

# FY 2020 & 2021 Regional Solid Waste Grant Application General Questions

1. Q: When it comes to the submission of the FY2020 & 2021 Regional Solid Waste Grant Resolution, and a draft Resolution be emailed prior and then provide a signed copy by December 30, 2019?

A: Yes, just as long as AACOG receives the signed Resolution by December 30, 2019

2. Q: Can a “Blanket Resolution” be applied for multiple grants?

A: A resolution needs to be provided per Biennium if grant applicants wish to apply for both FY2020 & FY 2021. The resolution must list each project.

3. Q: Is there a limit on the amount of grant applications you can apply for FY2020 & FY2021?

A: No, there is not a limit on the amount of applications grantees can apply for FY2020 & FY2021.

4. Q: Is there a sample Resolution in the FY2020 & FY2021 Regional Solid Waste Grant Application?

A: Yes, there is sample Resolution in the FY2020 & FY2021 Regional Solid Waste Grant Application on page 47.

5. Q: Can some of the FY2020 & FY2021 grant money be used outside the AACOG Region?

A: No, the grant funds have to be used in the AACOG Region. Grantees who apply can work with entities outside the AACOG Region, but the project and monies have to stay in the AACOG Region.

6. Q: What is the difference between an In-Kind and Cash Match?

A: A Cash Match is an actual cash contribution. An In-Kind Match is a contribution that comes from the grantee organization. An In-Kind Match is typically in the form of the value of personnel, goods, and services. This includes, direct and indirect costs.

7. Q: Does Labor expense fall under Salary for example, using a Temp Service

A: For the FY2020 & FY2021 Regional Solid Waste Grant: **No salaries will be awarded in any category.**

8. Q: Can smaller entities that are applying for the FY2020 & FY2021 grant reach out to other surrounding entities in the AACOG Region for funding, or does each surrounding entity have to apply?

A: Yes, entities may reach out to other entities for funding. The interested party would have to identify themselves as the lead applicant. AACOG would need a Resolution from the other surrounding entities in the AACOG Region stating that they would be part of the project.

9. Q: When it comes to the Biennium Budget for FY2020 & FY2021 of the Regional Solid Waste Grant Program, what is the difference between the Regional Coordination and Implementation budget?

A: The Coordination budget is the administrative part of the grant funds that AACOG was awarded from TCEQ. This covers AACOG's cost, Regional Services Director's salary, Resource Recovery Administrative Assistant's salary, and the Resource Recovery Coordinator's salary. This also includes any outreach materials, equipment, and supplies. The Implementation budget covers program support, operations, and grant money.

10. Q: The travel parts of the grant packet seem to explicitly discourage travel out of state for city employees, but what about the reverse situation (bring in consultants, subject matter experts, etc.)? If travel isn't an allowable request, would the grant be able to fund event logistics (food, venue rental, promo, other soft costs, etc.)?

A: No. Refer to pages 19-31 of the RFA.