

Heart of Texas Council of Governments

Executive Committee Meeting

**Thursday
March 23, 2023
11:00 AM**

***Heart of Texas
Council of Governments
Offices
1514 South New Road
Waco, Texas***



Judge Jay Elliott
President

Mayor Geary Smith
Vice-President

Judge 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 23rd Day of March 2023, at 11:00 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.

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
- PAGE IV. Consideration of and/or action on the following:
 - 1 A. 1. Approval of the February 23, 2023 meeting minutes
 - 7 B. New Business
 - 1. Executive Committee Appointment Recommendation
 - 8 2. Heart of Texas Rural Transit District Funding – Purchase Approval
 - 9 C. Report of the Executive Director and Staff
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3. Regional Services
 - a. Department Activities Report
4. Executive Director's Report

V. Other Reports

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

Signed this the 17th Day of March 2023.



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**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 23rd Day of February 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*
Mayor Geary Smith, *Vice-President*
Judge Richard Duncan, *Secretary-Treas.*
Co. Treasurer Jeannie Keeney
Mayor Andy Smith
Councilmember Andrea Barefield
Councilmember Alice Rodriguez
Councilmember Jimmy Rogers
Councilmember Jim Holmes

Falls County
City of Mexia
Limestone County
Freestone County
City of Hillsboro
City of Waco
City of Waco
City of Robinson
City of Waco

Members Absent

Judge Linda Grant
Judge Cindy Vanlandingham
Judge Justin Lewis
Judge Scott Felton
Commissioner Jim Smith
Commissioner Nita Wuebker
Mr. Calvin Rueter
Mayor Josh Thayer

Freestone County
Bosque County
Hill County
McLennan County
McLennan County
Falls County
Special Districts
City of Valley Mills

Staff Present

Russell Devorsky
John C. Minnix
Donnis Cowan
Dorthy Jackson
Falen Bohannon
Rep Pledger
Harold Ferguson
Wayne Stovall
Lana Gudgel

Executive Director
DED of Administration
Director of Health/Human Services
Regional/Economic Dev Manager
Environmental/Economic Dev Coord.
Transportation Manager
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Homeland Security Manager
Criminal Justice Planner/Trainer

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

Proof of posting of the February 23, 2023 Executive Committee meeting was provided.

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

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

A. 1. Approval of the January 26, 2023 meeting minutes

The January 26, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made by Freestone County Treasurer Jeannie Keeney and seconded by Mayor Geary Smith that the January 26, 2023 meeting minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed.

B. New Business

1. Heart of Texas Workforce Solutions Building Repair work

Mr. Russell Devorsky stated that staff have been working for about a year to obtain bids for concrete repair needed at the Heart of Texas Workforce Center. A request for proposal (RFP) notice for bids was posted in the Waco Tribune Herald multiple times and vendors were notified of the RFP. Mr. Devorsky felt the reason for lack of bids was that a lot of extensive labor is involved rather than the actual concrete product that is needed.

Mr. Devorsky noted that only one company submitted a bid at a cost of \$57,509.00 subject to current concrete prices. Mr. Devorsky made known to the committee that the gentleman at that particular concrete company is Mr. Minnix' nephew. Mr. Devorsky assured the committee that Mr. Minnix had no involvement, no manipulation or input into the bid. President Jay Elliott asked if the company has a good reputation. Mr. Devorsky stated that the company has a good reputation, a quality company, bonded and insured. It was noted that the RFP process was followed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the procurement policies. It was also noted that the cost of the repairs for the Workforce Building comes out of the Heart of Texas Economic Development Board funds.

A motion was made by Mayor Geary Smith and seconded by Councilmember Alice Rodriguez to approve the bid of \$57,509.00 (subject to current concrete prices) received by Black Buck Construction company. Motion passed.

2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee Conformance Review Recommendation

Mrs. Falen Bohannon stated the Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on November 10, 2022 and performed a conformance review requested by Geosyntec Consultants for the Lacy Lakeview's landfill proposal. The recommendation to the HOTCOG Executive Committee for the conformance of the City of Lacy Lakeview's landfill permit is below:

"The committee recommends that the permit for the City of Lacy Lakeview's landfill proposal is in conformance with the Heart of Texas Regional Solid Waste Management Plan."

A motion was made by County Treasurer Jeannie Keeney and seconded by Mayor Geary Smith to approve the conformance recommendation of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Motion passed.

3. 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) HOTCOG Regional Projects

Mr. Devorsky introduced Mr. Wayne Stovall, the new Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Manager who came on board February 1, 2023.

Mr. Harold Ferguson stated that staff requested local and regional projects for the 2024 State Homeland Security Grant cycle from all local jurisdictions. Allowable projects address one of the following areas: intelligence and information sharing, interoperable communications, sustaining special response teams and first responder capabilities, regional or local planning, critical infrastructure related to terrorist threats, and homeland security. Also, the region was required to spend a certain amount of its anticipated funding on national priority areas. These areas include community preparedness and resilience 3%, protection of soft targets/crowded places 3%, enhancing cybersecurity, domestic violent extremism, addressing emerging threats, emergency operation centers, information and intelligence sharing 3%, and election security 3%.

On February 15th, the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (EPAC) reviewed 13 applications and ranked 13 of the submitted projects. The Texas Office of the Governor (OOG) provided HOTCOG with a Reasonable Budget Expectation (RBE) amount of \$450,000.00 for this coming year. The committee ranked the projects from 1 to 13. The committee considered the project eligibility, threat and risk protection, existing or new, and a nexus to terrorism, and national or regional priority for all projects.

After the ranking list was determined, the committee reviewed the requested funds for each project and determined the recommended funding amount for each project. The decision was based on the HOTCOG Operational Policy and Application Guidelines. The committee voted to approve the funding of the

applications for the requested amount in the ranking order as provided in the executive committee packet.

Mr. Ferguson explained to the executive committee members that after the EPAC met, scored and ranked the projects, staff realized that because of changes this year in funding from the federal level, the percentage of Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Activities (LETPA) required was raised from 20% to 35% of our regional allocation, Mr. Ferguson noted that HOTCOG would lose \$67,000.00 in funding if the 35% LETPA funding was not met. So that the HOTCOG Region does not lose any funding, it was recommended that the McLennan County Bomb Squad receive \$67,000.00 in additional funding. Mr. Ferguson stated that an option could be submitted to the Office of the Governor (OOG) that if the state meets the 35% LETPA and the HOTCOG Region is not required to do so, the McLennan County Bomb Squad project be funded at the \$33,000.00 level.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jim Holmes and seconded by Councilmember Alice Rodriguez to approve the 2024 SHSP Project List presented at the Executive Committee meeting (attached) scored, ranked and recommended funding order for submission by COG staff to the OOG for the regional distribution recommendation. Motion passed.

4. Presentation on OnMed Virtual Carer Platform – Presentation postponed.

C. Report of the Executive Director and Staff

1. Department of Administration

a. Financial and Personnel Report

Mr. John Minnix presented the financial and personnel reports to the committee.

2. Health & Human Services

a. Department Activities Report

Mr. Devorsky introduced Donnis Cowan as the new Health and Human Services (HHS) Director who replaced Mr. Gary Luft. Ms. Cowan has been an employee in the HHS department for seventeen years. Ms. Cowan noted that the department is on track to meet deliverables and also contract requirements. Ms. Cowan presented the HHS report and noted that a different format may be presented in the future depending upon what the committee prefers. It was noted that staff would be setting up a meeting with the county judges to discuss their county and how to improve in getting the word out about the services that are provided.

Mr. Rep Pledger noted the Regional Transportation Coordination Council met on February 16th to discuss leadership positions and the setting up of the Planning and Budget committees. Mr. Pledger also discussed the rural transit activities.

3. Regional Services
 - a. Department Activities Report

Mrs. Jackson gave the Economic and Community Development activities report to the committee. Ms. Jackson referred to the Resilient Communities Program information in the packet.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Devorsky noted the staff continue to attend Chamber of Commerce meetings in the region and provide outreach services. Recently, at the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) meeting, Councilmember Jim Holmes was elected to serve as Secretary Treasurer of the TARC Board.

Mr. Devorsky asked Freestone County Treasurer Jeannie Keeney to give an update on the Fairfield Lake State Park closure. Treasurer Keeney noted that an online proclamation was created by Judge Grant with about 200 signatures collected in the course of two days in support of keeping the park open. Also, Representative Angelia Orr filed a bill to allow Texas to acquire the land through eminent domain. It was noted the park was set to close on February 28 after almost 50 years of public access. Mrs. Keeney thanked everyone for their support.

- V. Other Reports – Law Enforcement Training Attendance FY22 – For Review.
- VI. Public Comment – None.
- VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned 11:35 a.m.

Jay Elliott, President
County Judge, Falls County

Richard Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer
County Judge, Limestone County

HOTCOG 2024 Homeland Security Grant Applications

Grant #	ProjectTitle	Score	Ranking	\$ Requested	Recommend Fund
2953609	IISC HOTCOG ENS - Information Sharing - 3% - LEPTA	97.25	1	\$57,476.59	\$ 57,476.59
4819201	McLennan Bomb Squad - Remote Firing Device - LEPTA	95.75	3	\$33,159.36	\$ 100,024.00
4791401	Falls Courthouse Security System - Community Preparedness - 3%	71.57	7	\$16,575.00	\$ 157,500.59
2954109	HOTCOG-Regional Planning	96.12	2	\$163,752.91	\$ 16,575.00
2954409	Waco, City of - CBRNE Equipment	93.46	4	\$80,525.19	\$ 163,752.91
2954009	HOTCOG- Regional Citizen Corps Program	87.08	5	\$25,144.18	\$ 80,525.19
4792801	Bosque Radio Infrastructure Sustainment	84.83	6	\$100,000.00	\$ 25,144.18
4748501	Hill 800 MHz Trunking Radios	73.3	8	\$68,670.00	\$ 73,000.00
4837001	Wortham Interoperable Emergency Communications Upgrade	73	9	\$20,876.00	\$ 68,670.00
4814601	Hill Countywide Radio Project	71.69	10	\$268,039.00	\$ 20,876.00
4825701	Freestone Portable Handheld Radio Project	70.33	11	\$36,157.00	\$ 268,039.00
4825601	MCFPA 800 pagers - Non Profit Limit of \$150,000	68.3	12	\$179,550.00	\$ 36,157.00
4838501	West Regional Interoperable Support Services Project	58.93	13	\$101,695.00	\$ 179,550.00
				\$1,151,620.23	\$ 101,695.00
				\$1,151,620.23	\$ 1,191,484.87
4468802	DVE - HOTCOG Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program	Not scored			
					\$ 157,500.00
					Total LEPTA Requirement

Attachment to February 23, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes

ACTION MEMORANDUM

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 23, 2023

SUBJECT: HOTCOG Executive Committee Appointment

INFORMATION:

Bosque County Judge Cindy Vanlandingham has recommended Mayor Ray Bickerstaff, City of Valley Mills, for appointment to the Executive Committee. Mayor Bickerstaff will replace the former Mayor of Valley Mills, Josh Thayer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Heart of Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee consider the recommendation to appoint Mayor Ray Bickerstaff, City of Valley Mills, to serve on the Executive Committee.

ACTION MEMORANDUM

HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Heart of Texas Rural Transit District

INFORMATION:

Transit staff was notified on 01/23/2023 that it would be receiving \$193,644.00 in 5311 Growth funding.

TXDOT has suggested that the funds be used for capital purchases. Transit staff has determined that the best use of the funds would be to purchase bus benches, security cameras, vehicle updates and (2) electric/hybrid sedans and (1) electric admin vehicle.

ACTION:

The Heart of Texas Council of Governments Transportation RTD staff is requesting the approval of the HOTCOG Executive Board to proceed with the purchase of the above listed items as soon as the project grant agreement is executed.

Administrative Services Department

Financial / Personnel Reports

Executive Committee Meeting

March 23, 2023

**Heart of Texas Council of Governments
Combined Balance Sheet
February 28, 2023**

Assets

Current

Cash	\$ 18,327
Investments	633,823
Due (to)/from Grantor Agencies	761,079
Membership Dues Receivables	64,671
Aging Match Receivables	247
Other Receivables	-
Pre-Paid Items	19,227
	<u>1,497,374</u>

Fixed Assets

Building	2,810,000
Land	690,000
Furniture & Equipment	2,504,018
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,331,114)</u>
	2,672,904

Total Assets

\$ 4,170,278

Liabilities

Current

Accounts Payable	45,264
Due to HOTEDD	528,486
Accrued Vacation	158,732
Deferred Revenue	110,329
	<u>842,811</u>

Long-term Liabilities

Notes Payable	389,541
	<u>389,541</u>

Total Liabilities

\$ 1,232,352

Fund Equity

Investments in Fixed Assets, net of related debt	2,283,363
Nonspendable-prepaid items	19,227
Restricted for Emergency Notification System	618
Restricted for Federal & State programs	105,563
Unassigned	529,155
	<u>2,937,926</u>

Total Fund Equity

\$ 2,937,926

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity

\$ 4,170,278

Heart of Texas Council of Governments
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
& Changes in Fund Balance
For Five Months Ended February 28, 2023

Revenues	Year To Date	YTD Budget	YTD Budget Variance	12 Month Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Grants administered from State/Federal	\$ 2,416,942	\$ 3,357,860	\$ (940,918)	\$ 8,058,865	\$ 5,641,923
Rent-WF Bldg	171,700	162,500	9,200	390,000	218,300
Local Funds/Mgt. Fees	55,950	57,305	(1,355)	137,532	81,582
Membership Dues	59,667	23,750	35,917	57,000	(2,667)
Inkind Match/Program Income	17,808	265,547	(247,739)	637,312	619,504
Interest Income	9,918	625	9,293	1,500	(8,418)
Miscellaneous Income	26,612	1,250	25,362	3,000	(23,612)
Total Revenues	\$ 2,758,597	\$ 3,868,837	\$ (1,110,240)	\$ 9,285,209	\$ 6,526,612
Expenditures					
Salaries	389,640	441,709	52,069	1,060,101	670,461
Fringe Benefits	171,520	194,441	22,921	466,658	295,138
Travel	10,575	14,379	3,804	34,509	23,934
Equipment	193,372	184,878	(8,494)	443,707	250,335
Supplies	5,368	16,007	10,639	38,416	33,048
Other Expenses	170,042	142,306	(27,736)	341,534	171,492
Delegate Agency/Contractual Costs	1,255,268	2,120,867	865,599	5,090,080	3,834,812
Indirect Costs	315,177	333,068	17,891	799,363	484,186
Insurance/Maintenance-WF Bldg	29,292	25,000	(4,292)	60,000	30,708
Debt Service-WF Bldg	96,137	96,137	0	230,729	134,592
Inkind Match/Program Income	41,480	265,547	224,067	637,312	595,832
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,677,871	\$ 3,834,337	\$ 1,156,466	\$ 9,202,409	\$ 6,524,538
Changes in Fund Balance					
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	80,726			82,800	
Transfers-Due (to)/from HOTEDD	(45,024)			(57,950)	
Net Change in Fund Balances	35,702			24,850	
Fund Balances as of October 1, 2022	618,861				
Fund Balances as of February 28, 2023	\$ 654,563				

Heart of Texas Council of Governments
Monthly Report of Cash Transactions and Condition
As of February 28, 2023

	<u>Operating Account</u>	<u>Short Term Investments</u>	<u>Total Cash</u>
Beginning Balance 2/1/23	\$ 2,017	\$ 631,643	\$ 633,660
Transactions			
Cash In	673,817	2,180	675,997
Cash (Out)	<u>(657,507)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(657,507)</u>
Net Income (Outlay)	16,310	2,180	18,490
Net Transfers In (Out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Total Transactions	<u>16,310</u>	<u>2,180</u>	<u>18,490</u>
Ending Balance 2/28/23	<u><u>\$ 18,327</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 633,823</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 652,150</u></u>

**HEART OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
PERSONNEL STATUS SUMMARY
AS OF MARCH 17, 2023**

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AUTHORIZED BY GRANT/FUND BUDGETS 29

NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED 27

As of March 17, 2023, HOTCOG had two vacancies as referenced by the number of positions authorized and filled. The following is a departmental breakout of the above figures:

PEOPLE EMPLOYED

<u>Department</u>	<u>Positions Authorized</u>	<u>Regular Fulltime</u>	<u>Temporary Fulltime</u>	<u>Regular & Temporary Part-Time</u>	<u>Vacant</u>
Executive/ Admin. Services	6	6	0	0	0
Regional Services	7	6	0	1	0
Health and Human Services	16	14	0	0	2
<u>Totals</u>	29	26	0	1	2

VACANT:

(1) *Managing Local Ombudsman*

(2) *Contract Quality Assurance Specialist*

Health and Human Services Division

Report includes information for February & March 2023

The following is a summary of the activities for the programs in the Health and Human Services Division of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND ACTIVITY

Donnis Cowan – Director

The Health and Human Services Division (HHS) is one of two divisions of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments. The HHS division is made up of four different and distinct program areas 1) Area Agency on Aging; 2) Aging and Disability Resource Center; 3) Heart 2-1-1; and 4) Rural Transit District which primarily serve and work with individuals and family members who need assistance through either information or services. Below are the four programs staff, program descriptions, and activities.

1. Heart of Texas Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Jan Enders – Special Programs and Outreach

Vacant – Managing Local Ombudsman

Destiny Zavala – Sr. Care Coordinator

Rose Contreras – Sr. Benefits Counseling

Tiffany Soto – Program Coordinator

- 1 of 28 Area Agency on Aging contractors designated by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
- Serves six counties including Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan.
- Provides access to needed social services, effective screening and assessment of individual needs, and advocacy for older persons (age 60 and older), their family members or other caregivers.
- Directly administers services including benefits counseling, care coordination, caregiver support coordination, and long-term care ombudsman services.
- Contracts with service providers throughout the region to provide nutrition (congregate and home delivered meals), homemaker care, respite care, personal assistance, minor home repairs, health education classes and caregiver counseling to caregivers and their loved ones.
- All programs are operated in accordance with all policies and procedures.
- We have two vacant positions 1) Managing Local Ombudsman, and 2) Contract Quality Assurance Specialist. Second interviews are being conducted for both positions.

AAA STAFF, PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS, and PROGRAM ACTIVITY

Vacant – Contract Quality Assurance Specialist

- Contract Quality Assurance negotiating and managing contracts; reporting; reimbursement; accounting; auditing; monitoring; procures services funded

with federal and state funds and provides quality assurance to ensure compliance with contracts. Validation of complete and accurate data in the HHS statewide system for quarterly and annual reports.

Jan Enders – Special Programs Manager
Destiny Zavala – Sr. Care Coordinator
Tiffany Soto – Program Coordinator

- Outreach is intended to identify vulnerable, hard to reach individuals. The AAA conducts outreach to people who may be eligible for Aging Services, especially older individuals, residing in rural areas, with the greatest economic or social needs.

Outreach - Individuals Reached							
Description	Bosque	Falls	Free-stone	Hill	Lime-stone	McL	Grand Total
Presentations - Medicare	15		20		11	35	81
SMP	15		20		11		46
Resource Guides	95	320	75	200		1340	2030
Benefit Applications						2	2
Dental up to \$5000 p/p				1	2	9	12
Farm Bureau - Care Coordination & Caregiver Support Program Presentation						35	35
Grand Total	125	320	115	201	24	1421	2206

Executive Committee Assistance Requested: The Area Agency on Aging would like to speak to your communities regarding our programs. To schedule an event in your county please have them call 254-292-1855.

Jan Enders – Special Programs Manager
Rose Contreras - Sr. Benefits Counselor

- The Benefits Counseling program primarily provides financial related assistance and Medicare/Medicaid related services to clients through Legal Assistance (one-on-one) and Legal Awareness (groups) events. We continue to see a growing need for Benefits Counseling for the senior population and added emphasis has been placed on expanding the services of this program.

Area Agency on Aging Services - Benefits							
Services	Bosque	Falls	Free-stone	Hill	Lime-stone	McL	Grand Total
Benefits Counseling - Medicare, Extra Help, Health Ins, & Social Security - Hours	4.22		7.48	6.99	3.61	66.51	88.81

Destiny Zavala – Sr. Care Coordinator
Tiffany Soto – Program Coordinator

- The Care Coordination and Caregiver Support Coordination programs empower senior citizens age 60 and older and their family caregivers to maintain their independence, freedom, and dignity by identifying needs and arranging social services required for living independently. These programs include Case Management; In-Home Care – Homemaker – Personal Assistance – and Caregiver Respite; Rolling Walkers; Grab bars; Minor Residential Repair; and Wheelchair ramps.

Area Agency on Aging Services – Case Management & Caregiver Support							
Services	Bosque	Falls	Free-stone	Hill	Lime-stone	McL	Grand Total
Care Coordination Connecting Individuals to Services - Hours	8.79			5.05	5.46	93.80	113.10
Caregiver Support Connecting Caregivers to Services - Hours	5.04		5.43	5.03		59.16	74.66
Health Education Classes - Falls Prevention, Stress Relief for Caregivers, and REACH-TX coping skills for caregivers caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's or other dementias. # of sessions	7				1	5	13
Callers for Assistance	4		4	1	2	32	43
Health Maintenance - assistive devices wheelchairs, walkers, etc. - Individuals						3	3
Homemaker in-home care - Hours					20.00		20.00
Personal Assistance - hands on in-home care. Hours	6.00				9.00	182.25	197.25
Residential Repair grab bars, minor home repair - # of clients						6	6
Respite care - in-home care to caregivers loved ones - Hours						185.25	185.25
Grand Total	30.83	0.00	9.43	11.08	37.46	566.46	655.26

Executive Committee Assistance Requested: The Area Agency on Aging would like to speak to your community regarding our programs. Please let us know how to best reach your community.

Nutrition Services – Congregate (CM) & Home Delivered Meals (HDM)

- The nutrition program is our single largest program and impacts the greatest number of individuals in the greatest geographical coverage in our service area. We have four nutrition subrecipients that serve the nutritional needs of the elderly in the six-county service area.

Area Agency on Aging Nutrition							
Meals Funding Source	Bosque	Falls	Free-stone	Hill	Lime-stone	McL	Grand Total
Congregate Meals	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM
Area Agency on Aging	113	28	251	213	219	1158	1982
Other Local Donations County & Cities	7		108	27	144	51	337
Home Delivered Meals	HDM	HDM	HDM	HDM	HDM	HDM	HDM
Area Agency on Aging	996	1083	1145	1691	1140	6723	12778
Other Local Donations County & Cities	16	21	45		48	4139	4269
Grand Total	1132	1132	1549	1931	1551	12071	19366

Vacant – Managing Local Ombudsman
Lynda Mitchell – Part-Time Ombudsman

- Through direct advocacy the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program utilizes 4 volunteers, and 1 staff to achieve the best possible quality of life for approximately 4,500 residents in 35 nursing homes and 21 assisted living facilities in our service area.
- Provided support and ongoing training for current certified volunteers; recruited 3 volunteer applicants. Certified volunteers received 2 hrs. of continuing education training.
- Listen to the monthly HHS webinars to keep informed about new rules and any updates.
- Participate in weekly activity meetings with the Patty Ducayet, State Long Term Care Ombudsman, and her staff to discuss situations, share information and approaches and receive updates on proposed legislation concerning nursing and assisted living facilities.
- Serve as a resource to callers inquiring about moving to facilities in our six-county region.

Ombudsman Program							
Activities	Bosque	Falls	Free-stone	Hill	Lime-stone	McL	Grand Total
Long Term Care Facility Visits						24	24
Assisted Living Facility Visits						4	4
Complaints	3	2	2	3	3	17	30
State Surveys						2	2
Education & Consultations	5					3	8
Resident Council Meetings						2	2
Resident Discharge Appeal/s						1	1
Grand Total	8	2	2	3	3	53	71

Executive Committee Assistance Requested: The Ombudsman Program is seeking volunteers in each county to provide weekly visits to nursing and assisted living facilities. Please have potential volunteers call 254-292-1851.

2. Heart of Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Eric Hobbs – Housing Navigator

Debbie Jones – Resource Navigator

- The ADRC model is a “way of doing business” that is intended to respond more effectively and efficiently to the needs of individuals looking for long term services and support.
- Provides information and assistance to individuals (including those with multiple, complex needs) about local programs and resources as they relate to aging or living with a disability, to older individuals, individuals of any age with disabilities, family caregivers, veterans, and families with children with special needs, all without regard to income levels.
- Primary purpose is to provide information to help individuals live within their community if possible.
- Operating broad-based coalition consisting of Area Agency on Aging, local Health and Human Services, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services, Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center, Heart of Texas 2-1-1, and Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center.
- HOTCOG serves as the Lead Agency/Fiscal Agent and has responsibility as contract administrator.
- Serves six counties including Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan.
- 1 of 28 designated ADRCs by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

All calls to the Heart of Texas ADRC and Area Agency on Aging terminate into phone line 254-292-1855. This includes local calls as well as any calls originating in our six-county service area placed on the statewide toll-free line for ADRC's.

ADRC Call Activity							
Description	Bosque	Falls	Free-stone	Hill	Lime-stone	McL	Grand Total
AAA Referrals	3		3	2	3	63	74
Housing						1	1
In Home Care	1	2	6	11	7	44	71
Medicare / Medicaid/ SNAP	2	1		2		24	29
Medical Equipment	0	1		1		3	5
Minor Home Repair	1		1	2		14	18
Nursing Home						8	8
Rent Payment Assist			1			1	2
Transportation						3	3
Utilities Payment Assist	2			1		5	8
Other Community Resources	1		1	2	0	60	64
Grand Total	10	4	12	21	10	226	283

3. Heart of Texas Area Information Center (AIC) – (HOT 2-1-1)

Karen Pettit – Manager

Belinda Arocha – Information & Referral Specialist

Joanna Whitehouse – Information & Referral Specialist

Marcy Whiddon – Information & Referral/Community Database Specialist

Janice Mancherian – PT/Contract Information & Referral Specialist

The 2-1-1 program is a “free” social service help line answered by trained specialists who assess caller’s social service needs and connect them to the people and services that can best assist them. 2-1-1 provides referral information about health and human services to all callers regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, disability, or any other criteria.

HOT 2-1-1 (HT) continues to take traditional calls for local social service needs including food pantries, utility bills, rent, childcare, and medication assistance, etc. for the six-county service area. In addition, we take disaster related calls when such an event occurs.

- For the month of February 3,252 calls were taken by HOT 2-1-1 staff compared to 3,384 calls in the same month for the FY22.
- The decrease of 132 calls represented a 3.9% decrease in calls from FY22 to FY23.

Houston-Galveston 2-1-1 and routed afterhours AICs answered and provided information to HOT “after hour and weekend callers”:

- For the month of February 191 calls were taken by Houston-Galveston staff compared to 177 in the same month for the previous year.
- The increase of 14 calls is equal to an increase of 8%.

Projection of Annual calls:

The first two months of 2023 demonstrate a modest decrease compared to February of 2022. Nonetheless, we do anticipate an increase for the FY23 year. In fact, we expect calls to experience a robust increase in March because of the end of Continuous Medicaid Coverage and SNAP Emergency Allotments due to the Covid-19 emergency ending March 31, 2023.

Projection of Annual Calls FY23	
	Actual for previous full
49,809	year – FY22
52,564	Estimate for current year
2,755	Est. Increase
5.53%	% est. growth

HOT 2-1-1 Number of Calls and Yearly Projection – includes all calls throughout Texas							
Heart of Texas 2-1-1 staff only					GC + Routed afterhours 2-1-1		
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23		FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
October	4,549	3,386	3,703		260	165	191
November	2,949	3,130	3,319		270	161	161
December	4,373	3,032	4,553		225	120	139
January	4,784	3,908	3,917		284	203	195
February	4,400	3,384	3,252		382	177	191
March	5,021	3,719	0		275	208	0
April	3,336	3,468	0		207	215	0
May	2,977	3,857	0		226	239	0
June	3,779	5,191	0		217	243	0
July	3,552	5,117	0		198	269	0
August	4,444	4,923	0		265	206	0
September	4,079	4,271	0		221	217	0
Total	48,243	47,386	18,744		3,030	2,423	877
				FY 23 Yearly Projection			FY 23 Yearly Projection
	1,910	(857)	(28,642)			(607)	(1,546)
% Increase	4.1%	-1.8%	-60.4%	50,870		- 20.0%	-63.8% 1,694

Texas 2-1-1 Call Detail for Heart of Texas Counties Only

Texas 2-1-1 Call Detail for Heart of Texas Region Only							
Description	Bosque	Falls	Free-stone	Hill	Lime-stone	McL	Grand Total
Total Calls	54	151	85	171	119	1517	2097
Breakdown of calls - due to multiple referrals, the numbers that follow will not match Grand Total							
Information Calls	5	7	5	11	9	70	107
Advocacy Calls	1				1	2	4
Transfers to Option 2 (YourTXBenes)	32	111	41	91	66	833	1174
Referral Calls	15	30	34	59	40	418	596
Call Specialists transfer live calls to YourTexas Benefits Line							
CHIP - Children's Health Insurance				1	0	4	5
Food Stamps (SNAP)	22	99	34	75	48	651	929
Medicaid	12	16	8	14	19	201	270
Medicare Savings Program	1	3	0	2	1	9	16
TANF temp asst needy families provides cash payments to help families with children under 18 pay for food, clothing, housing, and other essentials.	1					5	6
Not specified	0	2	2	6	4	11	25
Calls by Referrals							
Utility Payment Assistance	14	10	15	29	23	151	242
Rent Payment Assistance				2	2	84	88
Area Agency on Aging		1	9	8	3	32	53
Food Pantries	2	2		7	1	17	29

Housing Authorities	3	1	2	2	1	18	27
Homeless Shelter	1	1		1	1	20	24
Food Stamps/SNAP Applications	1	5	1	3	2	11	23

4. Heart of Texas Rural Transit District

Ronald E. "Rep" Pledger - Manager
Frances Ramirez – Transportation Specialist
Misty Hendon – Transportation Admin

Provides demand response transportation to the public including transportation for seniors age 60 and older and to the disabled of any age utilizing a contracted services business model.

- Shared ride service is considered "curb to curb" meaning the vehicle comes to the passenger instead of the passenger going to the vehicle and multiple riders may be on the vehicle.
- Services are provided Monday through Friday in the rural counties of Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, and Limestone.
- Transportation into or out of McLennan County can be provided if the trip originates from or terminates in one of our five rural counties.
- Service is primarily provided using a fleet of 27 HOTCOG owned vans and small buses operated by two different subcontractors.
- 1 of 36 Rural Transit Districts designated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

General Information:

Staff currently waiting on TXDOT to release \$929,424.00 in funds to be used for the purchase of 6 new replacement transit buses.

Funding

\$317,972.00 in unused FY22 State Rural funding will be rolled over and combined with FY23 State Rural funding to be used as matching funds for federal dollars.

Transit staff was notified on 01/23/2023 that it would be receiving \$193,644.00 in 5311 Growth funding.

Trainings/Meetings

May 21/May 25 - CTAA conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July - TBD TXDOT provider semi-annual meeting

Regional Transportation Coordination Council - (RTCC)

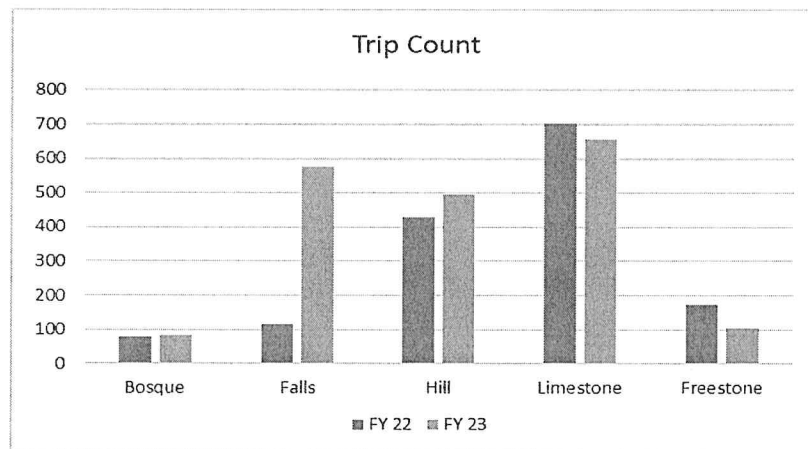
The next meeting will be on March 29th.

Rural Transit District – (Operations)

Staff continue their outreach to clients to increase ridership.

Trip activities for February 2023 are as follows:

Transportation Services – One Way Trips		
Transportation Provider	FY 2022	FY 2023
Bosque County	79	85
Falls County	116	576
Hill County	428	494
Limestone County	703	658
Freestone County	175	106
Total - All 5 Counties	1501	1919



Trip Type by County						
Trip Type	Limestone	Falls	Hill	Freestone	Bosque	Grand Total
Work	150	248	119	11		528
Dialysis	153	44	235	50	33	515
Mhmr	63	109	35		28	235
Medical	111	20	60	1	11	203
Shopping	59	7	24	24	10	124
Education	3	120				123
Personal	55	10	17	13	3	98
Recreation	17	12		7		36
Foster Grandparents	29					29
Veteran	10		4			14
Parole	8	6				14
Grand Total	658	576	494	106	85	1919

Thank you for reviewing the Health and Human Services monthly activities.

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Director of Health and Human Services

REGIONAL SERVICES REPORT

MARCH 2023

9-1-1

HOTCOG 9-1-1 IP Network (Next-Generation 9-1-1)

Members of the TriCOG 9-1-1 Alliance (BVCOG, CTCOG and HOTCOG) continue to collaborate with network consultants and equipment vendors to maintain a robust network. The TriCOG Alliance renewed its partnership with Mission Critical Partners (MCP) for NextGen Core Services (NGCS) Consulting and Cybersecurity Support. MCP follows a scope of work that was provided to the TriCOG identifying five tasks to assist the TriCOG in technical issues to include Project/Task Management, Geospatial Call Routing, Text Over ESInet and Cybersecurity Support. Members of the TriCOG participate in regularly scheduled conference calls to discuss NGCS projects and planning for the future of the regional networks.

On November 29, 2022, the final Originating Service Provider (OSP) in the HOTCOG Region migrated their 9-1-1 traffic from legacy selective routers that are slowly being decommissioned. Since December 15th, there has been no 9-1-1 traffic on those legacy circuits, meaning all HOTCOG PSAPs are routing 9-1-1 traffic via the VESTA router. Next steps will be disconnecting the legacy circuits so billing will cease. Project planning calls with Motorola Solutions Connectivity, Inc. continue to be held weekly, and discussions include ongoing project deliverables and discussions for upcoming activities.

Enterprise Geospatial Database Management System (EGDMS)

In NG9-1-1 systems, an EGDMS (GIS map data) replaces the traditional Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) for location-based 9-1-1 call routing and location validation. An EGDMS is crucial for the transition to NG9-1-1 because it provides a means to create and maintain data critical to NG9-1-1 success. Staff participated in the Customer Focus Group (CFG) for this project. The CFG was responsible for assisting with development of the Quality Assurance/Quality Control plan, participating in GIS Data Management collaboration meetings, and assisting in GIS data management workflow development. 9-1-1 staff exceeded the 99% data match rate as recommended by the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) with a match rate of 99.99% with no critical errors remaining. HOTCOG has completed the transition to an EGDMS, and staff is a participant in a focus group for continued implementation across the state.

Text-to-9-1-1

Text-to-9-1-1 is available in the HOTCOG Region as an alternate means of communicating with 9-1-1 for people with a hearing and/or speech disability, or when speaking aloud would put the individual in danger. Text-to-9-1-1 also provides a silent alternative in cases such as child abduction, active shooter, or domestic abuse.

Public Education

There were 1,900 public education items distributed to the Region for public education and public outreach/health expo events.

Meetings/Training/Conference Calls and Site Visits

- TriCOG SB8 RFP conference call, HOTCOG – March 2nd
- MVP NGCS project discussion conference call, HOTCOG – March 6th
- CSEC Touchpoint conference call, HOTCOG – March 7th
- TriCOG GIS conference call, HOTCOG – March 16th

- CSEC/TARC 9-1-1 Strategic Planning Committee conference call, HOTCOG – March 16th
- MVP NGCS project discussion conference call, HOTCOG – March 20th
- TriCOG SB8 RFP conference call, HOTCOG – March 21st
- CSEC Commission Meeting & 9-1-1 Grantee Workshop, Austin – March 22nd
- MVP project discussion conference call, HOTCOG – March 23rd
- MVP NGCS project discussion conference call, HOTCOG – March 27th

Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness

Grant/COG Projects

- Staff attended the monthly Homeland Security conference calls with the Office of the Governor (OOG).
- Staff met with Limestone County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) Matt Groveton, and City of Waco Communications Manager Scott Johnson regarding State Radio Infrastructure (SERI) grant projects underway in their jurisdictions.
- Staff hosted a communications meeting facilitated by the Texas Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) regarding the Public Safety Radio Interoperability Survey that each county is expected to complete.

Technical Assistance

- Staff aided the Falls County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) Jeff Watkins with updating their counties Emergency Preparedness Protocols (Annex's)
- Staff is working with the National Weather Service and Central Texas Council of Governments in the planning of meeting for local emergency management officials and meteorologists to discuss the severe weather season, the ongoing drought, and potential for wildfires this spring and summer.

Criminal Justice

Planning Grant

CJ Planner, Lana Gudgel, continues to work with the new Heart of Texas Regional SART and the McLennan County SART and is still working on the mandated protocols and bylaws for both teams.

CJ Planner has continued to work on updating the Heart of Texas Regional Strategic plans and has met with all of the community planners regarding the updates.

BMAP

In FY 2022, HOTCOG was awarded the Homeland Security BAMP grant. Criminal Justice Planner Lana Gudgel will attend the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing Train the Trainer from March 20th – March 23rd in Socorro, NM.

Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy Grant

The new cycle for FY 2023 began on October 1, 2022. Since the start of the new cycle, 79 officers and telecommunicators have attended Law Enforcement Training Classes for a total of 1396 contact hours. The end of the TCOLE training cycle is August 31, 2023. In preparation for the end of the cycle, Criminal Justice Planner Lana Gudgel has scheduled Intermediate Crime Scene and Advanced Instructor for March 2023 at MCC; Lana has also scheduled three Cardiac Emergency Communications Courses in Bosque County, Freestone County, and Bellmead. These classes will include the CPR certification. The registration training software for the Law Enforcement training program has registered 391 officers since October 2021. The training program has collected \$4288.00 in out-of-region fees to date.

Fifty-two (79) students attended HOTCOG training, totaling 1396 contact training hours since October 2022.

Economic & Community Development Department Staff Report

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

HOTEDD currently administers two revolving loan funds: One through USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) and one through TDA (Texas Department of Agriculture).

The USDA fund is to support our local businesses so that they can grow, create jobs, and diversify our regional economy. Specifically, the HOTEDD RBEG RLF Program seeks to assist qualified small and emerging businesses in the rural Heart of Texas including Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and rural McLennan Counties. Any private business that will employ 50 or fewer new employees and has less than \$1 million in projected gross revenues located in the rural (as defined by USDA) Heart of Texas region including Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and rural McLennan Counties (McLennan County communities that are not contiguous to the City of Waco). On a case by case basis, the Loan Committee may waive this requirement and provide loan funds to a business located outside the region if the committee determines doing so will have a positive economic impact on the community to be assisted with RLF funds. The project will create or retain one full-time job per each \$10,000.00 in loan funding. At least 51 percent of the interest in the business (applicant) must be owned by those who are either citizens of the United States or reside in the United States after being legally admitted for permanent residence certifiable by HOTEDD and USDA. HOTEDD RLF's financial assistance is necessary to the viability of the project: There must be

evidence presented by the applicant that demonstrates that the projects financial requirements cannot be met from owner resources or a commercial financial institution.

Texas CDBG funds provided under the TCF SMRF program are required to comply with the national objective of principally benefiting persons of low and moderate income. The objective of the program is to expand economic opportunities that create or retain jobs, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The SMRF program provides resources for an eligible applicant to support qualified small and microenterprise business(es) (a for-profit entity) to create or retain jobs for Texans. The CDBG regulations provide the following definitions: **Microenterprise Definition**, A "microenterprise" is a commercial enterprise that has five or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the enterprise. "Persons developing microenterprises" means persons who have expressed interests in and who are, or after an initial screening process are expected to be, actively working toward developing businesses, each of which is expected to be a microenterprise at the time it is formed. 24 CFR §570.201(o)(3): **Small Enterprise Definition** is an enterprise" or "small business" is a commercial enterprise that has 25 or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the enterprise. Falls County is the only county under the SMRF fund. The funding period through TDA and regulations is over but once TDA closes out the contract with Falls County then HOTEDD can lend the revolving funds back into Falls County without the stricter requirements of TDA. At this time Falls County has not received closeout information.

HOTEDD is currently seeking applicants for approximately \$245,240.79 in USDA revolved funds.

SMRF has \$46,572.22

Currently loans are out to:

Net1 is delinquent of new terms at the time of writing this report. Payment was made for February (late) and now he is late for March.

KNV Investments is current.

U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANTS

EDA prefers to use HOTCOG as the grant administrator of all projects within the HOTCOG region. EDA helps fund the Economic planning division of HOTCOG. All EDA funding projects must support the HOTCOG regions CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies). Dorthy Jackson administers all of the grants at this time. This includes help with applications and once grant has been award then all financial reports and special conditions are fielded through Dorthy Jackson and then submitted to EDA.

EDA is seeking new public works grants. Please contact Dorthy Jackson if you have a need that we can fit into the national objective of the EDA.

EDA is working on a rolling bases for the funds they receive. Even if funds are not available now they say to still submit applications and they will award eligible projects when they receive more funds. Make sure to contact me prior to sending in application!

Current EDA funding opportunities:

Fiscal Year 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) Application Submission and Program Requirements

Application deadline

There are no application submission deadlines. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new PWEAA NOFO, cancellation of this PWEAA NOFO, or all available funds have been expended. EDA intends to review applications expeditiously upon receipt of the complete application.

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This NOFO sets out EDA's application submission and review procedures for two of EDA's core economic development programs authorized under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 3121 et seq.) (PWEDA): (1) Public Works and Economic Development Facilities (Public Works) and (2) Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA).

EDA supports bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resiliency. EDA encourages its grantees throughout the country to develop initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

Through this NOFO EDA intends to advance general economic development in accordance with EDA's investment priorities, but also to pursue projects that, where practicable, incorporate specific priorities related to equity, workforce development, and climate change resiliency so that investments can benefit everyone for decades to come.

Training

Staff attended TARC training.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Staff is forwarding information to the community that comes down from Federal partners on upcoming grants.

Texas State offices are still working remotely.

Dorthy Jackson has been working with the City of Whitney, City of Mexia, Hill County, and City of Clifton on grant through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) who have allocated up to \$100 million in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds for the Resilient Communities Program (RCP). RCP funds the development, adoption, and implementation of resilient building codes, flood damage prevention ordinances, zoning ordinances, comprehensive plans, and land use plans. Additionally, RCP funds an array of public service activities related to resilience. The maximum grant amount is \$300,000 per applicant. HOTCOG will be the grant administrator for the City of Whitney on this grant. The City of Whitney will be eligible for funds up to \$100,000 due to population. Attached to end of this report is information page on this grant.

Dorthy Jackson and Falen Bohannon provided training to the Teague EDC Board March 7. The Board President asked if we could come back after the May elections to do some training for new board members and City council.

TDA (Texas Department of Agriculture)

Dorthy Jackson is sending out notifications of TDA announcements as they come in.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Community and economic development technical assistance was provided to:

- City of Whitney
- Fairfield EDC
- TSTC
- City of Mexia
- Hill County
- City of Beverly Hills
- City of Marlin
- City of Meridian
- Teague EDC
- City of Clifton

Solid Waste

The SWAC meet in on July 22, 2021 and determined that the next Biennium will be split with COG managed projects in FY 22 and Implementation projects starting in FY 23. The kick off for FY 23 began on November 10th when the SWAC scored and ranked 7 applications for implementation projects. All \$43,454 has been allocated to 7 different entities within the HOTCOG region. Listed below are the projects ranked. Applicants will be able to start their projects as soon as there is a final OK form TCEQ. Projects will more than likely begin in March.

Falls County	\$7,000 requested amount	\$3,000 allocated
City of Riesel	\$4,917 requested amount	\$3,000 allocated
City of Waco	\$30,000 requested amount	\$12,454 allocated
Freestone County	\$9,500 requested amount	\$3,500 allocated
City of Gholson	\$7,000 requested amount	\$3,000 allocated
City of Itasca	\$7,260 requested amount	\$6,000 allocated
McLennan County	\$44,465 requested amount	\$12,500 allocated

Air Quality

Staff remains in communication with consulting firm and works directly with them on a variety of issues and questions. Staff makes sure that all correspondence is documented, all invoices have PO's and Reqs attached, and are paid on time. Ramboll selected initial set of high-resolution satellite data imagery scenes of different resolutions for Lake Waco based on cost, day of the week, month, and temperature criteria to determine which products will be useful to estimate the number of pleasure crafts on specific days. Ramboll requested a change to the statement of work to reschedule the LAI field study to April-May 2023 due to drought conditions in the Waco area.



RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Texas General Land Office
Community Development & Revitalization

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated up to \$100 million in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds for the Resilient Communities Program (RCP). The RCP will fund the development, adoption, and implementation of modern and resilient building codes and flood damage prevention ordinances to ensure that structures built within the community can withstand future hazards.

More information and the application are available
at recovery.texas.gov/rcp.

Communities are encouraged to also learn about RCP's companion program, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP), which is actively accepting applications. Visit LHMPP's web page at recovery.texas.gov/mitigation/lhmpp.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications will have a maximum of \$300,000 per applicant, first-come first-served.

At least 50% must address mitigation needs in the CDBG-MIT most impacted and distressed (MID) areas identified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Eligible Applicants

Units of local government (e.g., cities, counties, federally recognized tribes, and councils of governments) located in a CDBG-MIT eligible area. Entity must have legal authority to adopt and enforce the building code, zoning ordinance, land use plan, and/or comprehensive plan proposed in the RCP application.

Planning Activities

Develop, update, adopt, and implement:

- BUILDING CODES that meet or exceed International Residential Code (IRC) edition 2012;
- FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCES
 - Must require new structures to be at least 2-feet above base flood elevation;
- ZONING ORDINANCES
 - based upon a land use plan or comprehensive plan; and
- Forward-looking LAND USE PLANS and/or COMPREHENSIVE PLANS that integrate hazard mitigation planning.

Public Service Activities

Activities leading to an increase in community knowledge and/or the National Flood Insurance Program's voluntary Community Rating System's (CRS) incentive program.

Examples include education and outreach campaigns that alert communities and beneficiaries to mitigation opportunities and best practices.

Public Service activities must meet a HUD national objective.

Technical Assistance

RCP staff is available to assist potential applicants with understanding how the program can best assist in meeting the needs of the community with regard to mitigation activities, such as modern building code adoption, that increase the resilience and reduce the likelihood of losses of life and property from future disasters.

RCP Contact information: (512) 770-4900 rcp.glo@recovery.texas.gov

Course	Date	Agency	Attendees	Total
TCIC/NCIC	11/15-17/2022			
		Lacy Lakeview	6	
		Woodway	2	
		Mexia PD	2	
		Coolidge PD	1	
		Baylor PD	1	
		McGregor PD	1	
		Bosque County Sheriff's Office	3	
		Falls County SO	1	17
Intermediate Crime Scene	408			
	12/5-9/2022			
		McLennan College PD	1	
		Bellmead PD	3	
		Waco PD	3	
		Falls County SO	1	
		Hood CO SO	1	
		Kosse PD	1	
		Hill Co Sheriff's Office	1	
		McLennan CO SO	1	
		Hillsboro PD	2	
	560			14
Identity Crimes				
	10/17/22	Woodway	1	
		HOTCOG	1	
		Bellmead PD	1	
		McLennan CO Const. Pct 2	1	
		DPS	1	
	20			5
Active Shooter for Telecommunicators				
	12/6/22	Bosque County Sheriff's Office	4	
		Lacy Lakeview	1	
	20			5
Cardiac Emergency Communications 786				
	12/9/22	Freestone Co SO	5	
	20			5

Basic Instructor	1/23-27/2023	Limestone Co Hill County	4 1	
200				5
Cardiac Emergency Communications	2/24/23	Bosque CO SO	6	
CPR	2/24/23	Bosque CO SO	6	6
24				6
Defeating Depeciton	3/8/23	Waco PD	6	
		Tom Green Co Sheriff	1	
		McLennan Co SO	2	
		Limestone Co SO	3	
		Private	3	
120				15
Intermediate Crime Scene	03/20-24/2023			
Advance Instructor	3/29-31/2023			