

**AGENDA**  
**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 27, 2022**

The Executive Committee of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 27, 2022, via teleconference/webinar.

Judge L.D. Williamson will preside over the meeting at Ark-Tex Council of Governments located at 4808 Elizabeth Street, Texarkana, Texas, which will be open to the public if unable to attend via Zoom. ATCOG board members and staff are asked to attend via Zoom in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID during this sudden increase in the number of cases.

**Use the following information to register for the meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctd-6orz8oE9aSL6L3fTmqO0mDgruffywD>

*If you experience issues while registering or do not have access to a computer, please contact Marla Matthews no less than two (2) workdays prior to the meeting at 903.255.3555 or [mmatthews@atcog.org](mailto:mmatthews@atcog.org)*

Item 1. Call to order – Quorum Determination.

Item 2. Invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

*ATCOG invites members of the public to provide oral comment on any item included on this agenda under this item. Each person wishing to make a public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes, with comments directed to the Board as a whole. Reasonable accommodation shall be made for members of the public utilizing a translator for public comment.*

Item 4. Review and consider consent agenda items. (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

- Approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, October 28, 2021. (See page 3)
- Acceptance of the minutes for the Homeland Security Advisory Committee meeting held Thursday, December 16, 2021. (See page 6)

**Review and Comment**

Item 5. Executive Director Report (For information only; see page 9; to be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

- Quarterly Program Reports

**Regular Business**

Item 6. Review and consider approval of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments' (ATCOG) Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), State Preparedness Report (SPR), and the Homeland Security Implementation Plan for 2022. (See page 28 and [addendum page 1](#); to be presented by staff member Whitney Fezell)

- Item 7. Review and consider approval for revisions to the Risk Methodology and Allocation Process for allocating State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds. (See page 30; to be presented by staff member Ms. Fezell)
- Item 8. Review and consider approval of revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) bylaws. (See page 34; to be presented by staff member Ms. Fezell)
- Item 9. Review and consider approval of the Executive Director, as the ATCOG Authorized Official, to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the Purchase of Juvenile Justice Services Project for FY 2023. (See page 46; to be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)

### **Other Business**

- Item 10. ATCOG Building Renovations Update. (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)
- Item 11. General Discussion of ARPA funding. (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

### **Announcements**

A Workforce CEOs meeting will be held immediately following this meeting. Judges will remain on Zoom. All others please exit the Zoom meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on February 24, 2022, 10:00 a.m., at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), located at 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as, via teleconference/webinar.

*Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code Chapter 551 one or more of the above items may be considered in an executive session closed to the public, including but not limited to consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and Section 551.074 arising out of the attorney's ethical duty to advise ATCOG concerning legal issues arising from an agenda item. Any decision held on such a matter will be taken or conducted in an open session following the conclusion of the executive session.*

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**MINUTES**  
**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**October 28, 2021**

The Executive Committee of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 28, 2021, at the Titus County Extension Office, located at 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as, via teleconference/webinar.

Item 1. L. D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County, gave the invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

No members of the public made a comment.

Item 4. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented the following consent agenda items.

- Approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, August 26, 2021.
- Acceptance of the minutes for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting held Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Motion to approve was made by Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County, and seconded by John Sellers, Mayor, City of Sulphur Springs. It was approved.

**Review and Comment**

Item 5. Mr. Brown presented, for information only, the Executive Director report. He reviewed the indirect finance reports and explained the percentages of the budget used as in-line with the fiscal year. Mr. Brown also provided updates and statistics for all ATCOG programs.

Mr. Brown provided an update regarding the Build Back Better (BBB) Regional Challenge Grant application. He stated that ATCOG finalized and submitted the BBB grant application and that the grant awards will be announced on December 8, 2021.

Mr. Brown stated that ATCOG closed on the Paris Metro property and is currently working with the Texas Department of Transportation for approval to proceed with the architect selection. Upon approval, ATCOG will solicit bids for the rehab of the Paris facility.

Item 6. Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director, presented for review and comment on a grant application by Detroit Independent School District Head Start to be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for continuation/refunding of Head Start programs.

Motion to approve was made by Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, and seconded by Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County. It was approved.

## Regular Business

Item 7. Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator, presented for review and consideration approval of funding priorities for the FY2022/2023 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Solid Waste Pass-Through Grant Program.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Brian Lee and seconded by Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County. It was approved.

Item 8. Mr. Prange presented for review and consideration approval of the submission of the FY2022/2023 application to TCEQ to administer the Solid Waste Pass-through Grant Program.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Howell and seconded by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville. It was approved.

Item 9. Mr. Prange presented for review and consideration approval of the draft 20 Year FY2022/2042 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP).

Motion to approve was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Scott Norton, CEO, TexAmericas. It was approved.

## Announcements

Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant, inquired if any of the Executive Committee would be interested in hosting one of the 2022 ATCOG Board of Directors quarterly meetings. Mr. Brown further advised the committee that due to difficulty in securing a meeting location for the 2022 ATCOG Board schedule, any member willing to host a quarterly board meeting would be welcomed to do so.

Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director, announced Mr. Brown's appointment as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair on the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Board. The Executive Committee congratulated Mr. Brown on this achievement.

Judge Williamson announced that a Workforce CEO's meeting will be held immediately following the meeting.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on December 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., located at 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as teleconference/webinar.

With no other announcements, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Sellers and seconded by Judge Bell. The meeting was adjourned.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville  
Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County  
Bob Thorne, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield  
Brandon Bell, Judge, Lamar County  
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County  
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County  
John Sellers, Mayor, City of Sulphur Springs  
L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County

Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County  
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County  
Scott Norton, President/CEO, TexAmericas Center  
Travis Ransom, Mayor, City of Atlanta

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lowell Walker, Mayor, City of DeKalb  
Harold Nash, Councilman, City of Sulphur Springs

GUESTS PRESENT

April Corbit, Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions  
Dan Perry, Texas Department of Transportation  
JoAnn Gray, Planner, Texarkana Metropolitan Planner Organization  
Nathan Tofoya, Executive Director, Mt. Pleasant Economic Development Corporation  
Randy Reed, Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions  
Todd Kleiboer, Sulphur Springs News-Telegram

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director  
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Director  
Lisa Reeve, Area Agency on Aging Director  
Mae Lewis, Housing Director  
Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant  
Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director  
Melinda Tickle, Finance Director  
Melody Harmon, Economic Development Director  
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator  
Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director  
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator  
Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator

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L.D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 16, 2021**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Homeland Security Advisory Committee was called to order by **Whitney Fezell** at 10:16 a.m., December 16, 2021, at Franklin County SO.

**Whitney Fezell** provided the minutes from August 19, 2021 meeting, **Tanner Crutcher** made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by **Jason Ricketson**.

**Whitney Fezell** provided the committee with a homeland security update. The committee was informed that all of the current HS grant are active and the general assessment have been completed. The committee was informed that all applicants must complete the NCSR by February to remain eligible for funds, and agencies that do not have grants can still complete the NCSR to be eligible for reallocated funds. **Whitney Fezell** informed the committee of the new grant manager and changes within the program.

The next non-voting item is to discuss changes for the Fy22 grant period. **Whitney Fezell** informed the committee that the application deadline is February 10, 2022 by 5:00pm. The committee was informed of the 15% decrease in funding due to the national priority areas. **Whitney Fezell** informed the committee of the competitive priority categories of cybersecurity and domestic violence extremism; project examples were provided. The committee discussed different priority category projects, and possible regional projects to apply for. **Whitney Fezell** informed the committee that these projects will not be ranked and scored by the HSAC committee but by the state and that priority area projects will not come out of ATCOGs regional allocation.

The next non-voting item is to discuss the SERI grant. **Whitney Fezell** informed the committee that the grant will open in January and close in March. The committee was informed that the grant was for state agencies and COGs but the COG can apply on the counties behalf. The committee was informed that they will need to create a narrative and provide quotes to the COG prior to the March deadline. **Whitney Fezell** advised the committee that the swic surveys are coming back out and that the communication levels have been updated.

The next non-voting item is to discuss regional projects. The committee discussed applying for a regional mobile repeater, facial recognition software, a regional CAD system, and a regional cybersecurity project.

The next non-voting item on the agenda is to discuss the reallocation of funds. **Whitney Fezell** informed the committee of funds that will be reallocated from the city of Texarkana due to not completing their project. The committee discussed the process/options of

allocating funds as well as the process. The committee agreed that reallocated funds over the amount of 5,000 will be brought back to the hsac committee to distribute.

The first voting item on the agenda was discuss and approve amendments to the allocation process. **Whitney Fezell** discussed with the committee changing the wording from one project per agency to one project per jurisdiction, adding the verbiage that each scoring category is weighted equally, and adding that jurisdictions may apply for multiple projects under the state priority funding categories that do not affect regional allocation. **Tanner Crutcher** made the motion to approve the amendments seconded by **Josh Dailey** and approved by the majority.

The next voting item on the agenda was to discuss and approve the THIRA/SPR, **Whitney Fezell** informed the committee that these documents was developed with the help of the THIRA committee and provided in the meeting invite for review. **Eric schlotter** made a motion to approve the THIRA/SPR motion seconded by Danny Richard and approved by the majority.

The next voting item is to review and approve revisions to the HSAC bylaws. **Whitney Fezell** presented the revisions of adding no member can vote on applications within their county due to conflict of interest. **Whitney Fezell** presented adding the allocation process revisions to the bylaws as well as clarification regarding the reallocation of funds over the amount of \$5,000. **Josh Daily** made a motion to approve the revisions to the bylaws, motion seconded by **Lance Hall** and approved by majority.

The next voting item on the agenda is to approve ATCOG FY 22 application. Whitney Fezell informed the committee that the COG application amount will be increasing from \$88,000 to \$96,000. **Whitney Fezell** provided justification regarding the increase of the project and went over line item details. **Quincy Blount** made the motion to approve ATCOG Fy 22 applications, motion seconded by **Eric Schlotter** and approved by majority.

The next voting item on the agenda is to approve a method for meeting Fy22 LETPA requirements. **Whitney Fezell** presented to the committee the idea to resubmit the Law Enforcement Training project like previous years and only use it if its needed. **Quincy Blount** made the motion to approve the method for meeting FY22 LETPA requirements, motion seconded by **Jason Ricketson** and approved by majority.

The last voting item is to approve the FY22 meeting schedule of March 10th, May 19th, August, 18th, and December 8<sup>th</sup>. **Lance Hall** made the motion to approve the Fy22 meeting schedule, motion seconded by **Quincy Blount** and approved by majority.

Whitney Fezell opened the floor for questions and discussion.  
Whitney Fezell opened the floor for Announcements

**Whitney Fezell** announced that the next cog repeater test will be January 4, 2022.

**Whitney Fezell** announced that the next HSAC meeting will be March 10, 2022.

**Whitney Fezell** announced that the grant application workshop will be January 5, 2022 via zoom.

Motion to adjourn was made by **Quincy Blount** and seconded by **Josh Dailey**.

**ATTENDING:**

Whitney Fezell – ATCOG Homeland Security Coordinator

Jason Ricketson- EMC- City of Sulphur Springs Police Department

Nathan Carroll- TDEM

Tanner Crump- Sheriff's Captain- Hopkins County

Lance Hall- EMC- Bowie County

Danny Richard-VFD-City of Daingerfield

Tanner Crump-Hopkins County SO

Tanner Crutcher- EMC- Delta County

Tracey Litton-Guest

Quincy Blount- Lamar County EMC

Andy Endsley- Hopkins County EMC

Eric Schlotter- City of Texarkana EMC

David Wood- Department of State and Health Services

Cody Mayo- Guest

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**Housing Choice Voucher Program**

County	Total Tenants	Contract Rent	Tenant Rent	HAP to Landlords
Bowie	724	\$511,467	\$149,682	\$354,379
Camp	21	\$35,084	\$11,145	\$23,047
Cass	59	\$14,213	\$2,430	\$11,096
Delta	11	\$6,394	\$1,600	\$4,661
Franklin	21	\$12,635	\$3,510	\$8,827
Hopkins	108	\$66,298	\$24,113	\$41,520
Lamar	110	\$64,642	\$22,590	\$41,192
Morris	110	\$28,067	\$4,840	\$22,157
Red River	46	\$15,070	\$2,713	\$11,015
Titus	176	\$105,105	\$30,165	\$73,336
Upshur	55	\$36,591	\$12,211	\$24,217
Wood	12	\$8,221	\$1,716	\$6,300
Port Outs	18			\$21,228
Issued	174			
Monthly Totals	1645	\$809,192.00	\$266,715.00	\$642,975.00

**ESG Homeless Prevention Grant**

ESG HP FY21 - \$4,152.43  
 ESG HP FY22 - \$43,893.36

**ESG HP and RRH Cares Grant**

ESG Covid - \$113,427.79

**Emergency Rental Assistance Grant**

ERA- \$16,538.29

**Family Self Sufficiency Grant**

Enrolled and progressing-85 tenants  
 \$8,025.00 monthly average escrow

**Trainings During the Quarter**

### Homeland Security Projects

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>Grant Status</b>	<b>Current Award</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Project Period</b>
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	ATCOG Planning, Training and Exercises Project	2946007	Active	88,000.00	0.00	9/1/21-8/31/22
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	ATCOG-Franklin County Emergency Radio Infrastructure	3979301	Active	127,328.59	127,328.99	9/1/20-11/30/21
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	ATCOG-Red River County Emergency Radio Infrastructure	4110101	Active	134,794.85	460.37	9/1/20-8/31/22
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	ATCOG-Lamar County Emergency Radio Infrastructure	4115701	Active	163,652.17	120,871.79	9/1/20-11/30/21
Red River County	In-car Radio Upgrade Project	4288001	Active	36,268.28	0.00	10/1/21-9/30/22
Sulphur Springs, City of	Ventilation Fan Project	4257201	Active	7,590.00	0.00	11/1/21-10/31/22
Hopkins County	AET Thermal Imaging Project	4295301	Active	18,314.00	0.00	11/1/21-6/30/22
Lamar County	AET - Lamar County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Team Project	4311501	Active	46,680.00	0.00	10/1/21-9/30/22
Lamar County	Lamar County Regional Hazmat Team Detector Project	4314501	Active	24,990.00	0.00	10/1/21-7/31/22

# Regional Development Quarterly Report October 2021 – December 2021

## Updated information for the Quarter:

### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

#### **U.S. TREASURY RELEASES FINAL RULE FOR ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY FUND!**

Last week, the U.S. Treasury Department (Treasury) [released the Final Rule](#) for the [State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund](#) (Recovery Fund), which was authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act and allocated \$65.1 billion in direct, flexible aid to every county in America. The Final Rule will go into effect on April 1, 2022, however, a county can choose to pursue the Final Rule's new flexibilities and simplifications now, even ahead of the effective date.

*The Final Rule can be found at: [SLFRF-Final-Rule.pdf \(treasury.gov\)](#)*

On December 14, Treasury released [guidance that NEUs who have requested funding from their state will use for reporting and compliance](#). Treasury encourages all NEU recipients to access the Treasury Portal as soon as possible in order to confirm their accounts, designate State and Local Fiscal Reporting Fund reporting roles, and submit the required agreements and supporting documentation to Treasury.

*The User Guide can be found at: [NEU-Non-UGLG-Agreements-and-Supporting-Documents.pdf \(treasury.gov\)](#)*

*The Compliance and Reporting Guidance can be found at: [SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance Update 2.1 final \(treasury.gov\)](#)*

## GRANTS:

### Grants Closed During the Quarter:

<i>City of Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County</i>	<b>2017 Texas Capital Fund: Infrastructure</b> <b>\$750,000.00</b> <i>In Construction phase</i>	<b>\$50,000,000.00 match</b>
<b><i>Grant close-out completed on time and all reports submitted</i></b>		

### Grants in Process:

<i>TexAmericas Center, Bowie County</i>	2021 EDA ARPA Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs <b>Infrastructure East Campus &amp; Jobs</b> <b>\$1,800,000.00</b>	<b>80/20 Match</b> <b>\$450,000.00 match</b>
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### Submitted Grants:

<i>TexAmericas Center, Bowie County</i>	2021 CRISI Grant Federal Railroad Administration <b>Engineering &amp; NEPA Railcar Storage Yard</b> <b>\$424,726.00</b>	<b>49.9/50.120 Match</b> <b>\$426,428.00 match</b>
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<i>City of Queen City, Cass County</i>	2021 EDA ARPA Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs <b>Groundwater Well, Storage Tank &amp; Water Main</b> <b>\$1,018,760.00</b>	<b>80/20 Match</b> <b>\$254,690.00 match</b>
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<i>City of Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County (Resubmitted under ARPA)</i>	2020 EDA Cares Act Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs <b>Coal Property Development – Infrastructure &amp; Jobs</b> <b>\$2,381,568.00</b>	<b>80/20 Match</b> <b>\$595,392.00 match</b>
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**Denied Grants:**

<p><i>TexAmericas Center, Bowie County</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Not selected for funding</i></p> <p><i>City of Hooks Bowie County</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Not selected for 2021 round of CDBG funding</i></p> <p><i>Ark-Tex COG NETEDD</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Not selected for funding</i></p>	<p>2021 RAISE Grant National Infrastructure <i>Intermodal Operations Planning</i> \$817,370.00</p> <p>2021/2022 CDBG Community Development Fund Sewer Infrastructure \$350,000.00</p> <p>EDA ARPA Build Back Better Phase 1 Phase 1 Infrastructure Grants &amp; Coordinator \$500,000.00</p>	<p><i>80/20 Match</i></p> <p><i>\$204,342.00 match</i></p> <p><i>\$35,000.00 match</i></p> <p><i>\$0.00 match</i></p>
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**Active Grants:**

<p><i>TexAmericas Center, Bowie County</i></p> <p><i>City of DeKalb, Bowie County</i></p> <p><i>Hopkins County Sulphur Springs EDC Sulphur Springs</i></p> <p><i>City of Hooks, Bowie County</i></p> <p><i>Ark-Tex COG NETEDD</i></p> <p><i>Ark-Tex COG NETEDD</i></p> <p><i>Central Texas EDD to Northeast Texas EDD</i></p> <p><i>NETEDD</i></p>	<p>2020 EDA Public Works &amp; Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs <i>Rail &amp; Jobs</i> \$864,550.00</p> <p>2020 EDA Public Works &amp; Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs <i>Wastewater, Sewer, Water Lines &amp; Meters Easement &amp; Jobs</i> \$2,000,000.00 <i>EDA GRANT # 08-01-05486</i></p> <p>2018 EDA Public Works &amp; Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs \$1,500,000.00 <i>EDA GRANT # 08-79-05222</i></p> <p>2020 EDA Public Works &amp; Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs <i>Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade</i> \$850,000.00 <i>EDA GRANT # 08-01-05371</i></p> <p>2020 EDA Public Works &amp; Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs \$400,000.00 <i>EDA GRANT # ED20AUS3070061</i></p> <p>2020 EDA RLF SUPPLEMENT - COVID CARES ACT \$550,000.00 <i>EDA GRANT # 08-79-05424</i></p> <p>2020 EDA Public Works &amp; Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs \$3,186,179.31 <i>NETEDD GRANT # 08-57-02889</i></p> <p>2021 3 Year Planning Grant \$210,000.00 <i>EDA GRANT # ED21AUS3020017</i></p>	<p><i>80/20 Match</i></p> <p><i>\$216,138.00 match</i></p> <p><i>80/20 Match</i></p> <p><i>\$559,858.00 match</i></p> <p><i>\$1,000,000.00 match</i></p> <p><i>\$212,500.00 match</i></p> <p><i>\$0.00 match</i></p> <p><i>\$0.00 match</i></p> <p><i>\$1,059,109.81 match</i></p> <p><i>\$52,500.00 match</i></p>
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## **TRAINING:**

NADO Economic Development Conference Portland Oregon  
Reviewed Close-out procedure for TxCDBG Texas Capital Grant  
Reviewed USDA RBDG RLF Funding Information for Grant Application  
Reviewed CRISI grant information for TexAmericas Center grant Application  
USDA Webinar on Expanded Funding to Meat and Poultry Processing  
Capacity and RD one options  
NACo National Federal Policy Update online  
Update on the ARPA Fiscal Recovery  
Strategic Economic Community Development (SEDC) Webinar

## **CERTIFICATIONS:**

### **2020 TxCDBG Pre-Qualified Professional Administrative Services**

Ark-Tex Council of Governments  
Toni Lindsey – Contact Information Texas Department of Agriculture website

### **2020 TxCDBG Grant Administrators & Environmental Certificate:**

Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director  
Melody Harmon, Economic Development Director  
Don Shipp, Environmental/Hazard Mitigation Specialist  
Sarah James, Development Specialist  
Brianna O'Shaughnessy, Development Specialist  
Anthony DelGiorno, Development Specialist

### **FBI Background Clearances for SBA to assist Economic Development Director:**

Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director  
Sarah James, Development Specialist

## Economic Development Quarterly Report October 2021 – December 2021

### **RLF Program Information:**

#### **Loan Projects in Application Process**

- NETEDD: Meat Processing x 2 locations, Recreational Wear, Restaurant

#### **Loans Approved and Funding January 2022**

- COVID: Phoenix Skool Bus Renovation
- COVID: Phinesse Farms Winery

#### **Loans Schedule for Payoff/Paid Off**

- NETEDD: Andersen Schoel
- NETEDD: First Rate Brewers (Payoff expected in January)

**Note:** Many borrowers continue to work on stabilization. We continue to closely monitor progress.

## **Revolving Loan Funds (RLF) Program Active Loans October through December 2021:**

### **NETEDD Original Loans - 4**

ESNR

Longhorn Tire

Coppertop

KNB Music

### **ETRAP Loans -5**

Marroquin

Leigh Water Supply

Coppertop

Rowe Casa

Longhorn Tire

### **CHAPMAN - 6**

Clarksville EDC

City of Deport

City of Avery

Bowie County ESD #6

City of DeKalb

We Pack CD

### **COVID RLF Loans - 3**

Coppertop

Caffe Crema

Truck 'n Awesome

**NETEDD (former CTEDD) Loans - 11**

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Vo-Tech/Bambino's day care

Gardener/Valvoline Express-Hector

Kevin & Monita Keathley

Superior Performance

Dolsby Enterprises, LLC

Fire Street Pizza

Little Lambs Learning Academy

Skate Waco, Inc.

Grace Discovery

**FmHA RLF acquired from CTEDD - 1**

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Gap Tractor Parts

### **ATRDC Program Information:**

- Total Loans in SBA 504 Portfolio – 15
- Total Original Issued Loan Amount - \$7,299,000
- Balance on Books as of 12/31/21 - \$4,726,324.62

**\*All SBA 504 loans have resumed normal payments.**

**ATRDC 504 Loan Program Income from Fees - \$2334.01**

### **Loans Approved by SBA**

- United Lodging- In closing
- Starr Rail- In closing
- Slim Chickens- In closing
- The Lodge at Gun Barrel City- Under construction

### **Training for All Programs During the Quarter:**

- Attended NADCO Training with staff
- Attended TARC - Information Reviewed
- Emails and conversations with Regional Bankers and Community to discuss Economic funding options and after COVID funding
- Webinars by SBA – Economic Development
- Discussions with three SBDC offices regarding collaboration on projects

## Environmental Program Quarterly Report

- Illegal Dumping Surveillance Camera Loan Program – 12 camera systems and 45 “No Dumping” signs have been loaned out within Bowie County, and are deployed in the cities of Nash, DeKalb, Simms and in rural areas of the county. Additionally, 12 “No Dumping” signs have been delivered to the City of Mount Pleasant. ATCOG currently has 12 camera systems and 28 signs available to loan out for illegal dumping enforcement.
- FY22 Solid Waste Grant Funds, in the amount of \$20,000.00, have been paid to Texas State University’s Office for Government Innovation to fulfill ATCOG’s contractual obligation for updating the 20 Year Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. This plan has been submitted to TCEQ and is currently under review.
- FY 22 Water Quality Grant Funds, in the amount of \$13,475.00, are being utilized to conduct non-point source pollution activities within the ATCOG region. Activities include: Providing educational materials to the public relating to water pollution and conservation practices, composting and gardening techniques, proper lawn care methods and pet waste disposal. Compost bins have been provided to local Master Gardener Associations within the region to help promote the utilization of natural fertilizers, and over 2,000 disposable nitrile gloves have been distributed to local volunteer water quality monitors associated with the Texas Stream Team. These volunteers monitor the condition of local waterbodies including creeks, rivers and lakes on a weekly basis, utilizing chemical test kits and electronic meters. The results are provided to Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University, to be compiled and presented to TCEQ on an annual basis.
- ATCOG has joined the Texarkana Brownfields Regional Environmental Coalition (TBREC) which submitted an application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a Hazardous Substances and Petroleum Assessment Grant in the amount of \$600,000.00 to be utilized at various sites located within Bowie County, Texas and Miller County, Arkansas. Coalition members include ATCOG, TexAmericas Center, the City of Texarkana, AR and the applicant, the City of Texarkana, TX. This funding would have helped boost redevelopment activities at key locations which are currently underutilized due to perceived or actual environmental contamination. However, TBREC was not selected for an award this year, but coalition members have been invited to conduct a presentation at the EPA Brownfields National Conference in August of 2022 and intend to submit another application during the next funding cycle.
- ATCOG is administering the Region 2 Lower Red-Sulphur-Cypress Regional Flood Planning Group grant program funded by the Texas Water Development Board. Funding, in the amount of 910,400.00, is being utilized to develop a flood plan in a region comprised of 20 counties located in northeast Texas. An additional \$576,600.00 in funding has been allocated to Region 2 by the TWDB to enhance the flood plan. The Technical Memorandum has been developed and is due to the TWDB in March 2022. The completed plan is due to the TWDB in January of 2023 and is required to be updated every 5 years.

FY2022 JAG Projects						
Grantee	Project Title	Grant Number	Grant Status	Current Awar	Expended	Project Period
Cass County	In-Car Video Camera	4225001	Grant-Active	\$27,400.00	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
City of Clarksville	Less than Lethal Equipment	4250001	Grant-Active	\$12,598.45	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
City of Daingerfiled	P-25 Compliant Radios Project	4206601	Grant-Active	\$14,515.00	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
City of Hooks	Handheld Portable Radio Project	4285601	Grant-Active	\$22,596.77	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
City of Mt. Vernon	Speeders	4220801	Grant-Active	\$11,163.54	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
City of Naples	Work Stations	4249401	Grant-Active	\$12,957.62	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
City of Paris	VHF Radio	4268001	Grant-Active (Fund Hold)	\$11,475.00	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
Franklin County	Mobile Radios	4318201	Grant-Active (Fund Hold)	\$24,500.00	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
Red River County	Vehicle Equipment Upgrade	4287901	Grant-Active	\$16,362.05	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022

FY2022 VOCA Projects						
Grantee	Project Title	Grant Number	Grant Status	Current Awar	Expended	Project Period
Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc.	Comprehensive Victim Restoration Program	2907005	Grant-Active	\$269,160.00	\$56,279.91	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
SAFE-T	Children & Youth Services/Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Transitional Housing	2453108	Grant - Active	\$616,028.17	\$56,009.02	10/1/2021-9/30/2022

FY2022 VAWA Projects						
Grantee	Project Title	Grant Number	Grant Status	Current Awar	Expended	Project Period
Mount Pleasant, City of (Police Dept.)	Violence Against Women Investigator	3631604	Grant - Active (Vendor Hold)	\$24,202.32	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
Red River County (Sheriff's Office)	SA/FV Investigations Program	3953202	Grant - Active	\$29,582.16	\$0.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022

FY2022 Juvenile Justice Projects						
Grantee	Project Title	Grant Number	Grant Status	Current Awar	Expended	Project Period
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	Purchase of Juvenile Services	1426623	(Blind Hold - Indirect Approval)	\$35,519.08	\$4,194.76	10/1/2021-9/30/2022

FY2022 Truancy Prevention Projects						
Grantee	Project Title	Grant Number	Grant Status	Current Awar	Expended	Project Period
Bowie County	Truancy Prevention and Intervention Program	3583204	Grant-Active	\$49,883.69	\$15,920.89	10/1/2021-9/30/2022
Morris County	Truancy Prevention Program	4267801	Grant - Active	\$52,473.78	\$3,998.00	10/1/2021-9/30/2022

\*Qtr. 1 Financial Status Reports for these grants are due to CJD Jan.22nd. After the 22nd, many of these applicants will then show expenditures in the eGrants system.\*

**FY2022 Purchase of Juvenile Justice Services Grant / ATCOG Contract with Counties (\$35,519.08 Total for 1-YR Grant)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Scope of Services</b>	<b>Original Contract Amount</b>	<b>Amended Contract Amount</b>	<b>Expended Amount</b>	<b>Juveniles Served with Contracted Amount</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Bowie County	Juvenile Mental Health Services	\$ 6,820.00	N/A	\$0.00	No invoices received to date	9/1/2021	8/31/2022
Cass County	Juvenile Mental Health Services	\$ 2,200.00	N/A	\$0.00	No invoices received to date	9/1/2021	8/31/2022
Hopkins County (also covers Delta, Franklin)	Juvenile Mental Health Services	\$ 4,180.00	N/A	\$0.00	No invoices received to date	9/1/2021	8/31/2022
Lamar County	Juvenile Mental Health Services	\$ 3,740.00	N/A	\$0.00	No invoices received to date	9/1/2021	8/31/2022
Red River County	Juvenile Mental Health Services	\$ 1,100.00	N/A	\$1,100.00	7	9/1/2021	8/31/2022
Titus County (also covers Morris)	Juvenile Mental Health Services	\$ 3,960.00	N/A	\$0.00	No invoices received to date	9/1/2021	8/31/2022
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,000.00</b>	N/A	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	No invoices received to date		

FY2022/2023 Regional Law Enforcement Training Grant (\$154,267 Total for 2-Year Grant - FY22 & FY23)	
FY22/23 Total # Students to Attend Law Enforcement Training (Provided w/ ATCOG Grant Funds or Free Through ATCOG Coordination With Certain	259
FY22/23 Courses Held (Provided w/ ATCOG Grant Funds or Free Through ATCOG Coordination With Certain Training Providers)	33

FY2021/2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant (\$27,787.98 Total for 1-Year Grant)	
FY21/22 Total Amount of PPE/Supplies Funds Expended (Supplies Delivered to the Counties that Requested)	\$23,012.37
FY21/22 Total Amount of Grant Funds Expended	\$27,448.88

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<i>Bowie County</i>	<i>Quarter</i>	<i>FY2022 Total</i>
Transportation	1,050 (\$6,909.00)	1,050 (\$6,909.00)
Home Delivered Meals	6,947 (\$36,888.57)	6,947 (\$36,888.57)
Congregate Meals	3,076 (\$22,331.76)	3,076 (\$22,331.76)
 <i>Cass County</i>		
Transportation	736 (\$4,842.88)	736 (\$4,842.88)
Home Delivered Meals	2,328 (\$12,361.68)	2,328 (\$12,361.68)
Congregate Meals (Grab & Go)	1,837 (\$13,336.62)	1,837 (\$13,336.62)
 <i>Delta County</i>		
Transportation	14 (\$92.12)	14 (\$92.12)
Home Delivered Meals	2,261 (\$12,005.91)	2,261 (\$12,005.91)
Congregate Meals (Grab & Go)	610 (\$4,276.10)	610 (\$4,276.10)
 <i>Franklin County</i>		
Transportation	122 (\$802.76)	122 (\$802.76)
Home Delivered Meals	225 (\$1,194.75)	225 (\$1,194.75)
Congregate Meals	-	-
 <i>Hopkins County</i>		
Transportation	744 (\$4,895.52)	744 (\$4,895.52)
Home Delivered Meals	2,149 (\$11,411.19)	2,149 (\$11,411.19)
Congregate Meals	-	-
 <i>Lamar County</i>		
Transportation	195 (\$1,283.10)	195 (\$1,283.10)
Home Delivered Meals	11,167 (\$59,296.77)	11,167 (\$59,296.77)
Congregate Meals (Grab & Go)	429 (\$3,007.29)	429 (\$3,007.29)
 <i>Morris County</i>		
Transportation	320 (\$2,105.60)	320 (\$2,105.60)
Home Delivered Meals	1,698 (\$9,016.38)	1,698 (\$9,016.38)
Congregate Meals	210 (\$1,524.60)	210 (\$1,524.60)
 <i>Red River County</i>		
Transportation	157 (\$1,033.06)	127 (\$1,033.06)
Home Delivered Meals	3,571 (\$18,962.01)	3,571 (\$18,962.01)
Congregate Meals (Grab & Go)	454 (\$3,182.54)	454 (\$3,182.54)
 <i>Titus County</i>		
Transportation	864 (\$5,685.12)	864 (\$5,685.12)
Home Delivered Meals	1,664 (\$8,835.84)	1,664 (\$8,835.84)
Congregate Meals (Grab & Go)	933 (\$6,773.58)	933 (\$6,773.58)
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<i>TOTALS</i>		
<i>Transportation</i>	<i>4,202 (\$27,649.16)</i>	<i>4,202 (\$27,649.16)</i>
<i>Home Delivered Meals</i>	<i>32,010 (\$169,973.10)</i>	<i>32,010 (\$169,973.10)</i>
<i>Congregate Meals (Some Grab &amp; Go)</i>	<i>7,549 (\$54,432.49)</i>	<i>7,549 (\$54,432.49)</i>

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<i>Other Services</i>	<i>Quarter</i>	<i>FY2022 Total</i>
Homemaker (Estimated)	805.75/hrs (\$12,821.15)	805.75/hrs (\$12,821.15)
Caregiver Respite (Estimated)	961.50/hrs (\$14,956.55)	961.50/hrs (\$14,956.55)
Evidence-Based Intervention (HomeMeds, Tai Ji Quan)	383	383

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Notice of Funding Allocation for FY2022: \$2,075,170.00  
*(This figure does not include prior year funding, Housing Bond or Opioid Grant)*

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*Training for the Fiscal Year 2022  
Certifications*

## 911 Program Statistics - October - December 2021

	BUSN	CNTX	COIN	No Class of Service	OTHER	PAYP	PBX	RESD	TLMA	Unparsed 911	VOIP	TEXT to 911	WPH0	WPH1	WPH2	Total
ATCOG Training Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Atlanta PD	132	0	0	27	0	0	0	127	1	0	144	73	3	415	1082	2004
Bi State Justice Center	1304	92	0	427	18	0	5	2385	36	0	1252	332	1	5014	20852	31718
Cass CO SO	266	1	0	19	29	0	0	257	3	0	25	93	2	508	1379	2582
Delta CO SO	112	0	0	2	4	0	0	39	0	0	14	33	0	192	450	846
Franklin CO SO	14	0	0	49	5	0	0	14	7	0	463	242	1	477	951	2223
Hopkins CO SO	166	0	0	14	5	0	0	132	5	0	20	107	1	575	2015	3040
Morris CO SO	132	0	0	20	3	0	0	421	2	0	270	164	3	524	1637	3176
Mt Pleasant PD	433	0	0	28	2	0	29	110	8	0	373	143	1	924	3597	5648
New Boston PD	125	2	0	11	2	0	0	783	1	0	234	90	0	150	905	2303
Paris PD	174	3	0	26	1	0	48	272	9	0	502	49	0	1441	5052	7577
Red River County Sheriffs Office	184	0	0	137	41	0	0	351	5	0	17	66	0	467	1106	2374
Sulphur Springs PD	248	5	0	62	43	0	1	23	0	0	245	95	0	489	2206	3417
<b>Total</b>	<b>3290</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>4914</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3559</b>	<b>1487</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11176</b>	<b>41235</b>	<b>66911</b>

### TOTAL

Wireless Total = 52423  
Total Call Volume = 66911

### GIS Statistics –

Critical Errors – 0  
GeoMSAG routing

### ESInet Conversion

Complete conversion scheduled for fourth quarter 2021 calendar year.

### CLASS OF SERVICE KEY

BUSN - Business Number  
CNTX - Central Exchange phone system  
COIN - Pay Phone  
No Class of Service - Type not indicated  
Other - Any Class of Service not stored in the Customer Premise Equipment  
PAYP - Pay Phone  
PBX - Private Branch Exchange phone system  
RESD - Residential phone line

TLMA - Telematics  
Unparsed 911 - no distinction in Raw ALI data  
VOIP - Voice over internet protocol  
WPH0 - Wireless Phase 0 - (Voice Only)  
WPH1 - Wireless Phase 1 - (Voice + Cell Tower Location Data)  
WPH2 - Wireless Phase 2 - (Voice Call + calling location xy coordinate  
TEXT - Text to 9-1-1

## Transportation Quarterly Report for Oct -Dec 2021

PROGRAM	21-Oct	21-Nov	21-Dec
TRIP	598.00	860.00	945.00
GROSS MILES	5,040.00	5,181.00	5,419.00
REVENUE MILES	4,715.00	4,493.00	4,911.00
GROSS TIME	634.50	669.12	723.60
REVENUE TIME	419.43	451.97	452.63
COUNTY TRIPS			
MILLER	215.00	197.00	264.00
BOWIE	383.00	663.00	681.00
<b>RURAL TEXARKANA</b>			
PROGRAM	21-Oct	21-Nov	21-Dec
TRIP	1,651.00	1,485.00	1,411.00
GROSS MILES	25,387.00	25,237.00	32,194.00
REVENUE MILES	20,862.00	21,237.00	25,972.00
GROSS TIME	1,731.85	1,520.48	1,771.05
REVENUE TIME	1,086.28	963.50	1,184.38
COUNTY TRIPS			
BOWIE	707.00	613.00	521.00
CASS	701.00	678.00	692.00
MORRIS	243.00	194.00	198.00
AAA			

<b>RURAL MT PLEASANT</b>			
PROGRAM	21-Oct	21-Nov	21-Dec
TRIP	1,072.00	1,013.00	993.00
GROSS MILES	13,419.00	13,211.00	14,104.00
REVENUE MILES	11,149.00	11,216.00	11,386.00
GROSS TIME	981.50	733.07	933.03
REVENUE TIME	771.27	604.57	741.60
COUNTY TRIPS			
TITUS	1,072.00	876.00	845.00
FRANKLIN	112.00	137.00	148.00
AAA			
<b>RURAL SULPHUR SPRINGS</b>			
PROGRAM	21-Oct	21-Nov	21-Dec
TRIP	671.00	645.00	762.00
GROSS MILES	9,125.00	8,379.00	9,378.00
REVENUE MILES	7,066.00	7,561.00	8,222.00
GROSS TIME	700.07	624.33	649.30
REVENUE TIME	541.48	506.87	534.68
COUNTY TRIPS			
HOPKINS	671.00	619.00	695.00
FRANKLIN	0.00	26.00	67.00
AAA	323.00	250.00	278.00

<b>RURAL PARIS</b>			
PROGRAM	21-Oct	21-Nov	21-Dec
TRIP	506.00	618.00	635.00
GROSS MILES	7,087.00	7,354.00	8,212.00
REVENUE MILES	5,937.00	6,561.00	7,015.00
GROSS TIME	427.68	522.90	501.52
REVENUE TIME	360.12	422.20	438.17
<b>COUNTY TRIPS</b>			
LAMAR	387.00	534.00	539.00
DELTA	22.00	14.00	29.00
RED RIVER	97.00	70.00	67.00
AAA	161.00	127.00	112.00
Paratransit	264.00	339.00	332.00
<b>PARIS METRO SERVICE</b>			
PROGRAM	21-Oct	21-Nov	21-Dec
TRIP	2,036.00	2,041.00	2,083.00
Rev Miles	9,545.00	8,493.00	8,770.00
AAA	548.00	520.00	607.00
<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>			
Total Trips made	6,028.00	6,044.00	6,194.00
Total revenue miles driven	54,559.00	55,068.00	61,365.00
Total revenue hours	3,178.58	2,949.11	3,351.46

## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 6:**

Review and consider approval of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments' (ATCOG) Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), State Preparedness Report (SPR), and the Homeland Security Implementation Plan for 2022.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The State requires that each Council of Governments revise and submit their THIRA, SPR, and Regional Implementation Plan annually. The three documents are all interrelated and provide an overview of the threats, risks, and resources in the ATCOG region. These documents ensure that ATCOG is fully integrated into the State of Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan and has identified resources necessary to achieve homeland security preparedness goals for the fiscal year 2022.

### **DISCUSSION:**

These documents do not replace any existing Regional Plans, Mutual Aid Agreements, or strategies. Rather, it incorporates those existing plans, agreements, and strategies. Also, this plan does not preclude the use or activation of any existing plans or agreements that an individual county may have with an entity that is outside the boundaries of the ATCOG.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. AEC22-05**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' (ATCOG) THREAT AND HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT (THIRA), STATE PREPAREDNESS REPORT (SPR), AND HOMELAND SECURITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2022.**

**WHEREAS**, these documents align with and support the intent of the general homeland security strategy for the State established by the Governor in the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, these documents ensure that the Ark-Tex Council of Governments is fully integrated into the State of Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan and has identified the resources necessary to achieve homeland security preparedness goals for the fiscal year 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the approval of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, State Preparedness Report, and Implementation Plan is to set forth our homeland security preparedness and identify time, funds, equipment, organization, planning, training, and exercises required to implement the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, these documents do not replace existing Regional Plans, Mutual Aid Agreements, or strategies but rather incorporate those existing plans, agreements, and strategies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

- Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the Ark-Tex Council of Governments' (ATCOG) Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), State Preparedness Report (SPR), and the Homeland Security Implementation Plan for 2022.
- Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to Ark-Tex Council of Governments' (ATCOG) Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), State Preparedness Report (SPR), and the Homeland Security Implementation Plan for 2022.
- Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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## **BRIEFING PAPER**

### **ITEM 7:**

Review and consider approval for revisions to the Risk Methodology and Allocation Process for allocating State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The ATCOG HSAC, with Board approval, has allocated funds to jurisdictions in many different ways since the inception of the SHSP in 2003 including the use of scoresheets and discussions. The process of deciding allocations has been subjective rather than objective. During the last three years, ATCOG has been utilizing a risk-based formula to allocate funds to eligible jurisdictions. This formula was designed to provide all eligible applicants with funds but did not fulfill the capability gaps of smaller jurisdictions in our region. The State requires HSAC to prioritize applications using a risk-informed methodology process. The proposed scoring process will score projects in several areas, including risk and prioritization. Adopting ATCOG's scoring process would reflect the region's priorities and be in line with the State's principles.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The ATCOG HSAC met on December 16, 2021, and discussed revisions to the Risk Methodology and Allocation Process for FY22.

The scoring process will score projects equally in categories of risk, reasonableness, and priority level. The scoring process will allot additional points to applicants applying for regional projects, applicants who participated in the development of the THIRA/SPR/IP, the Annual Communication Exercise, the Special Events data call, as well as for applicants who did not receive funding the previous year grant year. Scores will be calculated, and projects will be prioritized/ranked by scores and recommended for funding in that rank order. Only one project per jurisdiction will be funded.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

# Ark-Tex Council of Governments Homeland Security Allocation Process

The ATCOG Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) consists of emergency management coordinators, judges, mayors, fire chiefs, EMS directors, volunteer fire fighters, police chiefs, and representatives from the Texas Forest Service and Texas Department of Public Safety. Each of ATCOG’s nine counties is represented as well as the two major cities: The City of Texarkana and the City of Paris. The HSAC was created by Ark-Tex Council of Governments to advise the Board of Directors in all matters related to regional homeland security and to recommend to the Board of Directors plans and programs which improve the emergency response and recovery throughout the region which support and maintain the State of Texas Goals for Homeland Security in order to maximize effective and efficient use of resources.

Each year, ATCOG receives State Homeland Security Program funding to help prevent, mitigate, respond and recover from terrorism activities. ATCOG HSAC uses a scoring process to prioritize HSGD application.

The scoring process will score projects in categories of risk, reasonableness, and priority level, **each category weighed equally**. The scoring process will allot additional points to applicants applying for regional projects, applicants who participated in Development of the THIRA/SPR/IP, and applicants who did not receive funding the previous year grant year. Scores will be calculated, and projects will be prioritized/ranked by scores and recommended for funding in that rank order.

Up to 100pts	Up to 100pts	Up to 100pts	Bonus Points Awarded				
Risk	Reasonableness	priority level	Regional Project +5	Participated in Annual communication exercise +5	Participated in Special Events Data collection +5	participated in development of THIRA/SPR/IP +5	Did not received HSGD funding prior grant year +20

## Grant Application Workshop

All grant applicants must attend the Grant Application Workshop in order to be eligible for grant funding.

The grant application workshop will include the following information:

- a. Who can apply and what activities are eligible under each funding opportunity

- b. Requirements for project problem statements with supporting data, goal statement, project activity explanations, current and target output and outcome measures, and budget categories and line items
- c. The project period for each funding opportunity
- d. Applicable rules, regulations, and certifications required
- e. Any prohibitions
- f. Civil rights rules related to applicant employees and projects or activities
- g. State strategies or funding preferences
- h. Potential jurisdictional funding allocations based on risk-based funding allocation formula
- i. Local policies and procedures that affect the COG's prioritization process
- j. Due dates for applicants to submit and certify applications

### **ATCOG Staff Review and HSAC Recommendation for Funding**

Once all applications are received, the applications are reviewed by ATCOG staff to ensure completion and that all requested items are allowable. The HSAC reviews the projects to ensure all projects are in line with regional priorities (if applicable) and have met the regional eligibility requirement of 75% participation in the monthly ATCOG Communication Repeater Tests.

Applications are then scored via ballot in categories of risk, reasonableness, and priority level. The scoring process will allot additional points to applicants applying for regional projects, applicants whom participated in the Special Events data collection, Regional Communication Exercise, Development of the THIRA/SPR/IP, regional project, and applicants who did not receive funding the previous year grant year. Each HSAC member has plans and reports in possession and may bring these documents to the meeting for reference, but are not required. The committee's involvement provides an overarching knowledge of each jurisdiction within the region, which guides and aids the HSAC during the scoring of projects. Scores will be calculated and projects will be prioritized/ranked by scores and recommended for funding in that rank order.

ATCOG's project will be ranked as number (1) in the prioritization process and shall receive full funding. Any other special projects approved by the HSAC committee will be ranked as number (2) and so forth. LETPA projects will have priority funding until the 25% LEPTA threshold is met. Once met, the remaining LEPTA projects will resume ranking with the regular SHSP projects. In the event of a tie between two or more projects, the lowest rankings on each project involved will be dropped until the tie is broken. **Only one project per jurisdiction will be funded out of ATCOG's Regional allocation, however jurisdictions may also apply for competitive state funding for projects with no limit.** Any representative from the agency applying is prohibited from including his or her agency's project in the prioritization due to the conflict of interest policy in ATCOG's HSAC bylaws. All projects must be scalable. If the amounts of LETPA projects submitted do not meet the 25% LETPA requirement, ATCOG HSAC can increase the LETPA projects' amounts to meet the requirement.

### **Final Project Allocation**

Following the committee meeting, the project allocation recommendation and prioritization results will be presented to the ATCOG Board of Directors for approval. Once ATCOG receives official notification of State approved projects, all applicants will be notified via email within three (3) business days.

**RESOLUTION NO. AEC22-06**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE RISK METHODOLOGY AND ALLOCATION PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) FUNDS.**

**WHEREAS**, the ATCOG Board of Directors and Homeland Security Advisory Committee finds it to be in the best interest to adopt a scoring process as the method for allocating FY2022 Homeland Security Grant Program funds to eligible jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the scoring process will score projects in categories of risk, reasonableness, and priority level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Scores will be calculated, and projects will be ranked by score from highest to lowest and recommended for funding in that rank order. Only one project per jurisdiction shall be funded out of the regional allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, the approval of the revisions to the Risk Methodology and Allocation Process replaces the previous version.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the revisions to the Risk Methodology and Allocation Process for allocating State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to the revisions to the Risk Methodology and Allocation Process for allocating State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 8:**

Review and consider approval of revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) bylaws.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The HSAC shall review the bylaws annually to keep the document current.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The ATCOG Homeland Security Advisory Committee met on December 16, 2021 to review and approve revisions to the HSAC bylaws. Additions under conflict of interest section that limits members from voting on applications within their county. Revisions under Article V- Regional Grant Process were added to state each category in the scoring process is weighted equally, as well as stating only one project per jurisdiction will be funded out of ATCOG's Regional allocation. However, jurisdictions may also apply for competitive state funding for projects with no limit. Clarification was added regarding the process of reallocated funds over the amount of \$5,000; which states those reallocations will be presented to the HSAC committee for scoring/voting.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**BYLAWS OF THE  
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG)  
HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HSAC)**

**ARTICLE I – NAME, PURPOSE, RESPONSIBILITIES**

The name of the Committee shall be the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC). The Homeland Security Advisory Committee was created by Ark-Tex Council of Governments to advise the Board of Directors in all matters related to regional homeland security and to recommend to the Board of Directors plans and programs which improve the emergency response and recovery throughout the region which support and maintain the State of Texas Goals for Homeland Security in order to maximize effective and efficient use of resources.

HSAC promotes strategies to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare our local communities for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to their security and resilience. Grant funding assists local jurisdictions in building, sustaining, and delivering core capabilities to further the National Preparedness Goal which is, “A secure and resilient Nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk.”

Guided by the framework established in the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan, HSAC supports investments in homeland security planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercises. Grant funding is used to address gaps identified through the annual State Preparedness Report (SPR) in achieving capability targets set through the annual Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA). These assessments identify capability targets and Texas’ current ability to meet those targets. Precedence is given to high-priority core capabilities where significant gaps exist.

The Committee’s specific responsibilities are:

1. To assist ATCOG in carrying on a continuous planning program to identify Homeland Security problems; in determining the needs of the region; in analyzing the existing Homeland Security Regional Plan and available resources; and in establishing goals and priorities
2. To review and comment to the ATCOG Board of Directors on applications requesting state or federal homeland security funds
3. To advise ATCOG’s member cities, counties, and special districts, directly or through the ATCOG Board of Directors, on matters within their jurisdiction pertaining to homeland security.

## ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

### Representation

The Committee shall be composed of the following members appointed by the ATCOG Board of Directors Chair:

One representative from each of the nine counties	9
One representative from the two largest cities in the region	2
One representative from both a city and a county law enforcement department	2
One representative from two different fire departments in the region	2
One representative from an emergency medical services provider	1
One representative from the Texas Forest Service	1
One Texas District Coordinator representing the ATCOG region	1
One Board of Directors Liaison	1
Total	19

Members will be appointed by the ATCOG Board of Directors Chair. The Committee may make recommendations to the ATCOG Board of Directors Chair to fill vacant membership seats. An ATCOG staff member shall serve as HSAC liaison and shall attend each HSAC meeting.

### Qualifications

To be eligible for membership on the HSAC, a member must reside in or be employed by the city/county/company the member is to represent unless otherwise designated by the ATCOG Board of Directors. Members must possess experience and/or training in disaster planning or response.

### Term

1. The term of membership of the HSAC shall be two (2) years and shall begin on the date of appointment by the ATCOG Board of Directors Chair.
2. In the case of a vacancy, the ATCOG Board of Directors Chair may appoint a replacement to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
3. A member may be removed for good cause by the ATCOG Board of Directors

### Vacancy

A vacancy occurs when

1. a member dies; or
2. a member's term expires; or
3. a member resigns (resignations shall be in writing to the ATCOG HSAC liaison or the HSAC chair); or
4. a member is removed; or

5. a member no longer meets the qualification requirements

### Attendance

1. Members are expected to attend all meetings
2. Attendance records documenting HSAC member absences will be maintained by the ATCOG HSAC liaison. If a member is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, notification must be provided to the HSAC liaison prior to the meeting. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, including funding prioritization meetings, the member may send a representative who assumes all but the voting rights and responsibilities of the member.
3. A member can be removed when, within one calendar year, he or she misses fifty percent (50%) of the regularly scheduled meetings held or two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings. The member will be notified in writing of such removal.
4. Members so removed may appeal in writing to the ATCOG Board of Directors Chair within two (2) weeks of the date of notification. Appeals will be dealt with in a timely manner and the member will be notified in writing of the decision.

## **ARTICLE III – OFFICERS**

### Election

The HSAC shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its members. Election of a Chair and a Vice-Chair will occur at the first meeting of the calendar year.

### Term

Officers shall serve for a one-year period beginning on the date of election. Officers may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.

### Vacancy

In the event an Officer is unable to fulfill his or her term, the HSAC shall elect a replacement at a regular or specially called meeting, who serves for the remainder of the unexpired term.

### Duties

1. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the HSAC.
2. In the case of a tie during a vote at which a quorum is present, the Chair will be deemed to have the authority to break the tie.
3. The Vice-Chair shall perform all the duties of the Chair in the case of absence or disability and such other duties as may arise, from time to time, when required or requested by the HSAC.

4. In case the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent or unable to perform their duties, the HSAC may appoint a Chair pro tem.

## **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS**

### Regular

1. The HSAC shall meet at least quarterly on a day, time and place specified by the ATCOG Executive Director, the ATCOG HSAC liaison or the HSAC as a whole.
2. HSAC meetings can be conducted in person, via conference call, or via webinar as is allowable by the Texas Open Meetings Act.
3. Written notice, including an agenda, of each regular meeting shall be prepared by the ATCOG HSAC liaison and electronically transmitted to each HSAC member at least five (5) business days before the meeting date.

### Special

1. The HSAC shall meet specially if called by the ATCOG Executive Director, the ATCOG HSAC liaison, the HSAC Chair or requested in writing by at least one-third of the membership, excluding vacancies, of the HSAC.
2. A request by the membership for a special meeting must be in writing, addressed to the Chair, and describe the purpose or purposes of the meeting. Only that business reasonably related to the purpose or purposes described in the request may be conducted at a special meeting.
3. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the special meeting.
4. Special meetings can be conducted in person, via conference call, or via webinar as is allowable by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

### Quorum and Action

1. One third of the total voting membership, excluding vacancies, constitutes a quorum for conducting HSAC business.
2. A majority vote of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for action by the HSAC. During a meeting at which a quorum has been established, and then subsequently lost due to members leaving, all remaining business items requiring a HSAC vote or action must be postponed until next scheduled meeting at which a quorum is established.

### Open Meetings and Records

1. All meetings of the HSAC shall be open to the public. The meetings are subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act and corresponding records are subject to the Texas Public Information Act. The HSAC Chair has the option of closing the

meetings when homeland security tactical issues are being discussed or when deemed necessary for confidentiality purposes.

2. Minutes of the HSAC meetings, documents distributed and other records are the property of ATCOG. The HSAC liaison shall keep the recordings of all the HSAC meetings according to the Local Government Records Control Schedule. These materials are available for public view, at the ATCOG offices, upon receipt of a written request by the interested party.
3. Except where these bylaws require otherwise, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the conduct of HSAC meetings.

### Conflict of Interest

1. A HSAC member who is a member of the governing body, an officer, or an employee of an applicant must abstain from voting on any grant application, other than the planning grant application submitted by the COG, during the prioritization process if the member or an individual related to the member:
  - a. Is employed by the applicant agency and works for the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded;
  - b. Serves on any governing board that oversees the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded;
  - c. 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
  - d. Receives any funds, or a substantial amount of tangible goods or routine services, from the applicant agency as a result of the grant, if awarded.
  - e. **Members must abstain from voting of applications within their county.**

The member is counted in determining the existence of a quorum.

2. A vote cast in violation of this section is not counted.

### Professional Conduct

HSAC members should maintain objectivity and professionalism when carrying out business of the HSAC. In the event a HSAC member acts in a manner which brings the work of the HSAC into question or controversy, it shall be the responsibility of the ATCOG Executive Director to address the incident with the Chair of the ATCOG Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V – Regional Grant Process**

**Grant Application Workshop.** All grant applicants must attend ATCOG Homeland Security Grant Application Workshop in order to be eligible for grant funding. Grant Application Workshops must be conducted at least 14 calendar days prior to any COG imposed application submission deadline and 30 calendar days prior to the PSO/HSGD application submission deadline.

The grant application workshop will include the following information:

- a. Who can apply and what activities are eligible under each funding opportunity
- b. Requirements for project problem statements with supporting data, goal statement, project activity explanations, current and target output and outcome measures, and budget categories and line items
- c. The project period for each funding opportunity
- d. Applicable rules, regulations, and certifications required
- e. Any prohibitions
- f. Civil rights rules related to applicant employees and projects or activities
- g. State strategies or funding preferences
- h. Potential jurisdictional funding allocations based on risk-based funding allocation formula
- i. Local policies and procedures that affect the COG's prioritization process
- j. Due dates for applicants to submit and certify applications

### **Grant Application Eligibility Requirements.**

I. National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation - Grantees are required to implement NIMS. The NIMS uses a systematic approach to integrate the best existing processes and methods into a unified national framework for incident management across all homeland security activities including prevention, protection, response, mitigation, and recovery. Grantees must use standardized resource management concepts for resource typing, credentialing, and an inventory to facilitate the effective identification, dispatch, deployment, tracking and recovery of resources.

II. Emergency Management Plans (Intermediate Level) – Cities and counties must have a current emergency management plan or be a legally established member of an inter-jurisdictional emergency management program with a plan on file with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Division of Emergency

Management (TDEM). Plans must be maintained throughout the entire grant performance period and must be at least at the Intermediate Level. If you have questions concerning your Emergency Management Plan (preparedness) level, contact your Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) or your regional Council of Governments (COG). For questions concerning plan deficiencies, contact TDEM at [tdem.plans@dps.texas.gov](mailto:tdem.plans@dps.texas.gov).

III. Criminal History Reporting –

Entities receiving funds from HSGD must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 60. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

IV. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) –

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year. Applicants must at the bare minimum operate a law enforcement agency (Police Department or Sheriff's Office) in order to comply with the Uniform Crime Reporting eligibility requirement.

V. **National Cyber Security Review**

**Per the HSGP notice of funding, recipients and sub recipients of HSGD grant awards will be required to complete the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR), enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture.**

**ATCOG Eligibility Requirements**

I. Application Workshop –

All grant applicants must attend ATCOG Homeland Security Grant Application Workshop in order to be eligible for grant funding. Grant Application Workshops must be conducted at least 14 calendar days prior to any COG imposed application submission deadline and 30 calendar days prior to the PSO/HSGD application submission deadline.

II. ATCOG Regional Repeater Testing –

In order to remain eligible, eligible applicants must participate in a Regional Roll Call over the ATCOG Repeater channel utilizing the jurisdiction's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at least 9 out of 12 months. A jurisdiction applying for grant funds that

does not have an EOC, but has an agreement with another jurisdiction to use its EOC when needed, will still be considered eligible to receive funds as long as the jurisdiction possessing the EOC meets the participation requirement. A jurisdiction that is unable to participate in the roll call regardless of the reason but coordinates with ATCOG to complete the test individually within two (2) days will still be considered eligible to receive funds. All other situations resulting in a jurisdiction being unable to participate will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

III. Applicants must be within the ATCOG region to be eligible to receive funding. The ATCOG region consist of: Bowie County, Cass County, Delta County, Franklin County, Hopkins County, Lamar County, Morris County, Red River County, and Titus County. Applicants outside of the ATCOG region who wish to apply for funding will be directed to the Council of Governments in their respective region for funding opportunities.

IV. Eligible colleges, universities, non-profit, and tribal organizations who wish to apply for Homeland Security funding through ATCOG will be directed to the Emergency Management Coordinator in their county or municipality for their emergency preparedness needs.

### **ATCOG Staff Review and HSAC Recommendation for Funding**

Once all applications are received, the applications are reviewed by ATCOG staff to ensure completion and that all requested items are allowable. The HSAC reviews the projects to ensure all projects are in line with regional priorities (if applicable) and have met the regional eligibility requirement of 75% participation in the monthly ATCOG Communication Repeater Tests.

**Applications are then scored via ballot in categories of risk, reasonableness, and priority level, each category weighted equally. The scoring process will allot additional points to applicants applying for regional projects, applicants whom participated in the Regional Communication Exercise and Development of the THIRA/SPR/IP, and applicants who did not receive funding the previous year grant year. Each HSAC member has plans and reports in possession and may bring these documents to the meeting for reference, but are not required. The committee's involvement provides an overarching knowledge of each jurisdiction within the region, which guides and aids the HSAC during the scoring of projects. Scores will be calculated and projects will be prioritized/ranked by scores and recommended for funding in that rank order.**

ATCOG's project will be ranked as number (1) in the prioritization process and shall receive full funding. Any other special projects approved by the HSAC committee will be ranked as number (2) and so forth. **LETPA projects will have priority funding until the 25% LEPTA threshold is met. Once met, the remaining LEPTA projects will resume ranking with the regular SHSP projects.** In the event of a tie between two or more

projects, the lowest rankings on each project involved will be dropped until the tie is broken. **Only one project per jurisdiction will be funded out of ATCOG's Regional allocation, however jurisdictions may also apply for competitive state funding for projects with no limit.** Any representative from the agency applying is prohibited from including his or her agency's project in the prioritization due to the conflict of interest policy in ATCOG's HSAC bylaws. All projects must be scalable. **If the amounts of LETPA projects submitted do not meet the 25% LETPA requirement, ATCOG HSAC can increase the LETPA projects' amounts to meet the requirement. ATCOG has the ability to make funding decision with the Office of the Governor regarding reallocated funds under the amount of \$5,000, and regarding OOG conditionally Approved Amounts of sub recipients. Reallocation of funds over the amount of \$5,000 will be presented to the HSAC committee for scoring/voting.**

### **Final Project Allocation**

Following the committee meeting, the project allocation recommendation and prioritization results will be presented to the ATCOG Board of Directors for approval. Once ATCOG receives official notification of State approved projects, all applicants will be notified via email within three (3) business days.

## **ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENT**

### **By ATCOG Board of Directors**

The ATCOG Board of Directors may amend these bylaws at a regular or special meeting. The written text of a proposed amendment must be included with the notice of the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.

### **By Homeland Security Advisory Committee**

The HSAC may amend these bylaws at a regular or special meeting. The written text of a proposed amendment must be recorded at the meeting at which the amendments is discussed and voted upon. The written text of a proposed amendment must be included with the notice of the meeting at which the amendment will be considered. An amendment adopted by the HSAC is not effective unless approved by the ATCOG Board of Directors.

### **Effective Date**

An amendment to the bylaws takes effect when approved by the ATCOG Board of Directors unless the amendment specifies a later effective date. Copies of amended bylaws will be distributed to the HSAC members by the HSAC liaison.

### **Review**

The HSAC shall review the bylaws annually to keep the document current. HSAC amendment recommendations shall be taken before the ATCOG Board of Directors for final approval. If upon review of the bylaws no amendments are deemed necessary, then no further action is required.

**RESOLUTION NO. AEC22-07**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HSAC) BYLAWS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) is an advisory subcommittee of the ATCOG Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the bylaws of the committee regulate committee affairs and the behavior of its members.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the ATCOG Board of Directors approves the revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) bylaws.

Section 2 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to revisions to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) bylaws.

Section 3 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law, and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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## BRIEFING PAPER

### **ITEM 9:**

Review and consider approval of the Executive Director, as the ATCOG Authorized Official, to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the Purchase of Juvenile Justice Services Project for FY 2023.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Purchase of Juvenile Justice Services Project provides necessary funds to allow county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG nine-county region to purchase quality services for juveniles that have been referred to them. Services previously purchased and provided include psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, and juvenile sex offender counseling/treatment.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Upon approval, ATCOG will be applying for a total of \$55,000 for this project.

Proposed Contractual Services will include an approximate total of:

\$37,000 for Juvenile Justice Services

Services previously purchased and provided include psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, and juvenile sex offender counseling/treatment.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. AEC22-08**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE THE PURCHASE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES FOR BOWIE, CASS, DELTA, FRANKLIN, HOPKINS, LAMAR, MORRIS, RED RIVER, AND TITUS COUNTIES IN TEXAS.**

**WHEREAS**, the rules and regulations of the Texas Criminal Justice Division require that this application be reviewed and approved by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Board of Directors.

**WHEREAS**, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Region that the Purchase of Juvenile Justice Services Project be operated for FY 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant with the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division; for a grant to provide the Purchase of Juvenile Justice Services for Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties in Texas.

Section 2- That this grant project has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and is listed as a priority in the Regional Strategic Plan and is approved for submission to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Section 3 - That the above-mentioned juvenile services are desirable and urgently needed for the public safety and welfare of the region and the Board of Directors agrees that, in the event of loss or misuse of funds, the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Section 4 - That the Executive Director, Chris Brown, has full authority to act on behalf of the ATCOG Board in all matters pertaining to the grant submission.

Section 5 - That this resolution is approved by majority vote in accordance with the bylaws of Ark-Tex Council of Governments and applicable law and shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.**

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**L. D. Williamson, President  
Board of Directors  
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**ATTEST:**

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