

Heart of Texas Council of Governments

Executive Committee Meeting

**Thursday
January 25, 2024
10:00 AM**

*at the
Waco Hilton Hotel
113 South University Parks Drive
Waco, Texas*



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice President

Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

**HEART OF TEXAS
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MCLENNAN**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments will meet on Thursday, the 25th Day of January, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Waco Hilton Hotel, Grande Executive Boardroom, 113 South University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be considered.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum
- II. Proof of Posting of notice in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Consideration of and/or action on the following:
 - A.
 - 1. Approval of the October 26, 2023 meeting minutes
 - 2. Approval of December 21, 2023 meeting minutes
 - B. New Business
 - 1. Recommendation of Officers and Executive Committee members for 2024
 - 2. Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Chair appointment
 - 3. Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Appointments
 - 4. Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Bylaws amendments
 - 5. FY 2025 Juvenile Justice Alternatives Grant Application and Resolution
 - 6. Homeland Security (HS) Grant Application and Resolution - BMAP
 - 7. Homeland Security Grant Application and Revised Resolution - BMAP
 - 8. Homeland Security Grant Application and Resolution - Regional Citizen Corps Program
 - 9. Homeland Security Grant Application and Resolution – Emergency Notification System
 - 10. Homeland Security Grant Application and Resolution – Regional Planning Grant Program

C. Report of the Executive Director and Staff

1. Department of Administration
 - a. Financial, Personnel and Investment Reports
2. Health & Human Services
 - a. Department Activities Report
3. Regional Services
 - a. Department Activities Report
4. Executive Director's Report

V. Other Reports

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

Signed this the 19th Day of January 2024.



Russell Devorsky
Executive Director



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice President

Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments' Executive Committee, in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, met in regular session, on Thursday, the 26th Day of October 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Heart of Texas Council of Governments, 1514 South New Road, Waco, Texas at which time the following subjects will be considered.

Members Present

Judge Jay Elliott, *President*
Judge Richard Duncan, *Secretary-Treas.*
Judge Cindy Vanlandingham
Mayor Protem Jim Holmes
Judge Linda Grant
Judge Scott Felton
Commissioner Nita Wuebker
Commissioner Jim Smith
Councilmember Jimmy Rogers

Falls County
Limestone County
Bosque County
City of Waco
Freestone County
McLennan County
Falls County
McLennan County
City of Robinson

Members Absent

Mayor Geary Smith, *Vice-President*
Judge Justin Lewis
Co. Treasurer Jeannie Keeney
Councilmember Alice Rodriguez
Mr. Calvin Rueter
Councilmember Andrea Barefield
Mayor Ray Bickerstaff

City of Mexia
Hill County
Freestone County
City of Waco
Special Districts
City of Waco
City of Valley Mills

Staff Present

Russell Devorsky
John C. Minnix
Mary McDow
Dorothy Jackson
Wayne Stovall
Andy Davis
Harold Ferguson

Executive Director
DED of Administration
HR Manager
Regional/Economic Dev Manager
Homeland Security Manager
Emergency Preparedness Planner
PT Emergency Prep. Planner

Visitor's Present

Mr. Ryan Jewell

McKinstry

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

President Jay Elliott called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

II. Proof of posting of notice in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Proof of posting of the October 26, 2023 Executive Committee meeting was provided.

III. Introduction of Guests – Guests and staff were introduced.

IV. Consideration of and/or action on the following:

A. Approval of the September 28, 2023 meeting minutes

A motion was made by Judge Scott Felton and seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Rogers to approve the September 28, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

B. New Business

1. HOTCOG FY2022-2023 Budget Amendment #1

Mr. Minnix presented Budget Amendment #1 for the HOTCOG FY2022-2023 Budget. Mr. Minnix stated that the Budget Amendment is to increase various budget line items to reflect actual revenue and expenses through the end of the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Judge Scott Felton and seconded by Judge Linda Grant to approve the FY2022-2023 HOTCOG Budget Amendment #1 as presented. Motion passed.

2. Approval of HOTCOG Investment Policy

Mr. Minnix noted as required by state law, HOTCOG's Investment Policy is required to be reviewed annually. Mr. Minnix presented the current Investment Policy and Investment Strategy for review and stated that no changes were recommended at this time.

A motion was made by Judge Richard Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Nita Wuebker to approve the Investment Policy and Investment Strategy as presented.

Motion passed.

3. Approval of HOTCOG Affirmative Action Policy

Mr. Russell Devorsky presented the HOTCOG Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Affirmative Action Plan for review and approval for 2023. Mr. Devorsky noted the Plan is updated on an annual basis to include HOTCOG's current workforce composition and an actual workforce analysis by position groups. The Plan reflects only minor changes from last year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Smith and seconded by Councilmember Jimm Rogers to approve the HOTCOG Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Affirmative Action Plan for 2023 as presented. Motion passed.

4. EPAC Vice Chair Appointment

Mr. Wayne Stovall stated that Ms. Elizabeth Thomas who served as Vice-Chair for the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (EPAC) left her position as EMC with the City of Waco/McLennan County Emergency Management. As a result, Ms. Elizabeth "Buffy" Waldie was elected by the EPAC to serve the remainder of Ms. Thomas term which will expire December 31, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nita Wuebker and seconded by Judge Richard Duncan to confirm the appointment of Elizabeth "Buffy" Waldie to the unexpired position of EPAC Vice Chair. Motion passed.

5. EPAC Member Reappointment

Mr. Stovall noted that Mr. Phillip Cantrell is currently serving on the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (EPAC) representing Hill County and his term expires December 31, 2023. Judge Justin Lewis has recommended that Mr. Phillip Cantrell continue to serve on the EPAC and be reappointed to a two year term.

A motion was made by Judge Linda Grant and seconded by Judge Cindy Vanlandingham to approve the reappointment of Phillip Cantrell from Hill County to serve on the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee. Motion passed.

C. Report of the Executive Director and Staff

1. Department of Administration

a. Financial, Personnel and Investment Reports

Mr. John Minnix presented the Financial, Personnel and Investment Reports to the Executive Committee.

2. Health & Human Services
 - a. Department Activities Report
Ms. Donnis Cowan presented the Health & Human Services report to the Committee.
 - b. HOT Rural Transit District Report
Mr. Rep Pledger presented highlights of the Rural Transportation Program.
 3. Regional Services
 - a. Department Activities Report
Mrs. Dorthy Jackson presented a report on the activities of the Community and Economic Development programs.
 4. Executive Director's Report
Mr. Devorsky gave a report on activities during the month. Mr. Devorsky noted the Nominating Committee (appointed by President Jay Elliott) for 2024 Officers and Executive Committee members are Judge Justin Lewis, Judge Cindy Vanlandingham and Mayor Protem Jim Holmes.
- V. Other Reports – FY2023 Law Enforcement Training Attendees by Agency Report provided in the packet for review.
- VI. Public Comment - None
- VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned.

Jay Elliott, President
County Judge, Falls County

Richard Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer
County Judge, Limestone County



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice President

Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

**HEART OF TEXAS
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments' Executive Committee, in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, met in session, on Thursday, the 21st Day of December, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Heart of Texas Council of Governments, 1514 South New Road, Waco, Texas by "Virtual/Telephone Conferencing" (as approved by the Texas Attorney General).

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Members Present

Judge Jay Elliott, *Vice-President*
Mayor Geary Smith, *Secretary-Treas.*
Judge Justin Lewis
Judge Linda Grant
Co. Treasurer Jeannie Keeney
Councilmember Jimmy Rogers
Commissioner Jim Smith
Judge Cindy Vanlandingham
Commissioner Nita Wuebker

Falls County
City of Mexia
Hill County
Freestone County
Freestone County
City of Robinson
McLennan County
Bosque County
Falls County

Members Absent

Judge Scott Felton
Judge Richard Duncan
Councilmember Jim Holmes
Councilmember Andrea Barefield
Councilmember Alice Rodriguez
Mayor Ray Bickerstaff
Mr. Calvin Rueter

McLennan County
Limestone County
City of Waco
City of Waco
City of Waco
City of Valley Mills
Special Districts

Staff Present

Russell Devorsky
Mary McDow
Dorothy Jackson
Donnis Cowan

Executive Director
Personnel Manager
Regional Economic Development Manager
HHS Director

Wayne Stovall
Harold Ferguson
Falen Bohannon

Homeland Security Manager
Emergency Preparedness Planner
Environmental-Economic Dev. Coordinator

AGENDA

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

President Jay Elliott called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

II. Proof of posting of notice in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Proof of posting of the December 21, 2023 Executive Committee meeting was provided.

III. Introduction of Guests – Guests and staff were introduced.

IV. Consideration of and/or action on the following:

New Business

1. Authorization of purchase of Dispatch Console Equipment for Freestone County

Mr. Russell Devorsky stated that HOTCOG has received funding from the Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) grant to purchase two Zetron Max Dispatch Consoles for equipment \$89,578.40 and labor \$12,500 (total \$102,078.40) for the Freestone County Dispatch. This upgrade will be installed in the new Freestone County Dispatch Center and allow upgraded communications between dispatch and law enforcement, fire and other first responder agencies. HOTCOG posted and advertised the RFP in the Waco Newspaper. We received the best bid from Huffman Communications Sales, Inc. for \$140,382. Mr. Devorsky noted that HOTCOG will use the allocated grant funds and Freestone County will be responsible for any amount over the grant funding.

A motion was made by Hill County Judge Justin Lewis and seconded by City of Mexia Mayor Geary Smith to approve the purchase and installation of dispatch equipment for Freestone County in the amount up to \$102,078.40 using the SERI grant # 455-9401. The motion passed.

2. Approval of submission of proposal for the Heart of Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center

Mr. Devorsky stated that in response to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission Request for Application (RFA) #HHS0013416, HOTCOG staff

request approval of submission of proposal for continued designation of the Heart of Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, Hill and McLennan counties.

HOTCOG is the lead agency in a coalition of six community partners including Behavioral Health, HHS Regional Local Services, Texas WorkForce, HOCTIL, AAA, and 2-1-1. The Heart of Texas ADRC will be granted up to \$192,799 for each year of the Grant Project Period from **September 1, 2024**, through **August 31, 2027**. The Grant Agreements will be awarded for an initial three-year term. HHSC may, at its sole discretion, extend the Grant Term for up to two (2) years, not to exceed the five-year. If successful the contract period begins on September 1, 2024.

There are 28 ADRC Planning and Service Areas in Texas. The purpose of this Grant Project is to serve people of all ages, incomes, and disabilities by providing one-on-one counseling on the full range of long-term services and supports in Texas.

A motion was made by Hill County Judge Justin Lewis and seconded by Falls County Commissioner Nita Wuebker to approve the submission of a proposal for the Heart of Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center on January 18, 2024, with full compliance of all requirements of the Request for Application. Motion passed.

- V. Other Reports – None.
- VI. Public Comment – None.
- VII. Adjournment – A motion and second was made to adjourn. Motion passed.

Jay Elliott, President
County Judge, Falls County

Richard Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer
County Judge, Limestone County

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Nomination Slate for the 2024 Officers and Executive Committee Members for the Heart of Texas Council of Governments

INFORMATION:

Judge Justin Lewis, Mayor Protem Jim Holmes and Judge Cindy Vanlandingham were appointed to serve as the Nominating Committee to recommend the slate of Officers and Executive Committee members for 2024. A list of the recommended Officers and Executive Committee members will be presented at the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee consider and approve the recommended slate of Executive Committee Officers and members for 2024 as presented and recommend approval to the Council Representatives at the Annual Business Meeting on January 25, 2024.

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 25th, 2024

SUBJECT:

Appointment of EPAC Chair

INFORMATION:

The two-year term of Hill County EMC Tom Hemrick as the emergency preparedness advisory committee chair has expired December 31, 2023. At the January meeting of the EPAC Committee, Tom Hemrick was re-elected with a majority vote by the committee to serve an additional two-year term as the EPAC chair.

ACTION:

It is requested that the Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee hereby confirm the appointment of Tom Hemrick to the position of EPAC Chair.

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 25, 2024

SUBJECT:

Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Appointments

INFORMATION:

Trace Hendricks, Bosque County Sheriff, was renominated by County Judge Cindy Vanlandingham as a representative to the HOTCOG Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee for Bosque County. This two-year term will expire on December 31st of 2025.

Brian Messman, Falls Community Hospital IT Director, was renominated by County Judge Jay Elliott as a representative to the HOTCOG Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee for Falls County. This two-year term will expire on December 31st of 2025.

Michael Graham, McLennan County Sheriff Sergeant, was renominated by County Judge Scott Felton as a representative to the HOTCOG Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee for McLennan County. This two-year term will expire on December 31st of 2025.

Shane McLellan, AgriLife Extension Agent, was renominated by Executive Director Russell Devorsky as a representative to the HOTCOG Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee for the at large position representing agriculture. This two-year term will expire on December 31st of 2025.

Heath Crosland, Mexia Police Chief, was nominated by County Judge Richard Duncan as a representative to the HOTCOG Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee for Bosque County. This two year term will expire on December 31, 2025.

ACTION:

That the Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee approve the appointment of Trace Hendricks, Brian Messman, Michael Graham, Shane McLellan and Heath Crosland to fill their respective positions on the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee.

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 25, 2024

SUBJECT:

Heart of Texas Council of Governments Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee By-Laws

INFORMATION:

EPAC members discussed the committee by-laws during the last two committee meetings. The committee voted to approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws after being given the appropriate 30-day notice of updates and reasoning for such amendments.

ACTION:

That the Heart of Texas Council of Governments' Executive Committee approve the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee's By-Laws recommended and approved by EPAC on January 10, 2024.

ACTION MEMORANDUM

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 25, 2024

SUBJECT: FY 2025 Juvenile Justice Alternatives Grant Application

INFORMATION:

The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office solicits applications for projects supporting mental health counseling services during the state fiscal year 2024 grant cycle. The Heart of Texas Council of Governments (HOTCOG) will request funds for the Heart of Texas Region Purchase of Juvenile Justice Alternatives Program from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. Under the grant contract, the HOTCOG will be responsible for the following:

preparing contracts with each of the six counties within the HOTCOG region that will be receiving grant funds to provide juvenile mental health counseling services;

reimburse each of the six county's juvenile probation departments for juvenile mental health counseling services provided; and

receive reporting documents and provide grant management, including submitting project quarterly and/or progress reports as required.

ACTION:

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments' Executive Committee authorizes the Executive Director to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office for FY 2025 Juvenile Justice Program funding through the following resolution.



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice-President

**Heart of Texas
Council of Governments**

Judge Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE GRANT
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Heart of Texas Region that the Juvenile Justice Mental Health Counseling Services Reimbursement Program to be operated for fiscal year 2025.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the Executive Committee assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS approves submission of the grant application for the Juvenile Justice Mental Health Counseling Services Reimbursement Program to the Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor.

SUBMITTED AND PASSED this _____ day of January 2024, A.D., by motion made, seconded, and duly passed by the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments.

Signed:

**Judge Jay Elliott, President
County Judge, Falls County**

Attest:

**Mayor Geary Smith, Vice President
Mayor, City of Mexia**

Application #1424126

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 25, 2024

SUBJECT:

Resolution for HOTCOG Homeland Security Grant Application

INFORMATION:

HOTCOG has submitted a grant application through the State Homeland Security Grant Program to continue the Bomb Making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP). As part of the terms and conditions, the Office of the Governor requires a resolution from the governing body noting the grant title and application number designates the grant authorized official, notes the requirement for repayment of grant funds for loss or misuse, and approval of the resolution.

ACTION:

That the Heart of Texas Council of Governments' Executive Committee approves the attached resolution for the Bomb Making Materials Awareness Program for submission to the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office.



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice-President

Judge Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

***Heart of Texas
Council of Governments***

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE GRANT
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Heart of Texas Region that the Bomb Making Materials Awareness Program be operated for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of **\$40,482.80**.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Heart of Texas County of Governments assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS approves submission of the grant application for the Bomb Making Materials Awareness Program to the Homeland Security Division, Office of the Governor.

SUBMITTED AND PASSED this 25th day of January 2024, A.D., by motion made, seconded, and duly passed by the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments.

Signed:

**Judge Jay Elliott, President
County Judge, Falls County**

Attest:

**Mayor Geary Smith
Vice President**

Application #4468802

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 25, 2024

SUBJECT: FY 2024 Revised Resolution for BMAP Grant FY2024

INFORMATION:

The Homeland Security Division of the Governor's Office solicited applications for projects supporting the Bomb Making Materials Awareness Program during the state fiscal year 2024 grant cycle. The Heart of Texas Council of Governments (HOTCOG) requested funds for the Heart of Texas Region BMAP Program from October 1, 2023, through October 30, 2024. The Heart of Texas Council of Governments applied for and was awarded a grant for this program to be operated in FY 2024, following the application and award the Office of the Governor increased the amount of the award from \$37447.48 to \$40,482.80. Under the grant contract, the HOTCOG will be responsible for the following:

- Public Awareness training
- Attending all current BMAP related training
- Law Enforcement training
- Emergency Preparedness training

ACTION:

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments' Executive Committee authorizes the Executive Director to accept the award of \$40,482.80 of the Governor's Office for FY 2024 Bomb Making Materials Awareness funding through the following resolution.



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice-President

Judge Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

Heart of Texas
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RESOLUTION
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APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Heart of Texas Region that the Bomb Making Materials Awareness Program be operated for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of **\$50,805.32**.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Heart of Texas County of Governments assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS approves submission of the grant application for the Bomb Making Materials Awareness Program to the Homeland Security Division, Office of the Governor.

SUBMITTED AND PASSED this 25th day of January 2024, A.D., by motion made, seconded, and duly passed by the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments.

Signed:

Judge Jay Elliott, President
County Judge, Falls County

Attest:

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice President

Application #4468803

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 25, 2024

SUBJECT:

Resolution for HOTCOG Homeland Security Grant Application

INFORMATION:

HOTCOG has submitted a grant application through the State Homeland Security Grant Program to continue the HOTCOG Citizen Corp. Program. As part of the terms and conditions, the Office of the Governor requires a resolution from the governing body noting the grant title and application number designates the grant authorized official, notes the requirement for repayment of grant funds for loss or misuse, and approval of the resolution.

ACTION:

That the Heart of Texas Council of Governments' Executive Committee approves the attached resolution for the HOTCOG Citizen Corp. Program for submission to the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office.



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice-President

Judge Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

Heart of Texas **Council of Governments**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Heart of Texas Region that the Regional Citizen Corp. Program be operated for fiscal year 2025 in the amount of **\$26,179.00**.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Heart of Texas County of Governments assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS approves submission of the grant application for the HOTCOG Regional Citizen Corp. Program to the Homeland Security Division, Office of the Governor.

SUBMITTED AND PASSED this 25th day of January 2024, A.D., by motion made, seconded, and duly passed by the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments.

Signed:

Judge Jay Elliott, President
County Judge, Falls County

Attest:

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice President

Application #2954010

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 25, 2024

SUBJECT:

Resolution for HOTCOG Homeland Security Grant Application

INFORMATION:

HOTCOG has submitted a grant application through the State Homeland Security Grant Program to continue the HOTCOG ENS Information Sharing Program. As part of the terms and conditions, the Office of the Governor requires a resolution from the governing body noting the grant title and application number designates the grant authorized official, notes the requirement for repayment of grant funds for loss or misuse, and approval of the resolution.

ACTION:

That the Heart of Texas Council of Governments' Executive Committee approves the attached resolution for the HOTCOG ENS Information Sharing Program for submission to the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office.



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice-President

Judge Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE GRANT
APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Heart of Texas Region that the Regional ENS Information Sharing Program be operated for fiscal year 2025 in the amount of **\$63,171.99**.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Heart of Texas County of Governments assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS approves submission of the grant application for the ENS Information Sharing Program to the Homeland Security Division, Office of the Governor.

SUBMITTED AND PASSED this 25th day of January 2024, A.D., by motion made, seconded, and duly passed by the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments.

Signed:

Judge Jay Elliott, President
County Judge, Falls County

Attest:

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice President

Application #2953610

ACTION MEMORANDUM

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 25, 2024

SUBJECT:

Resolution for HOTCOG Homeland Security Grant Application

INFORMATION:

HOTCOG has submitted a grant application through the State Homeland Security Grant Program to continue the HOTCOG Regional Planning Program. As part of the terms and conditions, the Office of the Governor requires a resolution from the governing body noting the grant title and application number designates the grant authorized official, notes the requirement for repayment of grant funds for loss or misuse, and approval of the resolution.

ACTION:

That the Heart of Texas Council of Governments' Executive Committee approves the attached resolution for the HOTCOG Regional Planning Program for submission to the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office.



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice-President

Judge Richard Duncan
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Devorsky
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE GRANT
APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Heart of Texas Region that the Regional Planning Program be operated for fiscal year 2025 in the amount of **\$180,382.01**.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the Heart of Texas County of Governments assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee designates the Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS approves submission of the grant application for the Regional Planning Program to the Homeland Security Division, Office of the Governor.

SUBMITTED AND PASSED this 25th day of January 2024, A.D., by motion made, seconded, and duly passed by the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments.

Signed:

Judge Jay Elliott, President
County Judge, Falls County

Attest:

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice President

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