



April 17, 2024

TO: SETRPC Executive Committee Members

FROM: Shanna Burke, Executive Director *sb*

SUBJECT: Discussion and Approval of Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Community Development (CD) Fund Project Priorities – **Action Item**

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission conducted a public meeting Friday, April 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss and make recommendations for project priorities and scoring values for southeast Texas related to the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program. These will be used in conjunction with criteria established by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) staff and the TDA Unified Scoring Committee (USC) for non-entitlement/ non-disaster TxCDBG Community Development (CD) funds for the upcoming year. A listing of recommendations is attached for your discussion, review, and approval.

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Regional Project Priority Scoring Element:

Region:	1500 – South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)	Date Adopted:	April 17, 2024
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TxCDBG Community Development Fund (CDV) Project Priority points are awarded based on tiers of prioritized activities. Assign points to each tier in ten-point increments. Assign no more than 50 points to any single tier – each point assignment is separate, there is no cumulative point total for this scoring element.

Project Priority Tier	Number of Points Assigned
First Tier	50
Second Tier	-
Third Tier	-

Assign a Project Priority Tier to each activity category. Any application requesting to consider activities not identified as a Priority Tier will receive no Project Priority points.

Activity Code	Activity Name	Priority Tier
03A	Senior Centers	1
03B	Facility for Persons with Disabilities	1
03C	Homeless Facilities	1
03D	Youth Centers	1
03E	Neighborhood Facilities	1
03F	Parks, Recreational Facilities	1
03G	Parking Facilities	1
03H	Solid Waste Disposal Improvements	1
03I	Flood Drainage Improvements	1
03J	Water/Sewer Improvements	1
03K	Street Improvements	1
03L	Sidewalks	1
03M	Child Care Centers	1
03O	Fire Station/Equipment	1
03P	Health Facilities	1
03Z	Other Eligible CDBG Public Improvements	1
004	Clearance and Demolition	1
005	Public Services	1
120	Construction of New Housing (via community development organizations)	1
140	Rehab; Single-Unit Residential	1
14A	Rehab; Single-Unit Residential, Utility Connections	1
14B	Rehab; Multi-Unit Residential	1
14C	Public Housing Modernization	1
14Z	Other Housing Rehab, Relocation, and/or Homeownership Services	1
150	Code Enforcement	1
16A	Residential Historic Preservation	1
16B	Non-Residential Historic Preservation	1
170	Economic Development – Assistance to Not-for-Profit Organizations	1
18A	Economic Development – Assistance to For-Profits	1
18C	Micro-Enterprise Assistance	1
020	Planning	1

Regional Project Priority Scoring, Cont.:

Persons participating in priority selection:

- ✓ All members of regional planning organization (open meeting)
- ✓ All members of regional planning organization's executive committee
- ✓ Executive Director
- Other standing committee: _____
- Special Committee, with members listed below:

Name	Title

Approved and submitted to TDA:

Shanna Burke, Executive Director

April 17, 2024
Date



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TO: SETRPC Executive Committee Members

FROM: Glenda Lacy, Disaster Recovery Division Director *gl*

SUBJECT: A Resolution Recognizing Fair Housing – **Action Item**

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) is seeking approval of the attached resolution recognizing fair housing and the activities to bring public awareness to fair housing. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recognizes April as National Fair Housing Month. This is the result of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, a national law, that sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans. The enactment of the Fair Housing Act is to raise awareness about the importance of fair housing.

SETRPC will participate in local activities to expand the awareness of fair housing. We have posted notices about fair housing in both English and Spanish in public areas throughout our building and information related to fair housing is posted on our website.

SETRPC respectfully requests your approval of this resolution.

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FAIR HOUSING AND THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, April marks the anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits for fair housing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the exclusive province of the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be as effective, if not more so, than Federal efforts; and

WHEREAS, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all; and

WHEREAS, the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission will participate in local fair housing activities, has posted notices about Fair Housing in both English and Spanish in public areas throughout our building and has posted information related to Fair Housing on the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission website;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That in the pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all men and women, the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission does hereby encourage all agencies, institutions and individuals, public and private, in the Southeast Texas area to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law.

That this Resolution is endorsed and passed by the Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission on this day, Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

ATTEST:

Wayne McDaniel, President, SETRPC
County Judge, Hardin County

Vernon Pierce, Secretary, SETRPC
Commissioner, Jefferson County



April 17, 2024

TO: SETRPC Executive Committee

FROM: Sara Torres-Garcia, Director, Community Services Division (CSD)

SUBJECT: Approval of Community Services Division -
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Budget- **Action Item**

Funding was received from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Contract Number 61240004146 in the amount of \$496,850.00 for FY 2024 Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) and administered by SETRPC-Community Services Division. CSD-CSBG provides a broad range of case management services designed to reduce poverty and foster self-sufficiency to residents of Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange counties.

Targeting Our Possibilities (TOP) program:

TOP is a case management program designed to help low-income individuals and their families achieve self-sufficiency via secondary education or workforce training. Applicants must be at or below 125th percentile of the federal poverty level, able/willing to work, and meet other program guidelines in order to be considered and become part of the program. Program referrals come through a partnership between the program and local colleges and the university.

CSBG Stabilization:

One-time financial assistance with rent and/or utilities. Applicants must be at or below the 200th percentile of the federal poverty level and be delinquent with rent and/or utilities to receive assistance. Assistance is provided on a first-come first-serve basis until all funds are expended. This assistance is reserved and offered during the summer crisis months when utility bills are historically the highest due to high energy consumption.

CSBG Budget Revision for FY 24 was presented and approved by CSD-CSBG Advisory Council members on March 27, 2024. CSD kindly requests approval of CSBG budget by SETRPC Executive Committee as follows:

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2024 CSBG Program Budget Revision:

CSBG Advisory Council reviewed and approved on 3/27/2024

INCOME		\$496,850
Supplies		1,000
Printing and Publications		400
Dues and Subscriptions		7,479
<i>Appriver</i>	1442	
<i>TACAA</i>	1600	
<i>Survey Monkey</i>	200	
<i>ABILA</i>	1,297	
<i>CAP</i>	2,740	
<i>SE Texas Nonprofit Development Center</i>	200	
Subcontractors		24,700
<i>CAP60</i>	7,600	
<i>North Jefferson</i>	17,100	
Tele.		5,000
Postage		582
Conference/Seminars		2,624
Lcl Tvl		262
Rent (Building,U-Haul)		17,400
Equipment Lease/Rental		2,000
<i>Property Tax</i>		90
Other TOP		45,000
Other Stabilization		27,900
<i>Hardin</i>	6,300	
<i>Orange</i>	9,900	
<i>South Jefferson</i>	11,700	
Salaries		187,653
Benefits	54.42%	95,098
Indirect	29.54%	79,662
TOTAL		\$496,850

Program Year 2024 Budget - DCA

INCOME		\$18,965
		
Subcontractors		7,207
<i>North Jefferson</i>	7,207	
Other Stabilization		11,758
<i>Hardin</i>	2,655	
<i>Orange</i>	4,172	
<i>South Jefferson</i>	4,931	
TOTAL		\$18,965

Program Year 2024 Budget - OCI

INCOME		\$6,451
		
Equipment Purchase		4,451
Other;Community Needs Assessment Support		2,000
TOTAL		\$6,451



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TO: SETRPC Executive Committee
FROM: Sara Torres-Garcia, Director, Community Services Division (CSD)
SUBJECT: Introduction of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
 Advisory Council Members - **Information Item**

In compliance with rules and regulations under the federal CSBG Act (42 U.S.C.901, et seq) and the State of Texas CSBG Act (Texas Administrative Code (TAC). Title 10. Part 1. Chapter 6. Subchapter B. Rule 6.209 through 6.2014); any provisions in question shall be read in compliance with the federal and state laws and regulations for all agencies to administer the CSBG program through a Tripartite board. These rules and regulations require that said board members be involved in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of CSBG programs serving the low-income sector. CSD kindly introduces:

CSBG Advisory Council:

Member Name	Position	Tripartite Sector for CSBG Board	Affiliation	Date Seated	County of Residence
Amanda Young	Board Member	Public	Hardin County Commissioner Pct. 4	12/6/2023	Hardin
Mary Adams	Board Member	Private	Former Mayor City of Kountze	06/26/2023	Hardin
Letasha Jones	Secretary	Low Income	Asst. Heath Director/WIC Manager	7/28/2021	Hardin
Cathy Nagel	Vice-Chair	Public	Mayor City of Pine Forest	9/28/2022	Orange
Michelle Tubbleville	Board Member	Private	Port of Orange	3/29/2023	Orange
Evita Kemmer	Board Member	Low-Income	Orange Christian Services	2/19/2020	Orange
Randy Feldschau	Board Member	Public	City of Beaumont Council Member	12/7/2022	Jefferson
Rev. Robert Sartin	Chair	Private	Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church	5/19/2019	Jefferson
Jimmy Sparks	Board Member	Low-Income	SETX Food Bank	3/29/2023	Jefferson

CSD Mission: Empowering low-income individuals and families to meet their basic needs and increase their opportunity to realize their full potential through education and community service collaborations.

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TO: SETRPC Executive Committee Members

FROM: Pete De La Cruz, Director of 9-1-1 Emergency Network

DATE: April 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Procurement for Equipment to Add Two Additional 9-1-1 Answering Stations at Beaumont Police Department - Action Item

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) 9-1-1 Emergency Network has received a request to add two additional 9-1-1 call taking workstations from the Beaumont Police Department. The request complies with the requirements contained in the Commission on State Emergency Communication's (CSEC) Program Policy Statement 012: "Public Safety Answering Point Adds, Moves, Changes, Consolidations, and Closures; Adding 9-1-1 Workstation".

This activity will require a budget amendment request submission and approval from the CSEC Board at their next appropriate meeting.

The SETRPC Executive Committee is respectfully being asked to approve the submission of the required CSEC budget amendment in the amount of \$79,903 and to approve the Sole Source purchase for equipment and installation from AT&T pending the approval of this activity by the CSEC Board.

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TO: SETRPC Executive Committee Members

FROM: Pete De La Cruz, Director of 9-1-1 Emergency Network

DATE: April 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Telecommunicators Week Proclamation – Information Item

April 8th – April 12th is a week-long annual event, to honor the regional telecommunications personnel in the Public Safety community. Our 9-1-1 call takers, which number 173 men and women, work endless stress-filled hours to assist our families, friends, and neighbors. These individuals answer the phone lines and 9-1-1 Emergency phone system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Day or night, holidays, and weekends, whether it is a water leak, a fender bender in the parking lot, the unexpected death of a loved one, flooding, a house or grass fire, dogs barking, etc. Whatever the situation, someone is on duty to answer your call and dispatch the appropriate Fire, Medical and/or Police element to assist you in your needs.

During Telecommunicators Week we honor our regional call takers from the counties of Jasper, Jefferson, Hardin, and Orange. Along with Governor Abbott, 9-1-1 Emergency Network encourages you to find ways to thank and show appreciation to these dedicated professionals who are on call to serve and help protect each of us every day.

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Daily, across the nation, public safety telecommunicators are on the front lines, communicating and coordinating public safety services in the face of critical need. From car accidents and medical emergencies to threats of any kind, these highly trained professionals answer calls for help and address emergent needs with skill and speed. Dispatchers, 9-1-1 operators, and crisis communications specialists remain poised during stressful situations, reassure callers, and establish swift responses to any calamity.

Public safety telecommunicators provide essential services to their fellow Texans and remain devoted to their communities. Their ability to operate telephones, radios, and computers supports law enforcement, emergency medical services, and firefighters. Their professionalism, empathy, and commitment inspire people throughout the Lone Star State. More than 4,000 public safety telecommunicators work in 600 emergency 911 call centers, providing critical communications in the face of difficult circumstances.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications works with telecommunicators and local and state governments to ensure that Texans have reliable access to emergency telecommunications services. Each year, the commission brings awareness to public safety telecommunicators and recognizes their importance to public safety.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the impactful role these dedicated professionals play in our lives and to extend their appreciation to public safety telecommunicators. They ensure that help arrives swiftly to those in need.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 14–20, 2024, to be

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 4th day of April, 2024.


Governor of Texas



April 17, 2024

TO: SETRPC Executive Committee

FROM: Stephen L. Curran, Director, Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division

RE: Approval of 2024 Communication Committee (COMMC) Planning Advisory
Committee Member Voting Designee List
Action Item

The Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division seeks approval of the 2024 Communication Committee (COMMC) Advisory Committee Member list comprising primary and alternate voting members designated by the jurisdiction's chief elected official to serve on COMMC. The division is seeking approval for the addition of the Texas Department of Public Safety (Texas DPS) to the list, as they are a stakeholder in the South East Texas Regional Radio System. Please note that obtaining authorization from Texas DPS took longer than anticipated and is highlighted on the attached list.

We respectfully request approval for the 2024 Communication Committee (COMMC) Advisory Committee Member Voting Designee List.

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COMMC Committee Designees 2024

Jurisdictions	Designee/Alternate(s)
Hardin County	Aaron Tupper – EMC
	Alt. Dakota Collier – Captain/IT Manager
Jasper County	Billy Smith – EMC
	Alt. Mark Allen – County Judge
Jefferson County	Donta Miller, Chief Deputy, JCSO
	Alt. Robert Grimm – EMC
Orange County	Joel Ardoin – EMC
	Alt. Leon George – Deputy EMC
Beaumont, City of	Angela Wright, Chief Technology Officer
	Alt. Tim Ocnaschek – Captain/EMC
Bridge City, City of	Tod McDowell – Police Chief/EMC
	Alt. Robert Bergeron – Assistant Police Chief
Groves, City of	Lance Billeaud – Fire Chief
	Alt. Chris Robins – Interim City Marshal
Lumberton, City of	Danny Sullins – Police Chief
	Alt. Steve Clark – City Manager
Nederland, City of	Terry Morton – Fire Chief
	Alt. Jeff Sparks, Assistant Fire Chief
Orange, City of	Mike Zeto – CIS Manager
	Alt. Sparky Robinson, Major
Port Arthur, City of	Robert “Louie” Havens – Deputy Fire Chief/Deputy EMC
	Alt. John Boleyn, Support Services Director
Port Neches, City of	Eloy Vega – Fire Chief/EMC
	Alt. Cheri Griffith – Police Chief
Silsbee, City of	Shawn Blackwell – Police Chief
	Alt. Jamie Plaunty, Terminal Agency Coordinator
Vidor, City of	Rodney Johnson – Police Captain/EMC
	Alt. Rod Carroll – Police Chief
West Orange, City of	Michael Stelly – Police Chief
	Alt. Matt Frederick – Lieutenant
Dept. of Public Safety	Heather Crustner, Communications Supervisor-Lufkin
	Alt. Yvette Young, Communications Supervisor-Houston

Approved 04/17/2024

President – Michael Sinegal, Jefferson County | 1st VP – Wayne McDaniel, Hardin County | 2nd VP – Johnny Trahan, Orange County
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TO: SETRPC Executive Committee

FROM: Stephen L. Curran, Director, Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division

RE: Approval of FY2025 Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Funding Recommendations
Action Item

The Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division seeks approval of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) funding recommendations regarding the State 421 (which includes the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant and Truancy Prevention), General Victim Services (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Criminal Justice Program (formerly Justice Assistance Grant) projects submitted to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division.

We respectfully request approval for the ranking and project amounts.

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Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP), Truancy Prevention (TP), and Criminal Justice Program (JAG) for funding to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division is charged with administering funds available through the State Criminal Justice Program Funds: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP), Truancy Prevention (TP), and Criminal Justice Program (JAG); and

WHEREAS, the South East Texas Regional Planning commission is charged with receiving, reviewing and prioritizing local proposals for funding available through the State Criminal Justice Program Funds: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP), Truancy Prevention (TP), and Criminal Justice Program (JAG); and

WHEREAS, the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission has charged the regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) with reviewing and recommending priorities within these funding programs for consideration by the Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, several criminal justice agencies and other applicants have submitted proposals to utilize funds available through these funding sources for needed programs in the South East Texas region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee has received, reviewed, and prioritized applicable proposals for Fiscal Year 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the attached is an enumeration of recommended Project Priorities as determined by the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.
- 2) That this enumeration of Project Priorities shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission for final review and comment with the recommendation that it be adopted as presented.
- 3) That this Resolution is endorsed and passed by the regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee on Thursday, April 04, 2024.

Dale Williford, CJAC Chair
Hardin County

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Criminal Justice Program Applicants	Grant Applicant Project Amount from the OOG	Ranking	Average Score
General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (JJDP)			
SETRPC – Regional Juvenile Alternatives #3554607 \$66,924.34	\$ 66,924.34	1	98.60
Truancy Prevention (TP)			
First Judicial District Juvenile Probation - Truancy Prevention Officer/Juvenile Case Manager #444950 \$91,800.00	\$ 91,800.00	1	94.00
Violent Crimes Against Women (WX)			
Jefferson County - Family Violence/Crimes Against Women Unit/District Attorney's Office #1346627 \$80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	1	97.273
Jasper County - Violence Against Women Act Special Prosecutor Project #3883206 \$40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	2	95.000
General Victim Assistance - Direct Services (VA)			
Jefferson County - Jefferson County Crime Victims' Clearinghouse #2103213 \$92,123.00 total: \$115,153.75	\$ 92,123.00	1	95.800
Hardin County - Victim's Assistance #1366024 \$200,698.00 total: \$250,889.00	\$ 200,698.00	2	94.000
CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth - Forensic Nurse Advocate Program #3785806 \$1879,670.00 total: \$225,541.00	\$ 179,670.00	3	92.400
Hardin County - Victim Assistance Coordinator #3598406 \$65,114.00 total: \$81,392.50	\$ 65,114.00	4	92.000
Child Abuse and Forensic Services, Inc. - Victim Services #3349907 \$164,697.00 total: \$206,759.00	\$ 164,697.00	5	91.900
Rape & Crisis of Southeast Texas - Sexual Assault/Other Crime #2107814 \$163,039.17 total: \$203,791.53	\$ 163,039.17	6	90.700
Family Services of Southeast Texas, Inc. - Family Violence Victim Services #1996515 \$483,559.58 total: \$604,449.48	\$ 483,559.58	8	90.300
Jasper County - Victim Assistance Coordinator/Victim Services #4197104 \$63,532.00 total: \$90,485.00	\$ 63,532.00	7	86.600
OnPurpose Enrichment of SE Texas - OnPurpose Journeys: Mobile Victim Outreach & Mental Health #5010201 \$145,511.43 total: \$327,011.43	\$ -	9	45.900
Criminal Justice Program - JAG			
Hardin County - Technology Upgrade #4012505 \$45,000.00	\$ 39,766.00	1	96.583
West Orange, City of - Technology Upgrade #4974701 \$31,200.00	\$ 31,200.00	2	93.916
Groves, City of - Elevating Regional Interoperability for Emergency Preparedness #4992501 \$28,137.10	\$ 28,137.10	3	93.500
Silsbee, City of - Radio Project #4076105 \$52,729.02	\$ 52,729.02	4	93.416
Vidor, City of - In-Car Camera System #45100501 \$26,118.00	\$ 10,000.00	5	92.500
Orange, City of - Covert Pole Camera #4843902 \$14,950.00	\$ 14,950.00	6	90.166

Regional Allocation by Grant Category:

	SETRPC RBE	Projects Submitted	Difference
JAG	\$ 176,782.12	\$ 176,782.12	\$ -
VOCA	\$ -	\$ 1,412,432.75	\$ (1,412,432.75)
WX	\$ 110,658.85	\$ 120,000.00	\$ (9,341.15)
TP	\$ 68,833.94	\$ 91,800.00	\$ (22,966.06)
JJDP	\$ 46,872.19	\$ 66,924.34	\$ (20,052.15)
	\$ 403,147.10	\$ 1,867,939.21	