

REGIONAL COUNCILS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS



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REGIONAL COUNCILS ARE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS WITH SEVERAL NAMES:

- COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS
- REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS
- DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS
- COGS

THEY SERVE APPROXIMATELY 30 MILLION
PEOPLE IN TEXAS.



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FORMATION

The History and Makeup of Texas' Planning
Regions

Created by the Planning Act of
1965

Statutorily enabled in Chapter
391 of the Texas Local
Government Code



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CHAPTER 391

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- (B) adequate street, utility, health, educational, recreational, and other essential facilities are provided as the communities, areas, and regions grow;
- (C) the needs of agriculture, business, and industry are recognized;
- (D) healthful surroundings for family life in residential areas are provided;
- (E) historical and cultural values are preserved; and
- (F) the efficient and economical use of public funds is commensurate with the growth of the communities, areas, and regions.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
TITLE 12. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
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(1) "Governmental unit" means a county, municipality, authority, district, or other political subdivision of the state.
(2) "Commission" means a regional planning commission, council of governments, or similar regional planning agency created under this chapter.
(3) "Region" means a geographic area consisting of a county or two or more adjoining counties that have, in any combination:
(A) common problems of transportation, water supply, drainage, or land use;
(B) similar, common, or interrelated forms of urban development or concentration; or



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KEY FACTS

UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS OF REGIONALISM



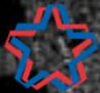
LOCAL CONTROL

Policy decisions made by Board of local elected officials



NON-TAXING & ACCOUNTABLE

Subject to audits, monitoring & statutory reporting requirements



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ACCOUNTABILITY & COMPLIANCE

UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS OF REGIONALISM



The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200) guides the performance measurement and management activities required for all federal financial assistance awards.

COGs regularly review their processes and procedures to ensure grant compliance and conformance with federal requirements under 2 CFR 200 and state requirements following Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS).



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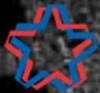
UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS OF REGIONALISM

EACH REGIONAL COUNCIL IS UNIQUE TO THE REGION IT SERVES

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRIVES THE OPERATIONS OF THE COG

- **BYLAWS**
- **MEMBERSHIP**
- **PROGRAMS**

NO TAXING OR ORDINANCE MAKING AUTHORITY



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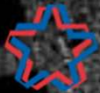
UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS OF REGIONALISM

BOARDS RECEIVE INPUT FROM EXTENSIVE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

- Program Area Advisory Committees
- Study Committees
- Policy Development Committees

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

- Local Elected Officials
- Local Subject Matter Experts
- Interested and Informed Citizens



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PLAN

Region-wide
approaches to local
issues



ELIMINATE

Prevent unnecessary
duplication of services



PROMOTE

Increase efficiency and
economy through
regional coordination



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PROGRAM DIVERSITY

Community & Economic Development
Criminal Justice Planning
Develop Regional Emergency Preparedness
Strategies
Maintain and Improve Regional 9-1-1 Systems
Services for the Elderly & Disabled
Regional Planning for Environmental Issues
GIS + Mapping
Disaster Recovery*
Housing Programs*
Workforce Programs*
Rural Transit + Transportation*
Law Enforcement Training*



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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Districts
Housing Programs
Workforce Programs
Rural Transit + Transportation
Disaster Recovery



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS



Economic Development Districts are established by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the U.S. Department of Commerce,

They help lead the locally-based, regionally driven economic development planning process that leverages the involvement of the public, private and non-profit sectors to establish a strategic blueprint (i.e., an economic development roadmap) for regional collaboration.



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DISASTER RECOVERY

- Targeted training sessions on recovery, mitigation and resilience
- Direct technical support and guidance to local partners on implementing recovery, resilience and risk mitigation measures
- Pursue funding to help communities build capacity and reach local to regional resilience goals



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PUBLIC SAFETY



Criminal Justice Planning
Develop Regional Emergency
Preparedness Strategies
Law Enforcement Training
Maintain and Improve Regional
9-1-1 Systems



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Assists the Governor's Office in administering, monitoring and reviewing grants for a range of activities that are locally planned, designed, and coordinated through local governments. These include crime prevention, intervention, diversion, law enforcement, prosecution, technological advances for law enforcement, information sharing, and victims' services.



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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Supports local communities in planning, organizing, and responding to natural and man-made disasters by providing training and coordination, regional tools, and funding focused on preparedness, response and recovery activities.



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MAINTAIN & IMPROVE REGIONAL 9-1-1 SYSTEMS



Emergency Communication Districts

- 1 Abilene/Taylor Co. 9-1-1 District
- 2 Austin Co. Emergency Communications District
- 3 Bexar Metro 911 Network District
- 4 Brazos Co. Emergency Communications District
- 5 Calhoun Co. 911 Emergency Communications District
- 6 Cameron Co. Emergency Communications District
- 7 Capital Area Emergency Communications District
- 8 Denco Area 911 District
- 9 El Paso Co. 911 District
- 10 Emergency Communications District of Ector Co.
- 11 Galveston Co. Emergency Communications District
- 12 Greater Harris Co. 911 Emergency Network
- 13 Henderson Co. 911 Communications District
- 14 Howard Co. 911 Communications District
- 15 Kerr Co. Emergency 911 Network
- 16 Lubbock Co. Emergency Communications District
- 17 McLennan Co. Emergency Assistance District
- 18 Medina Co. 911 District
- 19 Midland Emergency Communications District
- 20 Montgomery Co. Emergency Communications District
- 21 Potter-Randall Co. Emergency Communications District
- 22 Smith County 911 Communications District
- 23 Tarrant Co. 911 District
- 24 Texas Eastern 911 Network
- 25 Wichita/Wilbarger 911 Communications District

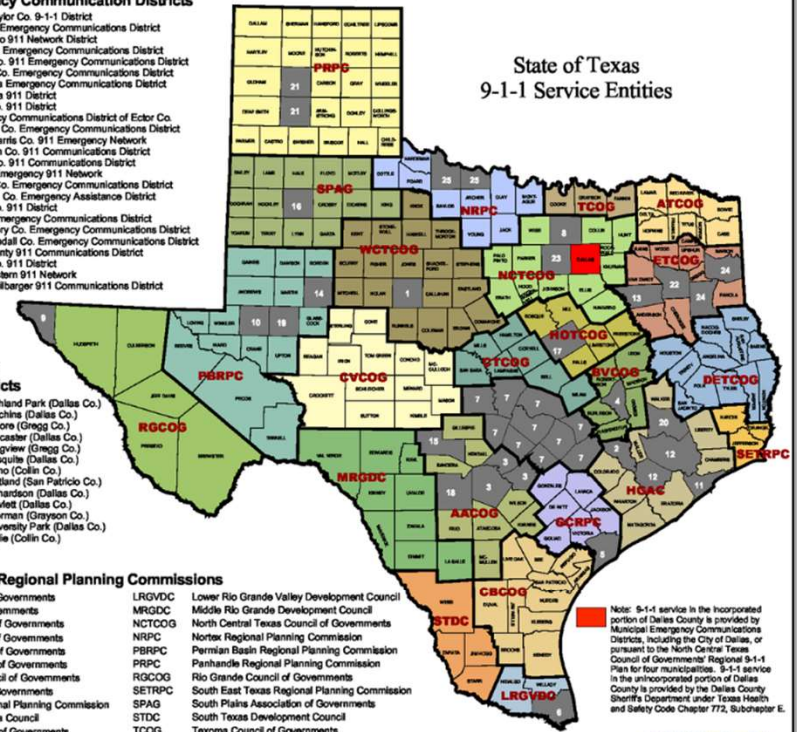
Municipal Emergency Communication Districts

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| Addicks (Dallas Co.) | Highland Park (Dallas Co.) |
| Aransas Pass (Aransas Co.) | Hutchins (Dallas Co.) |
| Cedar Hill (Dallas Co.) | Kilgore (Gregg Co.) |
| Coppell (Dallas Co.) | Lancaster (Dallas Co.) |
| Corpus Christi (Nueces Co.) | Longview (Gregg Co.) |
| Dallas (Dallas Co.) | Mesquite (Dallas Co.) |
| De Soto (Dallas Co.) | Piano (Collin Co.) |
| Denison (Grayson Co.) | Portland (San Patricio Co.) |
| Duncanville (Dallas Co.) | Richardson (Dallas Co.) |
| Emis (Ellis Co.) | Rowlett (Dallas Co.) |
| Farmers Branch (Dallas Co.) | Sherman (Grayson Co.) |
| Garland (Dallas Co.) | University Park (Dallas Co.) |
| Glenn Heights (Dallas Co.) | Wylie (Collin Co.) |

Regional Planning Commissions

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| AACOG | Alamo Area Council of Governments | LRGVDC | Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council |
| ATCOG | Ark-Tex Council of Governments | MRGDC | Middle Rio Grande Development Council |
| BVCOG | Brazos Valley Council of Governments | NCTCOG | North Central Texas Council of Governments |
| CBCOG | Coastal Bend Council of Governments | NRPC | Northeast Regional Planning Commission |
| CTCOG | Central Texas Council of Governments | PBRPC | Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission |
| CVCOG | Concho Valley Council of Governments | PRPC | Panhandle Regional Planning Commission |
| DETCOG | Deep East Texas Council of Governments | RGCOC | Rio Grande Council of Governments |
| ETCOG | East Texas Council of Governments | SETRPC | South East Texas Regional Planning Commission |
| GCRPC | Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission | SPAG | South Plains Association of Governments |
| HGAC | Houston-Galveston Area Council | STDC | South Texas Development Council |
| HOTCOG | Heart of Texas Council of Governments | TCOG | Texoma Council of Governments |
| | | WCTCOG | West Central Texas Council of Governments |

State of Texas 9-1-1 Service Entities



Note: 9-1-1 service in the incorporated portion of Dallas County is provided by Municipal Emergency Communications Districts, including the City of Dallas, or pursuant to the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Regional 9-1-1 Plan for four municipalities. 9-1-1 service in the unincorporated portion of Dallas County is provided by the Dallas County Sheriff's Department under Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 772, Subchapter E.

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Regional Solid Waste
Programs
Air Quality Planning



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Regional Solid Waste Grants Program

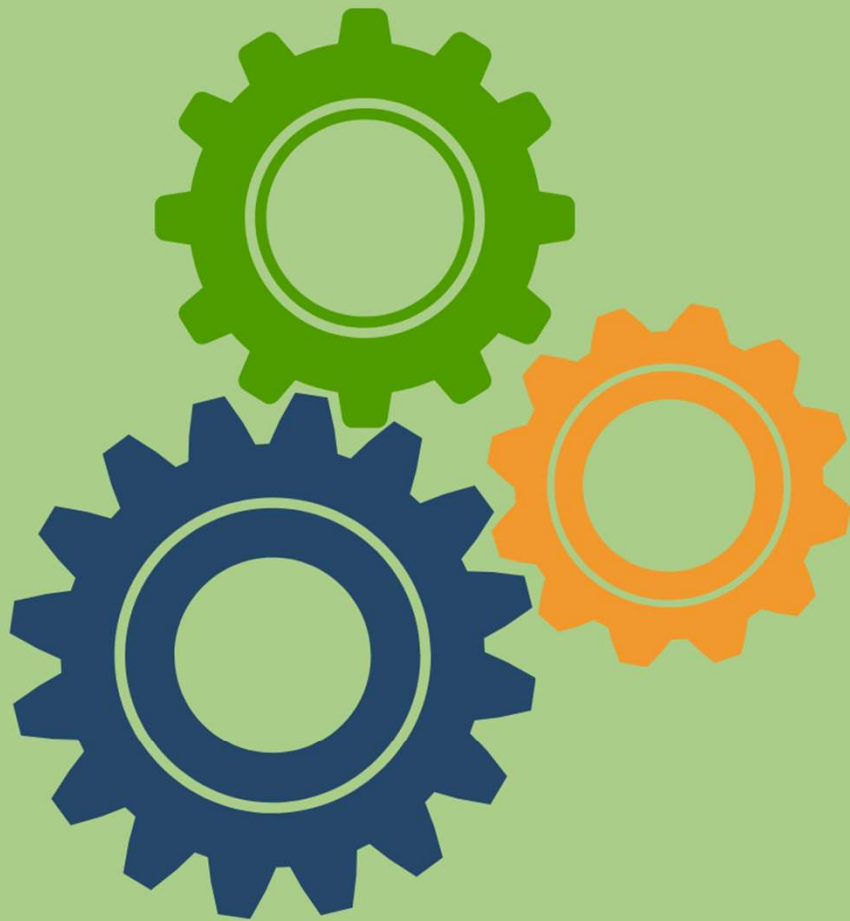


33 percent of the revenue is dedicated to local and regional solid waste projects consistent with regional plans approved by the commission in accordance with this chapter and to update and maintain those plans. Those revenues shall be allocated to municipal solid waste geographic planning regions for use by local governments and regional planning commissions according to a formula established by the commission that takes into account population, area, solid waste fee generation, and public health needs. Each planning region shall issue a biennial report to the legislature detailing how the revenue is spent.



**TEXAS SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT
CHAPTER 361**





Regional Planning & Coordination

Protecting health & safety

COGs help local governments better deliver services to their constituents by providing technical assistance to local governments in the implementation and evaluation of solid waste management programs; education and outreach activities, programs, and printed materials that provide a unified message but can also be customized for local governments; and regional training such as environmental enforcement for peace officers and disaster debris management for emergency managers.



Grantees
reached out to
Texans through
39,300
mass media
activities.

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Regional Solid Waste
grantees diverted

17 million

pounds of recyclables,
enough to cover more than
29 football fields with one
foot of recyclables.



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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Area Agencies on Aging
Aging & Disability
Resource Centers



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AGING PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administer direct services in the region
 - Regional Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
 - Regional Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
- Provide technical assistance and oversight to local providers
- Conduct strategic planning



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DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS

- Serve older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers at no cost to those who qualify (generally low income, isolated and/or frail)
- Services include information and referral, benefits counseling, case management, long-term care ombudsman, nursing home relocation, preventative health workshops, counseling & respite care.



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PASS-THROUGH SERVICES

- Home-Delivered Meals
- Congregate Meals
- Demand-Response
Transportation
- Caregiver Education & Training



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BENEFITS TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

- Assist constituents at risk of adverse outcomes (i.e., premature nursing home placement)
- Support local providers & ensure compliance
- Leverage non-federal/state funding to expand services



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ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Workforce Programs*

Transportation*

Purchasing Cooperative*



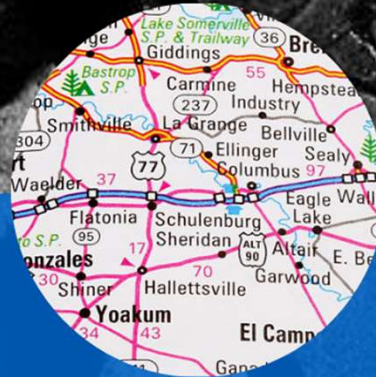
KEY FACTS

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SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Coordination of programs and services such as: purchasing, training, large-scale projects



CROSS JURISDICTIONS



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Application, allocation and administration of grant funds for member local governments



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