delinquent in payment of solid waste disposal fees owed by the State of Texas.

**6. Consideration of Private Industry**

The following certification only applies if the project is under one of the following grant categories:

- a. Source Reduction and Recycling
- b. Citizens' Collection Stations and "Small" Registered Transfer Stations
- c. A demonstration project under the Educational and Training Projects category

Applicant certifies that it has notified private service providers in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Request for Applications and the instructions provided with this application form. Applicant further certifies to the best of their knowledge and ability that the proposed project will promote cooperation between public and private entities, is not otherwise readily available, and will not create a competitive advantage over a private industry that provides recycling or solid waste services.

**7. Consistency with Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment**

Applicant certifies to the best of their knowledge and ability that the proposed project is consistent with applicable goals, objectives, and recommendations LRGVDC's adopted regional solid waste management plan amendment.

**8. Technical Feasibility**

Applicant certifies that it has carefully reviewed its Application and that to the best of their knowledge and ability all activities are technically feasible and can be satisfactorily completed within the grant period as set forth in the Request for Applications.

**9. Costs Reasonable and Necessary**

Applicant certifies to the best of their knowledge and ability that the proposed project activities in the Application and the expenses outlines in the Budget are reasonable and necessary to accomplish the project objectives, and that the proposed expenses are consistent with the costs of comparable goods and services.

**10. Certification by Law Enforcement Programs**

If the Applicant is a law enforcement entity regulated by Chapter 415 of the Government Code, the Applicant certifies that it is in compliance with all rules developed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) pursuant to Chapter 415, Government Code; or that it is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules. If compliance is pending, a certification from TCLEOSE must be attached to indicate that the Applicant is in the process of achieving compliance with the rules.

**Assurances**

If the application is approved for funding, the grant funds will be awarded through a contract between the Applicant and LRGVDC. The grant contract will contain a number of standards, requirements, and processes that must be complied with as a condition of receiving the grant funds. In order to ensure an understanding by the Applicant of some of the main conditions that will be included in the contract, the Applicant is asked to review the following assurances. By signing this Application, the person acting on behalf of the Applicant indicates their understanding of these conditions and provides assurances that these and other conditions set forth in the grant contract will be adhered to if funding is awarded.

**1. Compliance with Standards Pertaining to Real Property and Equipment**

Applicant provides assurances that, if funded, the Applicant will comply with the contract provisions pertaining to title to and management of real property and equipment. The contract will contain obligations and conditions regarding the use of equipment and/or facilities (the "property") acquired under the agreement. Included in the provisions are obligations to provide adequate maintenance and conduct physical property inventories; restrictions and conditions on the use, replacement, sale, or transfer of the property; and obligations to continue to adhere to the provisions that grant funds not be used to create a competitive advantage over private industry, in the use or transfer of the property.

**2. Participation in LRGVDC/TCEQ Surveys and Reporting**

Applicant provides assurances that, if funded, the Applicant will respond to surveys and/or other requests from LRGVDC or the TCEQ for information on municipal solid waste management activities.

**3. Compliance with Progress and Results Reporting Requirements**

Applicant provides assurances that, if funded, the Applicant will comply with requirements for: reporting on the progress of the project tasks and deliverables; documenting the results of the project and providing those results to LRGVDC on a schedule established by LRGVDC, and additionally, to continue to document the results of the project activities for the life of the project; and to provide LRGVDC with a follow-up results report approximately one to two years after the end of the grant term.

**4. Financial Management**

Applicant provides assurances that, if funded, the Applicant will comply with contract provisions and requirements necessary to ensure that expenses are reasonable and necessary, and to adhere to financial administration and reimbursement procedures and provide financial reports on a schedule established by LRGVDC.

**5. Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act**

Applicant provides assurances that, if funded, the Applicant will comply with all the applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (Pamph.1995).

**6. Compliance with the Single Audit Act**

Applicant provides assurances that, if funded, the Applicant will comply with the Single Audit Act as defined by the Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS), January 1998.

**7. Compliance with Program and Fiscal Monitoring**

Applicant provides assurances that, if funded, the Applicant will comply with program and fiscal monitoring provisions of the contract, including: providing additional reports or information as may be requested to adequately track the progress of the project; and allowing site visits to evaluate the progress of the project and to view any grant-funded equipment or facility.

**Grant Budget Summary**

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Budget Categories	Funding Request
1. Personnel (Salary)	0.00
2. Fringe Benefits	0.00
3. Travel	0.00
4. Supplies (unit cost of less than \$1,000)	1,640.00
5. Equipment (unit cost of \$5,000 or more)	9,600.00
6. Construction	0.00
7. Contractual (other than for Construction)	0.00
8. Other	9,000.00
9. Indirect charges	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,240.00</b>

10. Fringe Benefit Rate:	
11. Indirect Cost Rate:	

1. Personnel (Salary)					
Position	Function	Status FT/PT, perm/temp	Monthly Salary	Time (%FTE)	Salary Request
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00

*Narrative: (In any category where funding is requested, the Narrative must be completed.)*  
 No personnel grant funds requested

3. Travel			
Position	Destination	Purpose	Travel Request

*Narrative: (In any category where funding is requested, the Narrative must be completed.)*  
 No travel grant funds requested

4. Supplies (Unit cost of less than \$1,000)		
Description	Purpose	Supply Request
Energizer Advance Lithium Batteries	Power supply	400.00
Camera Security Enclosure	To secure and encase the camera system	560.00
Python Master Locks	Provide reinforced security to camera and enclosure	200.00
SanDisk 64 GB Memory Card	Storage of surveillance photos	480.00

*Narrative: (In any category where funding is requested, the Narrative must be completed.)*  
 The Illegal dumping prevention and surveillance cameras will be powered by 12 AA batteries. In order to maintain the longest power output, without investing in solar panels, we will utilize lithium batteries. Price estimates are \$25 per 12 pack. We are requesting 8 cameras and 2 sets of 12 pack AA batteries per camera (16 x \$25 = \$400). Additional supplies needed consist of 8 metal all weather camera enclosures for added protection and 8 python master locks to secure the camera and enclosure together. Additional supplies requested are 8 64 GB SDHC memory cards for the storing and transmittal of fast action photos.

5. Equipment (Unit price of \$5,000 or more)		
Description	Purpose	Equipment
Reconyx Surveillance Camera	Prevention of Illegal Dumping	9,600.00

*Narrative: (In any category where funding is requested, the Narrative must be completed.)*  
 The illegal dumping prevention equipment request consists of 8 cellular enabled security cameras ideal for covert surveillance of people and activities. Its small size makes it easy to conceal, and simple setup is quick to deploy in the field. The cellular module transmits large images in near real time to up to 4 mobile phones and/or 2 email accounts.

6. Construction			
Description	Purpose	Sub-Contracted (Y/N)	Construction

*Narrative: (In any category where funding is requested, the Narrative must be completed.)*  
 No construction grant funds requested.

7. Contractual		
Contractor	Purpose	Contractual
<p><i>Narrative: (In any category where funding is requested, the Narrative must be completed.)</i>            No contractual grant funds requested</p>		

8. Other			
Type Other	Description	Purpose	Other Request
Postage/Delivery			
Telephone/Fax			
Utilities			
Printing/Reproduction	Printing of program material	Education and prevention awareness	2,000.00
Advertising/Public Notices	Public Service Announcements	Education and prevention awareness	6,000.00
Signage	Area roadway surveillance notices	Prevention of Illegal Dumping	1,000.00
Training/Registration Fees			
Dues/Membership Fees			
Record Storage			
Office Space			
Basic Office Furnishings			
Equipment Rentals			
Books/Subscriptions			
Repair/Maintenance			
Legal Services			
Temporary Services			
<p><i>Narrative: (In any category where funding is requested, the Narrative must be completed.)</i>            Our program seeks to educate and prevent illegal dumping thru the encouragement of residents to take advantage of the resources available to them, instill good habits of responsible solid waste management, boost community support in reporting illegal dumping, and the prevention of littering – with residents working together with the County to build a sustainable environment and caring society. Our award winning County Public Affairs Division will script, direct and produce a 30 second Public Service Announcement for broadcast on newsprint and local spanish/english TV stations. We will also develop spanish/english print material and posters at high traffic county facilities, community resource centers and clinics. Additionally, we will also conduct community forums with our colonia communities to raise awareness and distribute targeted educational materials. Complementing our program will be spanish/english notices and signage throughout known hot spots notifying potential violaters that the area is under surveillance. County currently has existing contracts with related vendors and obtained pricing from prior purchase orders.</p>			

Type Other (Cont.)	Description	Purpose	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Other Request
Recycling Bins					0.00
Recycling Bins					0.00
Personal Protective Equip.					0.00
Personal Protective Equip.					0.00
Personal Protective Equip.					0.00
Computer Hardware					0.00
Computer Software					0.00
Audio/Visual Equipment					0.00
Audio/Visual Equipment					0.00
Audio/Visual Equipment					0.00
Promotional Item					0.00
Promotional Item					0.00
Promotional Item					0.00
Other Equip. (<\$5,000)					0.00
Other Equip. (<\$5,000)					0.00
Other Equip. (<\$5,000)					0.00
Additional Other					0.00
Additional Other					0.00
Additional Other					0.00

*Narrative: (In any category where funding is requested, the Narrative must be completed.)*  
 No other type grant funds requested

**Project Merits and Need (Up to 45 Points): PLEASE LIMIT YOUR PROJECT NARRATIVE TO 1 PAGE.** Page limitation does not apply to attachments.

**Project Title:** Hidalgo County Illegal Dumping Education and Prevention Program

**Program Objective and Summary (use all four boxes if necessary):** Give a Summary of the project. List specific objectives. Provide a scope of work with schedule of deliverables for the proposed project or program. As concisely as possible, provide tasks, describe the major steps, identify responsible entities and establish a specific time frame. Suggested format for scope of work:

See attached narrative titled "Hidalgo County Illegal Dumping Education and Prevention Program"

Task 1: Formulate a Communication Strategy

- a. Activity: Collaborate with Public Affairs Division to develop draft educational material and imagery  
Schedule of activity: Commence upon grant award notice and finalize within 60 days.
- b. Activity: Distribute print material and broadcast Public Service Announcements  
Schedule of activity: Commence upon finalization of education context and imagery and within 90 days of grant award notice.
- c. Activity: Develop a database of key activities for the evaluation of program results  
Schedule of activity: Commence upon grant award notice and finalize within 30 days.
- d. Activity: Coordinate community forums with advocacy groups  
Schedule of activity: Commence upon finalization of education context and imagery and within 90 days of grant award notice.

Task 2: Collaborate with Law Enforcement to develop an Illegal Dumping Interdiction Plan

- a. Activity: Procure and install surveillance cameras at targeted illegal dumping hot spot areas.  
Schedule of activity: 60 - 90 days after grant award notice
- b. Activity: Establish targeted Law Enforcement nighttime patrols at known illegal dump sites  
Schedule of activity: 60 - 90 days after grant award notice
- c. Activity: Utilize GIS mapping technology to identify chronic dumping areas for future prevention and surveillance operations  
Schedule of activity: 90-120 days after grant award notice

**Project Service Area:** (Indicate the area/geography (city, county, or other jurisdictions) covered by the project. If project will only affect a portion of your area, please indicate which portion will be affected. Please attach map if applicable.)

The Hidalgo County Illegal Dumping Education and Prevention Program will cover and affect the entire county.

**Public Information:** (How will your project be publicized? How will the public be involved in your project?)

Our Illegal Dumping Education and Prevention Program will be publicized in Spanish and English by our Public Affairs Division on television, newspaper, radio, social media and posters throughout our county facilities and citizen collection stations.

**Project Status/Feasibility:** (Include progress or agreements made regarding this project so far, as well as staff qualifications. Indicate whether this is a startup or existing project. Briefly describe how project effectiveness will be measured.)

The reduction of illegal dumping and the enforcement of penalties is a priority for our County Judge and Precinct Commissioners as evidenced in the number of Community Clean up held every year. In 2015, not counting clean ups attributed to illegal dumping, Hidalgo County conducted over 60 Community Clean ups. The clean ups have helped alleviate residents from stockpiling trash which may have ended up being dumped illegally. Our County Constables have also developed tactical methods to deter illegal dumping by establishing more presence in hot spot areas. However, due to shift changes, calls for service and delayed response time they can't be there all the time. Targeted education and targeted prevention techniques, such as thru the installation of surveillance cameras are a successful alternative. With the assistance of our District Attorney's Office, we hope to finalize and implement our litter abatement policies, which streamline the prosecution of persons found guilty of dumping illegally.

Project effectiveness will be measured by statistics relating to the following

- % reduction of illegal dumping in hot spots
- # of complaints received regarding illegal dumping
- # of citations issued attributed to surveillance cameras
- # of illegal dumping investigations conducted
- # of convictions attributed to illegal dumping
- \$ of illegal dumping penalties and fines collected

**Local Match and Commitment** (Up to 30 Points): PLEASE LIMIT YOUR LOCAL RESOURCES NARRATIVE TO 1 PAGE. limitation does not apply to attachments.

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**Intention to Sustain the Project (use all four boxes as necessary):** (Describe how applicant intends to sustain the project or program after grant funding is exhausted.)

Hidalgo County is committed to improving our Solid Waste Program efforts. Thru the careful analysis, reporting and evaluation of key program measures and statistics, the Department of Budget and Management will assess program effectiveness. These metrics in turn will serve to outline potential returns on future program investments. Saving achieved by way of reduced tipping fees attributed to illegal dumping and increased revenues attributed to illegal dumping citations can be appropriated towards the continued efforts of the program.

**Matching Funds or In-Kind Services (use all four boxes as necessary):** (Explain in detail the application to this project of any matching funds or in-kind services to be provided by the applicant, as directly related to the proposed project. This description correlates to the amount entered on page one of this application. Matching funds or in-kind services are not included in the Grant Budget Summary or Grant Request.)

Hidalgo County will be utilizing In-Kind Services for the development and production of our Illegal Dumping and Prevention Program Public Service Announcement.

**Supporting Documentation:** (Please list. Place copies of letters, resolutions, etc. in Attachments. Attachments do not count toward page limitations.) **Failing to attach supporting documentation listed will make your application incomplete.**

**Regional Collaboration** (Up to 15 Points): *PLEASE LIMIT YOUR PROJECT COST EVALUATION TO 1 PAGE.* Some of the requested information may not be applicable to all proposed projects, contact LRGVDC staff for clarification if necessary. **A Regional project is any project that is regional in nature and must be specific as to who they will be collaborating with and submit commitment letters or resolutions to support the project. The more entities involved in the project more points will be received.**

*Describe in detail all collaborating efforts and submit back your documentation.*

Our Illegal Dumping Education and Prevention Program has the received internal support and collaboration from the County Judges Office, Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #4, Sheriff's Department, County Constables Office, District Attorney's Office and the Department of Budget and Management.

**Poor Performance Deduction** (Subtract 10 points): *PLEASE LIMIT TO 1 PAGE.* LRGVDC reports will also be used.

**Evaluation of Consistency with Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment:** *THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETE IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR GRANT FUNDING.*

**Is proposed project consistent with LRGVDC's regional plan amendment?** (Briefly describe how the proposed project will support the regional plan amendment, indicating which goal is supported.)

Our proposed project is consistent with the LRGVDC's regional plan amendment. The Illegal Dumping Education and Prevention project we are proposing is consistent with Goal 1. This goal aims to reduce waste generation/disposal and develop responsible waste disposal practices. The specific objective and strategies it meets are:

illegal dumping  
public education to reduce illegal dumping and littering  
enforcement to prevent illegal dumping

Objective 1: Stop  
Strategy 1.1 Promote  
Strategy 1.2 Increase

**Private Industry Notification: List of Other Entities Which Provide a Similar or Related Service FOR PROJECT TYPES LISTED**

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETE IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING**

This section is applicable only to the following grant categories:

- a. Source Reduction and Recycling
- b. Citizens' Collection Stations and "Small" Registered Transfer Stations
- c. A demonstration project under the Education and Training project category

According to state law, a project or service funded under this program must promote cooperation between public and private entities (by definition includes non-profit organizations), and may not be otherwise readily available or create a competitive advantage over a private industry (by definition includes non-profit organizations) that provides recycling or solid waste services. *If the proposed project provides a service*, in the space below, list all entities, private and public, in the affected geographic area known to provide a similar or related service. Please attach additional pages if needed.

Private Service Providers Contacted	Telephone	Date Notified	Summary
Republic Services	800-423-7676	12/7/2015	Telephone and email submitted

Have you contacted your County and Neighboring Jurisdictions to see if they provide a similar service?

County/Neighboring Jurisdiction	Contact Name	Date of Contact	Summary
City of McAllen	Earl Lane	11/23/2015	Telephone and email submitted
City of Edinburg	Ramiro Gomez	12/7/2015	Telephone inquiry

List similar programs that you have visited and/or researched.

County/Neighboring Jurisdiction	Contact Name	Date of Contact	Summary
City of Houston			Website research
City of Dallas			Website research