

FY2026 District Grant Evaluation Criteria
REGION P - South Central Solid Waste Management District

I. Completeness of Application:

(ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING)

Grant Application submitted by: _____

1. Is applicant information form:
 - Complete _____
 - Signed _____
 - Dated _____

2. Does the Grant package include:
 - Executive Summary _____
 - Budget _____
 - Work Plan _____
 - Timeline _____

If YES, continue with evaluation

If NO, insufficient data provided – **return application as “not eligible for funding” in this grant cycle.**

Also, applicants who have been convicted of defrauding the District or MDNR or who have failed to honor previous contractual agreements with the District or MDNR are ineligible to apply. If the District Coordinator is aware of these issues for a specific applicant, they will inform you.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications should explain compatibility to the **South Central Solid Waste District FY26 goals**, which are as follows:

- Support existing Recycling Centers and Recycling Programs in the District;
- Conduct District-wide Household Hazardous Waste and/or Electronics Waste collections.
- Provide support to Recycling Operations through training opportunities, technical assistance, equipment repairs, and educational programs aimed at increasing the number of materials recycled while reducing the amount of waste generated; and
- Identify and address illegal dump sites.

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II. Conformance with District Waste Reduction Efforts:

1. District Project Category Type:

___ Collection/Processing	35 points
___ Illegal Dumping Clean-up	25 points
___ Household Hazardous Waste	25 points
___ Electronics Collections	20 points
___ Education Projects	15 points
___ Waste Reduction Information	5 points
___ Compost Equipment	5 points
___ Market Development	5 points
___ Other	0 points

_____ POINTS

2. District – Targeted Grant Projects – Materials List

- a. The project includes recycling/reuse in the area of electronics and/or HHW 10 points

- b. The project includes recycling of secondary fibers, glass, plastics, yard waste, food, food waste, or other materials on the “*Targeted Materials*” list (see list below) 5 points

_____ POINTS

FY2026 District Targeted Materials List

- Cardboard
- Mixed Paper - including old newspaper and magazines
- Glass
- Plastics
- Bi-Metal Containers
- Food Waste
- Demolition Waste
- Electronics - including televisions and computers
- Rechargeable batteries
- Household Hazardous waste
- Compact Fluorescent light bulbs -if economically feasible
- Used Oil
- Lead acid (vehicle) batteries
- Scrap Tires
- Yard Wastes - including leaves and brush
- White Goods/old Appliances
- Bulky Wastes - including old furniture
- Textiles -including old clothing and shoes

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III. PROJECT SUPPORT:

(rate up to 5 points each per category)

1. Proposal shows support from local governing body where project will take place.

_____ **POINTS**

2. Cooperative Efforts:

Project involves a partnership with two or more communities, cities, counties, and/or other public sector entities or public private enterprises.

_____ **POINTS**

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IV. CONSIDERATIONS:
(rate up to 5 Points each)

- _____ Contributes to community-based economic development – creates or retains jobs
- _____ The narrative includes description of the type of contribution by applicant
- _____ Project is able to comply with federal, state, and local requirements
- _____ Transferability of results: Information can be easily shared with other organizations
- _____ Need: Applicant has established a need for the project in conjunction with the solid waste management goals of the District (see page 1 for a reminder of goals)
- _____ Availability of markets and personnel has been established
- _____ Grant Management: The managerial and technical ability of applicant is described
- _____ Technical feasibility: The technology is available to implement this project
- _____ Timelines: Applicant indicates they are able to implement the project in a timely manner
- _____ Evaluation Procedures are described both quantitatively and qualitatively
- _____ Cost Estimates: Cost estimates for equipment, labor, etc. have been provided and are reasonable
- _____ Estimated tonnage of diverted recyclables produced is provided in the grant application
- _____ An Impact statement is included and sufficiently describes the project

_____ **POINTS**

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V. STIMULUS POINTS

1. Repeat grant applicant: If applicant has consistently received grant funds from the South Central Solid Waste Management District add 5 points

2. If applicant is currently involved in the collection/processing of recycled materials or is representing an existing recycling operation add 50 points

_____ **POINTS**

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VI. PAST PERFORMANCE

1. Has applicant failed to meet minimum performance requirements of a previous project funded by the District or MDNR in the last year due to non-criminal mismanagement? If so, deduct 25 points

2. Has applicant demonstrated less than satisfactory performance in the administration of a previous project funded by the District or MDNR in the last year? If so, deduct 10 points

_____ POINTS

Comments:

TOTAL POINTS: _____ POINTS

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SUBJECTIVE BONUS POINTS

**General quality, affordability, innovation, and applicability of project:
(add up to 20 points)**

_____ **POINTS**

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SCORE & RANK

TOTAL POINTS: _____ **RANK:** _____

I recommend funding for this project: _____ **Amount of funding: \$** _____

Reviewed by: _____ **on** ___/___/___ **date**

Comments: