



PRESS RELEASE

Twenty Five (25) Public Safety Grants Approved

\$482K in Homeland Security Grants Aim to Improve Safety in the Region

Kilgore, TX, August 21, 2014: In ETCOG's Public Safety Division, grant funds from the State Administrative Agency are allocated each year to programs approved to prevent terrorism and improve security. ETCOG's Homeland Security Advisory Committee reviews grant applications and make recommendations to the ETCOG Executive Committee for approval. On April 3, 2014, the ETCOG Executive Committee met and approved the grant projects below for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). The following projects were approved:

County	Jurisdiction	SOW	SHSP	LEAP	Total Awarded
Anderson	Anderson County			\$7,829.50	\$7,829.50
Cherokee	Cherokee County			\$5,188.00	\$5,188.00
Cherokee	Bullard VFD		\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
Cherokee	Earls Chapel VFD		\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00
Cherokee	Maydell VFD		\$5,100.00		\$5,100.00
Cherokee	New Summerfield VFD		\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00
Cherokee	North Cherokee VFDs		\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00
*ETCOG	ETCOG	\$88,085.49	\$85,123.00		\$173,208.00
Gregg	Judson Metro VFD		\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
Gregg	Sabine VFD		\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
Gregg	Longview SWAT			\$10,076.00	\$10,076.00
Harrison	Harrison County			\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Harrison	Harleton VFD		\$5,685.00		\$5,685.00
Harrison	Hallsville			\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Harrison	Waskom			\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Harrison	Waskom VFD		\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Rusk	Henderson			\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Rusk	Henderson FD		\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
Rusk	Overton			\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Smith	Smith County			\$30,530.50	\$30,530.50
Upshur	Big Sandy		\$3,300.00		\$3,300.00
Upshur	East Mountain			\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Van Zandt	Canton		\$88,162.00	\$13,928.00	\$102,090.00
Wood	Quitman		\$6,200.00		\$6,200.00
Wood	Winnsboro			\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Total					\$482,207.00

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

- \$88,085.49 –for ETCOG's Statement of Work (SOW) plus Management & Administration (M&A) which covers salary, benefits, communications, supplies, copier costs, IT, allocated costs and shared costs.

- \$85,123.00 - for Code Red which is a reverse emergency notification system used to notify residents in the event of an emergency situation.

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