



Executive Committee | Agenda

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2023
CAPCOG Lantana Room
6800 Burleson Road, Bld. 310, Ste. 155
Austin, Texas 78744

Judge James Oakley, Burnet County, **Chair**
Mayor Lew White, City of Lockhart, **First Vice Chair**
Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, Hays County, **Second Vice Chair**
Council Member Matthew Baker, City of Round Rock, **Secretary**
Mayor Jane Hughson, City of San Marcos, **Parliamentarian**
Mayor Brandt Rydell, City of Taylor, **Immediate Past Chair**
Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, City of Austin
Commissioner Clara Beckett, Bastrop County
Mayor Connie Schroeder, City of Bastrop
Council Member Kevin Hight, City of Bee Cave
Judge Brett Bray, Blanco County
Mayor Rachel Lumpee, City of Blanco
Commissioner Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County
Judge Hoppy Haden, Caldwell County
Judge Dan Mueller, Fayette County

Council Member Ron Garland, City of Georgetown
Council Member Esmeralda Mattke Longoria, City of Leander
Commissioner Steven Knobloch, Lee County
Judge Ron Cunningham, Llano County
Mayor Pro Tem Doug Weiss, City of Pflugerville
Council Member Janice Bruno, City of Smithville
Judge Andy Brown, Travis County
Commissioner Ann Howard, Travis County
Commissioner Russ Boles, Williamson County
Commissioner Cynthia Long, Williamson County
Senator Pete Flores
Representative Stan Gerdes
Representative Terry Wilson

1. **Call to Order and opening remarks by the Chair**
2. **Consider Approving Minutes for the March 8, 2023 Meeting**
3. **Consider Adopting a Resolution Recognizing May 2023 as Older Americans Month**
Patty Bordie, Director of Aging Services
4. **Consider Adopting a Resolution Declaring May CAPCOG Wildfire Awareness Month**
Martin Ritchey, Director of Homeland Security
5. **Consider Adopting a Proclamation Declaring May 1 - May 5, 2022 as Air Quality Awareness Week**
Anton Cox, Air Quality Program Manager
6. **Consider Approving Funding Recommendations for 2024 General Victim Assistance (VC/VOCA) Criminal Justice Grants**
Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services
7. **Consider Approving Funding Recommendations for 2024 Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (WF/VAWA) Criminal Justice Grants**
Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services
8. **Consider Approving Funding Recommendations for 2024 Truancy Prevention (TP) Criminal Justice Grants**
Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

A closed executive session may be held on any of the above agenda items when legally justified pursuant to Subchapter D of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 551).

9. **Consider Approving Funding Recommendations for 2024 Juvenile Justice (JJ) Criminal Justice Grants**
Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

10. **Consider Approving Funding Recommendations for 2024 Criminal Justice Program (DJ/JAG) Criminal Justice Grants**
Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

11. **Consider Approving Submission of Scoring for 2024 Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Criminal Justice Grants**
Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

12. **Consider Approving Appointments to Advisory Committees**
Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant

13. **Staff Reports**
Betty Voights, Executive Director

14. **Adjourn**



Executive Committee | Summary Minutes

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Present (23)

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Commissioner Russ Boles, Williamson County

Absent (2)

Judge Hoppy Haden, Caldwell County
Commissioner Ann Howard, Travis County

1. **Call to Order and opening remarks by the Chair**

Judge Oakley called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and lead the board in the state and national pledge of allegiances.

2. **Consider Approving Minutes for the February 8, 2023 and February 16, 2023 Meeting**

Judge Oakley asked for approval of the Feb. 8, and Feb. 16, 2023 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mayor White to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ingalsbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consider Authorizing Participation in the TexPool *Prime* Investment Fund and Adoption of Resolution Designating Authorized Representatives for the Capital Area Council of Governments TexPool *Prime* Account**

Silvia Alvarado, Director of Finance

Ms. Alvarado explained that the board's officers asked for options to maximize CAPCOG's rate of return on investments than TexPool. She said by participating in the TexPool Prime Investment Fund, which meets CAPCOG and the State's investment policies, CAPCOG could experience greater interest earnings. The new fund would also still allow CAPCOG to easily move funds between TexPool, TexPool Prime, and its depository bank. Ms. Alvarado said if the board decides to participate in the TexPool Prime, it also needs to designate the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and the Finance Director as authorized representatives for the account.

Judge Oakley said even though adding the pool may only realize a slight increase in interest earnings, it makes the board better stewards of public funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boles to participate in the TexPool Prime Investment Fund and to approve the designees. Commissioner Ingalsbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider Approving Amendments to the Bylaws for the Capital Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CARTPO)

Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

Mr. Simon said the primary reason for amending the CARTPO bylaws is to change the membership requirement. He noted that currently there are only 20 members on the 30-person committee. The bylaw changes would allow for counties to also appoint non-elected officials to committee. Mr. Simon said other proposed bylaw amendments were to remove redundancy and clarify some wording.

Judge Oakley mentioned there are lots of people interested in transportation issues who could serve on this committee, so changing the membership would help its attendance.

A motion was made by Judge Mueller to amend the CARTPO bylaws. Council Member Kelly seconded the motion.

Ms. Voights wanted to reaffirm that counties would still need to find elected and non-elected officials to appoint to the committee. Commissioner Long said it would be a lot easier for counties to make appointments because many local governments have employees who work in transportation fields. The board also recommended changing Article I to read “elected official and other appointees” instead of just elected officials.

Judge Oakley called for an amended motion to include the wording change. Judge Mueller amended his motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider Approving Grant Ranking for FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program

Martin Richey, Director of Homeland Security

Mr. Richey explained the timeline for obtaining the grant application rankings to include their application deadline and when subject matter expert groups reviewed project applications. He said two weeks after the grant program closed the Office of the Governor (OOG) revised the program’s investment areas and then after the Homeland Security Task Force completed prioritizing projects for funding, FEMA changed its Notice of Funding Opportunities which also impacted project eligibility. Mr. Richey said the changes included increasing Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activity (LEPTA) project spending from 25 to 35 percent, removing cyber security from the investment areas, and increasing the amount to be spent in other investment areas.

Because of the state and federal changes, Mr. Richey said Homeland Security staff used the Task Force’s ranking to reprioritize projects to ensure the largest number of projects qualified for funding while also attempting to maximize the use of the region’s funding allocation. He also said the Greater Austin Area has again been designated a UASI which would include Hays, Travis and Williamson counties and cities such as Round Rock, San Marco, and Austin. While the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) historically accounted for most of the region’s LEPTA funding, it would be up to the UASI to fund the center this upcoming year.

Commissioner Long questioned if there was a better process for getting input from the Homeland Security Task Force given the timing. Mr. Richey explained the state’s application deadline is before the federal government released the rules for the funding opportunity, and CAPCOG’s deadline to submit its recommendations to the state is just after the federal information is released. Ms. Voights said the problem is not CAPCOG’s schedule, it is the state’s schedule. She also noted that for the past several years, CAPCOG has been working with the Office of the Governor to ensure all the funding allocated for the region stays in the region by finding projects in categories they need. Commissioner Dockery asked what

region's funding allocation this year would be. Mr. Ritchey said the OOG said they couldn't tell him, but using historical amounts it should be between \$800,000 and \$900,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Weiss to approve the FY 2023 State Homeland Security Program grant rankings as presented by Mr. Ritchey. Mayor Schroeder seconded the motion.

Commissioner Long asked how COGs can complain about the state's timeline. Ms. Voights said it is hard when COGs have different processes, and some COGs receive very little funding from the program. Mr. Ritchey agreed timelines should be changed. Ms. Voights also explained the OOG has been great at helping CAPCOG maximize the use of funds after the recommendations are submitted.

Judge Oakley called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider Approving Appointments to Advisory Committees

Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant

Ms. Brea said Council Member Kelly has recommended Marna McLain and Sherry Goertz to be appointed to the GIS Planning Council, and Judge Hoppy Haden has recommended appointing Commissioner Rusty Horne to the Aging Advisory Council. Judge Oakley asked if there were any other recommendations.

Hearing no other recommendations, a motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the appointments as recommended. Commissioner Dockery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Overview of Regional Digital Equity Project and Goals for Digital Access

Chloe Mun, Program Manager, Travis County Technology & Operations

An overview of the project, which is being led by Travis County but reaches into all of CAPCOG's 10 counties was presented. Ms. Khotan Harmon, a city of Austin senior program manager with the Travis County Digital Equity Project, provided the board with information about current funding opportunities for expanding high-speed internet access across the nation. She noted there is \$42.5 billion being spent through national programs and Texas will receive between \$2.5 to \$5 billion for planning, infrastructure, and adoption projects. Ms. Harmon also spoke about the creation of the Texas Broadband Development Office, its digital equity plan, and its five-year action plan. She noted the state and the federal government developed two different maps that show levels of broadband access. While the state's map was very proactive in its creation, funding will most likely be determined by the federal map as it is federal funds being distributed.

Ms. Mun said the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program, which helps people pay for internet service, is an underused program in the CAPCOG region. She showed a slide with the number of households eligible for the program by county and said increasing promotion of the program could help people get internet access as well as have extra money for transportation and food.

Ms. Reyda Taylor, Travis County FUSE executive fellow, explained how to use the federal map to show internet access availability and said individuals and local governments can challenge its accuracy.

Paul Hopingardner, Travis County executive of technology and operations, said there is a lot of information and work being done to increase broadband access and invited everyone to a meeting of a coalition of cities to further work on expanding broadband access. Judge Oakley requested that when a meeting on the topic gets scheduled, Mr. Hopingardner should invite the board.

8. Staff Reports

Betty Voights, Executive Director

Ms. Voights said after completing the funding of a Blanco County project and completing nine collection events this year there will still be about \$82,000 to \$100,000 in solid waste grant funds left to be spent on a project or projects before the end of the year. She said CAPCOG is still seeking direction on how to spend the funds. Judge Oakley asked when the funds would need to be spent. Ms. Voights said August 31 is when final expenditures need to be reported to the TCEQ. During a discussion on how the funds could be used, Mayor Schroeder reminded the board it doesn't have to be spent on household hazardous waste collections. Ms. Voights said it could be used to offset debris collection costs and other activities. Commissioner Long recommended the funds go to one entity for one project, because allocating the funds for a particular project type across multiple jurisdictions may not provide enough funding to complete any projects. Judge Oakley requested bringing a spending plan back to the board for a discussion and vote during its April meeting.

9. Adjourn

Judge Oakley adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Council Member Matt Baker, Secretary
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

Date

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: #3 Consider Adopting a Resolution Recognizing May 2023 as Older Americans Month

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Every May, the Administration on Aging, part of the Administration for Community Living, leads our nation's observance of Older Americans Month. The 2023 theme, *Aging Unbound*” which offers an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes related to aging. This year’s theme focuses on flexible thinking about aging and how we all benefit when older adults remain engaged, independent, and included. While Aging Unbound promotes the variety of aging experiences, here are common things everyone can consider in building an even better community for our older residents by:

- Not limiting our thinking about aging,
- Exploring and combating stereotypes,
- Emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging,
- Inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries, and
- Embracing our community’s diversity.

The attached resolution declares May 2023 to be Older Americans Month in the Capital Area Council of Governments region. Get more information at

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member.
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Patty Bordie, Director Aging Services

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: N/A

Source of Funds: _____

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? _____

PROCUREMENT: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt the Resolution recognizing May 2023 as Older Americans Month in the CAPCOG region.

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Resolution
2. “Aging Unbound” 2023 theme posters (English/Spanish)

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED: None

Link to promotional materials: [Older Americans Month 2023 | ACL Administration for Community Living](#)



A PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF MAY 2023 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS, the ten-county Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) region includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their time, wisdom, and experience to our community; and

WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS, CAPCOG recognizes the need to create a community that offers the services and supports older adults that may need to make choices about how they age. CAPCOG Aging Services ensures this support through direct services including nutrition, benefits counseling, in-home services, health and wellness education, ombudsman advocacy for nursing facility residents, and caregiver respite.

WHEREAS, CAPCOG can work to build an even better community for our older residents by:

Not limiting our thinking about aging,

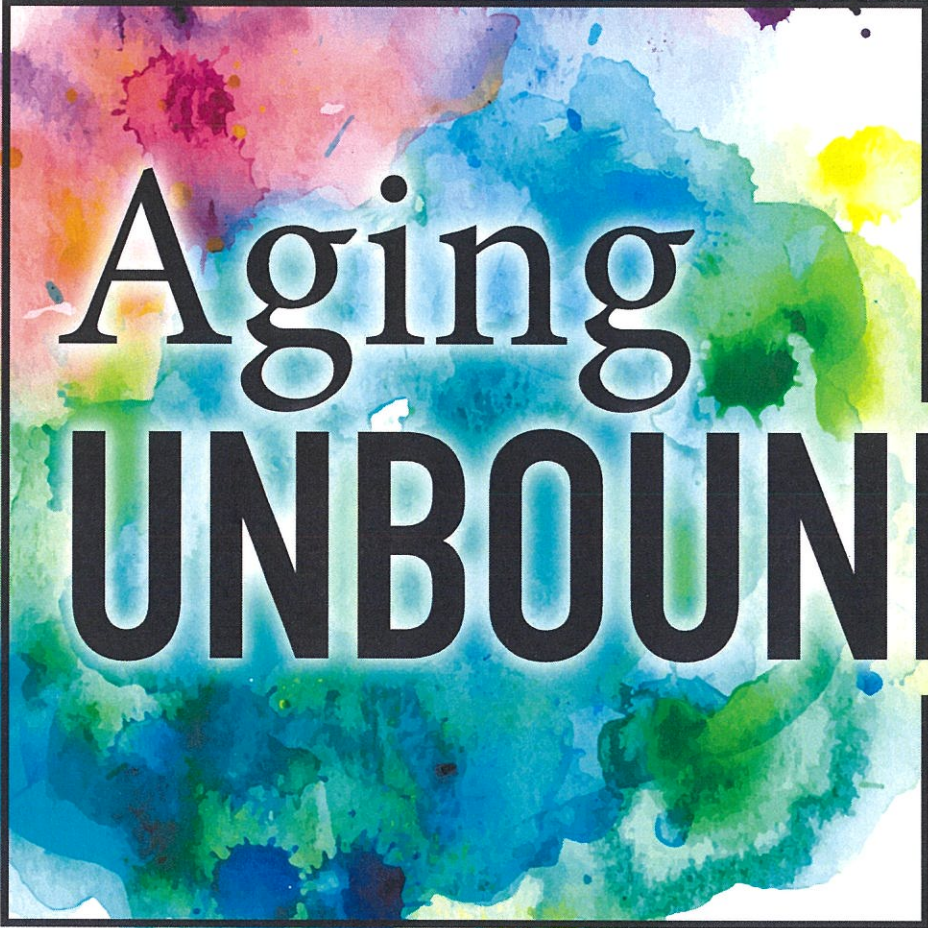
- Exploring and combating stereotypes,
- Emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging,
- Inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries, and
- Embracing our community's diversity.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Executive Committee of the Capital Area Council of Governments declares the month of May 2023 to be Older Americans Month in the CAPCOG region to celebrate older adults and the people who support them, help create an inclusive society and accept the challenge of flexible thinking around aging.

Resolution adopted by the Capital Area Council of Governments Executive Committee on this 12th day of April 2023.

Judge James Oakley, Chair
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

Council Member Matthew Baker, Secretary
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: #4 Consider Adopting a Resolution Declaring May CAPCOG Wildfire Awareness Month

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

Wildland fires are a major threat to our nation, the State of Texas, and the CAPCOG Region. Across the CAPCOG region we have experienced many devastating wildland fires that have destroyed or damaged homes, businesses, property, the environment, and resulted in the loss of life. Only a *whole community* approach to wildland fire preparedness and wildland fire mitigation can lessen the impacts of such incidents. CAPCOG Homeland Security has prepared a regional campaign around *WarnCentralTexas.org* to encourage residents to sign up to receive emergency alerts and take steps to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of wildland fires in their communities. Materials for the public will be posted online and distributed through CAPCOG stakeholders.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: **Martin Ritchey, Director Homeland Security**

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: N/A

Source of Funds:

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? _____

PROCUREMENT: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt the Resolution Declaring the month of May as CAPCOG Wildfire Awareness Month

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Resolution proclaiming May as Wildfire Awareness Month

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED:

None



A PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF MAY AS CAPCOG WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) is a political subdivision of the State, serving Bastrop Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties; and,

WHEREAS, CAPCOG is committed to supporting a strong framework for the sharing of critical resources among its jurisdictions when responding to natural, technological, and/or human-caused emergencies, incidents, or disasters; and,

WHEREAS, "National Wildfire Awareness Month" creates an opportunity for the residents, businesses, and property owners in the CAPCOG region to prepare their homes, establishments, properties, and communities for the upcoming wildfire season; and,

WHEREAS, investing in individual, family, business, property, and community wildfire awareness and mitigation can reduce fatalities and economic devastation caused by wildland fires across our nation, state, and region; and,

WHEREAS, wildfire awareness and mitigation is the responsibility of every resident and property owner of the CAPCOG 10-county region and all residents and property owners are encouraged to make wildfire awareness and mitigation a priority; and,

WHEREAS, wildfire awareness and mitigation is a continuing effort of all residents, businesses, and property owners in the CAPCOG 10-county region; and,

WHEREAS, the CAPCOG Executive Committee, along with other regional, state, and national partners support the *WarnCentralTexas.org* campaign to increase public awareness and mitigation in preparing for wildfire emergencies and educating residents, businesses, and property owners on how to prepare for, take action during, and mitigate against wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the CAPCOG Executive Committee encourages all residents, businesses, and property owners to participate in wildfire awareness, preparedness, and mitigation activities, review wildfire information, and sign up to receive emergency alerts on the *WarnCentralTexas.org* website;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, on behalf of the members of CAPCOG, the Capital Area Council of Governments Executive Committee hereby declares May, 2023, as CAPCOG Wildfire Awareness Month and encourages all residents, businesses, and property owners to develop their own wildfire awareness, preparedness, and mitigation plans, go to *WarnCentralTexas.org* to register to receive emergency alerts, and work as a whole community towards that end.

Resolution adopted by the Capital Area Council of Governments Executive Committee this 12th day of April, 2023.

Judge James Oakley, Chair
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

Council Member Matthew Baker, Secretary
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: #5 Consider Adopting a Proclamation Declaring May 1 – May 5, 2023 as Air Quality Awareness Week

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service (NWS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Department of State, have announced that Air Quality Awareness Week 2023 will be May 1 – May 5. The theme this year is “Working Together for Clean Air” and the goal is to encourage people to use available tools and resources to check air quality forecasts, learn about what causes poor air quality, and determine what they can do to help make our air cleaner – not just during the month, but year-round.

CAPCOG’s Air Quality Program will promote this week through our Air Central Texas website and social media, and by asking our Clean Air Coalition members to proclaim the week Air Quality Awareness Week. In addition, we also ask that the CAPCOG Executive Committee proclaim the week as Air Quality Awareness Week in the CAPCOG region and encourage local governments in the region to do the same.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: **Anton Cox, Air Quality Program Manager**

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: N/A

Source of Funds:

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| Is item already included in fiscal year budget? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does item represent a new expenditure? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does item represent a pass-through purchase? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
- If so, for what city/county/etc.?

PROCUREMENT: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Proclaim the week of May 1 – May 5, 2023 as Air Quality Awareness Week

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Proclamation for Air Quality Awareness Week 2023
2. Air Quality in Central Texas Guide

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED:

None



A PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK 2023

WHEREAS, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) region; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced its worst ozone season in over a decade, with more than thirty days when ozone levels were unhealthy for sensitive groups and two days unhealthy for all; and

WHEREAS, Air pollution levels in Central Texas were considered “moderate” or worse on forty-seven percent of days in 2022, according to the National Air Quality Index; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease - which makes up about half of all residents in Central Texas - are particularly affected by poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, ground-level ozone (O₃) levels in the MSA remain close to exceeding the O₃ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and revisions to the annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) NAAQS currently being considered by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) could place the MSA at greater risk of a nonattainment designation; and

WHEREAS, remaining in compliance with the NAAQS is important not only for public health, but also for the region’s economy and ability to conduct transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has designated May 1 - 5, 2023, as National Air Quality Awareness Week.

NOW THEREFORE THE CAPCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE does hereby proclaim May 1 - 5, 2023 as

“Air Quality Awareness Week”

in the CAPCOG region and encourages our residents and employees to take action to Be Air Aware and educate themselves about local air quality by visiting CAPCOG’s Air Central Texas website at AirCentralTexas.org and promoting air quality and air quality awareness within our region.

Resolution adopted by the Capital Area Council of Governments Executive Committee this 12th day of April, 2023.

Judge James Oakley, Chair
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

Council Member Matt Baker, Secretary
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

Guide to Air Pollution In Central Texas

OZONE, PARTICULATE MATTER, AND
WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT
www.aircentaltexas.org

Air quality in Central Texas is often good, however, one-third of the year air quality is considered less than "good", on average. The pollutants that cause poor air quality in Central Texas are frequently ozone and particulate matter.

GROUND-LEVEL OZONE

Ozone is a colorless gas that is both a natural and a man-made product. Depending on where it is in the atmosphere, ozone affects life on Earth in either good or bad ways.

The "ozone layer," reduces the amount of harmful UV radiation reaching the Earth's surface and is formed naturally.

Ground-level Ozone is formed through chemical reactions between natural and man-made emissions of Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) in the presence of sunlight.

Weather plays a substantial role in the formation of O₃, concentrations typically are highest on hot days with low humidity when wind is light or stagnant.

O₃ concentrations in Central Texas typically get high enough to be considered as early as March and as late as November.

PARTICULATE MATTER

Particulate matter (PM) is a term for a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets found in the air. Some particles, such as dust, dirt, soot, or smoke, are large or dark enough to be seen by the naked eye. Others are so small that it can only be detected using an electron microscope.

PM is classified into two categories by size:

- PM₁₀: coarse particles that are 10 micrometers and smaller
- PM_{2.5}: fine particles that are 2.5 micrometers and smaller

PM can be emitted directly from a source, such as construction sites, quarries, unpaved roads, fields, or fires. The other primary source results from chemical reactions of pollutants emitted from power plants, industries, gas and diesel-powered vehicles and equipment, and more.

Elevated PM pollution can occur all year.



AIR CENTRAL TEXAS

What Can I Do About Air Pollution?

1 KNOW THE AIR QUALITY FORECAST

Know what air quality conditions look like where you are. You can find this information at AirNow.gov, through most weather apps, or look out for alerts from local meteorologists.

3 MINIMIZE POLLUTION

All year round, but especially when air pollution is forecast to be high, you should look for ways you can minimize air pollution.

Ways to minimize air pollution include:

- Drive less
- Use sustainable modes of transportation
 - transit
 - bike
 - walk
 - carpool
- Use less energy
- Refuel in the evening instead of the morning
- Use battery-powered electric equipment instead of gasoline-powered
- Work for home

2 REDUCE EXPOSURE

If air pollution levels are high you should take action to reduce the exposure to you and your loved ones. The easiest way to do this is to reduce your time outside and make sure that your home's windows are closed and that you routinely replace the air filter of your home.

This is especially important if you or a loved one is sensitive to air pollution - typically children, older adults, and people with respiratory illnesses.

Learn More about Air Quality:



AirCentralTexas.org
[@AirCentralTexas](https://www.instagram.com/AirCentralTexas)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: #6 Consider Approving Funding Recommendations for 2024 General Victim Assistance (VC/VOCA) Criminal Justice Grants

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The General Victim Assistance Grant program (VC/VOCA) is the largest of the six grant categories administered by the Office of the Governor (OOG) that CAPCOG’s Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) reviews each year. This year, 20 applications were submitted for a total of \$10,578,924.21 requested. The CJAC reviewed the applications, heard presentations from the applicants and scored each application in accordance with the policy that was adopted by the Executive Committee in December 2022. At its March 22 meeting, the CJAC determined the method to use for recommending funding for the grant applications. Those funding recommendations are attached to this item. A memo that explains the scoring and funding recommendations in greater detail is also attached.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
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- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: NA

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| Is item already included in fiscal year budget? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does item represent a new expenditure? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does item represent a pass-through purchase? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| If so, for what city/county/etc.? | <u>n/a</u> | |

PROCUREMENT: NA

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider approving the funding recommendations for General Victim’s Assistance (VC/VOCA) Criminal Justice Grants for Plan Year 2024

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Memo of supplemental information to consider scoring, and funding recommendations
2. Summary of VC/VOCA Project Scores, Ranking, Funding Requests, and Funding Recommendations
3. Project Summary Sheets for VC/VOCA Applications
4. CAPCOG Policy Statement

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED:

None



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MEMORANDUM

March 27, 2023

TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

RE: Supplemental information to Consider Scoring and Funding Recommendations of Plan Year 2024 Criminal Justice Grants

Each year in March, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) reviews applications that have been submitted to the Office of the Governor (OOG) for several criminal justice grant programs. This year, the grant programs for which applications were reviewed are listed below. The commonly used names and abbreviations for the programs are indicated in the parentheses.

- General Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA or VA)
- Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (VAWA or WF)
- Criminal Justice Grant Program (JAG or DJ)
- Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program (JJ, TP, or SF)
- Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE, CSEY, or CS)

Grant applications for the first five of these grant programs are processed in the same way. Grant applications for the last program, CSE, is processed differently than the others.

Method for reviewing VOCA, VAWA, JAG, JJ, and TP grant applications:

This year, the CJAC reviewed these grant applications in three steps, generally.

First, submitted applications and project summary sheets were provided to the CJAC members for each member to review on their own and to score the first part of the score sheet, which included 70 percent of the application's score. An optional CJAC meeting was conducted on Thursday, March 9 for members to collaborate on the applications while scoring the first part of the score sheet.

Second, all grant applicants were invited to make a five-minute presentation to the CJAC regarding their application. The presentations occurred over two CJAC meetings on Monday, March 20 and Tuesday March 21. After all presentations for each category were concluded, CJAC members individually completed the remainder

of the score sheet which included 30 percent of the application's score. All scores were tallied in accordance with the method specified in the Plan Year 2024 Policy Statement that was adopted in December 2022.

Third, the CJAC met again on Wednesday, March 22 to review the scoring and make funding recommendations for each grant application.

Funding recommendations:

The CJAC's recommendation for all fund categories is the same: **to fully fund all grant applications that received a score of 70 or higher.**

The tables that accompany the agenda items for each fund category illustrate CJAC's recommendation. The image below is a guide you can use to read the tables. The following information will also assist you in understand the scoring and funding recommendations.

Regional Budget Estimate (RBE) – the amount of funds that the OOG estimates will be available for all projects in this fund category for the CAPCOG region. The RBE is to be used as a guide, but additional funds typically become available after CAPCOG sends its recommendations to OOG, and sometimes the actual funds available is reduced from the indicated RBE.

100%, 80%, 60%, 0% Funding recommendation – The CAPCOG Plan year 2024 Policy Statement includes a provision that applications submitted by local governments are subject to a reduction in funding based on the amount of funding that it was awarded in its first year. That policy affected three applications this year: one had its recommended funding reduced to 80%, the other two resulted in \$0 recommended funding.

Mandatory grant-writing workshop – In-person and online workshops were held on January 10 and 12 respectively for prospective grant applicants to become familiar with the application and review process, and to learn of requirements that are new this year. Any submitted application for which the applicant did not attend either workshop received an automatic score of 0 and a funding recommendation of \$0. That policy affected three applications this year.

Required project summary sheet – A nine-question summary sheet was provided to prospective applicants for them to submit with their applications. The questions on the summary sheet are in addition to the information that the applicants provide in their application form to OOG. The included questions are those that have been frequently asked by CJAC members during past years' presentations. Any submitted application for which the applicant did not include a project summary sheet received an automatic score of 0 and a funding recommendation of \$0. That policy affected two applications this year.

The Regional Budget Estimate (RBE) for the funding category is indicated here.

CAJC recommends funding these applications.

VOCA Grant Requests for Plan Year 2024

REGIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$7,846,267.63

	Rank	Applicant	Grant #	\$ Requested	Score	Recommended Funding	Footnotes
Recommend Funding and Within RBE	1	Hays County Womens Center	1366422	\$1,309,686.00	89.16	\$1,309,686.00	
	2	Bastrop Womens Shelter	2903006	\$356,257.06	88.63	\$356,257.06	
	3	Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center	1366822	\$425,841.56	86.92	\$419,681.56	1
	4	The Settlement Home for Children	3947604	\$380,000.00	86.57	\$380,000.00	
	5	The SAFE Alliance	1400523	\$2,676,720.00	86.58	\$2,676,720.00	
	6	Williamson County Crisis Center dba Hope Alliance	2884906	\$1,208,175.00	84.17	\$1,208,175.00	
	7	Helping Hand Home for Children	3633305	\$366,079.00	83.82	\$366,079.00	
Recommend Funding if Available After RBE	8	SAHELI dba Asian Family Support Services of Austin	2551011	\$1,749,756.66	83.17	\$1,749,756.66	
	9	Travis County	4426202	\$183,367.00	81.67	\$131,367.20	2
	10	Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas	4702501	\$92,984.31	80.83	\$92,984.31	
	11	City of Austin	4728301	\$507,510.00	79.67	\$507,510.00	
	12	City of Cedar Park	4863201	\$59,774.00	79.67	\$59,774.00	
	13	The Ecumenical Center	4728301	\$75,536.58	79.67	\$75,536.58	
Do Not Recommend Funding	14	Red Oak Hope	4728301	\$179,899.00	79.50	\$179,899.00	
	15	Refugee Services of Texas	4787001	\$128,585.00	78.17	\$128,585.00	
	16	Del Valle ISD	4747301	\$411,141.00	75.92	\$411,141.00	
	17	City of Taylor	3325706	\$67,578.44	71.44	\$0.00	3
	18	City of Buda	4765801	\$69,000.00	68.44	\$0.00	
	19	Impact Counseling Services Inc	4427102	\$215,000.00	0.00	\$0.00	4
	20	Brave Alliance Mission	4818101	\$115,854.60	0.00	\$0.00	5

If the RBE is accurate, the funds available to fund applications runs out here.

CAJC does not recommend funding these applications.

- ¹ Changed requested amount after initial application
- ² 80% of first year funding (\$164,209)
- ³ Sixth year of grant
- ⁴ Did not attend mandatory grant-writing workshop
- ⁵ Did not submit required project summary sheet

Additional notes are provided to help understand the scoring and funding recommendations for certain applications.

Method for reviewing CSE applications:

The method of reviewing grant applications for the CSE funding category is different than the process for reviewing grants of the other categories. Review of CSE applications differ from other funding categories in the following ways:

- Attendance at the grant-writing workshop is not required.
- A project summary sheet is not required.
- The applicant does not make a presentation to the CJAC.
- The CJAC reviews each CSE application and scores either 1 or 0 for five questions that are prescribed by OOG.
- The CJAC does not rank CES applications.
- The CJAC does not make funding recommendations for CSE applications.
- The average score of each CJAC application is calculated and submitted to OOG.

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VOCA

Project Summary Sheets

Included:

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4427102	Impact Counseling Services Inc

Not submitted by applicant:

4818101	Brave Alliance Mission
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CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Hays County Women's Center, Inc. d.b.a. Hays-Caldwell Women's Center
eGrants Application Identification Number: 1366422
Fund Source Requested: [/] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: Safety and Healing for Victims of Abuse
Requested Amount: \$1,309,686
Percent of Agency Budget: 30%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

The proposed project continues to provide direct crisis services to victims of family violence, dating violence, and sexual assault and abuse. In addition to providing 24-hour shelter, crisis intervention, individual & group counseling, resource and legal advocacy, and 24-hour hotline assistance, HCWC has completed construction on 18 units of transitional housing on our campus in San Marcos and are providing safe, affordable, longer-term housing and free childcare.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Health and Human Services \$634,083 = 21%

Office of the Attorney \$367,215 = 12%

Local Government \$198,517 = 6%

Local Foundations \$364,257 = 12%

Other Local Funds \$145,764 = 5%

Total Program Budget = \$3,019,533

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

HCWC met or exceeded all goals for this funding in FY22:

Number of counseling hours provided to survivors. 4799

Number of victims / survivors provided shelter. 254

Number of survivors assisted through the legal process. 387

Number of survivors receiving counseling / therapy. 987

Number of survivors receiving crisis counseling. 1375

We are on target to exceed our measures for FY23 as well.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.
Hays and Caldwell County

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

All of HCWC facilities on the San Marcos campus are permanent and owned by the agency. The Caldwell County / Lockhart Office is a rented space.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

HCWC has a 44-year history of successful grant writing, grant management, and fundraising and will continue to aggressively seek funding for critical victim services for survivors of abuse in Hays and Caldwell counties.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

A 10% reduction would mean that HCWC would have to reduce the number of individual and group counseling sessions available for survivors of abuse. For the FY23 funding, HCWC voluntarily reduced the requested VOCA funding amount by 6% from FY22 levels. The requested funds for FY24 returns to the FY22 level, which is critical to support not only maintaining the level of services provided, but to support the expanded transitional housing services.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

Latino 50%

White 30%

Black 10%

Multi-race 10%

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

Latino 50%

White 40%

Black 4%

Multi-race 6%



CAPCOG Application Review Project Summary Sheet

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Organization Name: Bastrop County Women’s Shelter, dba Family Crisis Center
eGrants Application Identification Number: 2903006
Fund Source Requested: VOCA - General Victims Assistance Grant Program
Project Title: Comprehensive Victim Services
Requested Amount: \$356,257.06
Percent of Agency Budget: 13.6%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

Family Crisis Center’s Comprehensive Victim Services project provides community-based victim services in both non-residential and nonresidential settings and includes the following core victim services: 24/7 access to crisis intervention; emergency shelter; access to services through satellite offices; emergency transportation; safety planning; counseling; assistance with the protective order process; assistance filing criminal charges; court accompaniment; assistance with applying for Crime Victims’ Compensation; case management; and personal advocacy. This project represents the majority of core victim services provided by the Center, with the only other direct victim service components being violence prevention education and the agency’s Transitional Housing project.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

The Family Crisis Center’s total annual budget for FY23 for all agency program areas is \$2,615,898. Approximately 81%, \$2,127,655 of the total budget supports the Center’s direct victim services project. The amount requested from CJD for this project is \$356,257.06, which represents 16.7% of the project costs. The remaining 83.3% of funding for this project comes from other government grants, including Texas Health & Human Services Commission Family Violence Program grant, U.S. Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women grants, Office of the Attorney General Other Victims Assistance Grant (OVAG), Office of the Attorney General Other Sexual Assault Prevention & Crisis Services Federal (SAPCS-Federal) and State (SAPCS-State) grants; foundation grants; city & county funding; local contributions; and proceeds from the agency’s thrift store.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

Anticipated outputs for the Family Crisis Center’s current grant include: 1) 445 individuals will receive crisis, advocacy and support services; 2) 235 individuals will receive emergency shelter services; and 3) 55 individuals will receive counseling services. Outcomes tracked for the project include:

Client Outcome Measures	FY 2022	Annual Targets
Increased knowledge of community resources as a result of contact with the program	98%	90%
Increased knowledge of personal safety strategies as a result of contact with the program	97%	90%
Increased knowledge of child safety strategies as a result of contact with the program	94%	90%
Decreased feelings of isolation as a result of contact with the program	95%	90%

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

The Family Crisis Center’s Comprehensive Victim Services project service area includes all cities, smaller unincorporated communities and rural areas of Bastrop County, Fayette County, and Lee County.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Services are provided through the Family Crisis Center's emergency shelter, main office, and outreach office facilities, which are all permanent facilities.
6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
The critical services outlined in this application are the foundation of the Family Crisis Center's mission and purpose and have been provided since the Center's incorporation in 1983. The Center is committed to ensuring these services continue and has a clearly defined sustainability plan through which it continues to explore ways to diversify its funding. Currently, 60% of the Center's 2.6M annual budget is anticipated to be supported by government grants and the remainder will be supported through other funding from foundations, city/county funding, local contributions, program income, fundraising, and thrift store profits.
7. What would the impact of a reduction in funding be on this project?
We are aware that a reduction in overall funding available is anticipated as a result of the pandemic, and we have worked to focus the proposed project and the majority of the budget on supporting core victim services staff salaries. The agency will continue to seek other funding and support for victim services programs through local contributions, fundraising activities, and the research and identification of new grant opportunities.
8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
Of the clients served in 2022 by the Family Crisis Center, 80% were women, 15% were children, and 6% were men. The ethnic makeup of clients served was as follows: 48.9% of clients identified as White, 33.3% Hispanic, 11.1% Black or African American, 4.8% Multi-racial, 0.8% Asian, 0.8% as another ethnicity not listed, 0.2% Native American, and 0.2% as Unknown.
9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?
The current demographic breakdown of Family Crisis Center staff is 91% women and 9% men; 60% identify as White, 21% as Black or African American, and 19% as Hispanic.



CAPCOG Application Review Project Summary Sheet

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Organization Name: Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center
eGrants Application Identification Number: 1366822
Fund Source Requested: VA-Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program
Project Title: Family Violence/Sexual Assault Services
Requested Amount: \$425,841.56
Percent of Agency Budget: 35%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?
 - a. No, the Family Violence/Sexual Assault Services project is the core services program at Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center.
2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Funding Amount	Total Budget Percentage	Provider Agency
\$340,509.00	28%	Texas Health and Human Services Commission
\$15,000.00	1.5%	Finn Family Foundation
\$42,000.00	3.5%	Office of the Attorney General
\$148,165.00	12%	Office of the Attorney General
\$236,811.22	20%	Local Funds

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
 - a. In the last year Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center (HLFCC) provided lifesaving services to 365 domestic violence and sexual assault victims, an increase of 12% over the previous year. These survivors received 22,206 counseling and advocacy services. HLFCC assisted 13 victims with victim compensation applications. HLFCC provided shelter to 174 survivors for a total of 5,106 bed nights, an over 51% increase from the previous year.
4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.
 - a. Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center serves Blanco, Burnet and Llano counties.
5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
 - a. Shelter services and Burnet County outreach services are provided in permanent facilities. Outreach services provided in Blanco and Llano counties are provided in private offices in facilities provided by Community Resource Centers, and other partner agencies in each community.
6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
 - a. Since FY19 Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center (HLFCC) has increased the agency's fundraising efforts by 210%, HLFCC has also sought out local and community-based grants for additional funding for the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Services project. HLFCC also operates the Good Neighbor Thrift Store which has increased its revenue by 84% in the past 24 months. In the long-term Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center will continue to increase fundraising efforts and seek out additional local, state, and national grant funding to support this project.

7. What would the impact of a reduction in funding be on this project?
- Any funding reduction in excess of 5% would lead to a reduction service quality and capacity at Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center. Any funding reduction in excess of 12% would result in a reduction in workforce, along with the subsequent reduction in service quality and capacity.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

Demographic	% of Clientele Served
Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female: 79% • Male: 19% • Gender Nonconforming: 2%
Age	Age Bands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 00-12: 20% • 13-17: 4.5% • 18-24: 8% • 25-59: 60% • 60+: 7.5%
Race/Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Indian or Alaska Native: 2% • Asian: 0.5% • Black or African American: 9.5% • Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: 0.5% • White: 43% • Multiple Races/Other: 17.5% • Hispanic: 27%
Primary Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English: 83% • French: 1% • Other: 2% • Spanish: 14%

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

Demographic	% of Staff
Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female: 96% • Male: 4%
Age	Age Bands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18-24: 4% • 25-59: 73% • 60+: 23%
Race/Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Indian or Alaska Native: 1% • Black or African American: 8% • White: 83% • Multiple Races/Other: 8% • Hispanic: 16%
Speaks another language other than English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French: 8% • Arabic: 4% • Other: 12% • Spanish: 16%



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: The Settlement Home for Children

eGrants Application Identification Number: 3947604

Fund Source Requested: VOCA

Project Title: Trauma-informed Residential Care for Children Who Are Survivors of Abuse and Neglect

Requested Amount: \$380,000

Percent of Agency Budget: 4.73% (Percentage is based on our FY 22-23 annual budget, as our FY 23-24 budget is currently being developed. The "actual percent of agency budget" for this project will be lower than 4.73%.)

- 1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?**

We also provide our residents with education through our on-campus University of Texas Charter School.

- 2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.**

Total Project Budget: \$797,452

OOG Funds Requested: \$380,000 (47.7% of total project budget)

Remaining funding required for project: \$417,452 (52.3% of total project budget). The remaining funds will be provided through reimbursements from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, fundraising events, grants, individual donations and our annual budget.

Percentage of funds requested going towards programs: 100% (no administrative costs)

Percentage of funds requested going towards direct services to survivors: 95%

Percentage of funds requested going towards program support: 5% (client admissions, multi-disciplinary team coordination, data/records and evaluation)

Number of personnel in project budget: 13 (Grant funds would be used for partial salaries.)

*Percentage of funds requested that were not funded in previous grant projects: 86% (A majority of this project is an expansion of grant projects from previous years.)

- 3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.**

Grant Year 2021-22 Totals (October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022):

Average length of stay in shelter: 403 days

Number of survivors provided shelter: 75

Number of survivors who received therapy: 67

Number of therapy hours provided to survivors: 1,563

Number of survivors who participated in support groups: 58

Number of support group sessions held: 369

Number of cases reviewed by the multi-disciplinary team: 189

Number of meetings held by multi-disciplinary teams: 136

Grant Year 2022-23 Quarter 1 (October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022):

Average length of stay in shelter: 386

Number of survivors provided shelter: 60

Number of survivors who received therapy: 53

Number of therapy hours provided to survivors: 697

Number of survivors who participated in support groups: 47

Number of support group sessions held: 92

Number of cases reviewed by the multi-disciplinary team: 95

Number of meetings held by multi-disciplinary teams: 47

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

This project would serve survivors statewide.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Permanent

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

We fund our programs through fundraising events, grants and individual donations. We also receive reimbursements from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

Although our project would run whether or not we receive funding from this grant, support from CAPCOG and OOG would enable us to better fund this project and redirect some of our fundraising efforts towards other organization program needs. For example, we are currently working to expand our Group Home Program in order to serve more children.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

18% Black

40% Hispanic/Latinx

32% White

9% Multiracial

1% Other

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

1% Asian

13% Black

28% Hispanic/Latinx

46% White

1% Multiracial

1% Other



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: The SAFE Alliance

eGrants Application Identification Number: 1400523

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG JTP JJI JCSE

Project Title: Comprehensive Services for Family and Sexual Violence Victims

Requested Amount: \$2,676,720

Percent of Agency Budget: 8%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CIAC would want to know about? *This is a consolidated application between The SAFE Alliance and American Gateways (AG). Currently, American Gateways has PY23 OOG funding and subcontracts with SAFE provide case management, peer support and counseling to immigrant survivors of crime. In this PY24 application (per the request of AG), SAFE will subcontract with AG to provide legal representation to crime victims. The comprehensive services presented in this application include 24/7 crisis hotline, emergency shelters, legal and medical advocacy or accompaniment, case management, peer support, legal representation or advocacy, counseling, peer support, case management and foster and adoption services. These are a portion of the wide spectrum of additional victim services offered by SAFE. Annually, SAFE serves over 5,000 victims of violence.*
2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed. *While CJD funding is our most comprehensive funding source, a significant amount of financial support for the proposed activities also come from the following federal, state, city, county, and philanthropic resources, including: DOJ \$28,000; HHSC \$661,099, City of Austin \$1,205,528; Travis County \$235,000; philanthropic \$84,000. This total amount represents 31% of the budget for the proposed project.*
3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year. *The comprehensive services included in SAFE's PY2022 application provided 24/7 crisis counseling to over 20,000 survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault/exploitation and/or child abuse; shelter to 490 primary and secondary victims; and emergency shelter, sexual assault medical accompaniment/advocacy, legal services, peer support, foster & adopt services, and/or counseling to 4,111 survivors. Results included: 95% of shelter residents exited to a safe location; 95% of crisis hotline contacts identified options to support enhanced safety and/or emotional support; 98% of sexual assault victims reported that their advocate provided emotional support and reduced their feelings of anxiety/crisis; and 75% of peer support participants reported increased strategies to enhance safety.*
4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served. *This program primarily serves residents of Travis County.*
5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities? *SAFE's services are primarily provided onsite at permanent facilities at the Rathgeber Village Campus on Manor Road, and the Grove Blvd. campus in SE Austin.*
6. What are your long-term plans for funding? *SAFE relies on funding from the Office of the Governor to sustain the activities included in our PY24 application. Additionally, SAFE's Development Team, as well as volunteers and staff members conduct ongoing fundraising activities. Fundraising activities include: social media and direct mail appeals; growing and maximizing support from corporations and community groups; a major gifts program to increase and sustain significant annual gifts from individual donors; fundraising events, a planned giving program; and submitting over 100 governmental and philanthropic grant applications annually.*
7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

SAFE is requesting \$2, 676,720 which includes funding for SAFeline, Family Shelter and its supportive victims' services, Emergency Shelter programming for youth, Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy, Legal Advocacy, Peer Support, Counseling, and Foster & Adopt in Austin. These are the same programs and staff positions we have requested and received in the past few years. There are two major additions this year, which drive the increase in our request.

1) The OOG has been funding American Gateways (AG) to provide legal services to victims seeking VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) and other legal protections. As part of their grant, AG subcontracted with SAFE for victim services – specifically case management, counseling and peer support. American Gateways asked SAFE to take over as lead of this grant. SAFE agreed to do so, and this application includes funding previously given to American Gateways.

2) SAFE salaries are not keeping pace with inflation, cost of living, and competitive employment. We have included a modest 3% salary increase into this budget and associated per person increase of 7% in health insurance costs.

The impact of a 10% reduction would include either:

A) negotiating with our project partner, American Gateways, and reducing that entire project (legal and victim services). This would result in a gaping hole for immigrant survivors, as there are no other legal services to fill the gap that this would leave. Or,

B) forcing to lay off staff, thereby reducing essential victim services at SAFE. It is important to know that most of the programs included in this application have ponderous waiting lists, and might leave victims in dangerous situations and/or will harm their recovery after abuse.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

*American Indian/Alaska Native: 1%
Asian: 2%
Black/African-American: 23%
Hispanic or Latino: 35%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 1%
White: 21%
Multi-race: 10%
Other: 1%
Unknown: 6%*

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

*Asian: 1%
Black/African-American: 13%
Hispanic: 36%
Two or more races: 6%
White: 43%
American Indian or Alaskan Native: 1%*



CAPCOG Application Review Project Summary Sheet

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Organization Name: Williamson County Crisis Center
eGrants Application Identification Number: 2884906
Fund Source Requested: [VOCA/VAWA/JAG/TP/JJ/CSE]
Project Title: Services for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence
Requested Amount: \$1,208,175
Percent of Agency Budget: 39%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

VOCA funds would allow Hope Alliance to provide clients with 13 full-time equivalent victim advocates, supervisors, and counselors. Hope Alliance participates in community partnerships.

If funded, one of the partnerships this grant request would continue is with Williamson County, TX. The grant will fund continued operation of a Temporary Auxiliary Emergency Shelter in Williamson County, TX-owned property from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. The funding requested will support all Temporary Auxiliary Emergency Shelter operational expenses and 5 full time staff. Funding of this temporary emergency shelter will extend the temporary shelter's operation for 12 months beyond the 6-month partnership with Williamson County, TX as approved in the February 7, 2023, Commissioner Court proceedings. Current funding for said partnership runs from April 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023. Should the VOCA Grant Application be funded to extend operations for an additional 12 months beyond the 6 months funded by the County, then Williamson County will continue to permit Hope Alliance to use the County-owned property as a Temporary Auxiliary Emergency Shelter.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

VOCA funds would fund 7 Counselors, 7 Advocates, and 2 Supervisors at varying percentages. In addition, funds would provide 100% of salaries for 4 Shelter Advocates and 2 Crisis Advocates, 92% of salary for one Case Manager, and 100% of salary for one shelter supervisor. HHSC and OVAG supplement the rest of the program costs.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

In 2022, Hope Alliance received 4,590 Hotline Calls and online Chat Requests, which is an increase of 27.3% over 2021. Of those 4,590 requests, Hope Alliance provided face-to-face services to 1,196 family violence and sexual assault victims, which is an increase of 7.6% over 2021. In addition, The agency provided 7,115 nights of safety to 196 women, children, and men, which is an increase of 12.1% compared to 2021. In 2022, Hope Alliance also provided 14,967 sessions of counseling, advocacy, etc. for victims of Family Violence, which was an increase of 8.94% in sessions provided compared to 2012.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

Hope Alliance offers services in Williamson County, TX, however we do not discriminate based on a client's residence at the time of intake. Although most clients reside in Williamson County, we serve clients that come to us from residences in other counties as well.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Services are provided at Hope Alliance's stand-alone counseling center located in Round Rock, TX. Currently, Hope Alliance leases the building. Hope Alliance operates the only free-emergency shelter in Williamson County. The shelter, in an

undisclosed location, is owned by Williamson County Crisis Center dba Hope Alliance. In addition to the emergency shelter in Round Rock, TX, Hope Alliance has been operating a new, 12-bed, Temporary Auxiliary Emergency Shelter located in Hutto, TX.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

Hope Alliance develops community partnerships, government funded grants, and non-government grant awards from community, corporate and private family foundations to provide individualized, trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, and hope-centered care to our clients. As Hope Alliance continues to grow, our long-term strategy for funding includes expanding sponsorship opportunities and increasing the capacity of Special Event fundraising. Hope Alliance's strategically-planned, comprehensive fundraising portfolio has generated revenues by more than 40.0% per year for each of the last four years. We have a financial audit completed every year, and because we accept government grants, we're occasionally audited by those granting agencies. During 2022, Hope Alliance was audited 17 times, two of which were our annual operational audit and our first ever Single Audit. All audits were completed with no findings. Hope Alliance's fiscal health is very solid, and we strive to continue our growth because we are currently able to serve only one half of the demand for our services in Williamson County.

7. What would the impact of a reduction in funding be on this project?

A reduction in funding would reduce the number of staff Hope Alliance would be able to hire to provide direct services. Fewer staff would translate into fewer direct services provided to fewer victims of family violence served. If awarded a reduced amount in funding, VOCA funded staff would be adjusted proportionally. Additional funds would be sought from other sources such as increased city funding and more private foundations in order to serve more family violence victims by continuing to operate the new temporary auxiliary shelter.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

In 2022 Hope Alliance's clients comprised of 25% Anglo Non-Hispanic, 14% Black, 32% Hispanic, 13% Non-Hispanic, 14% not reported by client, and 2% other.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

a. [EEOC]

We recognize the importance of diversity and being representative of our clientele to provide the best services. Hope Alliance's staff is majorly female, and the staff demographics fairly represent our client population. Shared experiences are common among individuals of the same age, race, or gender and enable our counselors to build a rapport with victims of family violence and sexual assault. As stated earlier, however, Hope Alliance does not discriminate at any level, not at the client intake level, nor at the staff recruitment level. Abuse perpetrated by one towards another knows no boundaries; it doesn't discriminate. Hope Alliance does not discriminate either.



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Helping Hand Home for Children
eGrants Application Identification Number: 3633305
Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE
Project Title: Trauma-informed Residential Treatment for Abused and Neglected Children
Requested Amount: \$366,079
Percent of Agency Budget: 3%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

Our residential treatment center is part of a continuum of care that includes a charter school and a foster and adoption program. Both are designed to meet the specialized needs of the children in residential treatment. Our goal is to heal these young victims with crisis intervention and therapy (with VOCA funds), provide academic education and enrichment, and place them into loving, permanent families.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

This specific project is being matched at 20% by dollars raised from helping Hand Home's fundraising events. The Home is asking OOG for \$366,079 and is matching \$73,189 for a total project cost of \$439,268 (which funds nine salaries). The Home annually plans and executes an evening gala and a luncheon focused on raising funds from the business community and major donors.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

Counseling Hours: 17,472

Number of survivors receiving counseling/therapy: 60

Number of survivors receiving crisis counseling: 60

Number of victims/survivors seeking services who were served: 60

Number of victims seeking services who were not served: 60

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

While the residential treatment center is located in Travis County, the children served represent all CAPCOG counties.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Services are provided in permanent facilities.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

Our plans are to continue to raise private funds to match, at least one to one, the government funding that the Home receives from OOG and other government agencies. Each year, Helping Hand Home raises approximately \$6 million in funds from foundations, individuals and community events. The Home has about 35 foundation funders, approximately 2,000 individual funders, and two large community events. The Home also has a Major Gifts and a Planned Giving program.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

A 10% reduction of funding would reduce the staff hours and the number of children served by this specific grant.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

Based on our service history, we estimate the following demographic breakdown of children to be served:

White: 36%

Black: 36%

Latino: 25%

Multi-Racial: 2%

Asian: 1%

64% of the children are racial minorities.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

As of January 31, 2023:

White (Non-Hispanic): 51%

African-American: 8%

Hispanic: 30%

Multi-Racial: 5%

Asian: 6%

49% of staff members are racial minorities. We would like to point out that the demographic breakdown of the staff closely reflects the population of Austin, which is 42% White, 8% African-American, 33% Hispanic, 9% Multi-Racial, and 8% Asian.



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: SAHELI, INC. dba ASIAN FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES OF AUSTIN

eGrants Application Identification Number: 2551011

Fund Source Requested: [-] VOCA [-] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE

Project Title: Regional Domestic & Sexual Violence Support for Asian/Immigrant Survivors

Requested Amount: \$1,749,756.66

Percent of Agency Budget: 43%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

AFSSA was formed to break the cycle of violence in Asian communities in the CAPCOG region. We hold a federal "culturally specific" designation, allowing us to bring federal resources to serve marginalized people and localities. We are the first culturally specific domestic and sexual violence services organization in Texas. Three other organizations in Texas meet minimum standards outlined in Ch. 51 of the Texas Human Resources Code; the others are in Houston and Dallas.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Government Grants
 Texas Health and Human Services \$183,420.00 4%
 Texas Office of Attorney General \$190,165.00 5%
 Texas Office of the Governor (DVS) \$1,749,756.00 43%
 Texas Office of the Governor (VAWA) \$283,670.00 7%
 US Dept. of Justice OYW \$494,100.00 12%
 Texas Assoc. Against Sexual Assault \$250,000.00 6%
 US Health and Human Services/ APH GBV \$175,000.00 4%
 Total Government Grants \$3,326,111.00 81%

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

Target Actual
 385 302 Shelter days
 3200 534 Counseling hours
 10 9 Final protective orders obtained
 33 33 Protective orders requested
 38 46 Supportive VAS MC provided shelter
 385 384 Survivors assisted through legal
 80 79 Survivors receiving counseling
 45 45 Survivors receiving crisis counseling
 36 33 Temporary protective orders obtained
 22 26 Temporary protective orders requested
 55 49 Survivors accompanied to court
 20 45 Survivors provided shelter
 200 294 Served

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

All cities, counties, ISDs, and unincorporated areas within the CAPCOG 10-county region which includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Services are provided through permanent facilities.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

AFSSA will continue to seek government grants designated for culturally-specific domestic/sexual violence service agencies, and government grants designated for victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and trafficking for the broader population. AFSSA will continue to build on two successful years of increasing philanthropic funds through foundations and major individual gifts. Our goal is to raise 30%+ of our budget from private philanthropic sources.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

The ultimate impact would be determined in Oct. 2023 when all agency fund sources are confirmed. At that time, if a reduction in funds is material and a firm value/number is established, AFSSA would consider: 1. safety of clients and community members currently in our care vis a vis need for service reductions or geographic limitations; 2. other funder imposed restrictions and appeals for flexibility; 3. emergency appeals to potential other funders.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

80% Asian

10% Latino

5% Black

5% White

0% Native American

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

Asian-73%

Latino-10%

Black -7%

White-10%

Native American-0%



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Travis County District Attorney's Office

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4426202

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE

Project Title: Specialized and Trauma Informed Services for Victims of Family Violence

Requested Amount: \$183,546

Percent of Agency Budget: .01

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CIAC would want to know about?

This project is an expansion of trauma informed care for family violence victims currently provided by the Victim Services Division of the Travis County District Attorney's Office. This project is also supported by a Texas Council on Family Violence grant to support a Domestic Violence-High Risk Team Coordinator in 2022, which was extended to August, 2023.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

\$45,000, 3%, Office of the Attorney General, Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant

\$55,000, 3%, Texas Council on Family Violence, Domestic Violence High-Risk Team Grant

\$164,209, 9%, FY23 OOG General Victims Assistance Award

\$1,486,407, 85%, Travis County

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

We were only awarded funding from the FY23 application in early November 2022 and were not able to accept the award officially, due to County approvals processes, until November 29th, 2022. We then had to initiate a hiring process during the holiday season, which delayed the search. Staff were screened in January and started in February and thus we have no data to report yet. Our impact measure targets for FY24 are the same.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

This program services the City of Austin and Travis County

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

The services are provided through permanent facilities at the TCDAO in the Ronald Earle Building at 416 11th St. Austin, TX.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

If grant funds are discontinued, TCDAO would request the Commissioners Court to fund the position using revenue from the general fund.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

It would either reduce the salary or the training that we can provide the counselors for this position.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

- a. (White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.)

American Indian or Alaskan Native 0%
Asian or Pacific Islander 2%
Black 24%
Unknown 0%
White 73%

*Note that hispanic/Latino is only separated out in ethnicity, not race, in our data tracking system.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

- a. [EEOC]

RACE: American Indian or Alaskan Native, 2, 0.8%; Asian, 4, 1.7%; Black or African American, 29, 12.2%; Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 0, 0.0%; White, 198, 83.2%; Two or More Races, 5, 2.1%.
ETHNICITY: American Indian/Alaskan, 1, 0.4%; Asian or Pacific Islander, 4, 1.7%; Black/Not Hispanic origin, 29, 12.1%; Hispanic, 80, 33.5%; Hispanic White Only, 1, 0.4%; Hispanic All Other, 1, 0.4%; White/Not Hispanic origin, 123, 51.5%



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4702501

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE

Project Title: Pro Bono Legal Services for Victims/Survivors of Domestic Violence

Requested Amount: \$92,984.31

Percent of Agency Budget: 7%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

N/A

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

1. CVCLS via Texas Access to Justice Foundation: \$28,047 - 15.7%

2. Private Foundations: \$57,190.19 - 32.0%

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

N/A

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

Hays County, Bastrop County, Williamson County, as well as Travis County.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

We have permanent administrative offices in Austin, Texas at 8001 Centre Park Drive, Suite 120

Clinics are held at: ACC-Highland in Austin; Del Valle Community Center in Del Valle; and other locations like libraries and community centers as needed.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

We will continue to apply for all applicable government (local, state, and federal), private foundation, and corporate grants. We will continue to fundraise from individual donors and corporate supporters. Over 40% of VLS' current overall budget is supported through individual, firm, and corporate contributions.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

We would attempt to replace that funding with private foundations, corporate funding, and/or individual/law firm contributions.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

20% Black/African American

43% Hispanic/Latino

37% White/Caucasian

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

7% Black/African American

58% Hispanic/Latino

8% Multiracial

27% White/Caucasian

Additionally-75% are female, and 42% speak Spanish.



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: City of Austin

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4794101

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE

Project Title: APD Victims of Crime Act Project

Requested Amount: \$507,510

Percent of Agency Budget: Less than 1%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

This is a new, stand alone project with no other components.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

The total budget is \$507,510. The City is requesting VOCA funds for 100% of project costs. No other sources of funding are provided for the requested line items.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

This is a new project.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

This project will operate in one jurisdiction (City of Austin Police Department).

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Services will be provided in City facilities - primarily permanent, potentially a few temporary work sites.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

The City is requesting 100% of project funds for year 1 (FY24). If programming is viewed as successful by next January, the City will request 80% of project funds for year 2 (FY25) and will cover 20% of costs. If the City continues to see anticipated impacts, we will return in year 3 and request 60% of project funds (with local government dollars or other sources covering 40% of costs).

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

A 10% reduction in funding (\$50,751) would result in the removal of the evaluation component and a slight reduction in hours for one the project's new hires.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

City of Austin demographics (www.census.gov):

White (66.4%), Black (7.7%), American Indian / Alaska Native (.8%), Asian (8.2%), Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander (0%), Hispanic / Latino (33.1%), two or more races (8.7%).

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

This is a new project, staff will be hired if an award is received. We provide the following demographics in case the CJAC is interested in the demographics of the Division that will manage the project:

White (49%), Hispanic (37%), Black (9%) and Asian (5%)



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: City of Cedar Park

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4863201 (VOCA) & 4863301 (VAWA)

Fund Source Requested: [/] VOCA [/] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE

Project Title: PY24 Victim Assistance & FY 24 Violence Against Women Justice and Training

Requested Amount: \$59,774.00 (VOCA) & \$14,322.00 (VAWA)

Percent of Agency Budget: 1%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

This project has initiated to improve the life of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. For the year of 2023, three different conferences are schedule. Each will focus on crime against woman, crimes against children and end of violence against woman internationally. Each of those conferences the detectives and our two victim services advocates will learn better skills to help the victims within the Cedar Park Community.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

(VOCA) City of Cedar Park PD - 20% OOG - 80%

(VAWA) City of Cedar Park PD - 30% OOG - 70%

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

This program has continue to serve survivors of violence in Cedar Park. In 2022, Cedar Park Victim Services Division Services Division provided servives, referrals and support to 300 victims. Services continue to provide to survivors throughout the criminal cases and after. In 2022, Cedar Park received over 400 Cases involving Assaults, Aggravated Assault, intimidation/continuous violence against family, and strangulation. Cases involving injury to a child etc

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

This funding focus and serve survivors of violent crimes in Cedar Park

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Both, Cedar Park Victim Services Division work with multiple partners agencies to service survivors. Services are provided to address their immediate safety such as shelters, emergency protective orders etc then referrals to therapy, counselings, food community resources and monthly follow ups. These services include 24/7/365 response by the coordinator and volunteer advocates.
6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
We took pride in the commitment we made to our victim/survivors, which is safety and services. Our long term plan for this funding is to provide education, outreach in the community ,yearly training to our detectives and victim services personels. Funding will support the salary of the Victim Services Coordinator and the costs associated with outreach efforts and trainings.
7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
A 10% reduction in funding would result in the City having to provide additional matching funds to complete both VOCA & VAWA projects.
8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
 - a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
Forty percent of our cases in 2022 ranges from Black/African American, Hispanic Latino, Asian and other Races. We took pride in the commitment we serve and the services we provided for our survivors. Striving to achieve cultural competence is a dynamic and ongoing process for the Victim Services Division. We aiming to serve different demographic in 2023 because the population in Cedar Park is growing.
9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
 - a. [EEOC]
Our staffs including volunteers ranges from different age groups, demographics, languages and different cultural background. Our Victim Services Division consist of one coordinator, one advocate and six active volunteers. our Victim Services Coordination African-American speaks four languages, volunteers Hispanic-Latinos and other races.



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: The Ecumenical Center
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4228003
Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: Hill Country Counseling Program
Requested Amount: \$75,536.58
Percent of Agency Budget: 1.4 %

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

No, it is not.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Texas Veterans and Family Alliance, \$463,787.00; 9% of the total budget
Community Mental Health, \$430,920.00; 8.4 % of the total budget

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

The Ecumenical Center served 80 victims last year. These 80 victims received a total of 140 hours of counseling and therapy services. The ACORN Assessment of self-reported progress indicated that 89% of the clients were satisfied with progress made during counseling sessions.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

The Ecumenical Center serves Blanco, Burnet, Hays and Llano Counties. The project serves the cities of Marble Falls, Johnson City, Blanco, Stonewall, Kingsland and Spicewood.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Through collaboration with the Blanco County Community Resource Center and the Burnet County Community Resource Center, The Ecumenical Center's counselors and peer support specialist is allowed to use their permanent facility.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

As with all programs of The Ecumenical Center foundations, grants and individual donors and philanthropists contribute to funding for all of The Center's programs.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

With a 10% reduction in funding, The Ecumenical Center would provide as many victim support services as would be possible with that level of funding.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

The demographics of Blanco County are: White 75.6%, Black 1.7% and Hispanic 20.4%, while the demographics of Burnet County are: White 72.6 %, Black 2.1%, Hispanic 23%. The Ecumenical Center saw clients during the last year under this Hill Country proposal with a demographic of: 15% Latino, 31% white, 1% person classified themselves as Other and 1% person classified themselves as Multiple Races. 62% did not provide their ethnic breakdown.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

Demographic breakdown of The Ecumenical Center is:

White-50%, 21 people

Hispanic-48%, 18 people

Native American-1%, 1 person

African American-1%, 2 people

Organization Name: Red Oak Hope
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4728301
Fund Source Requested: VOCA
Project Title: Transitional Housing Program
Requested Amount: \$179,879
Percent of Agency Budget: 17.92%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about? No

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

FY 2023 Total Organization Budget: \$1,003,660
Project budget: \$427,164 (17.92% agency budget)
Requested amount: \$179,879 (42.11% of the project budget).
For information on other sources of funding, see #6 below.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

This is our first year applying for the General Victim Assistance Grant Program, but we have previously received funding under VOCA for this program. In 2022, 11 clients engaged in the Transitional Housing Program (THP), and we provided services to an additional 8 clients non-residentially. For those 19 clients, we provided 1,197 nights of safe shelter, 540 hours of case management, facilitated/provided resources for 161 medical appointments, 287 hours of counseling, 134 hours of legal assistance, and supported clients in obtaining 11 jobs. 100% of clients were connected to community resources and engaged in Case Management. Four of the 11 residential clients exited into independent and stable housing. Two of the 11 are still in the THP. Four of the 8 clients we worked with non-residentially either obtained or maintained stable housing. Additionally, clients received information and referrals 204 times, personal advocacy and accompaniment 380 times, emotional support and safety services 255 times, and criminal/civil justice system assistance 17 times. We have remained in positive/successful contact with 89% of clients we worked with in 2022, regardless of how they exited the program (achieved housing, self-exit, safety exit, or planned exit).

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served. None

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities? We currently rent the facilities our services operate out of.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

Red Oak Hope financially maintains all programs and services through individual donations (recurring monthly donations, one-time gifts, corporate and church supporters), fundraising events (gala, luncheons, etc.), giving campaigns, foundations, and grants. We recognize the need for diverse funding sources and have a robust development effort. Last year 51.5% of our organizational income came from individual donations, monthly

recurring donors, and corporate and faith community partners. We raised 25.1% of our revenue through events (gala, luncheons, etc.). Foundations contributed 12.2% and grants 11.1% of our overall income. We are also applying for funding through a second VOCA Grant this year, "Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation, FY2024."

7. What would the impact of a reduction in funding be on this project? It will require us to shift projections and fundraising efforts.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served? a.

[White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.] To date, the demographic breakdown of our clientele to be served in this program is as follows, and we anticipate the percentages to remain the same on average. Black/African American: 20%; Hispanic or Latino: 20%; White/Non-Latino caucasian: 43.3%; Multiple Races: 6.7%; Unknown: 10%

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff? a. [EEOC]

Asian: 10%; Black/African American: 30%; White/Non-Latino caucasian: 60%



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Refugee Services of Texas
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4787001
Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE
Project Title: General Victim Assistance Grant Program
Requested Amount: \$128,585.00
Percent of Agency Budget: 26%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CIAC would want to know about?

Since 2003, RST has served as a primary victim service provider in Austin and surrounding counties. RST's anti-trafficking programming acts as a pillar for crisis services in the community. RST provides an on-call, 90-minute response that is regularly utilized by law enforcement. An additional project is serving commercially sexually exploited youth. RST will serve minor and transition-age youth victims of sex trafficking as an approved advocacy agency.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

General Victim Assistance (VOCA, OOG):26%
Specialized Advocacy for CSEY (OOG):40%
Federal Funding:29%
Private Funding:5%
Total:100%

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
RST was not funded by VOCA in fiscal year 2023.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.
RST's proposed project will serve the greater Austin Metropolitan area and Travis and Williamson Counties.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
RST is providing long-term case management and advocacy services through a service center and does not utilize temporary or permanent facilities.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
RST plans to utilize federal and private resources to ensure substantial and diverse support from financial sources other than the DOG. Since its inception and in addition to private funding, RST has secured and managed five Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) grants in Austin, a statewide Office of Trafficking In Persons (OTIP)/Trafficking Victims Assistance Program (TVAP) grant for eleven years, and three statewide VOCA grants.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
A reduction in funding would reduce capacity to serve victims of trafficking by creating a gap in emergency assistance for survivors and RST's ability to effectively aid law enforcement. Funding also contributes to active partnerships and collaboration with law enforcement, a gap in funding would have significant negative impacts on law enforcement's ability to effectively impact the community. For example, in fiscal year 2022 RST received 221 referrals from APD alone.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
 - a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
The demographic breakdown of RST survivors resembles that of the local community. In fiscal year 2022, 36% of victims were Hispanic/Latino, 6% White, 8% African-American, and 1% Asian Pacific Islander. The youngest victim of trafficking that RST served in fiscal year 2022 was 9 years old. RST serves all victims of trafficking regardless of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
 - a. [EEOC]
All qualified applicants receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin, disability, etc. Staff represent the diversity of victim populations, experiences, and languages. RST serves a high population of Hispanic/Latino clients, with Spanish-speaking staff on the team who have personal background to understand the nuances and experiences of major client populations.



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Del Valle ISD

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4747301

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE

Project Title: Del Valle ISD Victim Assistance k-12

Requested Amount: 411,141

Percent of Agency Budget: Less than 1%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

Personnel from the project would also have access to the Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors that were hired in the district this year. The access would allow for students to receive information about the dynamics of substance use/abuse if it was pertinent to the crime that was experienced by the student.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

0

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

N/A

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

Austin and Creedmore Tx

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Services are provided through existing school buildings and student's homes.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

The contractor can explore using fee for service to generate revenue while our district will continue to explore additional funding.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

The 10% reduction may impact the hiring of a therapist who would focus on adult therapeutic services or lower the number of services provided to student.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

- a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

Demographic percentages mirror our district percentages

84% Hispanic

9% African American

5% White

1% Asian

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

- a. [EEOC]

49% White

41% Hispanic

7% African American

0.3% Pacific Islander

2 % Asian

0.6 % Two or more races



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: City of Taylor

eGrants Application Identification Number: 3325706

Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE

Project Title: Victim Services Assistance- City of Taylor Police Department

Requested Amount: \$ 67,578.44

Percent of Agency Budget: 1.39%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

This is a continuation project for the City of Taylor's Police Department Victim Services Coordinator position.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

The total for the project is \$90,104.58, with a request for the grant to cover \$67,578.44 (75%) and the local match from the City of Taylor is \$22,526.15 (25%).

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

Number of cases reviewed by the multi-disciplinary team. 28

Number of forensic interviews conducted. 28

Number of meetings held by multi-disciplinary teams. 25

Number of survivors assisted through the legal process. 50

Number of survivors receiving crisis counseling. 107

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

n/a

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

The Victim Services Coordinator works out of an office in the Taylor Police Station, which is a permanent facility. In addition, the Victim Services Coordinator provides services in the Taylor community as well as providing services in other facilities throughout Williamson County (i.e., Crimes Against Children Center, Williamson County Courthouse, and Hope Alliance).

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

If VOCA project is not funded, the Police Department will have to seek funding for this position from the City of Taylor.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

The main impact of a 10% reduction will be training and supplies. Staff will not be able to attend required trainings.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

The estimated population of Taylor is 16,267, with 49.4% male and 51.6% female residents. The population by race is broken up as 67.9% White, 6.5% African American, 0.9% Asian, 0.7% American Indian/Alaska Native, and 17.3% Identified with 2 or more. The population by ethnicity is 47.1% identifying as Hispanic or Latino, and 52.9% identifying as Non-Hispanic or Latino. 11.5% of our residents live below the poverty level is very close to the national average of 11.6%.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

The City of Taylor Police Department's total workforce is 41 employees, demographic breakdown is as follows:

4 - Female Hispanic/Latino ; 8- Female White ; 2- Male Black/African American; 8- Male Hispanic/Latino; 3- Male Two or More Races; 16- Male White 16



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: City of Buda Police Department
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4765801
Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: Victim Services Coordinator
Requested Amount: \$69,000
Percent of Agency Budget: 0

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

This is a stand alone project and request.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Personnel - \$64,876 - 100%

Travel and Training - \$520

Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses - \$3,604

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
We were awarded this grant last year, however, we had a leadership change at the City and were not able to secure the position.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.
The position will work with other parts of our community and county but will primarily cover the City of Buda

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Permanent Facilities

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
The grant will fund this position for a period of one year only. After that, the department will absorb that position into our regular personnel budget.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
A 10% reduction would cut directly into and eliminate all travel and operating supplies and expenses. In addition, it would impact the personnel salary by \$2,776. These losses could be absorbed by our regular budget. We would need to realize this impact prior to the finalization of our 2023-2024 budget.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
White - 69.3%
Black - 1.3%
Latino - 29.4%

Estimates based on US Census web based reporting dated - July 1, 2022 (V2022)

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?
a. [EEOC]

FEMALES - 7	MALES - 20
Black - 1	Black - 3
Hispanic - 2	Hispanic - 5
White - 3	White - 12

BASTROP BLANCO BURNET CALDWELL FAYETTE HAYS LEE LLANO TRAVIS WILLIAMSON

Capital Area Council of Governments Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Plan Year (PY) 2024 Policy Statement

The following policies and procedures are established for the purpose of defining the rules that will govern the Capital Area Council of Government's (CAPCOG's) Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) application review and prioritization process for designated funding streams controlled by the Public Safety Office's Criminal Justice Division (PSO) of the Office of the Governor (OOG) that CAPCOG is responsible for reviewing. In addition, these policies and procedures govern the operation of CAPCOG's Criminal Justice Planning as outlined in the Interagency Cooperation Agreement between the PSO and CAPCOG as it relates to CAPCOG's CJAC.

COMPLIANCE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

All policies, rules, and regulations outlined in this document comply with the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, and the state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations adopted by reference in Texas Administrative Code.

1 TAC Part 1, Chapter 3; Applicability, Subchapters A, B, D, E, and F of this chapter applies to all applications for funding and grants submitted to the PSO OOG. Subchapter A covers the general provisions for grant funding. Subchapter B addresses general eligibility and budget rules for grant funding. Subchapter D provides rules detailing the conditions PSO may place on grants. Subchapter E sets out the rules related to administering grants. Subchapter F specifies rules regarding program monitoring and audits. Information regarding the TAC and the OOG' rules can be viewed on the website of the Texas Secretary of State, at:

[http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=3&ti=1&pt=1](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=3&ti=1&pt=1)

All meetings of the CJAC will be held in compliance with the general provisions of the Government Code, Chapter 551. Texas Open Meetings Act, which can be viewed online at:

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>

Criminal Justice-related STRATEGIC Planning

CAPCOG's Criminal Justice Strategic Plan includes priorities identified by stakeholders, communities, and agencies in the CAPCOG region, including, non-profit organizations, municipalities, counties, citizens or parents, substance abuse prevention, law enforcement, mental health, prosecution or courts, juvenile justice, education, and/or victim services. While forming this plan, participants identify community problems and resource needs; develop realistic goals, strategies, tasks, and performance measures; collect relevant supporting data; describe potential implementation plans; and, identify existing efforts and resources. Priorities are established based on this information.

GRANT APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Criminal justice-related grant solicitations include eligibility requirements set by the Office of the Governor, PSO. Please refer to the eGrants website at the following link to review applicant eligibility requirements:

<https://egrants.gov.texas.gov/>

OFFICIAL GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- A. Grant applications must be submitted directly to the PSO via the online eGrants web-based system by the PSO designated deadline.
- B. The eGrants system will not accept late application submissions.

CAPCOG Eligibility requirements for applicant participation in the CJAC application review and prioritization process

- A. To be considered for participation in CAPCOG's CJAC application review and prioritization process, applications must be certified and submitted through eGrants by the PSO designated deadline.
- B. To be eligible to participate in CAPCOG's CJAC application review and prioritization process, the applicant must provide services within Bastrop; Blanco; Burnet; Caldwell; Fayette; Hays; Lee; Llano; Travis; or, Williamson counties. The 10-county CAPCOG area known as Region 12.
 - 1. Agencies within the CAPCOG region may expand their service area outside of the CAPCOG 10-county region. However, the CJAC will only consider applications for funding that will provide services within Region 12.
 - 2. Funding for areas outside of Region 12 must coordinate with the appropriate COG.
 - 3. Agencies headquartered outside of the CAPCOG 10-county area may submit a grant application for CJAC review and prioritization if the requested funding will be used to provide services within Region 12.
- C. Agencies that receive funds directly from their state association or directly from PSO for basic service programs, must apply directly through their state association or PSO and may not apply for funds that are prioritized by CAPCOG. (Examples include but are not limited to: *Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Crime Stoppers; Children's Advocacy Centers; and, Court Appointed Special Advocates.*)
- D. PSO will make the final determination as to which funding source is most appropriate for each application.

Project and APPLICANT/GRANTEE Status definitions

- A. A current grantee is an agency/organization that is receiving funding through the Office of the Governor, PSO, and implementing a program during the current Plan Year of September 1st through August 31st.
- B. A new applicant is defined as any agency/organization that has never been funded through any funding source or has not been funded through the CAPCOG regional PSO allocation within the past five years for the project for which funding is currently being requested.
- C. A new project is defined as any project that has never been funded through any funding source, has not been funded through the CAPCOG regional PSO allocation within the past five years, or is a currently funded project that has significantly changed the scope of work or target group of the project.
- D. A continuation project is defined as any project that is currently ongoing where the applicant is requesting funds from the same fund source to continue the project for an additional funding cycle.

Plan Year 2024 Priorities

Priorities for PY 2024 include the following activities, based on feedback from stakeholders and endorsed by the CJAC:

- Behavioral Health/Mental Health Services /Substance Abuse

- Community-Based Programs or Services
- Crisis Services
- Law Enforcement
- Crime Prevention

These priorities update the priorities listed in CAPCOG’s PY 2022 Regional Strategic Criminal Justice Plan. CJAC members will assess grant applications on the extent to which they advance these priorities.

Fund Source Information

- A. The grant applications that will be reviewed by the CJAC include, but are not limited to the following funding sources from the Office of the Governor, PSO:
1. Criminal Justice Program (JAG);
 2. General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program (VOCA);
 3. Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Grant Programs – Juvenile Justice Projects (JJ);
 4. Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Grant Programs – Truancy Prevention Projects (TP);
 5. Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth (CSEY);
 6. Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Program (VAWA); and,
 7. Any additional or unique fund sources that PSO determines appropriate

Requirements for CAPCOG recommended projects except for CSEY:

1. Agencies may submit a maximum of 3 applications per fund source.
 - a) Applications will be grouped into three tiers. All applications in Tier 1 will be recommended for funding before any applications in Tier 2 are recommended for funding. All applications in Tier 2 will be recommended for funding before any applications in Tier 3 are recommended for funding.
 - b) All applicants will be allowed one Tier 1 application, one Tier 2 application, and one Tier 3 application.
 - c) Applicants will self-select their Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 applications at submittal and prior to applications being reviewed by the CJAC.
3. Applications must receive a minimum score of 70 to be recommended as a Quality Project for funding consideration by PSO.
4. Any application from any organization that fails to attend one of CAPCOG’s mandatory grant workshops will be assigned an automatic score of 0.
5. Any application that that does not have a corresponding, complete project summary sheet submitted to CAPCOG by the applicable deadline will be assigned an automatic score of 0.
6. CAPCOG will forward all applications submitted to PSO OOG by OOG’s submission deadline to the CJAC for initial scoring except projects that are assigned automatic scores of 0 under #4 or #5 above. CAPCOG staff will also provide a list of any applications that have been assigned a score of 0 and the reason why that score was assigned to the application.

7. Step 1 of the CJAC review will include CJAC members reviewing all forwarded applications and project summary sheets and scoring applications within a timeframe established by CAPCOG staff and assigning preliminary scores in the Regional Priorities and Application Review sections of the Score Sheet, with the maximum score possible of 70 points (except for CSEY).
8. As part of Step 1, the CJAC may choose to conduct a private work session to collaborate on the forwarded applications. Attendance at the meeting by CJAC members is not required and no action will be taken.
9. Step 2 of the CJAC review will involve the applicant providing a 5-minute presentation to the CJAC about their project and answering questions from CJAC members. Following each presentation, CJAC members will assign scores of 0-30 (except CSEY) to the application based on the presentation and will finalize the scores for the Regional Priorities and Application Review sections of the Score Sheet. The total possible points an application can receive is 100 points.
10. Once scoring by individual members is complete, CAPCOG staff will tabulate scores from all CJAC members, eliminating the highest and lowest scored, and calculating the average from the remaining scores available. CAPCOG staff will then prepare tables showing the scores, priority level of the project, and funding requested for each application within each funding category. Scores are not subject to change at subsequent steps.
11. For CSEY, CAPCOG uses the scoring mechanism provided by the Governor's office instead of the scoring mechanism CAPCOG has developed for other grant categories. Otherwise, CAPCOG will follow the same process of distributing applications for review, asking CJAC members to provide a preliminary score prior to presentations, and then finalizing scores following presentations.
12. Step 3 of the CJAC review for all categories other than CSEY will involve a review of the final scores and ranking of the applications and recommendations on funding amounts for each application that scored a minimum of 70 points. CJAC will consider a variety of factors in making this recommendation, including (but not limited to) cost-effectiveness, overall funding availability, regional priorities, identified gaps in services or resources, geographic distributions, the inherent value of the project's impact, whether the project has the potential to be a model program, whether delaying the project would have a significant negative impact on the area proposed to be served, and any additional factors relevant to a specific request for applications. The CJAC will also materially rely on the applicant's responses on the project summary sheet on what the impact of a reduction in funding would be on the project in evaluating funding recommendations. Since the CSEY category does not include a funding recommendation, this part of the process does not apply to CSEY.
13. For all grant categories, local government applicants are limited to funding ratios of 100%, 80%, and 60% for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years of a project, and 0% funding for any future years of the same project. This requirement does not apply to any non-profit organizations.
14. The final step of CAPCOG's process is Executive Committee review and approval of final funding recommendations. The Executive Committee reserves the right to modify funding recommendations made by the CJAC based on the factors outlined in the Texas Administrative Code and this Policy Statement. Any modifications to the CJAC recommendations by the Executive Committee will be noted by CAPCOG staff in the information submitted to PSO on each grant.

CAPCOG MANDATORY application workshops, Technical Assistance, Review, and Addendum

- A. CAPCOG will schedule and hold grant application workshops to review grant application requests for applications developed by the Office of the Governor, PSO. To be considered for participation in CAPCOG's CJAC application review and prioritization process, a representative of the applying organization is required to attend a grant application workshop.
- B. Failure of an applicant agency/organization to attend the mandatory application workshop will deem the application ineligible for CJAC review and prioritization, which will result in a score of "0" and no recommendation for funding consideration.
- C. CAPCOG will maintain a website and post all reference materials here: www.capcog.org/what-we-do/funding-grants/criminal-justice/
- D. CAPCOG staff will provide current grantees, potential applicants, and others with CAPCOG's criminal justice priorities, a copy of the CJAC application review and prioritization scoring instrument, the criteria used in the scoring of applications, and other relevant materials, including relevant policies, procedures, and bylaws, during the grant application workshop or by request.
- E. In addition to the CAPCOG-facilitated grant application workshops, applicants may request grant-related technical assistance before the applicant's submission of the certified application to PSO.
- F. CAPCOG staff will answer questions for both current grantees and new applicants via email consultation as much as is practical, as well as in-person upon request.
- G. The Office of the Governor, PSO staff will provide technical assistance on the operation of the eGrants web-based application.
- H. To be considered for participation in CAPCOG's CJAC application review and prioritization process, applicants are required to submit a Project Summary Sheet created to help the CJAC during their review and scoring of applications due to CAPCOG by the close date of the RFA. The Project Summary Sheet will ask for:
 - a. Data and information to help the CJAC review applications that is not included in the application submitted and certified in eGrants; and,
- I. Applicants must be prepared to discuss reductions to areas of their budget during the CJAC's project review process by either a percent reduction of the total amount or identifying specific items in the budget that can be reduced or deleted.

Attendance requirements for CJAC review and prioritization meetings

- A. Attendance at CJAC application review and prioritization meetings is always mandatory for both new and current grant applicants.
 - 1. A representative from each applicant organization shall attend the prioritization meeting.
 - 2. A representative of the applicant agency/organization will be allowed a five (5) minute presentation of the application and shall have the opportunity to answer any questions posed by the CJAC members.
- B. Failure of an applicant agency/organization to attend the CJAC application review and prioritization meeting will deem the application ineligible for CJAC review and prioritization, which will result in a score of "0" and no recommendation for funding consideration.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CJAC)

- A. The CJAC is a volunteer committee comprised of a multi-disciplinary representation of members from the region per the requirements of the Office of the Governor, PSO. These discipline areas include non-profit

organizations, municipalities, counties, citizens or parents, substance abuse prevention, education, juvenile justice, law enforcement, mental health, prosecution or courts, and victim services. CJAC members are appointed by CAPCOG's Executive Committee.

- B. The primary responsibility of the CJAC is to review criminal justice-related grant applications from throughout the region, score and prioritize applications, and provide funding recommendations, based on a standardized application review and prioritization process and a standardized score sheet, to CAPCOG's Executive Committee for approval to submit the prioritization lists to the Office of the Governor, PSO.
- C. To avoid a conflict of interest, members of the CAPCOG's governing body, CJAC members, and CAPCOG staff must abstain from voting, cannot present to the CJAC, and must leave the room* for the review and scoring of any application during the prioritization process if the member, planner, or an individual related to the member or planner within the third degree of consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity:
 - 1. is employed by the applicant agency and works for the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded; or,
 - 2. serves on any board that oversees the unit or division that would administer the grant if awarded; or,
 - 3. owns or controls any interest in a business entity or other non-governmental organization that benefits, directly or indirectly, from activities with the applicant agency; or,
 - 4. receives any funds, or a substantial amount of tangible goods or services, from the applicant agency as a result of the grant, if awarded.
- D. At the beginning of each prioritization meeting, the CJAC Chair shall request members to identify any possible conflict of interest when scoring applications.
 - 1. If a member must abstain from reviewing, voting, commenting, presenting, or taking any action on any grant application, the member must also abstain from voting, on any competing applications within that funding source during the prioritization process.
 - 2. Members will clearly state their abstention from voting on certain applications and will not speak on behalf of or in support of an applicant.
 - 3. Members shall write, "ABSTAIN" on the score sheet of each application they do not score due to a conflict of interest.

* In a virtual setting, **leave the room** means a member must exit the meeting platform. CAPCOG staff will communicate with the member about when they can return to the meeting.

CJAC Application review and prioritization process

- A. CJAC Application Review
 - 1. The CJAC will review and score eligible applications at the CJAC application review and prioritization meetings for each of the PSO designated fund sources.
 - 2. An approved application score sheet will be used to evaluate each application submitted for review. This score sheet is the product of a cumulative effort of the Office of the Governor, PSO, and CAPCOG.
 - a. A minimum score benchmark may be imposed during the application scoring process.
 - b. Applications that do not meet an imposed minimum score will not be recommended for funding consideration.
 - 3. The CJAC **must** consider the following factors when scoring and prioritizing applications:
 - a. Any state strategies identified by PSO;

- b. Priorities identified within the region resulting from the strategic planning process;
 - c. Eligibility, reasonableness, and cost-effectiveness of the proposed project; and,
 - d. Current CAPCOG policies and bylaws.
4. The CJAC **may** consider estimated funding levels when scoring and prioritizing applications.
 5. CAPCOG staff will tabulate all applicant scores and create a prioritization list ranking each application from highest to lowest score.
 - a. The highest and lowest score of each application will be eliminated, and an average of the remaining scores will serve as the score of record.
 - b. The tabulation of scores for an application is based on the number of members eligible to vote.
 - c. In the event of a tie score when the projects are totaled, staff will delete the next highest and lowest scores until the tie is broken.
 - d. Projects will be placed on the priority list in the order of the tiebreaker score.
 6. The proposed prioritization list will be provided to the CJAC for review, comment, and possible changes to the list order.
 7. Post-CJAC review, the proposed prioritization list will be sent out to the applicants.
 8. CAPCOG staff will then submit the proposed prioritization list to the CAPCOG Executive Committee.
- B. Application Recommendations Submitted to the Office of the Governor, PSO for Funding Consideration
1. CAPCOG's governing board, the Executive Committee, must review and approve the CJAC prioritization list of applications recommended for funding consideration before it is submitted to the Office of the Governor, PSO.
 2. There is no commitment or obligation on the part of CAPCOG, the CJAC, or CAPCOG's Executive Committee to recommend any application for funding consideration.
 3. All funding decisions are made at the sole discretion of the Office of the Governor, PSO.

CAPCOG Appeals Process for Grant Applicants

- A. The only cause for an appeal that CAPCOG will consider is an alleged scoring error made during the prioritization process that prevents the applicant from achieving a score that allows their application to be submitted to the Office of the Governor, PSO for funding consideration.
 1. Applicants wishing to appeal an alleged scoring error must complete the following:
 - a. Applicants must submit written notification, signed by the applicant's authorized official, of their intent to appeal, to CAPCOG's Executive Director and the sitting CJAC Chair at least 24-hours before the CAPCOG Executive Committee's scheduled meeting where the CJAC priority list of applications recommended for funding consideration will be approved.
 - b. The Appellant must demonstrate that the error caused the application (or a portion of the application) to receive a low score that prevented the application from being recommended to PSO for funding consideration.
 2. Letters and phone calls of support will NOT be considered as part of the official appeal process.
 3. Upon receipt of all requested documentation supporting the appeal, the Executive Director may place the appeal on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Executive Committee.

4. The Chair, Vice Chair, or designated representative from the CJAC will be present at the Executive Committee meeting that includes the appeal agenda item.
 5. The decision of the Executive Committee will be the final action concerning all appeals.
 6. The CJAC members will receive a copy of the written appeal, notification of the Executive Committee meeting of which the appeal has been placed on the agenda and will be notified of the action taken by the Executive Committee regarding the appeal.
- B. The Office of the Governor, PSO does not have an appeals process for grant applicants. All PSO funding decisions are made at the sole discretion of the Office of the Governor and are final.

Revised by Vote December 14, 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: #7 Consider Approving Funding Recommendations for 2024 Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (WF/VAWA) Criminal Justice Grants

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The Violence Against Women Justice and Training program (WF/VAWA) is one of six grant categories administered by the Office of the Governor (OOG) that CAPCOG's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) reviews each year. This year, 7 applications were submitted for a total of \$868,903.03 requested. The CJAC reviewed the applications, heard presentations from the applicants and scored each application in accordance with the policy that was adopted by the Executive Committee in December 2022. At its March 22 meeting, the CJAC determined the method to use for recommending funding for the grant applications. Those funding recommendations are attached to this item.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: NA

Is item already included in fiscal year budget?

Yes

No

Does item represent a new expenditure?

Yes

No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase?

Yes

No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? n/a

PROCUREMENT: NA

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider approving funding recommendations for Violence Against Women Justice and Training program (WF/VAWA) Criminal Justice Grants for Plan Year 2024

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Summary of WF/VAWA Project Scores, Ranking, Funding Requests, and Funding Recommendations
2. Project Summary Sheets for WF/VAWA Applications

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED:

Memo regarding scoring included in first agenda item for VOCA projects.

VAWA Grant Requests for Plan Year 2024

REGIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$292,142.54

	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Grant #</u>	<u>\$ Requested</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Recommended Funding</u>	<u>Footnotes</u>
Recommend Funding and Within RBE	1	Burnet County	4772901	\$57,054.00	83.09	\$57,054.00	
	2	Williamson County	4219103	\$123,900.00	82.55	\$57,401.61	
	3	City of Austin	3599506	\$107,313.00	81.00	\$107,313.00	
Recommend Funding if Available After RBE	4	SAHELI dba Asian Family Support Services of Austin	4233903	\$283,670.69	79.09	\$283,670.69	
	5	City of Cedar Park	4863301	\$14,322.00	78.00	\$14,322.00	
	6	Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center	4277403	\$100,856.84	77.91	\$100,856.84	
Do Not Recommend Funding	7	Brave Alliance Mission	4745001	\$181,791.50	0.00	\$0.00	1

¹ Did not attend mandatory grant-writing workshop



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: BURNET COUNTY

eGrants Application Identification Number: 47729-01

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE

Project Title: WOMEN'S VICTIM ADVOCATE

Requested Amount: \$57,054

Percent of Agency Budget: .1083223%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

THIS PROJECT IS NOT PART OF ANOTHER PROJECT. THE POSITION REQUESTED WOULD SPEND 100% OF THE PROJECT REQUESTED.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

BURNET COUNTY GENERAL FUND WILL BE USED FOR THE MATCH FOR THIS PROJECT. THE TOTAL PROJECT IS \$81,508. GRANT REQUEST IS \$57,054. MATCH AMOUNT IS \$24,454, THIS MATCH AMOUNT IS 30% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT AND 37.4% OF THE GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

THIS IS NOT A CONTINUATION. THIS IS A REQUEST FOR A NEW POSITION FOR BURNET COUNTY.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

THIS IS NOT A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROJECT, HOWEVER THE WOMEN'S VICTIM ADVOCATE WILL COLLABORATE WITH THE BURNET AND MARBLE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENTS WHEN REQUESTED.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

THESE SERVICES ARE PART OF THE BURNET COUNTY SHERIFF WHICH IS A PERMANENT FACILITY.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

BURNET COUNTY TRIES TO BUDGET TO ABSORB THE POSITION AFTER THE THREE YEARS OF ALLOWED FUNDING POSSIBILITIES. THIS HAS BEEN DIFFICULT IN THE PAST WHEN THE BUDGET IS BEING BUILT FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR. WITH THAT BEING SAID BURNET COUNTY RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS POSITION AND WOULD ABSORB THE POSITION TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

REDUCING THE GRANT PORTION WOULD BE PUTTING A BURDEN ON THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR, HOWEVER BURNET COUNTY RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS POSITION AND WOULD ABSORB THE DIFFERENCE TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

BURNET COUNTY'S POPULATION IS 50,954. FEMALES ARE 50.7% OF THE POPULATION. THE OVERALL POPULATION IS 93.9% WHITE, 2.1% BLACK, 1.3% AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE, 1% ASIAN, 1% NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER, 1.5% OF TWO OR MORE RACES. HISPANIC OR LATINO IS 23% AND NON-HISPANIC IS 72.6%.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

a. [EEOC]

On 2/23/23 Total Employees 405. 2 or .494% are American Indian or Alaskan Native; 9 or .022% are Black or African American; 1 or .247%; 1 or .247% stated Other; 41 or 10.123% are white with Hispanic or Latino decent; 351 or 86.667% are white non Hispanic or Latino decent this totals 392 or 96.790% white;



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Williamson County District Attorney's Office
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4219103
Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: Special Victims Unit Felony Prosecutor
Requested Amount: 123,900.00
Percent of Agency Budget: 2.041%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

This project is not associated with any other project. However, the law enforcement officers, advocates and other members of our Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) that receive training and information from this Special Victims Unit Felony Prosecutor serve survivors in other jurisdictions.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

The total cost of the project is \$177,000. We are seeking \$123,900 from the OOG with the remaining \$53,100 being covered by Williamson County.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

From 2017-2021, an average of 31 adult sexual assault (ASA) cases were filed. In 2022, the first full calendar year of this grant position, 43 ASA cases were filed. From 2017-2021, an average of 4 convictions were obtained on ASA cases. In 2022, 12 convictions were obtained on ASA. From 2017-2021, 1 ASA case went to jury trial. In 2022, 3 ASA cases went to jury trial, all of which resulted in felony convictions and sex offender registration for the defendants.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

N/A. This prosecutor handles adult sexual assault cases solely within Williamson County.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
The Special Victims Unit Felony Prosecutor is housed in a permanent location within the Williamson County District Attorney's Office.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
Our long-term plan is that Williamson County will absorb the full cost of the position.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
A 10% reduction would make the salary of this prosecutor less than her current salary.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

As of 2020, Williamson County was made up the following residents:

58.3% White (non-Hispanic)	6.40% African American
17.4% White (Hispanic)	3.03% Other
7.30% Multiracial	0.34% American Indian & Native Alaskan
7.09% Asian	0.12% Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
a. [EEOC]

As of 2023, Williamson County employees are made up the following:

69% White (non-Hispanic)	7.3% African American
21% White (Hispanic)	<1% American Indian & Native Alaskan
<1% Multiracial	<1% Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander
1.6% Asian	



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: City of Austin

eGrants Application Identification Number: 3599506 (Submitted as 7435001)

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE

Project Title: APD VAWA Investigative Project

Requested Amount: \$107,313

Percent of Agency Budget: Less than 1%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CIAC would want to know about?

No, this is a stand alone project.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

This is a stand alone project with line items totalling \$107,313. All items are currently unbudgeted and the City requests VAWA funding to cover 100% of the CID request. The City's general operating budget will provide the 30% match.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

This is a new project.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

This project will take place in one jurisdiction (City of Austin Police Department).

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Services are community based, not at a temporary or permanent facility.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

The City is requesting 100% of project funds for year 1 (FY24). If programming is viewed as successful by next January, the City will request 80% of project funds for year 2 (FY25) and will cover 20% of costs. If the City continues to see anticipated impacts, we will return in year 3 and request 60% of project funds (with local government dollars or other sources covering 40% of costs).

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

A 10% reduction would result in revising supply line unmet needs and altering the scope of programming.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

- a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

City of Austin demographics (www.census.gov):

White (66.4%), Black (7.7%), American Indian / Alaska Native (.8%), Asian (8.2%), Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander (0%), Hispanic / Latino (33.1%), two or more races (8.7%).

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

- a. [EEOC]

Domestic Violence Unit

(31 members total-4 CRASH, 16 Dets, 2 Sgts, 9 Victim Service Counselors & Supervisor)

W/F=6, H/M=5, H/F=1, B/M=3, B/F=1, A/M=1, W/M=9, Pacific Islander/F=1, Pacific Islander/M=1

Sex Crimes Unit

(29 members total-20 dets, 3 Sgts, 1 analyst, and 5 Victim Services Counselors & Supervisor)

W/M=17, W/F=3, H/F=7, A/F=1, B/M=1



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: SAHELI, INC. dba ASIAN FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES OF AUSTIN
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4233903
Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [x] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: Regional Culturally Responsive Justice Services for Asian/Immigrant Victims
Requested Amount: \$283,670.69
Percent of Agency Budget: 7%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CIAC would want to know about?

AFSSA was formed to break the cycle of violence in Asian communities in the CAPCOG region. This project lifts up our justice systems outreach effort, so every person play their part in responding to the needs of limited English speaking, marginalized victims of violence in marginalized localities.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Government Grants
 Texas Health and Human Services \$183,420.00 4%
 Texas Office of Attorney General \$190,165.00 5%
 Texas Office of the Governor (DVS) \$1,749,756.00 43%
 Texas Office of the Governor (VAWA) \$283,670.00 7%
 US Dept. of Justice OJJW \$494,100.00 12%
 Texas Assoc. Against Sexual Assault \$250,000.00 6%
 US Health and Human Services/ API GBV \$175,000.00 4%
 Total Government Grants \$3,326,111.00 81%

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

Output Measures	Target Level	Total
Number of criminal justice professionals trained.	80	161
Number of non-criminal justice professionals trained.	60	82
Number of training events provided.	6	14

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

All cities, counties, ISDs, and unincorporated areas within the CAPCOG 10-county region which includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Services are provided through permanent facilities; we primarily travel to the location of the justice agency (police department, court, etc) or connect virtually, depending on the needs of the justice agency.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

AFSSA will continue to seek government grants designated for culturally-specific domestic/sexual violence service agencies, and government grants designated for victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and trafficking for the broader population. AFSSA will continue to build on two successful years of increasing philanthropic funds through foundations and major individual gifts. Our goal is to raise 30%+ of our budget from private philanthropic sources.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

The ultimate impact would be determined in Oct. 2023 when all agency fund sources are confirmed. At that time, if a reduction in funds is material and a firm value/number is established, AFSSA would prioritize: 1. direct services, for safety of clients and community members currently in our care vis a vis need for service reductions or geographic limitations; 2. other funder imposed restrictions and appeals for flexibility; 3. emergency appeals to potential other funders.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

80% Asian
10% Latino
5% Black
5% White
0% Native American

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

Asian-73%
Latino-10%
Black -7%
White-10%
Native American-0%



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: City of Cedar Park

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4863201 (VOCA) & 4863301 (VAWA)

Fund Source Requested: [/] VOCA [/] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE

Project Title: PY24 Victim Assistance & FY 24 Violence Against Women Justice and Training

Requested Amount: \$59,774.00 (VOCA) & \$14,322.00 (VAWA)

Percent of Agency Budget: 1%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CIAC would want to know about?

This project has initiated to improve the life of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. For the year of 2023, three different conferences are schedule. Each will focus on crime against woman, crimes against children and end of violence against woman internationally. Each of those conferences the detectives and our two victim services advocates will learn better skills to help the victims within the Cedar Park Community.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

(VOCA) City of Cedar Park PD - 20% OOG - 80%

(VAWA) City of Cedar Park PD - 30% OOG - 70%

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

This program has continue to serve survivors of violence in Cedar Park. In 2022, Cedar Park Victim Services Division Services Division provided servives, referrals and support to 300 victims. Services continue to provide to survivors throughout the criminal cases and after. In 2022, Cedar Park received over 400 Cases involving Assaults, Aggravated Assault, intimidation/continuous violence against family, and strangulation. Cases involving injury to a child etc

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

This funding focus and serve survivors of violent crimes in Cedar Park

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Both, Cedar Park Victim Services Division work with multiple partners agencies to service survivors. Services are provided to address their immediate safety such as shelters, emergency protective orders etc then referrals to therapy, counselings, food community resources and monthly follow ups. These services include 24/7/365 response by the coordinator and volunteer advocates.
6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
We took pride in the commitment we made to our victim/survivors, which is safety and services. Our long term plan for this funding is to provide education, outreach in the community ,yearly training to our detectives and victim services personels. Funding will support the salary of the Victim Services Coordinator and the costs associated with outreach efforts and trainings.
7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
A 10% reduction in funding would result in the City having to provide additional matching funds to complete both VOCA & VAWA projects.
8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
 - a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
Forty percent of our cases in 2022 ranges from Black/African American, Hispanic Latino, Asian and other Races. We took pride in the commitment we serve and the services we provided for our survivors. Striving to achieve cultural competence is a dynamic and ongoing process for the Victim Services Division. We aiming to serve different demographic in 2023 because the population in Cedar Park is growing.
9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
 - a. [EEOC]
Our staffs including volunteers ranges from different age groups, demographics, languages and different cultural background. Our Victim Services Division consist of one coordinator, one advocate and six active volunteers. our Victim Services Coordination African-American speaks four languages, volunteers Hispanic-Latinos and other races.



CAPCOG Application Review Project Summary Sheet

"This should be no more than 2 pages in length (back and front)"

Organization Name: Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4277403
Fund Source Requested: WF-Violence Against Women Formula Grants
Project Title: Community Coordination and Training Program
Requested Amount: \$100,856.84

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?
 - a. No, the Community Coordination and Training Program is a standalone project.
2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.
 - a. The Community Coordination and Training Program is primarily funded by VAWA.
3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
 - a. In the last year Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center (HLFCC) conducted 19 training events to 177 area professionals.
4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.
 - a. Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center serves Blanco, Burnet and Llano counties.
5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
 - a. Services are provided in permanent facilities.
6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
 - a. Since FY19 Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center (HLFCC) has increased the agency's fundraising efforts by 210%, HLFCC has also sought out local and community-based grants for additional funding for the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Services project. HLFCC also operates the Good Neighbor Thrift Store which has increased its revenue by 84% in the past 24 months. In the long-term Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center will continue to increase fundraising efforts and seek out additional local, state, and national grant funding to support this project.
7. What would the impact of a reduction in funding be on this project?
 - a. Any funding reduction in excess of 15% would result in a reduction in workforce, along with the subsequent reduction in service capacity and the ability to meet deliverables.
8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
 - a. This project is geared toward training criminal justice professionals, medical professionals, and other community partner agencies to recognize, and respond to victims of domestic and sexual violence in a victim centered and trauma informed manner. 63% of trainees will be in criminal justice professionals and the remaining 37% of individuals trained will be comprised of community partner agency staff.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

Demographic	% of Staff
Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Female: 96%• Male: 4%
Age	Age Bands: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18-24: 4%• 25-59: 73%• 60+: 23%
Race/Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Indian or Alaska Native: 1%• Black or African American: 8%• White: 83%• Multiple Races/Other: 8%• Hispanic: 16%
Speaks another language other than English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French: 8%• Arabic: 4%• Other: 12%• Spanish: 16%

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: #8 Consider Approving Funding Recommendations for 2024 Truancy Prevention (TP) Criminal Justice Grants

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The Truancy Prevention (TP) grant program is one of six grant categories administered by the Office of the Governor (OOG) that CAPCOG's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) reviews each year. This year, 6 applications were submitted for a total of \$2,406,103.43 requested. The CJAC reviewed the applications, heard presentations from the applicants and scored each application in accordance with the policy that was adopted by the Executive Committee in December 2022. At its March 22 meeting, the CJAC determined the method to use for recommending funding for the grant applications. Those funding recommendations are attached to this item.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: NA

Is item already included in fiscal year budget?

Yes

No

Does item represent a new expenditure?

Yes

No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase?

Yes

No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? n/a

PROCUREMENT: NA

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider approving funding recommendations for Truancy Prevention (TP) Criminal Justice Grants for Plan Year 2024

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Summary of TP Project Scores, Ranking, Funding Requests, and Funding Recommendations
2. Project Summary Sheets for TP Applications

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED:

Memo regarding scoring included in first agenda item for VOCA projects.

TP Grant Requests for Plan Year 2024

REGIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$1,541,548.33

Rank	Applicant	Grant #	\$ Requested	Score	Recommended Funding	Footnotes
1	Blanco ISD	4743201	\$19,151.35	87.42	\$19,151.35	
2	Del Valle ISD	4741201	\$391,480.00	76.75	\$391,480.00	
3	City of Austin	4808701	\$401,937.98	73.42	\$401,937.98	
4	Manor ISD	3887205	\$921,120.00	70.78	\$0.00	1
5	Austin ISD	4777801	\$648,114.10	0.00	\$0.00	2
6	City of Smithville	4806201	\$24,300.00	0.00	\$0.00	3

Recommend Funding
and Within RBE

Do Not Recommend
Funding

¹ Fifth year of funding

² Did not make presentation to CJAC

³ Did not submit required project summary sheet

TP

Project Summary Sheets

Included:

<u>Grant #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
4743201	Blanco ISD
4741201	Del Valle ISD
4808701	City of Austin
3887205	Manor ISD
4777801	Austin ISD

Not submitted by applicant:

4806201	City of Smithville
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CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Blanco Independent School District (BISD)
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4743201
Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE
Project Title: Truancy Prevention Project
Requested Amount: \$19,151.35
Percent of Agency Budget: .1%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

Kat Staas, BISD Truancy Interventionist, splits her time between truancy prevention activities and student wellness activities within BISD. The Truancy Prevention Project proposed grant will fund 25% of her current salary, for truancy interventions. The other 75% of her salary is funded by BISD and through the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) federal grant. Ms. Staas works as the Student Wellness Assistant. She provides prevention education for students and community members.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

BISD is requesting \$11,084.45 for Personnel to cover 10 hours/week or 25% of the truancy interventionist's salary. BISD is requesting \$7,500 for Network and Server Software and/or Licenses to purchase Project Truancy, a customizable web-based program that will streamline the attendance reporting process district-wide. BISD is requesting \$566.90 for Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses to pay for printer paper and ink for printing attendance reports.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

N/A

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

N/A

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Services are provided through permanent facilities, Blanco Independent School District campuses

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

The Blanco Independent School District will continue to fund this part-time position if grant funding is no longer available.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

A 10% reduction in funding would eliminate the printer paper and ink from the budget. In addition, a portion of the Project Truancy web-based computer software would be eliminated or a lower price would be negotiated.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

American Indian/Alaskan - 2

Asian - 3

Black/African American - 8

Hispanic/Latino - 452

White - 594

Hawaiian/Pacific Islander - 1

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9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

American Indian/Alaskan - 7

Asian - 3

Black/African American - 0

Hispanic/Latino - 28

White - 139

Hawaiian/Pacific Islander - 0



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Del Valle Independent School District
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4741201
Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: Del Valle ISD Truancy Prevention Program
Requested Amount: \$391,480.00
Percent of Agency Budget: Less than 1%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

The joint effort between Del Valle ISD's Re-Engagement team and transportation department is expected to have a major influence in lowering the number of students who miss school or leave before graduation. By providing dependable transportation, they aim to improve student attendance and prevent dropouts. Furthermore, the collaboration of these departments is likely to result in a smoother and more united solution to these issues.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

N/A

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

N/A

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

Cities:

Austin, Texas

Creedmoor, Texas

Counties:

Travis County

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Services will be provided through existing Del Valle ISD buildings and student homes.
6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
Our contractor can consider utilizing fee-for-service as a means of generating income, while the district will continue searching for additional sources of funding.
7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
This reduction in the number of McKinney Vento (homeless) students receiving support for their chronic absences would have an impact on the utilization of a notification system for attendance letters.
8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
Hispanic 83.44%
Black African American 8.87%
Asian 1.23%
American Indian-Alaskan Native 4.54%
Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander 0.06%
Two or More Races 1.78%
9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
a. [EEOC]
White 49.4%
Hispanic 41.4%
African American 6.5%
Pacific Islander 0.3%
Asian 1.7%
Two or More Races 0.6%



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: City of Austin-Austin Public Health
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4808701
Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE
Project Title: Go ATX Youth Project
Requested Amount: 401,938.00
Percent of Agency Budget: .54%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

All project components are described with this application. This project is not part of another.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

There are no other sources of funding for the proposed project.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
N/A

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

This project will serve youth in Travis, Hays, and Williamson Counties.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Services will be provided through local schools (permanent facilities).

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
The City will consider other potential grant opportunities and may commit general operating funds to continue activity considered promising or successful under this project.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
A 10% reduction in funding will mean the project participant numbers will be lowered in effort to not compromise the services outlined in the project.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
 - a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
Program is intended to serve 55% Hispanic/Latino, 30% Black/African American, and 15% White or Asian.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
 - a. [EEOC]
The City of Austin's staff demographics are as follows: 47% white, 33% Hispanic/Latino, 8% Black or African American, and 7% Asian. The City of Austin has 50.7% male and 49.3% female employees.



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Manor ISD

eGrants Application Identification Number: 3887205

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE

Project Title: Truancy Prevention Program

Requested Amount: \$921,120

Percent of Agency Budget: 0.7%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

Manor ISD proposes to continue its collaboration with Communities In Schools to provide evidenced-based, tiered truancy prevention services at twelve high-needs schools.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Manor ISD continues to contribute the same amount of Title I and State Comp Ed funding to the CIS contract, totaling \$1,717,343. Forty-one percent of the CIS contract is funded from the Truancy Prevention Program, Manor ISD is able to fund \$326,304 about 20% of the contract, and CIS funds the remaining \$129,247. This grant does not take the place of existing district funding sources. It has allowed us to expand schools, services and additional truancy focused staff.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
With the support of the Truancy Prevention Grant, 74% of case managed students were identified as needing behavioral support improvements in behavior. 96% of case managed students graduated or were promoted to the next grade. 95% of case-managed high school seniors graduated. As a result, these services and their experience with CIS, 98% of guardians said that CIS helped them stay connected to their students & school, and 97% stated that CIS helped their children.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.
Manor ISD serves residences of Manor, TX as well as transfer students the reside in Elgin, Del Valle, and Austin areas.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
 Permanent Facilities-All services are provided within the district (campus based)
6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
 Manor ISD continues to explore innovative options to finance CIS and other services funded by the Truancy Prevention Grant, as well as incorporating specific line items into our local budget. In 2022-2023 the district was able to fully fund CIS using local funds on an additional campus (Manor New Tech Middle School). At this time the Truancy Prevention Grant is our main source to provide services to such a large number of at-risk students.
7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
 \$829,008-A reduction in funding would have a direct impact on our scholars that are involved in CIS. Manor ISD has 17 schools, 12 of which have CIS program managers. Losing the additional funding would eliminate 3 programs from 12 campuses. Ultimately, being a disservice to students that are already involved in the program. CIS brings resources such as mental health counseling, teaching coping skills, goal setting strategies, academics and overcoming barriers to graduate.
8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
 a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
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|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Hispanic-65.6% | Title 1-48.9% | Female-48.8% |
| White-6.9% | At-risk-80.3% | |
| African American-20.2% | Eco.Dis-79.1% | Male-51.2% |
| Asian-4.0% | Homeless-2.2% | |
| 2+ races-2.8% | Foster-0.3% | |
| American Indian-0.3% | EB/EL-44.7% | |
| Pacific Islander-0.1% | | |
9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
 a. [EEOC]
 Manor ISD has a total Staff count of 1,250 employees
 Teachers by Ethnicity
 *African-American 19.6% *Hispanic 30.1%. *White 44.5%. *American Indian 0.5%
 *Asian 1.7%. *Pacific Islander 0.5%. *Two or More Races 3.2%
 *Males 30.6%. *Females 69.4%



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Austin Independent School District
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4777801
Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [✓] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: Campus-based Case Management to Reduce Chronic Absenteeism
Requested Amount: \$648,114.1
Percent of Agency Budget: 0%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

The proposed project is renewal of a project from a grant the district received from 2019-2022 that focused on high school absenteeism. The approach for this project has been modified to expand eligibility to include all school campuses based on identified needs, using a data-informed approach to selecting participating campuses.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

If selected, the Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Grant program would be the sole funder for this program.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

Number of youth completing program requirements = 393
Number of youth served, considered truant, referred to truancy court = 22
Number of youth served, considered truant, avoided truancy referral = 108
Number of youth served, no longer considered truant = 112

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

N/A

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Permanent

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

Ideally, long-term funding would potentially include local funding.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

A reduction of funding by 10% would have a project impact of a comparable reduction in the number of campus-based case managers employed. This reduction would result in less campuses and students receiving services. The reduction of campuses and students would be relative to the reduction of funding.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

AISS Student Population:

Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander 4.5%

Black/African American 6.6%

Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx 55%

White/Caucasian/European 30.1%; Additional Ethnicities 3.8%

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

AISS Teacher Population

Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander 9%

Black/African American 29.9%

Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx 37.5%

White/Caucasian/European 73.4%

Additional Ethnicities 1%

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: #9 Consider Approving Funding Recommendations for 2024 Juvenile Justice (JJ) Criminal Justice Grants

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The Juvenile Justice (JJ) grant program is one of six grant categories administered by the Office of the Governor (OOG) that CAPCOG’s Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) reviews each year. This year, 6 applications were submitted for a total of \$235,255.56 requested. The CJAC reviewed the applications, heard presentations from the applicants and scored each application in accordance with the policy that was adopted by the Executive Committee in December 2022. At its March 22 meeting, the CJAC determined the method to use for recommending funding for the grant applications. Those funding recommendations are attached to this item.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: NA

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| Is item already included in fiscal year budget? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does item represent a new expenditure? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does item represent a pass-through purchase? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| If so, for what city/county/etc.? <u>n/a</u> | | |

PROCUREMENT: NA

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider approving funding recommendations for Juvenile Justice (JJ) Criminal Justice Grants for Plan Year 2024

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Summary of JJ Project Scores, Ranking, Funding Requests, and Funding Recommendations
2. Project Summary Sheets for JJ Applications

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED:

Memo regarding scoring included in first agenda item for VOCA projects.

JJ Grant Requests for Plan Year 2024

REGIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$235,255.36

Recommend Funding
and Within RBE

Recommend Funding
if Available After RBE

Rank	Applicant	Grant #	\$ Requested	Score	Recommended Funding	Footnotes
1	Williamson County	4249103	\$12,000.00	89.17	\$12,000.00	
2	Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Central Texas	4805601	\$50,000.00	84.75	\$50,000.00	
3	Council on At-Risk Youth	3385107	\$65,000.00	84.33	\$65,000.00	
4	Arc of the Capital Area	4454202	\$84,593.23	82.58	\$84,593.23	
5	American Youthworks	4469102	\$30,199.00	82.33	\$30,199.00	
6	Round Rock ISD	4769001	\$84,790.00	80.55	\$84,790.00	

JJ

Project Summary Sheets

Included:

<u>Grant #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
4249103	Williamson County
4805601	Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Central Texas
3385107	Council on At-Risk Youth
4454202	Arc of the Capital Area
4469102	American Youthworks
4769001	Round Rock ISD



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Williamson County
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4249103
Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE
Project Title: The Purpose Project
Requested Amount: \$12,000.00
Percent of Agency Budget: .09%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

No, the Purpose Project is a stand-alone project run and facilitated by non-profit organization, Catalyst Collective.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

The Purpose Project is currently receiving 2nd year seed funding in the amount of \$16,000 from CAPCOG to serve 50 youth with 300 hours of programming. This current application request is for 3rd year funding.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

Performance Measurements will be based on the following marks: Enroll 50 at-risk, students in the Purpose Project; Graduate 90% from the program; Divert students from entering the Juvenile Justice System: Youth enrolled in the project that have never been referred to Williamson County Juvenile Services will be monitored for entry into the Juvenile Justice system. Last year, the Purpose Project exceeded 50 students and 300 hours of programming.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

The Purpose Project serves youth who live in Williamson County. This includes the following cities: Austin, Cedar Park, Coupland, Florence, Georgetown, Granger, Hutto, Jarrell, Leander, Liberty Hill, Round Rock, Schwertner, Taylor, Thrall, and Weir. Youth are being referred from sources that includes but not limited to local school districts, municipal and justice of the peace courts, and community members.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Services are provided through a variety of avenues including online teleconferences and in person meetings that take place in public spaces throughout the community.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

Williamson County Juvenile Services have projects that started off with seed funding from CAPCOG that are now fully funded through county funding. This is the plan for long-term funding for The Purpose Project.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

While a 10% reduction will limit the amount of resources the project can provide, we are prepared to seek alternative funding to help meet the need if presented.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

- a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

Demographics will include youth between the ages of 10 and 17 years old. All ethnic and racial groups will be eligible for the program.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

- a. [EEOC]

The Purpose Project is staffed with individuals from various demographic groups and does not discriminate against race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, and disability. The Purpose Project is administered by non-profit, Catalyst Protective, a strong advocate and practitioner of diversity and inclusion. Specific demographic breakdowns can be provided upon request.



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4805601
Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE
Project Title: BBBS One-to-One Mentoring Program for At-Risk Youth (age 6+)
Requested Amount: \$50,000
Percent of Agency Budget: 2%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

This project is a primary part of the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas and is of utmost importance to our organization. It is part of an ongoing program to support Texas youth as described in the proposal.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Travis County Health & Human Services-\$140,000 (5%); Amachi Foundation-\$352,325 (12%); TX Dept of Families & Protective Services-\$59,885 (2%); Big Brothers Big Sisters of America/JJ-\$200,000 (7%); Powell Foundation-\$30,000 (1%); The Peirels Foundation-\$83,000

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

N/A

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Coryell, Hays, Lampasas, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

BBBS of Central Texas operates from a permanent facility but utilizes a community based mentoring model.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

BBBS of Central Texas is committed to a strategic and comprehensive fundraising program consisting of individual giving, grants and other sources.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

While the 10% would impact our organization in a detrimental fashion, we would still find a way to accomplish our mission.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

Currently, 50% of BBBS-mentored youth are Hispanic, 29% Black, 9% White, 7% Multi-Racial and 5% identify as Other

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

Hispanic Latino 13

White 7

Two or more 2

Other 3



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY)
eGrants Application Identification Number: 3385107
Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE
Project Title: PeaceRox
Requested Amount: 65000
Percent of Agency Budget: 4%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

The project we are requesting funding for is for one of CARYs 17 schools, Del Valle High School. The project is a stand-alone project that is replicated at each school served, using the same curriculum.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

The projected budget for CARY for FY24 is \$1,435,547. We are requesting \$65,000 which is 4% of the total agency budget and the project at one school is \$70,000. Other funding sources include the City of Austin - Office of Violence Prevention, COA - Community Youth Development, Travis County - Juvenile Justice Division, Manor ISD, Del Valle ISD, Austin ISD, St. David's Foundation, and Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

An 80% reduction in serious behavioral referrals on campus, a 60% increase in school attendance, and a 50% improvement in academic performance. These results-based measures align with the truancy and youth violence prevention that CAPCOGG prioritized for funding.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

CARY serves Austin, Del Valle, and Manor but for the project funding being proposed, Del Valle is the primary area served.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Services are provided by CARY youth advisors positioned at middle and high school facilities.
For this project, services are being provided at Del Valle High School.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
Long-term, CARY hopes to receive more sustainable support through multi-year contracts with state, county, government, and federal agencies. Additionally, CARY is focused on gaining corporate and private donors to close funding gaps.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
A 10% reduction in funding would result in a 10% reduction of services CARY would be able to offer. There would be a reduction in students served by 10% resulting in the program outcomes being reduced by 10%.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
 - a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
The proposed demographic breakdown of student based on previous evaluations of the CARY program are 43% black, 50% hispanic, and 7% white.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
 - a. [EEOC]
The demographic breakdown of the CARY staff is 55% white, 20% latino, 20% black, 5% Middle Eastern



CAPCOG Application Review Project Summary Sheet

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Organization Name: The Arc of the Capital Area
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4454202
Fund Source Requested: JJ
Project Title: Juvenile Justice Services
Requested Amount: \$84,593.23
Percent of Agency Budget: 2.8%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

In addition to the Juvenile Justice Services program, the following subprograms are included in our Family and Juvenile Transition Services portfolio:

- **Educational Advocacy:** provides advocacy services for students in public schools.
- **Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship:** provides support to adolescents with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are approaching the legal age of adulthood.
- **Adult Case Management:** provides support to adolescents with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are entering adulthood and reconnects adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to essential services and support.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Currently, there are no other sources of funding for the proposed JJS program

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

The Arc of the Capital Area's Juvenile Justice Services program has served 14 adolescents with IDD with the support of the CAPCOG Juvenile Justice and Truancy prevention grant program. Out of 14 clients, 13 clients are no longer truant since joining the program. Additionally, 12 students have been receiving services for a minimum of 60 days and 11 clients have remained in school and/or working during that time. Since the start of the program, case managers have attended 6 Special Education/Admission, Review, Dismissal (ARD) meetings.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

The Arc of the Capital Area's Juvenile Justice Services program currently serves the following counties in the Central Texas Community: Bastrop, Blanco, Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Grimes, Hays, Lampasas, Lee, Llano, Mills, San Saba, Travis, Washington, Williamson

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Intake/ referral is completed internally by the Juvenile Justice Services case managers and may be completed via phone, email, virtually, or in-person, at the client's discretion. Aside from the intake/referral process, JJS services are provided off-site (at the client's home, educational institution, and/or the courthouse).

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

To ensure the continuation of the services provided by the Juvenile Justice Services program, The Arc of the Capital Area will continue to submit grant applications to city corporate, and private grant-making organizations and will actively

engage in fundraising activities including but not limited to our annual art shows, raffles, golf tournaments, and our annual gala. As the number of Juveniles with intellectual and developmental disabilities continues to rise, increasing the capacity of the JJS program is critical to our program's sustainability plan. We are hopeful that some of the fundraising efforts mentioned above will be approved to assist us in expanding our programs to reach potential clients outside of our current service area. Furthermore, we anticipate that long-term funding for the JJS program will come from a wider circle of support over time.

7. What would the impact of a reduction in funding be on this project?

Since there are currently no additional sources of funding for the Juvenile Justice Services program, a reduction in funding for the JJS program would critically impact our organization's ability to deliver direct services to our clients. Your support remains critical to the success of our Juvenile Justice Services program as we continue to provide adolescents with intellectual and developmental disabilities the critical support necessary to remain in school, graduate, and transition into adulthood. Despite our fervent fundraising efforts (art shows, our annual gala, golf tournaments, etc.), the ongoing pandemic has caused us to cancel and/or severely limit the number of participants at our fundraising events which has critically impacted our organization's ability to reach our pre-pandemic funding goals. The Arc continues to provide services to this at-risk vulnerable population and the impact of your financial contribution remains vital as we expand the Juvenile Justice Services program outside of Travis County.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

The Arc of the Capital Area's Juvenile Justice program serves adolescents with intellectual and developmental disabilities ages 10-17. The program currently has 14 clients. The demographic breakdown of those clients is as follows:

Ethnicity

36% Hispanic
57% Non-Hispanic
7% Unknown

Race

14% Asian
21% Black or African American
14% two or more races
43% White or Caucasian
8% Unknown

Gender

71% Male
29% Female

Age

29% (ages 12-14)
57% (ages 15-17)
14% (ages 18-24)

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

The Arc of the Capital Area is an equal-opportunity employer that values and understands the importance of a diverse and inclusive workforce. We are committed to encouraging a deeper understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives in the work environment. Our organization is currently comprised of 34 staff members. The demographic breakdown of our staff is as follows:

Gender

82% Female
15% Male
3% Non-binary

Age

47% (ages 25-34)
21% (ages 35-44)
18% (ages 18-24)
9% (ages 45-54)
3% (ages 55-64)
3% (ages 65+)



CAPCOG Application Review Project Summary Sheet

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Organization Name: American YouthWorks
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4469102
Fund Source Requested: [TP/JJ] **Project Title:** New Start Restorative Justice Project
Requested Amount:
Percent of Agency Budget: 1.3%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

American YouthWorks' YouthBuild Austin (AYW-YB) is a community-based pre-apprenticeship program for young adults ages 16-24 not currently connected to education or employment. AYW-YB blends academics and hands-on vocational training with wrap-around support services and guided connections to employment and post-secondary education. In addition, the Restorative Justice Case Manager would support the implementation of a variety of Restorative Practices related to community-building, conflict resolution and managing problematic behaviors at our campus, integrating Restorative Justice Practices into the broad spectrum of Behavioral and Mental Health services available through YouthBuild programming.

Young adults who left high school before graduation have often experienced the trauma and stress of violence, poverty, homelessness and time spent in the foster care or criminal justice system. They often come to AYW-YB with behavioral issues and problems with emotional regulation that negatively impact completion of training and retention in employment. Traditional methods of addressing these behaviors: punishments, suspensions and expulsions, are rarely effective in engaging and motivating these young people to work towards a better future. Restorative Justice is an innovative, evidence-based practice that shifts the emphasis from blame and punishment to responsibility and accountability while promoting social-emotional learning and building communication skills.

AYW-YB's pre-apprenticeship vocational training is designed to align with Austin Metro Area Community Workforce Plan, with training programs in Construction/Skilled Trades, IT, Healthcare and Manufacturing. Trainees spend half of their time in our Diploma or GED programs and 16-20 hours/week engaged in vocational training. This integrated vocational program is supported by an array of support services to boost attendance, successful completions and placements, including individualized case management, adult mentoring, life skills, Leadership, financial literacy and robust post-program support for alumni.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Funder	amount	percent
Department of Labor	\$ 625,000.00	26%
Texas Workforce Commission	\$ 245,414.00	10%
Workforce Solutions - WERC	\$ 201,697.00	8%
Workforce Solutions - ReWorkNOW	\$ 236,000.00	10%
Travis County HHS	\$ 145,000.00	6%
AmeriCorps State & National	\$ 374,500.00	16%
GoodWill (WIOA Youth Services)	\$ 60,000.00	2%
ACC Adult Education & Literacy	\$ 57,800.00	2%
City of Austin-Technology Opportunities	\$ 21,254.00	1%
Anonymous Donor Foundation	\$ 150,000.00	6%
Orsinger Foundation	\$ 55,000.00	2%

United Way	\$ 60,000.00	2%
City of Austin-Violence Prevention	\$ 64,890.00	3%
Sooch Foundation	\$ 50,000.00	2%
Taco Bell Foundation	\$ 25,000.00	1%
Bank of America Foundation	\$ 35,000.00	1%
TOTAL	\$ 2,406,555.00	100%

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

Output Measures	Target Level	9/1/22 - 1/31/23
Number of hours of service completed by program youth.	10,000	5398
Number of program youth served and considered truant prior to this period who have been referred to a truancy court as defined in Sec. 65.004 Texas Family Code	0	0
Number of program youth served and considered truant prior to this period who have not been referred to a truancy court as defined in Sec. 65.004 Texas Family Code	0	0
Number of program youth served who are no longer truant during this period	60	40
Number of program youth served who were considered truant prior to this period	75	46
Number of program youth served.	80	46
Outcome Measures		
	Target Level	
Number of program youth completing program requirements.	60	22
Number of program youth who offend or reoffend.	7	0
CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE		
	TARGET LEVEL	
Number of youth attaining GED or highschool diploma	45	21
Number of youth continuing in GED or high school diploma	20	18
Number of youth completing vocational certification	65	22
Number of youth placed in employment or post-secondary education	40	6

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

AYW-YouthBuild serves Travis & surrounding counties, mostly Williamson, Bastrop,

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

NO

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

For over 30 years, AYW has grown our educational and workforce development programming by building a diverse portfolio of funding sources: blending Federal, State & Local, Corporate, Foundation and Individual support with Fee-for-Service projects to create a solid fiscal foundation. Many of these funders have supported our work for many years as we have built a reputation for effective programming and consistently reliable reporting. AYW has continuously operated a YouthBuild program since 1994 and workforce development for opportunity youth is integral to our agency mission. While individual grants or contracts may vary, the trend is stability and steady growth.

AYW-YB receives federal funding from DOL ASN and DOJ-OJJDP. State funding from TEA and TWC- AEL supports our HS Diploma & GED programs. Local workforce development funding comes from the City of Austin, Travis County and Workforce Solutions-Capital Area (WFS). United Way for Greater Austin has is a strong supporter of our 2-Gen program. Corporate and private support comes from Bank of America, Taco Bell, and numerous private foundations.

We are committed to meeting local needs by providing sector-aligned, integrated academic and vocational training designed to connect economically disadvantaged youth with middle-skill career opportunities. Our strength and stability comes from our efforts to fully integrate our YouthBuild program into the local workforce development systems. We have achieved this through active, on-going relationships with WFS, Austin Community College, local employers and city/county workforce development efforts, demonstrated by our

alignment with the goals and strategies outlined in WFS's Hire Local Plan, THECB's 60x30TX and the Tri-Agency Report, "Prosperity Requires Being Bold".

7. What would the impact of a reduction in funding be on this project?

Reducing funding for a Restorative Justice Case Manager, would mean increased caseloads for case managers and less specific focus on the needs and challenges of court-involved and system-impacted youth, potentially reducing positive outcomes, such as graduation and placement in employment or post-secondary education.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

- a. [36% White; 9% Black; 40% Latino; 1% Asian; 1% Native American; 12% multi-racial]
- b. [51% Male, 48% Female 1% Transgender]

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

- a. AYW-YouthBuild staff is 46% male/54% female; 61% White; 23% Black; 12% Hispanic and 4 % Asian



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Round Rock ISD

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4769001

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP (-) CSE

Project Title: Youth Crime Prevention

Requested Amount: \$84,790

Percent of Agency Budget: 2%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

The project will be of interest of CJAC because the Teen Court and the case managers funded will work in close collaboration with Round Rock ISD's Behavioral Services Department, advancing CJAC's Mental Health priority. In addition to intervention and diversion, the program will help identify any underlying mental health or socioeconomic conditions that may contribute to a juvenile's behavior, and help connect them and their family with appropriate support.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

A grant from the OOG will serve as the initial pilot funding for this program. The seed funding from OOG and the impact of the first year of the program will position Round Rock ISD to aggressively pursue funding from other sources in support of the program.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

n/a

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

Round Rock ISD serves Travis County and Williamson. Students are located in Round Rock, Austin and areas of Cedar Park.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

The case managers will work from permanent facilities within Round Rock ISD. The Teen Court will take place at a permanent facility in the community. Round Rock ISD will secure this location before the program starts in September 2023.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

The long-term plan for funding is to make this an integral component of Round Rock ISD. Evidence of reduction in recidivism from at-risk students will substantiate the value that the Teen Court and case managers bring to the district. Juvenile crime creates a financial burden to the district and the community. If the program can demonstrate impact, Round Rock ISD PD will have a strong case to eventually incorporate this work into its agency budget.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

The pilot would still be able to operate; however, it would result in reduced hours for the case managers on the project. This would translate to a reduction in the case load for each case manager and fewer students served.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

The student body within the Round Rock ISD is culturally diverse. The district's student population is roughly 9% African American, 30% Hispanic, 36% White, .5% Native American, 20% Asian and 4.5% two or more races.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

a. [EEOC]

At a time when police departments across the country are facing shortages in hiring, RRISD PD has done a commendable job in recruiting a team of officers who are passionate in the shared interests of advancing student safety and wellbeing, while also aligning with the district's diversity. RRISD PD officers are: 4 African American; 6 Hispanic; 13 White; and 1 Asian.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: #10 Consider Approving Funding Recommendations for 2024 Criminal Justice Program (DJ/JAG) Criminal Justice Grants

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The Criminal Justice (DJ/JAG) grant program is one of six grant categories administered by the Office of the Governor (OOG) that CAPCOG’s Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) reviews each year. This year, 11 applications were submitted for a total of \$1,095,114.62 requested. The CJAC reviewed the applications, heard presentations from the applicants and scored each application in accordance with the policy that was adopted by the Executive Committee in December 2022. At its March 22 meeting, the CJAC determined the method to use for recommending funding for the grant applications. Those funding recommendations are attached to this item.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: NA

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| Is item already included in fiscal year budget? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does item represent a new expenditure? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does item represent a pass-through purchase? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| If so, for what city/county/etc.? | <u>n/a</u> | |

PROCUREMENT: NA

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider approving funding recommendations for Criminal Justice (DJ/JAG) Criminal Justice Grants for Plan Year 2024

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Summary of DJ/JAG Project Scores, Ranking, Funding Requests, and Funding Recommendations
2. Project Summary Sheets for DJ/JAG Applications

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED:

Memo regarding scoring included in first agenda item for VOCA projects.

JAG Grant Requests for Plan Year 2024

REGIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$780,706.83

Rank	Applicant	Grant #	\$ Requested	Score	Recommended Funding	Footnotes
1	Lee County	4858601	\$77,646.75	87.30	\$77,646.75	
2	Travis County	4763801	\$140,673.60	83.80	\$140,673.60	
3	Blanco County	4786301	\$158,167.99	83.10	\$158,167.99	
4	LaGrange PD	4796201	\$71,113.12	78.30	\$71,113.12	
5	Pflugerville PD	4744301	\$156,309.64	75.90	\$156,309.64	
6	MELJI	4782501	\$131,500.00	72.30	\$131,500.00	
7	Smithville Community Clinic	4814101	\$100,000.00	71.60	\$100,000.00	
8	Burnet County	4773101	\$77,378.00	0.00	\$0.00	1
9	City of Bastrop	4786801	\$55,745.00	0.00	\$0.00	1
10	Austin ISD	4830001	\$51,480.00	0.00	\$0.00	1
11	Mustang Ridge Police Department	4856701	\$75,100.52	0.00	\$0.00	2

Recommend Funding
and Within RBE

Recommend Funding
if Available After RBE

Do Not Recommend
Funding

¹ Did not make required presentation to the CJAC
² Did not attend mandatory grant-writing workshop

JAG

Project Summary Sheets

Included:

<u>Grant #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
4858601	Lee County
4763801	Travis County
4786301	Blanco County
4796201	LaGrange PD
4744301	Pflugerville PD
4782501	MELJI
4814101	Smithville Community Clinic
4773101	Burnet County
4786801	City of Bastrop
4830001	Austin ISD

Not submitted by applicant:

4856701	Mustang Ridge Police Department
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CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: County of Lee

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4858601

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE

Project Title: Lee County Sheriff's Office Technology Improvement Project

Requested Amount: \$77,646.75

Percent of Agency Budget: 3%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

The overall goal of the LCSO's technology improvement project is to continue to keep Lee County citizens and LCSO personnel safe. Even though the project is a request for in-car laptops and computers, the positive impact, in the form of reducing officer/staff stress and increasing resources, will be witnessed for years to come. Deputies and staff will be able to effectively and safely serve Lee County communities and its citizens.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

The total project budget is \$77,646.75 to purchase in-car laptops, vehicle mounts, and computers. Other source of funding will be provided, in-kind, by the Lee County Sheriff's Office. This includes training for deputies and staff on how to utilize the software platforms and any additional maintenance costs, which is estimated to be around \$500 or less.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
N/A

This is a new project and not a continuation.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

Although this is not a multi-jurisdictional project, local governments and communities will directly benefit from this projects implementation. This includes the City of Giddings, the Town of Lexington, unincorporated communities (Corinth, Dime Box, Hills, Lincoln, Old Dime Box, Serbin), Dime Box, Elgin, Giddings, and Lexington Independent School Districts.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Services will be delivered via permanent facilities. These facilities include patrol units, Lee County Jail, the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
With the purchase of technology through the LCSO Technology Improvement Project, there will be additional costs associated with the long-term implementation of the project. This includes maintenance costs and the purchase of additional equipment once the purchased equipment reaches its end of life. With upgraded equipment and technology there will be an initial reduction in maintenance costs. This will allow LCSO to plan for future funding needs from the general fund.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
A 10% reduction in funding will result in a reduction of the overall purchasing budget. With this, less in-car laptop and computers units will be purchased. This could potentially impact one of the overall objectives of the project, which is to increase deputies' time spent on patrol and in the community, as well as, the ability of the jail staff to maintain reporting requirements. In addition, by incorporating any new units will improve deputies' daily operations.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

The demographic breakdown of the community served is listed below:

White: 86%
Black: 10.4%
Native American: 1.3%
Asian: .6%
Two or more races: 1.7%
Hispanic or Latino: 25.3%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino: 62.7%

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
a. [EEOC]

The demographic breakdown of staff is listed below:

White: 37
Black: 8
Hispanic or Latino: 4



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

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(back and front)"

Organization Name: TRAVIS COUNTY

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4763801

Fund Source Requested: [VOCA/VAWA/JAG/TP/JJ/CSE]

Project Title: CLEAN AIR TASK FORCE

Requested Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Percent of Agency Budget:

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

It has a community outreach/educational part. When a Constable pulls a vehicle over that has fake paper tags and the owner wasn't aware that there were fake paper tags, Constables provide information to the driver on how to remedy the situation.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Travis County provides salaries and benefits to the Constables on the Clean Air Task Force, but Travis County will not provide funds for requested equipment or overtime.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

Not a continuation

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

This equipment will be used by Travis County employees only; however, it may be used outside of Travis County in counties that border Travis County:

- Williamson County (north)
- Bastrop County (east)
- Caldwell County (south)
- Hays County (southwest)
- Blanco County (west)
- Burnet County (northwest)

There will be times when the Constables will assist other entities (FBI, State Troopers, Police Officers, Sheriffs, etc.) in other parts of Texas like Harris, Brazoria, Bexar, etc with their investigations or trainings regarding fraudulent paper tags.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

The Constables work out of a permanent facility and are permanently funded by Travis County to conduct law enforcement activities.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

This grant is a one-time request for equipment. The Clean Air Task Force will continue to operate as long as feasible. It has been downsized from a much larger unit due to budget constraints. The Constables are committed to the Clean Air Task Force with the expectation that Travis County will allocate more funding for the program in FY25.

7. What would the impact of a reduction in funding be on this project?

The equipment could not be purchased and would stall investigations and limit the number of investigations. Specifically, without the Undercover Lights, it is difficult for an officer to respond to an incident or request for officer assistance if one of the vehicles is blocked, and not able to get through traffic. It is also valuable to have this equipment because while in the field Constables are sometimes operating in areas and assigned to calls unrelated to our mission. It would be tragic if we were assigned to an incident such as an active shooter but could not get through traffic to assist.

Without Cellebrite, Constables would continue to depend on other agencies to access the data for them, which can take up to a year.

Without, Shot-Bot, they would try to find other ways to train. This equipment is invaluable for law enforcement training in determining if a situation is a Threat or No Threat, or Shoot, or no Shoot.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

- a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

The fake tags and clean scan impact everyone. These types of dealers usually take advantage of communities that are not wealthy, which are typically minorities and people who do not speak English by selling them unsafe vehicles and putting paper tags on the vehicles. White, Black, Latino, Asian, and anyone who does not have the funds or knowledge to purchase a vehicle from a reputable dealer are the usual targets of this crime. Since many of these vehicles are not safe, or they emit pollution, everyone is impacted by poor air quality and the possibility of being in an accident caused by an unsafe vehicle. These vehicles with paper tags are also used to commit crime that target all demographics. In addition, unsafe vehicles displaying tags have caused death to innocent people from all demographics; including police officers.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

The Clean Air Task Force staff is composed of 2 Hispanic, 3 Anglo (non-Hispanic) – all males. Two of the employees are over the age of 55. Three employees are between the ages of 30 and 50.



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Blanco County Constable Precinct 4
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4786301
Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: Precinct 4 Equipment
Requested Amount: \$158,167.99
Percent of Agency Budget: 250

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

No; however, a similar proposal to upgrade equipment for the Blanco County Precinct 1 Constable was recommended for funding by CJAC two years ago.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Approximately 33% of the amount requested here is budgeted in the fiscal year 2022 - 2023 Blanco County Constable Precinct 4 operating budget. Additional County support for the Precinct 4 Constable will be budgeted during the annual County budget preparation which will occur in June, 2023.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
Not Applicable

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

The Precinct 4 Constable will assist all other local (i.e. Cities of Johnson City and Blanco Police Departments, Blanco County Sheriff's Department) and regional law enforcement agencies (i.e. Burnet, Comal, Hays and Gillespie County Sheriff's Department), as well as all local/regional fire and EMS providers, as needed or requested.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Permanent; the Precinct 4 Constable Office is located in the Blanco County South Annex in the City of Blanco.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
County Maintenance and Operations budget funds for the Precinct 4 Constable Office will be utilized for on-going expenses associated with the equipment requested in our grant application.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
Specific items would be reviewed, and deleted as necessary, to achieve a reduction from the total amount requested. Those would need to be budgeted in the County budget for this department.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
 - a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
Blanco County residents are predominantly White, or Latino. but the public traveling through the county on the major traffic arteries (US 290 East-West and US 280 North-South) are of all races and nationalities.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
 - a. [EEOC]
Two part-time officers, both caucasian males.



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name:

eGrants Application Identification Number:

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE

Project Title: x

Requested Amount:

Percent of Agency Budget:

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about? This is the only CJAC grant that is being pursued by this agency

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed. Total budget \$71,113.21 for tactical patrol helmets and a taser package. The total budget is being funded by the grant and there are not any other provider agencies with any funding for this project.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last

year. There is not a continuation from last year this is the first year to apply for funding for

this project.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served. This is a single jurisdictional

funding project.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

There are no services provided through temporary or permanent

facilities.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding? Our long term plans

for this funding is to be a single time funded project to equip our

officers with tactical patrol helmets and a taser system.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project? The impact of a 10% reduction in funding on this project would mean that our officers would not have these badly needed tools to safely conduct their duties.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
a. {White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.}

White 56.64 %, Black 9.43 %, Latino 30.29 %, Asian 0.39 %, Native American/Alaska Natives

0.09 %, Bi Ethnic 2.87 %, Other Race 0.2 %, Pacific Islander 0.09 %

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC] Caucasian 100 %



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Pflugerville Police Department
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4744301
Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE
Project Title: Gangs and Violent Crime Enforcement Project
Requested Amount: \$156,309.64
Percent of Agency Budget: 0.98%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

The project does not have other components and is not part of another project that the CJAC would want to know.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

There are no other sources of funding for the proposed project.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

This is not a continuation project.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

This project is not multi-jurisdictional. The project focuses on the Pflugerville Police Department jurisdiction. However, portions of the City of Pflugerville are Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Additionally, there are areas of PPD jurisdiction with Round Rock addresses and Williamson County.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Services are not provided through temporary or permanent facilities.
6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
Long term plans for funding will include an increase to our PD budget based on statistical data obtained by this grant.
7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
A 10% reduction in funding on this project would have minimal impact at the current project funding request.
8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
White 59.3%
Black 16.4%
Hispanic 32.9%
Asian 7.1%
9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
a. [EEOC]
Current Commissioned Officers 92
White 55.2%
Hispanic 20.24%
Black 6.44%
Asian 2.76%



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: MELJ (Minorities for Equality in Economy, Education, Liberty and Justice)

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4782501

Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE

Project Title: MELJ Expansion

Requested Amount: 145,500

Percent of Agency Budget: 50%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

The actual expansion of the program into Hays County is the project, and the other components are keeping our Austin office operating smoothly and at full capacity (which includes other projects which are happening specifically in that office and outside of this grant request). Even if this new expansion project went really well and everything lined up perfectly with funding, resources, staff, etc. it wouldn't be worth as much if our Austin office fell into shambles.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

Burdine Johnson Foundation: \$30,000

City of San Marcos: \$40,000

St. David's Foundation: \$45,000

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
N/A

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

MELJ has worked and will continue to work in Travis, Bastrop and Williamson counties, for over two decades, as well as occasionally working in Caldwell/Hays County. With this previous grant and new monies received from private foundations we will continue to serve residents of Hays County.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
MELI has obtained office space with a lease from the City of Austin and had temporary office space in the City of San Marcos. We are still looking to obtain permanent office space in Hays County.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
Our long term plans are to implement a more consistent fee based structure for those that seek the assistance from our organization. We also are looking to be a "funded partner" for some of the agencies that we provide support to for their clientele because they are unable to give the support or services that are needed for those whom are labeled a "felon." We are also looking into long term funding with the US DOJ.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
Any loss of our requested ask is somewhat impactful, because we are requesting what we need to get this project running effectively. The 10% could mean that we wouldn't be able to fund a specific position at the proposed pay rate and typically our pay rates are under what most for profit entities pay.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
 - a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
Our clientele is extremely diverse. This past year we have worked with 45% Black, 40% Hispanic and 15% White

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
 - a. [EEOC]
Our staff is 50% Black, 25% Hispanic, and 25% White



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Smithville Community Clinic
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4814101
Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE
Project Title: Hope and Healing Married Men's Re-Entry Program
Requested Amount: \$140,673.60
Percent of Agency Budget: 25%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CIAC would want to know about?

This project will enhance our already established behavioral health program. Currently we have a staff of 10 mental health providers (licensed, provisionally licensed and non licensed) and see approximately 70 clients a week. We provide individual, group and family therapy. The staff working on this project will have specialized experience and education in working with client's engaged with corrections and specialized training in faith based marriage counseling.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

CAPCOG will be the only funding for the Hope and Healing Married Men's Re-Entry Program.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
n/a

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

Our services are offered via video therefore we can include participants from any city within the CAPCOG service area (Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, Williamson).

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Services will be provided through permanent facilities.
6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
We are continuously seeking new grants and donations to support the work we are doing. We have partnered with Americares, St. David's Foundation, Methodist Healthcare Ministries, United Way and other foundations to sustain our programs. We plan to continue to seek their assistance. Our local community is also a valuable resource including the hospital authority board, City of Smithville and other donors. We are hopeful that these resources will continue to support us.
7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
To adjust for a 10% reduction in funding we would need to eliminate the incentive program explained in the application and reduce the number of hours worked by the Executive Director and Clinical Supervisor.
8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
Eligible clients will be adult male inmates parolling to the CAPCOG service area who are married and have internet accessible in the home. At this time these services are only offered in Spanish, but we hope to offer Spanish speaking sessions in the future.
9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
a. [EEOC]
Our staff is 64% Caucasian, 21% Hispanic and 15% African American. 64% of our staff are female and 36% are male.



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: BURNET COUNTY

eGrants Application Identification Number: 47731-01

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JJ CSE

Project Title: License Plate Reader Project

Requested Amount: \$77,378

Percent of Agency Budget: .1469093%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

THIS PROJECT IS NOT PART OF ANOTHER PROJECT.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIRED

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

THIS IS NOT A CONTINUATION.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

THIS IS NOT A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROJECT, HOWEVER THE DATA RECEIVED BY THESE LICENSE PLATE READERS WILL BE USED BY OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO ASSIST THEM IN STOLEN VEHICLES, SUSPECT IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION AND MULTIPLE OTHER CRIMINAL CASES.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

THESES SERVICES ARE PART OF THE BURNET COUNTY SHERIFF WHICH IS A PERMANENT FACILITY.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

BURNET COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO ADD TO THE VEHICLES WHICH CONTAIN THE LICENSE PLATE READERS HOWEVER AT THIS TIME IT IS COST PROHIBITED.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

REDUCING THE GRANT PORTION WOULD BE CAUSE ONE OF THE READERS TO NOT BE PURCHASED. AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO BUDGET AVAILABLE TO PICK UP THE DIFFERENCE.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

BURNET COUNTY'S POPULATION IS 50,954. FEMALES ARE 50.7% OF THE POPULATION. THE OVERALL POPULATION IS 93.9% WHITE, 2.1% BLACK, 1.3% AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE, 1% ASIAN, 1% NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER, 1.5% OF TWO OR MORE RACES. HISPANIC OR LATINO IS 23% AND NON-HISPANIC IS 72.6%.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

On 2/23/23 Total Employees 405. 2 or .494% are American Indian or Alaskan Native; 9 or .022% are Black or African American; 1 or .247%; 1 or .247% stated Other; 41 or 10.123% are white with Hispanic or Latino decent; 351 or 86.667% are white non Hispanic or Latino decent this totals 392 or 96.790% white;



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Bastrop Police Department
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4786801
Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: 3D scanner
Requested Amount: \$55,745.00
Percent of Agency Budget: 1.31%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

We are seeking funding through the Homeland Security Grant for a drone and training for two officers. The drone can be used to download photographs into the 3D scanners software to assist with mapping out the scenes.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

We do not have any other funding source for this project.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
N/A

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

We are willing to assist any agency in the CAPCOG area by sending the scanner and an officer to assist them. Specifically, Bastrop County (Bastrop ISD PD, Elgin PD, Smithville PD, and the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office) are likely to request our assistance. As well as, agencies in Lee County (Giddings PD, Lexington PD, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office), as well as Fayette County (La Grange PD, Flatonia PD, Schulenburg PD, and the Fayette County Sheriff's Office).

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
Permanent.
6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
We have requested funds in this grant to purchase a three year maintenance plan for the hardware and to update the software. After that time, the Bastrop Police Department will re-evaluate the need for additional funding.
7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
10% of our project would be \$5,574.50. The lowest we could take off is \$5,452. This would change our three year service plan (\$6,290) down to a one year service plan at \$2,470. We would also have to cut our training from an on-site instructor for two days (\$5,200), down to a 1-2 person virtual training for \$3,568.
8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
2021 Census. Population of 10,434
White: 56.3%
Black or African American: 6.2%
Hispanic or Latino: 35.5%
Asian: 3.1%
American indian and Alaska Native: 0.9%
9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
a. [EEOC]
Including Peace officers and staff we have the following.
White: 18
Hispanic: 11
Black: 2



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Austin Independent School District
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4830001
Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [✓] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: Crisis Intervention Training Certification
Requested Amount: \$51,480
Percent of Agency Budget: 0%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CIAC would want to know about?

N/A

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

OOG's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) would be the sole funder of this project.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

Grant funds were used to support Crisis Intervention Training Certifications for AISD and neighboring CAPCOG regional police officers. The training was offered for two weeks in the summer (July 11th-15th and 25th-29th). The training was provided by Crisis System solutions for a total of 80 hours of training. 31 officers participated in the training and each received 40 hours of training.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, Williamson

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?

Permanent facilities.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

Due to recapture, the district has experienced significant budget cuts. We do not have a long-term funding plan.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?

Would have to reduce number of instructional hours offered. We would offer 1 x 1 week class rather than 2 x 1 week classes. This would cut in half the number of officers trained.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]

AI SD students:

Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander = 4.5%

Black/African American 6.6%

Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx 55%

White/Caucasian/European 30.1%

Additional Ethnicities 3.8%

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?

a. [EEOC]

AI SD Police Department:

American Indian or Alaskan Native, Hispanic or Latino: 4.17%

American Indian or Alaskan Native, White: 1.39%

Asian, Hispanic or Latino: 1.39%

Black/African American 9.72%

Black or African American, White, Hispanic or Latino: 1.39%

White, Hispanic or Latino: 48.61%

White 33.33%

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: #11 Consider Approving Submission of Scoring for 2024 Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Criminal Justice Grants

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) grant program is one of six grant categories administered by the Office of the Governor (OOG) that CAPCOG's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) reviews each year. This year, 4 applications were submitted for a total of \$1,307,762.61 requested. CSE is unique among the six grant categories in that OOG only requests submission of scores (using a scoring sheet they provide with a maximum point total of 5 for each application) without making funding recommendations for this grant category, and there is no regional budget estimate (RBE) for this grant category. CJAC members were asked to score these five applications and e-mail the results to CAPCOG, which then compiled the average score for each application.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Charles Simon, Director of Regional Planning and Services

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: \$0

Source of Funds: NA

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? n/a

PROCUREMENT: NA

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider approving the submission of scores for Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Criminal Justice Grants for Plan Year 2024

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Summary of CSE Project Scores, Ranking, and Funding Requests
2. Project Summary Sheets for CSE Applications

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED:

None

CSE Grant Requests for Plan Year 2024

REGIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: An RBE is not provided for the CSE fund category

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Grant #</u>	<u>\$ Requested</u>	<u>Score</u>
The SAFE Alliance	3341705	\$625,592.40	5.000
The SAFE Alliance	4443502	\$343,251.21	4.375
Red Oak Hope	4293403	\$138,940.00	4.375
Refugee Services of Texas	4727101	\$199,985.00	4.143

CSE

Project Summary Sheets

Included:

<u>Grant #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
3341705	The SAFE Alliance
4443502	The SAFE Alliance
4293403	Red Oak Hope
4727101	Refugee Services of Texas



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: The SAFE Alliance

eGrants Application Identification Number: 3341705

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG TP JI CSE

Project Title: SAFE CARES (Collaboration, Advocacy, Response, and Engagement)-Advocacy Program

Requested Amount: \$625,592.40

Percent of Agency Budget: 2%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about? *This project is part of SAFE's comprehensive Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Program, which was developed six years ago. The other CSEC component is Drop-In Services, funds for which have been requested in a separate application to the OOG.*
2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed. *A total of \$98,678 of the total budget for our CARES program comes from one federal funder (pass through funding through Texas Health and Human Services Commission, \$3,678) and from a private foundation (\$95,000). This amount represents 14% of the total program budget.*
3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year. *In PY23, CARES provided crisis and non-crisis advocacy services to 41 youth and young adults. 100% of youth survivors self-reported after 30 days of service that they knew how to safety plan and better avoid danger. 83% of youth survivors demonstrated connection with safe adults by engaging in advocacy, case management, accompaniment, life skills or support groups at least twice monthly.*
4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served. *This program primarily serves residents of Travis County, but also serves Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Hays, and Williamson counties.*
5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities? *SAFE's Advocacy services are provided at a permanent location, the Elizabeth Ann Seton House, or in the community. During COVID-19 safety precautions increase, services may be provided remotely.*
6. What are your long-term plans for funding? *SAFE relies on funding from the Office of the Governor to sustain the activities included in our PY24 application. Additionally, SAFE's Development Team, as well as volunteers and staff members conduct ongoing fundraising activities for the agency. Fundraising activities include: social media and direct mail appeals; growing and maximizing support from corporations and community groups; a major gifts program to increase and sustain significant annual gifts from individual donors; fundraising events, a planned giving program; and submitting over 100 governmental and philanthropic grant applications annually.*
7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project? *A 10% reduction in funding for our program would limit our ability to provide the wide array of services that we currently offer. It would also limit the salaries we currently pay for our positions, making turnover a high possibility. If we cannot stay competitive within the market the stability that our clients need will be lost as we lose staff to higher paying organizations.*

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?

Black/African-American: 17%

Hispanic: 41%

Two or more races: 14%

Unknown: 12%

White: 16%

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?

Hispanic: 63%

White: 25%

Two or more races: 12%



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: The SAFE Alliance

eGrants Application Identification Number: 4443502

Fund Source Requested: VOCA VAWA JAG JTP JJ CSE

Project Title: SAFE CARES (Collaboration, Advocacy, Response, and Engagement)-Drop In Program

Requested Amount: \$343,251.21

Percent of Agency Budget: 1%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about? *This project is part of SAFE's comprehensive Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Program, which was developed six years ago. The other CSEC component is Advocacy Services, funds for which have been requested in a separate application to the OOG.*
2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed. *A total of \$98,678 of the total budget for our CARES program comes from one federal funder (pass through funding through Texas Health and Human Services Commission, \$3,678) and from a private foundation (\$95,000). This amount represents 14% of the total program budget.*
3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year. *In PY22, CARES provided drop-in services to 50 youth and young adults. 100% of youth survivors self-reported after 30 days of service that they knew how to safety plan and better avoid danger. 83% of youth survivors demonstrated connection with safe adults by engaging in advocacy, case management, accompaniment, life skills or support groups at least twice monthly.*
4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served. *This program primarily serves residents of Travis County, but also serves Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Hays, and Williamson counties.*
5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities? *SAFE's drop-in services are provided at a permanent location, the Elizabeth Ann Seton House. Normal hours of operation for drop-in are daily from 11 am-8 pm. Drop-in hours may vary and may be provided remotely based on local COVID-19 risk. Certain days and times will be reserved for appointments only.*
6. What are your long-term plans for funding? *SAFE relies on funding from the Office of the Governor to sustain the activities included in our PY24 application. Additionally, SAFE's Development Team, as well as volunteers and staff members conduct ongoing fundraising activities. Fundraising activities include: social media and direct mail appeals; growing and maximizing support from corporations and community groups; a major gifts program to increase and sustain significant annual gifts from individual donors; fundraising events, a planned giving program; and submitting over 100 governmental and philanthropic grant applications annually.*
7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project? *A 10% reduction in funding for our program would limit our ability to provide the wide array of services that we currently offer. It would also limit the salaries we currently pay for our positions, making turnover a high possibility. If we cannot stay competitive within the market, the stability that our clients need will be lost as we lose staff to higher paying organizations.*
8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
Black/African-American: 15%
Hispanic: 40%
Two or more races: 10%

Unknown: 13%
White: 20%
Other: 2%

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff?
Hispanic: 75%
White: 25%

Organization Name: Red Oak Hope
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4293403
Fund Source Requested: [VOCA/VAWA/JAG/TP/JJ/CSE]
Project Title: Transitional Housing Program
Requested Amount: \$138,940
Percent of Agency Budget: 13.84%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about? No

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

FY 2023 Total Organization Budget: \$1,003,660
Project budget: \$427,164 (13.48% agency budget)
Requested amount: \$138,940 (32.53% of the project budget).
For information on other sources of funding, see #6 below.

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.

In 2022, 11 clients engaged in the Transitional Housing Program (THP), and we provided services to an additional 8 clients non-residentially. For those 19 clients, we provided 1,197 nights of safe shelter, 540 hours of case management, facilitated/provided resources for 161 medical appointments, 287 hours of counseling, 134 hours of legal assistance, and supported clients in obtaining 11 jobs. 100% of clients were connected to community resources and engaged in case management. Four of the 11 residential clients exited into independent and stable housing. Two of the 11 are still in the THP. Four of the 8 clients we worked with non-residentially either obtained or maintained stable housing. Additionally, clients received information and referrals 204 times, personal advocacy and accompaniment 380 times, emotional support and safety services 255 times, and criminal/civil justice system assistance 17 times. We have remained in positive/successful contact with 89% of clients we worked with in 2022, regardless of how they exited the program (achieved housing, self-exit, safety exit, or planned exit).

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served. None

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities? We currently rent the facilities our services operate out of.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?

Red Oak Hope financially maintains all programs and services through individual donations (recurring monthly donations, one-time gifts, corporate and church supporters), fundraising events (gala, luncheons, etc.), giving campaigns, foundations, and grants. We recognize the need for diverse funding sources and have a robust development effort. Last year 51.5% of our organizational income came from individual donations, monthly recurring donors, and corporate and faith community partners. We raised 25.1% of our revenue through events

(gala, luncheons, etc.). Foundations contributed 12.2% and grants 11.1% of our overall income. We are also applying for funding through a second VOCA Grant this year, "General Victim Assistance Grant Program, FY2024."

7. What would the impact of a reduction in funding be on this project? It will require us to shift projections and fundraising efforts.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served? a.

[White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.] To date, the demographic breakdown of our clientele to be served in this program is as follows, and we anticipate the percentages to remain the same on average. Black/African American: 20%; Hispanic or Latino: 20%; White/Non-Latino caucasian: 43.3%; Multiple Races: 6.7%; Unknown: 10%

9. What is the demographic breakdown of your staff? a. [EEOC]

Asian: 10%; Black/African American: 30%; White/Non-Latino caucasian: 60%



CAPCOG Application Review – Project Summary Sheet

Organization Name: Refugee Services of Texas
eGrants Application Identification Number: 4727101
Fund Source Requested: [] VOCA [] VAWA [] JAG [] TP [] JJ [] CSE
Project Title: Specialized Advocacy for CSEY
Requested Amount: \$199,985.00
Percent of Agency Budget: 40%

1. Does the project have other components or is part of another project that the CJAC would want to know about?

Since 2003, RST has served as a primary victim service provider in Austin and surrounding counties. RST's on-call, anti-trafficking programming acts as a pillar for advocacy services to minors and initiates care coordination. In FY2022, RST received 66 calls for minor victims of sex trafficking and had a 90% successful enrollment rate into care coordination. An additional project is the General Victim Assistance for victims of trafficking and adjacent crimes.

2. List the amount, total budget percentages and provider agencies providing other sources of funding for the project proposed.

General Victim Assistance (VOCA, OOG):26%
Specialized Advocacy for CSEY (OOG):40%
Federal Funding:29%
Private Funding:5%
Total:100%

3. If continuation, indicate results-based impact measures provided in application last year.
RST was not funded by VOCA in fiscal year 2023.

4. If multi-jurisdictional, list other cities and counties served.

RST's proposed project will serve the greater Austin Metropolitan area and Travis and Williamson Counties.

5. Are services provided through temporary or permanent facilities?
RST is providing long-term case management and advocacy services through a service center and does not utilize temporary or permanent facilities.

6. What are your long-term plans for funding?
RST plans to utilize federal and private resources to ensure substantial and diverse support from financial sources other than the OOG. Since its inception and in addition to private funding, RST has secured and managed five Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) grants in Austin, a statewide Office of Trafficking In Persons (OTIP)/Trafficking Victims Assistance Program (TVAP) grant for eleven years, and three statewide VOCA grants.

7. What would the impact of a 10% reduction in funding be on this project?
A reduction in funding would reduce staff capacity to serve CSEY and transition-age youth victims of trafficking. Funding also contributes to active partnerships and collaboration with law enforcement, and a gap in funding would have negative impacts on law enforcement's ability to effectively serve the community. For example, in fiscal year 2022 RST received 221 referrals from APD alone.

8. What is the demographic breakdown of your clientele served or proposed to be served?
 - a. [White/Black/Latino/Asian/etc.]
The demographic breakdown of RST survivors resembles that of the local community. In fiscal year 2022, 36% of victims were Hispanic/Latino, 6% White, 8% African-American, and 1% Asian Pacific Islander. The youngest victim of trafficking that RST served in fiscal year 2022 was 9 years old. RST serves all victims of trafficking regardless of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status.

9. What is the demographic breakdown of you staff?
 - a. [EEOC]
All qualified applicants receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin, disability, etc. Staff represent the diversity of victim populations, experiences, and languages. RST serves a high population of Hispanic/Latino clients, with Spanish-speaking staff on the team who have personal background to understand the nuances and experiences of major client populations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: #12 Consider Approving Appointments to Advisory Committees

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

This is the monthly item for filling positions on our Advisory Committees; please let us know if our staff can assist in identifying interested persons to serve. It is presumed that both city and county representatives will collaborate when making appointments.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New issue, project, or purchase
- Routine, regularly scheduled item
- Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- Special item requested by board member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: **Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant**

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: N/A

Source of Funds: N/A

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? Yes No

Does item represent a new expenditure? Yes No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? Yes No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? _____

PROCUREMENT: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve any advisory committee recommendations.

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Summary memo with recommended appointments and vacancies

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED (to be sent prior to meeting or will be a handout at the meeting):

1. Executive Committee attendance roster
2. Advisory Committee attendance rosters



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MEMORANDUM

March 27, 2023

TO: Executive Committee Members

FROM: Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant

RE: Advisory Committee Recommendations

This memo identifies current recommendations to CAPCOG Advisory Committees and serves as a reminder of vacancies that still need to be filled. Please see the Attendance Rosters for the Requirements & Responsibilities. For questions, please contact the Advisory Committee staff liaison.

Blanco County

- The Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) has a representative vacancy.

Burnet County

- The Aging Advisory Council (AAC) has a representative vacancy.

City of Austin

- The Aging Advisory Council (AAC) has two representative vacancies.
- The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) has a representative vacancy.

Law Enforcement Education Committee (LEEC)

- One citizen and one law enforcement representative vacancy.

Travis County

- The Aging Advisory Council (AAC) has a representative vacancy.

Williamson County

- The Aging Advisory Council (AAC) has a representative vacancy.
- The Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) has a representative vacancy.