



# PRESS RELEASE

## Twenty-Five Criminal Justice Grants for East Texas Approved by the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division

### *Annual Criminal Justice Grants Aim to Improve Safety in the Region*

**Kilgore, TX, December 3, 2015:** In the ETCOG's Public Safety Division, grant funds from the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) are awarded annually to programs that help prevent violence in and around schools, provide training and equipment to law enforcement, combat family violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking crimes, disrupt and prevent gang activity, reduce juvenile delinquency, provide assistance to victims of crime, and improve the criminal justice system. The projects listed below were approved for FY2016 funding, by CJD, under the following funding sources: State Funds 421 (SF-421); Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG); Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

Applicants	Project Title	Amount Requested
<b>State Funds 421 Grant Funding (12 month grants)</b>		
<b>East Texas Council of Governments</b>	Regional Evaluation Services for Juveniles	\$55,249.37
<b>Van Zandt County</b>	V.O.I.C.E.S. - Vocational/Occupational Initiatives Creating Employment	\$47,949.00
<b>City of Longview</b>	Teen Court	\$16,387.75
<b>Upshur County</b>	Family Violence Intervention Program	\$39,194.73
<b>Anderson County</b>	Women's Case Manager	\$56,505.37
		<b>\$215,286.22</b>
<b>Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funding (12 month grants)</b>		
<b>Palestine, City of</b>	Multiple Interview Room Recording System	\$10,063.23
<b>Kilgore, City of</b>	Automatic License Plate Reader Project	\$55,527.80
<b>Winnboro, City of</b>	Data Disbursement/Collection Equipment Grant	\$22,384.00
<b>Anderson County</b>	Juvenile Detention and Sheriff's Office Equipment	\$53,893.34
<b>Longview, City of</b>	Mobile Data Terminals	\$25,000.00
<b>Tyler, City of</b>	Specialized Gang Investigator	\$63,956.00
<b>Wills Point, City of</b>	Vehicle and Camera Project	\$44,775.00
		<b>\$275,599.37</b>
<b>Violence Against Women Act Funding (12 Month Grants)</b>		
<b>Gregg County</b>	Violence Against Women Prosecution Project	\$72,511.00
<b>Cherokee County</b>	Violence Against Women Prosecution Project	\$87,409.65
		<b>\$159,920.65</b>
<b>Victims of Crime Act (25 Month Funded Grants )</b>		

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

<b>Women's Center of East Texas</b>	Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Rural Nonresidential Services	\$376,250.00
<b>East Texas Crisis Center, Inc.</b>	Victim Assistance Program	\$333,333.33
<b>Gregg County</b>	Victims Assistance Coordinator Project	\$102,277.08
<b>Van Zandt County</b>	Victims Assistance Project	\$95,081.25
<b>Friends of Partners in Prevention</b>	Mentoring Project	\$70,125.00
<b>Upshur County</b>	Victim Services Project	\$86,250.00
<b>Victims of Crime Act (13 Month Funded Grants)</b>		
<b>Crisis Center of Anderson and Cherokee Counties</b>	Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy for Rural Communities	\$130,000.00
<b>Family Peace Project, Inc.</b>	Shelter and Non-Residential Victims Program	\$221,786.50
<b>Cherokee County</b>	Victim Assistance Project	\$43,409.22
<b>Kilgore, City of</b>	Victim Services Coordinator	\$49,378.33
<b>Henderson County HELP Center</b>	Helping Crime Victims through Crisis and Beyond	\$125,874.67
		<b>\$1,633,765.38</b>

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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.