



**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 2023 funding period beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023. However, the due date for completion of the cleanup / collection event is July 15, 2023. This will allow time for submission of invoices, project tracking forms, and reimbursement to take place prior to August 31, 2023.

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 \$4,500.00 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 his or her discretion in selecting an eligible entity to oversee the implementation of the cleanup event, such as a County Commissioner, City Manager, Mayor, or Superintendent of an Independent School District.

Hopkins County will be responsible for scheduling the cleanup event, procuring roll-off 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 \$4,500.00 upon receiving an invoice from the county indicating proper disposal of the items collected at the cleanup event. ATCOG also encourages the county to divert any recyclable items from the waste stream to a materials 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 (Form B and H) that must be completed.

APPROVED:

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.



Hopkins County Judge

10-10-2022

Date

Paul Prange
Environmental Resources Coordinator
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

Date