

Civic Alchemy for Texas cities

We solve specific operational and grant problems in solid waste, recycling, illegal dumping, and equipment, turning data you already collect into community value, with expert guidance and your staff in charge.

— WHY CITIES CALL US

Grants are competitive, and winning one is only the start. Reimbursements, quarterly reports, inventories, and multi-year results reports land on the same small staff who run daily operations, while useful data sits in separate spreadsheets. We start with your problem, not a product: one defined issue, a short pilot, and results your staff can measure and keep.

From NCTCOG's FY2026–2027 cycle

- 17 applications requested \$2,519,050.11; \$768,476.57 in pass-through grants funded 8 local projects.
- Reimbursement-only, with quarterly reports, a TCEQ Results Report (through Aug 31, 2027), and a Year-Later Report (Sept 2027–Aug 2028).
- Scoring rewards sustainability, new technology, and measured results.

— COMMON PROBLEMS WE SOLVE

Dumping keeps returning to the same sites

Cameras, signs, and enforcement time are limited.

How we help: a dumping risk analysis and hotspot map from your reports and enforcement records, to guide camera and sign placement and enforcement, plus illegal-dumping grant reporting.

Alchemy of Protection
Local Enforcement; Litter & Illegal Dumping grants

Grant reporting is eating staff time

Reimbursements, quarterly reports, inventories.

How we help: a dashboard tracking quarterly reports, reimbursement documentation, the \$1,000+ equipment inventory, and TCEQ results and year-later reports, plus waste and recycling volume forecasting.

Alchemy of Prediction
Any active NCTCOG solid waste grant

Equipment downtime and audit exposure

NCTCOG audited grant equipment in summer 2026.

How we help: maintenance-risk analysis and inventory tracking for grant-funded loaders, compactors, and grinders, so assets stay documented and in service.

Alchemy of Longevity
Grant equipment inventory rules

Hard to verify hauler performance

Contracted trash and recycling service.

How we help: contract-oversight analysis of hauler tonnage and GPS reports, and route and efficiency analysis for recycling collection and drop-off sites.

Alchemy of Flow
Recycling efficiency is grant-eligible; trash routing is not

Preparing a winning next-cycle application

FY2028–2029 call expected April–May 2027.

How we help: application support, especially Technical Studies, built around scoring points for sustainability, metrics, and new technology, with the required TCEQ-approved Quality Assurance Project Plan in place before data work starts.

Next-cycle support
NCTCOG FY2028–2029 Solid Waste grants

— HOW AN ENGAGEMENT WORKS

01 · FREE

Readiness Audit

We define your problem, data, grant obligations, and reporting calendar.

02 · 6–8 WEEKS

Pilot

A scoped pilot tied to that problem and your grant deliverables.

03

Dashboard & training

A dashboard your staff own, with training.

04

Ongoing reporting

Optional support through results and year-later reports.

— HOW WE WORK WITH YOU

- ◆ Human oversight: our team and your staff review all analysis before it informs a decision or report.
- ◆ Founding pilots: each engagement sets baseline measures up front and reports results against them.
- ◆ Grant-aware: no work before notice to proceed; records that match reimbursement rules.

Pilots sit well under the \$100,000 competitive bidding threshold; each city follows its own procurement rules. Grant-funded contracts and software need NCTCOG prior written approval. Savings are targets to be measured, not guarantees.

— PRICING

Readiness Audit	Free
Founding pilot	\$2,000–\$8,000, fixed scope
Ongoing support	\$1,500–\$3,000/mo retainer, or optional success fee of 10–20% of documented savings
Add-on	Leadership and change workshop

Request a free Operations and Grant Readiness Audit

Tell us the one problem you most want solved. SK, Ignite Alchemy Partners

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