

Village of Vinton

Vinton Clean Waterways Collection Days

Project Description

This Project involves six waste collection events that will be free to the public. Sanitation services in the Village of Vinton do not include bulk waste or recyclable pick up, making it difficult and expensive for residents to dispose of these wastes. During collection events, roll-off containers will be available for residents to bring recyclables, yard waste, and bulk items that do not fit in sanitation carts. The waste will be sorted on-site so that all materials can be properly recycled or disposed of. Waste accepted will include appliances, scrap metal, yard waste, paper products, plastic products, used tires, and electronics.

Third-Party Administrator shall use SEP Funds for rental of roll-off bins, landfill disposal fees, on-site directional signage, safety vests, and public notification advertisements and mailers. Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that hazardous waste is not collected during the collection events. Third-Party Administrator shall conduct the Project in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and shall ensure that trained and authorized individuals are present to properly sort and handle waste.

Environmental Benefit

In 2004, the northwest landfill transfer station, managed by El Paso County, was closed. This left several communities, including the Village of Vinton, without a means to dispose of bulk and yard waste. Without a means to dispose of these wastes, cases of illegal dumping increased. In 2006 and 2008, rain events led to damage of private property when illegally dumped waste was carried in ditches and trapped in culverts. Landfills located in east El Paso County and Santa Teresa, New Mexico, are available to accept waste hauled by residents, but both landfills charge fees for hauled loads, which discourages residents from making the trip.

This Project will decrease illegal dumping, reducing the amount of pollution that would flow into the Rio Grande through natural waterways. It is anticipated that each collection event will divert 35,000 pounds of waste, 2,000 pounds of scrap metal, 4,000 pounds of yard waste, 200 used tires, as well as used oil, paper, and plastics into the landfill.

Eligible Areas and Counties

This project may receive contributions from the following:

Rio Grande River Basin: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kinney, Loving, Maverick, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Schleicher, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, Webb, Winkler, and Zapata Counties

Minimum Contribution Amount

\$500