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# PRESS RELEASE

## Governor's Criminal Justice Division Grants Available *ETCOG's Annual Free Grant Writing Workshops Scheduled*

**Kilgore, TX, December 16, 2008:** 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 are invited to attend free grant writing workshops, hosted by the ETCOG Criminal Justice and Public Safety department. This training will be held at the ETCOG office located at 3800 Stone Road, Kilgore.

Grant funding is available for the following programs: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA), Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), and State 421 Criminal Justice Planning Fund.

To apply for funding you must attend a MANDATORY grant writing workshop. Workshops are free to attend and will be held at ETCOG on:

Thursday, December 18, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 18, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 19, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31, 10:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, January 6, 10:00 a.m.

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Proposed projects for VOCA or VAWA must directly benefit crime victims; SDFSC projects should be designed to reduce drug abuse and/or violence; JJDP projects should be designed to prevent juvenile delinquency; State 421 Fund projects must be designed to reduce crime or improve the administration of justice.

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Advance reservations to attend a grant writing workshop are requested due to limited space. To reserve your seat, or for more information contact Angela Norton, Director of Criminal Justice and Public Safety, at (903) 984.8641 x251 or [angela.norton@etcog.org](mailto:angela.norton@etcog.org).

**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.

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