



PRESS RELEASE

Forty Eight (48) Public Safety Grants Approved

Annual Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Grants Aim to Improve Safety in the Region

Kilgore, TX, June 18, 2013: In ETCOG's Public Safety Division, grant funds from the State Administrative Agency and the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division are allocated each year to programs approved to prevent terrorism, improve security, promote justice, prevent juvenile delinquency, violence against women and help victims of crime. ETCOG's Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Advisory Committees review grant applications and make recommendations to the ETCOG Executive Committee for approval. On June 6, 2013, the ETCOG Executive Committee met and approved the grant projects below to help improve the safety and quality of life in the 14 county East Texas region.

HOMELAND SECURITY

The Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) met on May 9, 2013 to rank and allocate FY2013 projects for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). The following projects were recommended by the HSAC and approved by the ETCOG Executive Committee.

County	Jurisdiction	SOW	SHSP	LEAP	Total
Anderson	Palestine			\$6,969.00	\$6,969.00
Camp	Camp County			\$7,247.31	\$7,247.31
*ETCOG	ETCOG	\$63,135.45	\$100,004.00	\$13,240.00	\$176,379.45
Gregg	Kilgore PD			\$6,665.00	\$6,665.00
Gregg	Longview FD		\$16,000.00		\$16,000.00
Harrison	Marshall PD			\$10,002.55	\$10,002.55
Henderson	Henderson County			\$21,591.89	\$21,591.89
Henderson	Athens		\$4,863.00		\$4,863.00
Henderson	Enchanted Oaks		\$24,932.89		\$24,932.89
Henderson	Gun Barrel PD & FD		\$4,331.00	\$2,518.00	\$6,849.00
Henderson	Log Cabin VFD		\$9,600.00		\$9,600.00
Rains	East Tawakoni			\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Rusk	Rusk SO			\$7,269.45	\$7,269.45
Rusk	City of Henderson			\$7,269.46	\$7,269.46
Smith	City of Tyler		\$56,280.00		\$56,280.00
Upshur	Gilmer PD & FD			\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00

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ANDERSON CAMP CHEROKEE GREGG HARRISON HENDERSON MARION PANOLA RAINS RUSK SMITH UPSHUR VAN ZANDT WOOD

Van Zandt	City of Canton		\$36,530.91	\$7,453.09	\$43,984.00
					\$420,903.00

*ETCOG's funding requests were also approved by the committees and include the following:

- \$63,135.45 –for ETCOG` s Statement of Work (SOW) which covers salary, benefits, communications, supplies, copier costs, IT, allocated costs and shared costs.
- \$100,004 - for Code Red which is a reverse emergency notification system used to notify residents in the event of an emergency situation.
- \$13,240 - for WebEOC which is an online tool that enables Emergency Operations Centers to communicate with each other and exchange valuable information during an incident.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) met on April 24, 2013, to hear presentations from twenty-nine applicants, under the following funding sources: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG); Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (JJDP); Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The following projects were ranked and recommended by the CJAC and approved by the ETCOG Executive Committee.

RANK	JAG Applicants		Impacted Counties	TOTAL
1	Camp County	Law Enforcement Patrol Vehicle for Sheriff's Department	Camp	\$26,771.00
2	Tyler Police Department	Specialized Gang Investigator	Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rusk, Smith, Upshur & Van Zandt +	\$63,956.35
3	Upshur County Constable	Rural Justice Assistance	Upshur Pct. 1	\$40,565.00
4	Kilgore Police Dept.	NETX - DEA Task Force Daily/Special Operations Vehicle	ALL+	\$40,318.00
5	East Mountain PD	Police Department Equipment Grant	Gregg & Upshur	\$22,815.63
6	Hallsville PD	Computer System for Patrol Vehicles	Harrison	\$56,574.02

RANK	JJDP Applicants		Impacted Counties	TOTAL
1	East Texas Council of Governments	Regional Evaluation Services for Juveniles	ALL	\$64,769.73
2	Smith County	Mind, Body & Tools Program	Smith	\$20,054.00
3	Van Zandt County	V.O.I.C.E.S.	Van Zandt	\$47,949.00
4	City of Longview	Teen Court	Gregg & Harrison	\$24,000.00
5	Malakoff I.S.D.	U.P.L.I.F.T.	Henderson	\$49,430.00
6	Chapel Hill I.S.D.	Campus Safety	Smith	\$50,745.00
7	City of Longview	Ignite the Spark	Gregg	\$33,000.00
8	Longview I.S.D.	Workforce Education	Gregg	\$51,720.00

RANK	VAWA Applicants		Impacted Counties	TOTAL
1	Upshur County	Upshur County Family Violence Intervention Program	Upshur	\$55,315.00
2	Gregg County	Violence Against Women - Prosecution Project	Gregg	\$72,511.00
3	Anderson County	Women's Case Manager	Anderson	\$73,289.50

RANK	VOCA Applicants		Impacted Counties	TOTAL
1	Women's Center of East Texas	Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Rural Nonresidential Services	Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Rusk & Upshur	\$80,000.00
2	Wood County	Victim Services Project	Wood	\$59,583.00
3	East Texas Crisis Center	Rural Family Justice Project	Henderson, Rains & Wood	\$58,000.00
4	Rusk County Children's Advocacy Center	Children's Advocacy Center	Panola & Rusk	\$80,000.00
5	Crisis Center of Anderson & Cherokee Counties	Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault & Child Abuse Prevention & Advocacy	Anderson & Cherokee	\$80,000.00
6	Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center	Child Advocacy Program	Camp, Rains, Upshur & Wood +	\$80,000.00
7	Martin House Children's Advocacy Center	C.A.R.E. - Child Abuse Recovery Effort	Gregg, Harrison & Marion	\$56,000.00
8	Henderson County HELP Center	Henderson County Children's Advocacy Center	Henderson	\$80,000.00
9	Children's Advocacy Center of Van Zandt County	Forensic Interviewer	Van Zandt	\$20,000.00
10	Children's Advocacy Center of Smith County	CAC of Smith County	Smith	\$80,000.00
11	East Texas Crisis Center	Victim Assistance Program	Smith	\$80,000.00
12	Children's Advocacy Center of Van Zandt County	Mental Health Services	Van Zandt	\$22,750.00

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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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