

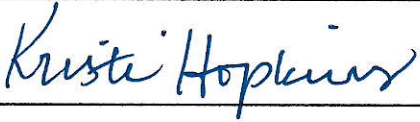
**East Texas Council of Governments
REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM
FORM 1. APPLICATION INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE PAGE**

Fiscal Year Funding Is Being Requested	☐ FY 26 ☒ FY 27
Applicant: Rains County – Emergency Management	Funding Amount Proposed: \$ 3,856
Address: 220 W Quitman Street, Ste. A Emory, TX 75440	Phone/Fax : 903-473-5059 Email: kristi.hopkins@co.rains.tx.us
Contact Person: Kristi Hopkins	Date Submitted: September 24, 2025

Select Project Category/s.

☐ Local Enforcement
☐ Litter and Illegal Dumping Cleanup and Community Collection Events
☒ Source Reduction and Recycling
☐ Local Solid Waste Management Plans
☐ Citizens' Collection Stations and "Small" Registered Transfer Stations
☐ Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Management
☐ Technical Studies
☐ Educational and Training Projects

Signature

By the following signature, the Applicant certifies that it has reviewed the certifications, assurances, and deliverables included on pages 19-22 in this application, that all certifications are true and correct, that assurances have been reviewed and understood, and that all required deliverables are included with this application. By submitting this application, you agree to adhere to the provisions of the Texas Grants Management Standard (TxGMS) issued by the Texas Comptrollers of Accounts in regard to the use of these funds. Use the following link to access the Texas Grants Management Standards. Texas Grants Management Standards	
Signature: 	Title: Grant Development
Typed/Printed Name: Kristi Hopkins	Date Signed: September 24, 2025

FOR USE BY ETCOG

Date application was received: _____
Does the application meet all of the required screening criteria: _____ Yes _____ No?
Is the application administratively complete: _____ No

FORM 2. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES AND RECORDS LOCATION

The Applicant hereby designates the individual(s) named below as the person or persons authorized to receive direction from the ETCOG, to manage the work being performed, and to act on behalf of the Applicant for the purposes shown:

1. **Authorized Project Representative.** The following person is authorized to receive direction, manage work performed, sign required reports, and otherwise act on behalf of the Applicant.

Signature: <i>Kristi Hopkins</i>
Typed/Printed Name: Kristi Hopkins
Title: Rains County Grant Development
Date: September 24, 2025

2. **Authorized Financial Representative.** In addition to the authorized project representative, the following person is authorized to act on behalf of the Applicant in all financial and fiscal matters, including signing financial reports and requests for reimbursement.

Signature: <i>Jennifer Trevino</i>
Typed/Printed Name: Jennifer Trevino
Title: Rains County Treasurer
Date: September 24, 2025

3. **Records Location.** Please designate the location where the grant records will be located for record access and review.

Location Name: Clark Building; Rains County Grant Development
Street Address: 140 W. Quitman Street, Ste. 101
City, State, Zip Code: Emory, TX 75440

FORM 3a: PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION

Note that the project summary is based on the scoring criteria stated in the Request for Application. Please refer to the specific questions listed in the scoring criteria when completing the project summary.

Project Summary/Description (add additional pages as necessary):

Rains County Emergency Management Tire Recycling Project

Rains County is seeking a Solid Waste grant to provide a 53-foot semi-trailer to be delivered to the county yard in Point, TX, for two events in FY 27 during the fall and spring. The trailer will remain there for two weeks during each event, allowing Rains County citizens to bring their used tires to be recycled at no cost. Rains County employees will load the tires into the trailer using the Road and Bridge skid steer. Rains County will provide \$3,452.50 (per event) in in-kind services for event management labor and skid steer use in line with their commitment to reducing illegal dumping.

Rains County has an abundance of used, discarded, and illegally dumped tires. The careless dumping of used tires alongside roadways, ditches, and creeks causes road hazards and pollution, creating increased labor for our Road and Bridge crews. Rains County's goal is to continue the Tire Recycling Event, now moving into its fourth year, to provide residents with a no-cost recycling option and reduce illegal dumping. The Tire Recycling Event has an anticipated cost of \$1,800 per event for the trailer and \$128 per event for advertising in the *Rains County Leader*, totaling \$3,856 for the two events.

The Rains County Tire Recycling Event is a great opportunity to promote the importance of recycling. In addition to promoting the event on the county website, Facebook pages, and the local newspaper, citizens will receive ETCOG's illegal dumping cards when they visit county offices, local businesses, and the monthly large trash haul-off days. The Rains County Tire Recycling Event will reach and be available to over 13,000 citizens and 259 square miles of land. With the proposed schedule events, approximately 2,300 used tires are expected to be recycled into roadbed material, playground material, and stadium turf.

Project Goals:

The goal of this project is to provide Rains County residents with a free and accessible option for proper tire disposal through a recycling event in FY2027, reducing illegal dumping and environmental hazards. By diverting over two thousand used tires from roadways and creeks, the project will promote responsible waste management and improve community safety and environmental health.

Project Objectives:

The objectives of this project are to host two tire recycling events during FY2027, offering free disposal opportunities for residents to reduce the accumulation of discarded and illegally dumped tires. The project aims to recycle at least 2,300 tires into beneficial products such as roadbed material, playground surfaces, and athletic turf. Additionally, the events will increase public awareness of proper tire disposal through targeted outreach and community education.

Describe how the project assists in implementing the ETCOG Regional Solid Waste Management Plan:

This project directly supports the ETCOG Regional Solid Waste Management Plan by addressing two of its core priorities: reducing illegal dumping and promoting responsible waste diversion. By providing the recycling event in FY2027 at no cost to residents, the project gives the community a safe and accessible disposal option for a high-volume waste stream that is commonly dumped in ditches, creeks, and along rural roadways. Recycling these tires into useful products such as roadbed material and playground surfaces aligns with the plan's goals of conserving landfill space, protecting natural resources, and encouraging recycling markets. In addition, the project's outreach through local media, social platforms, and ETCOG's educational materials increases public awareness and supports long-term behavioral change, furthering the regional vision of cleaner, healthier communities.

Check the box that best describes this project.

- ☐ New Project
- ☐ Enhancement/expansion of an existing project
- ☒ Continuation of an existing project

FORM 3b. PROJECT COST EVALUATION *(add additional pages as necessary)*

Provide an evaluation of the costs associated with the proposed project. Present the costs in unit terms, such as cost per ton, cost per customer, or cost per capita, as applicable.

Rains County's tire recycling project provides a cost-effective and free disposal option for residents, recycling approximately 1,150 tires per event. The estimated cost per tire, including trailer rental and advertising, is about \$1.54, excluding \$3,452.50 in significant in-kind services the county contributes per event for labor and equipment. Rains County's strong local commitment helps reduce illegal dumping and promotes environmentally responsible tire management in the community.

Fiscal Year 2027 (FY 2027)

Fall 2026 event:

- Trailer rental: \$1,800
- Advertising: \$128
- In-kind services: \$3,452.50
- Cost: \$5,380.50

Spring 2027 event:

- Trailer rental: \$1,800
- Advertising: \$128
- In-kind services: \$3,452.50
- Cost: \$5,380.50

Total FY 2027 cost: \$10,761

FORM 3c. LEVEL OF COMMITMENT OF APPLICANT
(Add additional pages as necessary)

Provide information related to the Applicant's level of commitment to preferred solid waste management practices. If the proposed project is an ongoing service, demonstrate the ability to sustain the program beyond the term of the grant. Explain the extent to which the appropriate governing bodies support the proposed project.

List any previously demonstrated commitment to preferred solid waste management practice, such as: implementing other solid waste management projects; involvement in a local or sub-regional solid waste management plan or study; membership in an environmental activity.

The Rains County Emergency Management Department, led by Joe Parker, has successfully managed the Rains County Tire Recycling Event for the past three years. In collaboration with the Road and Bridge Department, the county removed and recycled approximately 1,150 tires during each event for the first two years and 1,103 tires during the FY 2025 event, addressing the critical issue of illegal tire dumping. Building on this success, Rains County proposes three tire recycling events in FY2026 and FY2027 to expand recycling opportunities and reduce environmental hazards.

The Rains County Commissioners fully support this initiative, recognizing the value of diverting discarded tires from landfills, roadways, and waterways and promoting sustainable solid waste management. This commitment is further demonstrated by integrating the tire recycling events with existing bulk trash collection programs, enhanced public education through ETCOG's illegal dumping awareness cards, and ongoing advertising through county websites, social media, and local newspapers.

Rains County has a strong history of participating in regional solid waste management efforts, including compliance with all grant requirements and collaborations with ETCOG and TCEQ. Despite limited financial resources as one of Texas's smaller counties, Rains County remains dedicated to expanding and sustaining recycling programs to protect the environment, deter illegal dumping, and serve its residents well beyond the grant period.

FORM 3d. SCOPE OF WORK

(See application instructions for format. Add additional pages as necessary.)

Provide a work program with a schedule of deliverables for the proposed project or program. The work program with the schedule of deliverables will be considered the Scope of Work to be performed under the contract agreement, if funded.

As concisely as possible, for each task of the proposed project, describe the major steps or activities involved, identify the responsible entities, and establish a specific timeframe to accomplish each task. The scope of work for the project or program must include:

- ❖ ***Detailed purpose and goal of the project (should be consistent with implementing the goals, objectives, and recommendations from the regional solid waste management plan, as stated in the project description on Form 6a).***
- ❖ ***Specific task statements with responsible entity identified.***
- ❖ ***List of deliverables/products/activities under each task.***
- ❖ ***Schedule of deliverables.***

Please use this format example:

1. Task:

- a. Major task***
- b. Estimated completion date***
- c. Who is responsible for completing this task***

- **Task 1: Project Planning and Coordination**
 - **Major activity: Organize project timeline, confirm event dates, secure trailer rental, and advertising contracts**
 - **Estimated completion date: 30 days after grant award**
 - **Responsible entity: Rains County Emergency Management Department and Grant Development Department**
- **Task 2: Public Outreach and Education**
 - **Major activity: Develop and distribute promotional materials via the county website, social media, local newspaper, and ETCOG illegal dumping cards**
 - **Estimated completion date: Two weeks before event date**
 - **Responsible entity: Rains County Environmental Enforcement Department and Grant Development Department**
- **Task 3: Event Setup and Tire Collection**
 - **Major activity: Deliver trailer to county yard, set up collection site, load tires using skid steer**
 - **Estimated completion date: Each event lasts two weeks**
 - **Responsible entity: Rains County Road & Bridge Department and Emergency Management Department**
- **Task 4: Tire Disposal and Reporting**
 - **Major activity: Coordinate pickup of trailer and proper tire disposal; compile event data and submit grant reports**
 - **Estimated completion date: Within one month after event closes**
 - **Responsible entity: Rains County Environmental Emergency Management Department and Grant Development Department**

FORM 4. GRANT BUDGET SUMMARY

Please provide the following breakdown of the total amount of grant funding being requested:

Budget Category		Funding Amount
1.	Personnel/Salaries	\$ 0
2.	Fringe Benefits	\$ 0
3.	Travel	\$ 0
4.	Supplies	\$ 0
5.	Equipment	\$ 0
6.	Construction	\$ 0
7.	Contractual	\$ 3,600
8.	Other	\$ 256
9.	Total Direct Charges (sum of 1-8)	\$ 3,856
10.	Indirect Charges*	\$ 0
11.	Total (sum of 9 - 10)	\$ 3,856
12.	Fringe Benefit Rate:	N/A % %
13.	Indirect Cost Rate:	N/A % %
Identify, in detail, each budget category to which your indirect cost rate applies and explain any special conditions under which the rate will be applied: In accordance with the TxGMS, Grant Management (texas.gov) indirect charges may be authorized if the Applicant has an indirect cost rate properly filed within the past 24 months by a federal cognizant agency or state single audit coordinating agency. Alternatively, the Applicant may be authorized to recover up to 10% of direct salary and wage costs (excluding overtime, shift premiums, and fringe benefits) as indirect costs, subject to adequate documentation. If you have an approved cost allocation plan, please enclose documentation of your approved indirect rate.		

FORM 4a: DETAILED MATCHING FUNDS, IN-KIND SERVICES, AND TOTAL PROJECT COST

This budget form should be completed if the Applicant is providing any level of matching funds or in-kind services directly related to the proposed project.

Matching Funds: \$0

In the space below, please explain in detail the application of any matching funds to be provided by the Applicant, as directly related to the proposed project:

In-Kind Services: \$6,905 (monetary equivalent)

In the space below, please explain in detail the application of any in-kind services to be provided by the Applicant, as directly related to the proposed project:

Rains County will provide \$6,905 in in-kind services during the event for management labor and skid steer use in line with their commitment to reducing illegal dumping.

What is the TOTAL COST of the proposed project, considering the total grant funding requested, any matching funds being provided by the Applicant, and the monetary equivalent of any in-kind services being provided by the Applicant?

\$10,761

*******Please complete any of the following detailed budget forms that are applicable to your project.**

For each employee to be funded wholly or in part by this grant, complete one of the lines in the table below. Please refer to the definitions provided in the instructions in completing this sheet. If funds are awarded, changes to grant-funded positions must be approved in advance by the COG.

Position Title	Function	FTE	Status	Monthly Salary
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0
TOTAL (Must equal Line 1 of the Overall Budget Summary)		\$ 0		

FORM 4c: Detailed Travel Expenses

This budget form provides a more detailed breakdown of the total expenses for travel indicated on Line 3 of the Overall Budget Summary.

Please describe the types of routine in-region travel expenses expected and purpose for the travel.

Routine In-Region Travel	Purpose of Travel	Estimated Cost
N/A	N/A	\$ 0

All out-of-state travel expenses and other non-routine travel, such as out-of-region travel to special training or events must be pre-approved by the COG. Complete the following information for all requested non-routine travel, including any out-of-state travel. If those details are not presently known, the COG will need to approve those travel costs before the travel occurs.

Non-Routine Travel Expenses

Date(s)	Purpose & Destination	Person(s)	Estimated Cost
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0

TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENSES <i>(Must equal Line 3 of the Overall Budget Summary)</i>	\$ 0
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FORM 4d: Detailed Supply Expenses

This budget form provides a more detailed breakdown of the total expenses for supplies indicated on Line 4 of the Overall Budget Summary.

Please list the general types of supplies you expect to purchase with grant funding. Include number of each item, cost per item and total cost.

General Types of Supplies	Estimated Cost
General office/desk supplies: N/A	\$ 0
Other supplies (explain below): N/A	\$0
TOTAL (Must equal Line 4 of the Overall Budget Summary)	\$ 0

FORM 4e: Detailed Equipment Expenses

All equipment purchases must be pre-approved by the COG. If the specific details of an equipment purchase are known, show that equipment on the list below. If the specific details of the equipment costs are not known at this time, list the general details on this form. The specific details of the equipment will then need to be provided to and approved by the COG before the costs are incurred.

Equipment (\$5,000 or more per unit) (Show description, type, model, etc.)	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost
N/A	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
TOTAL (Must equal Line 5 of the Overall Budget Summary)		\$ 0	

FORM 4f: Detailed Construction Expenses

All construction projects must be pre-approved by the COG. If the specific details of the construction costs are not known at this time, list the general details on this form. The specific details of the construction will then need to be provided to and approved by the COG before the costs are incurred. For any subcontracted activities, the request for approval will need to include evidence that the contract price is reasonable and necessary (see instructions).

Types of Construction	Subcontracted Yes/No	Estimated Cost
N/A	N/A	\$ 0
TOTAL (Must equal Line 6 of the Overall Budget Summary)		\$ 0

FORM 4g: Detailed Contractual Expenses

All contractual expenses must be pre-approved by ETCOG. If the specific details of the contractual costs are not known at this time, list the general details on this form. The more specific details of the contractual costs will then need to be provided to and approved by ETCOG before the costs are incurred. The request for approval will need to include evidence that the contract price is reasonable and necessary (see instructions). In addition, the subcontract scope of work must be approved by ETCOG before work begins.

Purpose	Contractor(s)	Contract Amount
53-foot roll-off trailer for tire recycling; two-week rental with drop-off and pick-up services (\$1,800 x 2 events) Permit #170015 (processing) Permit #120004 (transporting)	All American Tire Recyclers	\$ 3,600
TOTAL <i>(Must equal Line 7 of the Overall Budget Summary)</i>		\$ 3,600

FORM 4h: Detailed Other Expenses

This budget form provides a more detailed breakdown of the total other expenses indicated on Line 8 of the Overall Budget Summary. Please note that the final totals are at the bottom of the next page.

Basic Other Expenses

Please identify the basic "Other" category expenses you expect to incur, appropriate to the project.

Basic Other Expenses	Estimated Cost
Books and reference materials N/A	\$ 0
Postage, telephone, FAX, utilities N/A	\$ 0
Printing/reproduction N/A	\$ 0
Advertising/public notices Two weeks of advertising in the Rains County Leader (this is one ad running for two weeks before each event; $\$128 \times 2 = \256)	\$ 256
Registration fees for training (if approved) N/A	\$ 0
Repair and maintenance N/A	\$ 0
Basic office furnishings N/A	\$ 0
Space and equipment rentals N/A	\$ 0
Signage N/A	\$ 0

Form 4h: Additional Other Expenses

The specific details of additional “Other” category expenses, not included on the list of basic other expenses, must be pre-approved by the COG. If the specific details of the additional other expenses are not known at this time, list the general details on this form. The more specific details will then need to be provided to and approved by the COG before the costs are incurred.

Additional Other Expenses	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost
Computer hardware not listed under the Equipment category <i>(itemize each expense below including description, type, model, etc.):</i> N/A	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
Computer software <i>(itemize each expense below including description, type, model, etc.):</i> N/A	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
Additional Other expenses <i>(itemize each expense below including description, type, model, etc.):</i> N/A	\$ 0	0	\$ 0

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES <i>(Must equal Line 8 of the Overall Budget Summary)</i>	\$ 0
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Applicants under the following grant categories must complete this form and form 5a:

- 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**
- d. Other**

Form 5a: List of Private Service Providers Notified

Private Service Providers Contacted	Name and Position	Telephone Number	Date Notified
Tire Recyclers of East Texas	Paul Mitchell; owner	318-349-8156	9/29
Arklatex Tire Recyclers	Joseph Barker	903-841-1729	9/29
David's Tire Shop (local business; supportive of preventing illegal dumping and the recycling program)	David Guzman; owner	903-473-0003	9/15

Form 5b: Summaries of Discussions with Private Industry

Provide summaries of any input and concerns raised by the private service providers; summaries of any meetings or discussions held between the Applicant and the private service providers; an explanation of any changes made to the proposed project to address private service provider concerns; and an explanation of any remaining concerns that were not addressed any why the Applicant determined that the concerns are not valid under the statutory requirements. (Refer to Instructions)

Attach to the application any written comments, concerns, or input provided by a private service provider concerning the project. Attach additional pages as needed.

Tire Recyclers of East Texas was contacted by phone. Paul Mitchell said that he did not have any issues and supports Rains County's Tire Recycling project. Arklatex Tire Recyclers was also contacted by phone. Joseph Barker said that he was in support of Rains County holding their tire recycling event.

The local tire shop was contacted. Although they do not offer bulk recycling services, they fully support Rains County's efforts to prevent illegal dumping and recycle used tires. Everyone was supportive and on board with assisting in any way possible to make the tire recycling event successful for the fourth consecutive year.

Form 6: Certifications and Assurances

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 the COG to 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 is the official contact regarding this Application and 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 the COG 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:

☒ City

☐ County

☐ Public school or school district (not including Universities or post-secondary educational institutions)

☐ Other general and special law district with the authority and responsibility for water quality protection or municipal solid waste management, including river authorities.

☐ Council of Governments

4. Solid Waste Fee Payments

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

5. Debarment from State Contracts

Applicant certifies that it is not barred from participating in state contracts by the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under the provisions of §2155.077, Government Code.

6. Conformance to Standards

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

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 (after completing Form 5) 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.

8. Consistency with Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

Applicant certifies to the best of their knowledge and ability that the proposed project is consistent with applicable goals, objectives, and recommendations of the RSWMP of the COG.

9. Technical Feasibility

Applicant certifies that it has carefully reviewed its Scope of Work 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.

10. Costs Reasonable and Necessary

Applicant certifies to the best of their knowledge and ability that the proposed project activities in the Scope of Work and the expenses outline 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.

11. Certification by Law Enforcement Programs

If the Applicant is a law enforcement entity regulated by Chapter 1701 of the Texas Occupations Code, the Applicant certifies that it is in compliance with all rules developed by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) pursuant to Chapter 1701, Texas Occupations 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 the COG. 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.

Applicant provides assurances that, if funded, the Applicant will comply with the TxGMS and 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 the 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 TCEQ Recycling Surveys and Reporting

Applicant provides assurances that, if funded, the Applicant will respond to annual recycling program surveys and/or other requests from the COG 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 the COG on a schedule established by the COG, and additionally, to continue to document the results of the project activities for the life of the project; and to provide the COG with a follow-up results report approximately one year 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 the COG.

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 2013.

6. Compliance with the Single Audit Act

Applicant provides assurances that, if funded, the Applicant will comply with the Single Audit Provisions of the Texas Grants Management Standards (TxGMS) prepared by the Texas Comptrollers of Public Accounts.

Provisions of the Single Audit Circular under the Standard Financial Management Conditions Section; Audit starting on page 40 of the TxGMS that applies to all recipients of funding under this grant.

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.

Resolution

Resolution of Rains County authorizing the filing of a grant application with the East Texas Council of Governments (COG) for a regional solid waste grants program grant; authorizing Kristi Hopkins, Grant Development, to act on behalf of Rains County in all matters related to the application; and pledging that if a grant is received Rains County will comply with the grant requirements of the East Texas Council of Governments, the Texas Commission On Environmental Quality and the State of Texas.

Whereas, the East Texas Council of Governments is directed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to administer solid waste grant funds for implementation of the COG's adopted regional solid waste management plan; and

Whereas, Rains County in the State of Texas is qualified to apply for grant funds under the Request for Grant Applications.

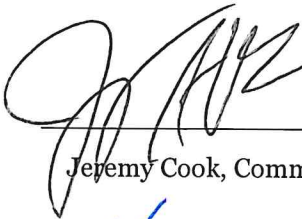
Now, therefore, be it resolved by Rains County in Emory, Texas;

1. That Kristi Hopkins in Grant Development is authorized to request grant funding under the East Texas Council of Governments Request for Grant Applications of the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program and act on behalf of Rains County in all matters related to the grant application and any subsequent grant contract and grant project that may result.
2. That if the project is funded, Rains County will comply with the grant requirements of the East Texas Council of Governments, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the State of Texas.
3. The grant funds and any grant-funded equipment or facilities will be used only for the purposes for which they are intended under the grant.
4. Activities will comply with and support the adopted regional and local solid waste management plans adopted for the geographical area in which the activities are performed.

Passed and approved by the Rains County Commissioner Court in Emory, TX, on this the 11th day of September, 2025.



Brent Hilliard, Rains County Judge

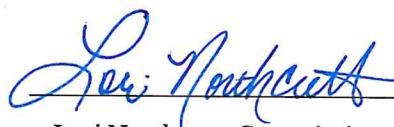


Jeremy Cook, Commissioner Precinct 1



Korey Young, Commissioner Precinct 3

Mike Willis, Commissioner Precinct 2



Lori Northeutt, Commissioner Precinct 4

Attest:



(County Clerk)





All American Tire Recyclers Quick Quote

Date: Monday September 16, 2025

Customer: Rains Country Road & Bridge

Phone Number: 903.473.5059

Email: Kristi.hopkins@co.rains.tx.us

Address: 1293 S Highway 19 Emory, TX 75440

Hello,

All American Tire Recyclers has been dedicated to serving the DFW Metroplex since 2015, and we are committed to continuing our services to meet the tire recycling needs of the Metroplex. Our premier processing center is a full-service zero-waste tire recycling company, holding a transporter license, processing license, and a storage pad permit with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

We express our gratitude for entrusting us with the responsibility of handling your Tire Collection Event. Below, we present a selection of options for your consideration. Our commitment to environmental sustainability drives us to achieve a 100% green approach, ensuring the recycling of every tire collected. To accomplish this goal, we kindly request your collaboration in overseeing the collected products.

Please note that "Unacceptable Waste" encompasses, but is not confined to:

- Tires with an excess accumulation of dirt or mud
- Tires exceeding 54" in height or 16" in width
- Split or chopped tires
- Solid rubber tires
- Tires placed inside another tire
- Tires containing freestanding water
- Tires not free from petroleum, oil, and/or other substances deemed toxic or hazardous by government laws and/or regulations
- Any other waste that does not qualify as a used tire

We are providing a quote for TWO years with THREE trailers and THREE separate events. Yes, 3 total events (one trailer needed each event) over 2 years.

The dates for the events (estimated at this time) will be:

1. Trailer arrive date – Friday Jan 23, 2026 Trailer returned Monday February 2nd
2. Trailer arrive date – Friday July 31, 2026 Trailer returned Monday August 10th

Joe Parker

From: Jeff Reed <jcreed65@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 9:53 AM
To: Joe Parker
Subject: Re: Rains County Tire Recycle

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Joe the Quote will be \$1800 Per 53' van trailer to be paid to JR & CR, LLC.
You may put any size tire in the trailer. Tires with wheels are ok and will be no extra charge. No trash of any kind in the trailer, tire product only.

Thanks for contacting me.

Jeff Reed
Reed's Tire & Recovery

On Monday, September 15, 2025 at 04:33:02 PM CDT, Joe Parker <joe.parker@co.rains.tx.us> wrote:

Hey Jeff,

Thank you for speaking with me this afternoon. Please see the details of our clean ups scheduled for the next 2 years. I look forward to getting your quote.

As I stated we are doing our Bulk Trash Clean-Up different this year. I need your quote price to be good for 2 years since we are having 3 tire events over 2 years and I will need trailer for each event.

The events are planned for:

The dates for the events (estimated at this time) will be:

1. Trailer arrive date – Friday Jan 23, 2026 Trailer returned Monday February 2nd
2. Trailer arrive date – Friday July 31, 2026 Trailer returned Monday August 10th
3. Trailer arrive date – Friday January 29th, 2027 Trailer returned Monday February 8th.

Dates may be adjusted +/- 2 weeks. We will keep you informed. These will all be passenger tires, no taller than 45 inches and off Rims, as clean as possible.

These 3 trailers will need to be invoiced separately when returned, and we will pay each invoice separately. However, at the end of the contract, **I will need an invoice showing all 3 invoices marked paid in full. This will allow us to file for our Grant reimbursement.**

As I mentioned, I will need this quote as soon as possible, because our Grant request deadline is very near.

The events will all be at the same location: 260 Locust St., Point, TX 75472

Thank you so much,

Joe Parker

Rains County Environmental Enforcement &

Emergency Management Coordinator

189 E. North Street, Emory, TX 75440

Office: 903-473-5025

Cell: 972 333-0007

Fax: 903-953-0008

Joe.Parker@co.rains.tx.us

Joe Parker

From: Jim Fender <jfender@libertytire.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Joe Parker
Subject: Scrap Tire Quote

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Joe, here is the quote you requested.

- Quote is for 2 years-
- The Three Trailer Dates are-
 - 1/23/26-2/2/26
 - 7/31/26-8/10/26
 - 1/29/27-2/8/27

1- Trailer- Mixed Load- \$1800.00 per trailer
1- Drop Fee- Per Trailer- \$250.00 per trailer

Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Jim Fender
Liberty Tire Recycling
682-205-9212



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Caddo Mills, TX 75135
(903)527-5289

DATE: 9/15/2025

SALES CONTACT: Justin Pumphrey

PHONE: 903 513 0325

QUOTE FOR SCRAP TIRE COLLECITON SERVICE

CUSTOMER: Rains County

ADDRESS: joe.parker@co.rains.tx.us

CONTACT: Joe Parker

PHONE: 903 473 5025

EMAIL: joe.parker@co.rains.tx.us

SERVICE TYPE: TRAILER SWAP

PRICE: \$3,500.00

****PLUS ANY APPLICABLE TAXES/FEES** - OTR Tires are Billed Separately Based on Size & Type**

FUEL SURCHARGE: 15%

MONTHLY RENTAL (Trailer): N/A

****GOES INTO EFFECT THE FIRST MONTH FOLLOWING 60 DAYS WITHOUT A SWAP****

PAYMENT TERMS: DUE ON RECEIPT

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE:

APPROVAL: