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**EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF
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PRESS RELEASE

Governor's Criminal Justice Division Grants Available

Grant Writing Workshops Scheduled

Kilgore, TX, December 13, 2011: Local governments, independent school districts, and non-profit organizations now have the opportunity to apply for grant funds from the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division. Continuation applicants and potential new applicants in ETCOG's fourteen (14) county region must attend at least one grant application workshop, hosted by the ETCOG Public Safety division. This training will be held at the East Texas Police Academy (ETPA), Woodruff Adult Education Center – Kilgore College, 220 N. Henderson Blvd.

Grant funding is available for the following programs: General Victims Assistants (VOCA) – Direct Services Program; Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects – Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking (VAWA); General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs (JJDP) and Criminal Justice Programs (SF-421). Applications opened on the eGrants site <https://cjdonline.governor.state.tx.us/fundopp.aspx> on 12/16/2011. Applications are due to the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division before midnight on 2/24/2011.

To submit an application for funding it is mandatory that someone from every applying entity attend a grant application workshop. Workshops are free to attend and will be held at the ETPA on:

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Request for Applications (RFAs) may be found on the eGrants website at <https://cjdonline.governor.state.tx.us/fundopp.aspx> for each designated funding source. Registration forms to attend a grant writing workshop can be found at www.etcog.org. For more information contact Public Safety Director, Stephanie Heffner at (903) 984.8641 x251.

About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.