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Criminal Justice Grant Funding Available for East Texas Region

Mandatory Workshops Scheduled for Applicants

Kilgore, TX, December 10, 2013: Local governments, independent school districts, colleges, universities, non-profit organizations, and state agencies 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 application workshops, hosted by the ETCOG Public Safety Department. This training will be held at the ETCOG office, 3800 Stone Road, Kilgore, TX.

Grant funding is available for the following programs:

- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
- STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP)
- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)

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

- Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Agencies need only attend one grant application workshop (a.m. or p.m.)

Proposed projects for VOCA or VAWA must directly benefit crime victims; JJDP projects should be designed to prevent juvenile delinquency; JAG projects must be designed to reduce crime and improve the administration of justice.

Advance reservations are required. The registration form and other details can be found at <http://www.etcog.org/564/Grant-Application-Workshops.htm>. For more information contact Stephanie Heffner, Director of Public Safety, at (903) 984.8641 x251 or stephanie.heffner@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.