

Executive Committee Meeting

2180 North Main Street Belton, Texas

Thursday, February 29, 2024

Hybrid Meeting: 12:00 PM

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AGENDA

1. Welcome.....Honorable Roger Miller, President
2. Call to Order.....Honorable Roger Miller, President
3. Oath of Office.....Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director
 - Raikos Adams, City of Killeen – Alternate
 - Martha Tyroch, General Land Office Representative
4. Opportunity for Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Minutes: January 2024
6. Expenditure Report: January 2024

ACTION ITEMS

7. Resolution 02-24-PRS-001 Approving the FY 2023-2024 TXCDBG Community Development Fund Unified Scoring Committee Regional Representative for CTCOG Region
8. Resolution 02-24-PRS-002 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Grant Projects

REPORTS

- 9. Guest SpeakerTom Fowler, Kimley-Horn
- 10. Area Agency on Aging George Losoya, Director
- 11. Housing Carmen Lim, Director
- 12. Planning & Regional Services Uryan Nelson, Director
- 13. Workforce Development Board Susan Kamas, Workforce Board Executive Director
- 14. Workforce Centers Louis LeDoux, Workforce Center Chief Operating Officer
- 15. Executive Director's Report Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director, CTCOG

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Executive Committee Meeting

7441 FM 1123, Belton, Texas 76513

Thursday, January 25, 2024

In-Person Meeting: 12:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES:

The January 2024 Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by The Honorable Randall J. Hoyer, President.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	The Honorable Randy Hoyer, County Judge	Lampasas County
1 st Vice President	The Honorable Roger Miller, County Judge	Coryell County
2 nd Vice President	Councilmember Jose Segarra	City of Killeen
Parliamentarian	Ryan Haverlah, City Manager	City of Copperas Cove
Secretary/Treasurer	Russel Schneider, County Commissioner	Bell County
Immediate Past President	The Honorable David Blackburn, County Judge	Bell County

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Dr. Michele Carter, Chancellor, Central Texas College	Tim Davis, Mayor, City of Temple	The Honorable Jody Fauley, County Judge, San Saba County
Lloyd Huggins, Commissioner, Hamilton County	The Honorable Jett Johnson, County Judge, Mills County	Debbie Nash-King, Mayor, City of Killeen
Stephanie O'Banion, Councilmember, City of Belton	Martha Tyroch, Representative, General Land Office	Bobby Whitson, Commissioner, Bell County
Dan Yancey, Mayor, City of Copperas Cove	Fred Chavez, Councilmember, City of Copperas Cove	

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Michael Irvine, CTCOG	George Losoya, CTCOG
Uryan Nelson, CTCOG	Jeannie Horne, CTCOG	Becky Cooley, CTCOG
Helen Hill- Yancey, CTCOG	Susan Kamas, Workforce Board	Louis LeDoux, WFSCT
Bill Schumann, Bell County	Ginney Lewis-Ford, TARC	

Action Items

A motion was made by The Honorable Jett Johnson, Mills County Judge, to approve the incoming slate of Officers from the Nominating Committee. Martha Tyroch, General Land Office, and Stephanie O'Banion, Councilmember, City of Belton both moved to second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by The Honorable Randy Hoyer, Lampasas County Judge, to pass resolution 01-24-PRS001 Authorizing FY2021 State Criminal Justice Planning Funds- Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy Grant Program. Mayor Debbie Nash-Ling, City of Killeen, second the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 01:00 PM by The Honorable Judge Roger Miller, President.

The Honorable Judge Roger Miller, President

Mr. Ryan Haverlah, Secretary/Treasurer



Expenditure Report
Fiscal Year: 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2024

Descriptions	January Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures	Annual Budget	Remaining Budget
Personnel	\$ 588,687	\$ 4,232,699	\$ 7,315,023	\$ 3,082,324
Employee Benefits	415,078	2,849,932	4,885,720	2,035,788
Contract services	317,434	5,274,997	9,971,371	4,696,374
Travel	12,748	157,434	313,681	156,247
Housing Assistance Payments	1,569,910	10,455,805	18,000,748	7,544,943
Other	2,119,335	16,469,245	28,723,712	12,254,467
In-kind	90,923	112,223	112,648	425
Indirect costs	150,162	1,059,678	1,823,580	763,902
Totals	<u>\$ 5,264,277</u>	<u>\$ 40,612,013</u>	<u>\$ 71,146,483</u>	<u>\$ 30,534,470</u>

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**Detail of Other Expenditures
Fiscal Year: 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2024**

Descriptions	January Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
Participant Salaries	\$ 6,892	\$ 160,822
FICA Taxes	527	14,102
Workers Compensation	278	4,984
Building Expense	35,099	248,816
Consumable Supplies	11,503	77,960
Employee Development	20,562	221,106
Insurance and Bonding	2,793	9,585
Rent	88,413	591,476
Printing	3,497	22,849
Furniture/Equipment Rental	6,808	46,009
IT Supplies	12,385	12,385
Maintenance and Repairs	1,225	7,158
Communications	8,749	107,327
Postage	3,417	23,726
Utilities	9,872	64,821
Public Relations	1,380	36,443
Tuition	9,419	701,028
Dues and Subscriptions	7,240	83,432
Quality Assurance	53,584	627,487
Other Expenditures	2,764	45,307
Work Related Expense	22,435	358,030
Gasoline	206	1,984
Janitorial	8,129	77,773
Automobile Repairs	-	130
Client Rent Payment	-	426
Client Transportation	28,158	268,839
Client Child Care	1,685,425	12,220,496
Client Utilitites/Utility Dep	-	660
Other Support Services	14,698	129,578
Inventory Equipment	73,877	105,588
Inventory Furniture	-	1,251
Software & Software Updates	-	197,667
	<u>\$ 2,119,335</u>	<u>\$ 16,469,245</u>

**CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

MEETING DATE: 2/23/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Nomination of CTCOG Representative to Unified Scoring Committee

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

TDA is beginning the planning process for the 2025-2026 Community Development (CD) application cycle. As part of this process, each state planning region is responsible for the nomination of one representative from their region to participate in the Unified Scoring Committee (USC) and the establishment of regional project priorities. The USC responsible for developing the objective scoring factors for all regions that will be used to prioritize 2025-2026 Community Development (CD) applicants. The USC meeting will be held on April 10th, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas. The establishment of regional project priorities is not part of this agenda item.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- ☐ New issue, project, or purchase
- ☒ Routine, regularly scheduled item
- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☐ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Uryan Nelson

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: **N/A**

Source of Funds: **N/A**

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:



**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2023-2024 TxCDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
UNIFIED SCORING COMMITTEE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CTCOG REGION**

02-24-PRS-001

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has designated the Central Texas Council of Governments areas as State Planning Region #23, and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments is organized in accordance with Section 391 of the Local Government Code and encompasses the region of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Development Fund is a biennial grant program whose primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant program is to provide funding to non-entitlement communities for public facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Unified Scoring Committee (USC) is a committee organized by the TDA to create the scoring criteria for TxCDBG Community Development Fund applications, and

WHEREAS, the nominee to represent the State Planning Region must be currently serving as an elected or official of a non-entitlement community, be able to pass a background check, and be available to travel to the USC meeting in San Antonio on April 10, 2024, 9:00 AM, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Agriculture has requested each State Planning Region nominate a representative to the Unified Scoring Committee (USC) by March 8, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the nomination of _____ for State Planning Region #23's USC representative for fiscal years 2025-26 has been approved by the Executive Committee.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a special meeting of the Central Texas Council of Governments, this ____ day of February 2024.

The Honorable Randy Hoyer, President

The Honorable Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Texas Community Development Block Grant Program
Application for Appointment to the Unified Scoring Committee*

Please complete every section and provide the information requested unless marked as “optional.” See instructions below for more information.

SECTION A	APPLICANT INFORMATION				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		First Name	M. I.	Last Name
	Primary Phone () - Ext.		Secondary Phone (optional) () - Ext.		
	E-mail		Date of Birth / / month day year		
			Driver's License Number and State		
	MAILING ADDRESS				
	Address				
	City		State	Zip	County
	STATE PLANNING REGION FOR WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE:				
	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alamo Area Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Ark-Tex Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Brazos Valley Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Area Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Central Texas Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Bend Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Concho Valley Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Deep East Texas Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> East Texas Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Heart of Texas Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Houston-Galveston Area Council </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Rio Grande Development Council <input type="checkbox"/> Nortex Regional Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> North Central Texas Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Panhandle Regional Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Rio Grande Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> South East Texas Regional Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> South Plain Association of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> South Texas Development Council <input type="checkbox"/> Texoma Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/> West Central Texas Council of Governments </div> </div>				

SECTION B	QUALIFICATIONS VERIFICATION			
	<p>In order to serve on the Unified Scoring Committee, an applicant must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A person who is an elected or appointed official of a non-entitlement community; and ▪ Able to travel to the Unified Scoring Committee meeting and related training: San Antonio, Texas Training Session and Committee Meeting: April 10, 2024, 9:00am 			
	<p>To verify that you meet the above qualifications and are familiar with the goals of the TxCDBG program, provide the following information.</p>			
	1. The title of your position or office, and the name of the community where you serve in that role:			
	2. The last date of election or appointment and term of office/appointment:			
	3. The total number of years serving as an elected or appointed official:			
	4. Provide a short description of your background and experience in community and/or economic development:			
	5. Have you previously served on a Regional Review Committee?			
	6. If applicable, identify any conflict of interest that may exist if appointed to this committee. (In your capacity as a local official, having applied for and received funding for your community does not constitute a conflict of interest):			
	OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT AND/OR FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (IF APPLICABLE)			
Occupation/Job Title				
Full Legal Business Name			Phone () - Ext.	
Physical Address				
City	State	Zip	County	

SECTION C	CERTIFICATION STATEMENT	
	<p>I hereby certify that all the information provided in connection with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and agree that any misrepresentation or false statement made in connection with this application will be grounds for disqualification of my application from consideration to serve on the Unified Scoring Committee.</p> <p>I further certify that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have the qualifications, experience, and subject matter expertise referenced above; • I am able to attend annually scheduled committee meetings and attend to the matters before the Unified Scoring Committee; and • I am able to comply with the training requirements for all Committee members. <p>I acknowledge and understand that the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) may conduct a background investigation in relation to this application, including accessing any and all information obtained by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the National Crime Information Center, or other law enforcement agencies or databases. I also authorize TDA to access my credit history in conducting such background investigation.</p>	
	SIGNATURE	
	Applicant Name (print)	
	Applicant Signature	Date / / month day year

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR APOINTMENT TO THE UNIFIED SCORING COMMITTEE FOR THE TEXAS CDBG PROGRAM

SECTION A

Applicant Information

A date of birth and driver's license number are required and will be used for the background check that is required to serve on the Unified Scoring Committee (USC). Enter the full legal name, mailing address and primary telephone number. Also provide the name of the region for which the appointment will be made.

SECTION B

Qualification and Experience

Provide information on qualifications, interests and experience to serve on the USC. If you are involved in employment or financial activities outside your elected or appointed office, please provide information regarding your outside employment or financial activities.

SECTION C

Certification Statement

Please read the certification statement carefully, and sign and date the application.

Except as otherwise prohibited by applicable state or federal law, any information, documentation, and other material collected, gathered, or produced in connection with this agreement may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA). Applicant understands and agrees that TDA, the State of Texas, and all Texas state agencies are bound by the TPIA and the rulings of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas (OAG) interpreting the TPIA.

Email: Aubrey-Ann.Gilmore@TexasAgriculture.gov



CONSIDERATION FOR ITEM APPROVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: 2/22/2024

AGENDA ITEM: Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Grant Projects

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The Office of the Governor (OOG) Public Safety Office (PSO) has opened funding for the SERI Grant Program. This application must be submitted by the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) with emergency radio communications infrastructure projects throughout the region. CTCOG staff has conducted regional meetings to solicit projects, several projects have been provided. The projects listed total over \$10 million, whereas our regional application cannot exceed \$2 million. CTCOG staff has provided two resolutions, each resolution is a potential option for the Executive committee based off CTCOG recommendations.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- ☒ New issue, project, or purchase
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- ☐ Follow-up to a previously discussed item
- ☐ Special item requested by board member
- ☐ Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Jesse Hennage

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total estimated cost: No impact on budget

Source of Funds: **State Homeland Security Program**

Is item already included in fiscal year budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a new expenditure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does item represent a pass-through purchase? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, for what city/county/etc.? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROCUREMENT:

N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of resolution

CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
2180 NORTH MAIN STREET
PO BOX 729
BELTON, TEXAS 76513



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
Central Texas Council of Governments FY25 Regional Statewide
Emergency Radio Infrastructure Projects**

02-24-PRS-002

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), a Regional Planning Commission designated by the Office of the Governor, State of Texas, under the provisions of Article 1011mm, V.A.C.S., with jurisdictional lines encompassing the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba, is desirous of submitting the regional CTCOG grant application for the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 26 for Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office. The Central Texas Council of Governments finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the CTCOG's seven county region, that the projects below are recommended for funding; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee serves as the governing body of the Central Texas Council of Governments finds that all activities and related expenses included in this application will serve to implement the goals, objectives, and recommendations of the Public Safety Office; agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the CTCOG assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Regional Emergency Radio Infrastructure Project is to support the Office of the Governor's Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) funding opportunity. This project will allow the CTCOG region to provide the opportunity for jurisdictions to purchase new, upgrade, or replace existing antiquated communications infrastructure equipment (except for mobile and handheld radios and equipment) and,

WHEREAS, jurisdictions submitting applications for funding under this announcement shall provide a resolution of their governing body indicating that an adequate equipment replacement plan, and all maintenance for equipment will be provided for in subsequent budgets, and,

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used only for the purposes for which they are provided. The CTCOG designates Jim Reed, Executive Director, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following projects have been recommended for funding:

AGENCY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED FUNDING
Bell County Communications Center	Inter-radio Sub System Interface (ISSI) Switch	\$750,000
Bell County Communications Center	Conventional Repeaters	\$50,000
Bell County Communications Center	Dispatch Consoles/Back-up Site	\$120,000
Bell County Communications Center	Trailerred Generators	\$139,000
Bell County Communications Center	Encryption Licenses	\$40,000
City of Cameron	Dispatch Console	\$260,000
City of Gatesville	Dispatch Console	\$200,000
Lampasas County	Dispatch Console	\$251,000
Mills County	Dispatch Console	\$190,000
TOTAL		\$2,000,000

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Central Texas Council of Governments, this the 22nd day of February 2024.

The Honorable Randy Hoyer, President

The Honorable Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



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Hamilton County	Tower Upgrade	\$1,175,000
TOTAL		\$2,000,000

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Central Texas Council of Governments, this the 22nd day of February 2024.

The Honorable Randy Hoyer, President

The Honorable Russell Schneider, Secretary/Treasurer



**Central Texas Council of Governments FY25 Regional Statewide
Emergency Radio Infrastructure Projects**

**Below is a summary of all FY25 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure
projects submitted throughout the CTCOG region**

AGENCY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED FUNDING
Bell County Communications Center	Inter-radio Sub System Interface (ISSI) Switch	\$750,000
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Mills County	Dispatch Console	\$190,000
San Saba County	Tower Upgrade	\$2,000,000
TOTAL		\$7,100,000

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Funding Opportunities

[Print](#)
Name:
Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure, FY2025
Available
01/15/2024
Due Date
03/14/2024
Purpose:

The Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) is soliciting applications for projects that support state and regional efforts to improve or sustain interoperable emergency radio infrastructure.

Available Funding:

State funds for these projects are authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 25 for Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor. HSGD intends to make \$20 million available under this funding announcement. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Eligible Organizations:

1. Regional Councils of Governments; and
2. State agencies.

Application Process:

Applicants must access the PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

Key Dates:

Action

Date

Funding Announcement Release

01/15/2024

Online System Opening Date

01/15/2024

Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application

03/14/2024 at 5:00PM CST

Earliest Project Start Date

09/01/2024

Project Period:

Projects selected for funding must begin on or after September 1, 2024 and expire on or before August 31, 2026.

Funding Levels

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: \$2,000,000.00

Match Requirement: None

Application limit: One application per applying organization.

Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the Texas Grant Management Standards ([TxGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Eligible Activities and Costs

Grant projects must be consistent with the program purpose stated above and must be submitted in support of one of the following approved activity areas:

1. Development or enhancement of primary interoperable emergency radio communications infrastructure;
2. Connection to a regional or statewide systems or expansion of a regional system;
3. Improving or establishing tower sites and/or related communications equipment (shelters, generators, etc.); or
4. Enhancement or maintenance of existing capabilities (e.g. life cycle replacement of equipment other than subscriber equipment).

Projects must enhance current capabilities or address capability gaps identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) or Texas Interoperable Communications Coalition (TxICC) in either the Texas Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP), a COG Regional Communications Interoperability Plan (RICP) or the DPS Report on Interoperable Communications to the Texas Legislature.

Note: Projects that build capabilities will be prioritized over projects that sustain capabilities. Projects that increase voice communications interoperability for counties with the lowest interoperability levels are preferred over other types of communications projects.

Program-Specific Requirements

If a project is funded (once an agency receives a grant award), the planned expenditures must be submitted to²⁰ and receive validation from the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) prior to purchase.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database and have an UEI (Unique Entity ID) number assigned to its agency (to get registered in the SAM database and request an UEI number, go to <https://sam.gov/>)

Failure to comply with program or eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or suspension or termination of grant funds.

Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the unallowable costs listed in the **Guide to Grants** or any of the following unallowable costs:

1. Purchasing or maintaining radio subscriber equipment;
2. Amateur radios and equipment, FMS radios, Mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs), GMRS radios, or other radio equipment that is not P25 compliant;
3. Any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project;
4. Any use of grant funds to replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-grant sources;
5. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law.

Selection Process

Application Screening: The Office of the Governor will screen all applications to ensure that they meet the requirements included in the funding announcement.

Peer/Merit Review: The Office of the Governor will review applications to understand the overall demand for the program and for significant variations in costs per item. After this review, the Office of the Governor will determine if all eligible applications can be funded based on funds available, if there are cost-effectiveness benefits to normalizing or setting limits on the range of costs, and if other fair-share cuts may allow for broader distribution and a higher number of projects while still maintaining effectiveness.

Final Decisions: The Office of the Governor will consider rankings along with other factors and make all final funding decisions. Other factors may include cost effectiveness, overall funds availability, or state government priorities and strategies, legislative directives, need, geographic distribution, balance of focuses and approaches, or other relevant factors.

The Office of the Governor may not fund all applications or may only award part of the amount requested. In the event that funding requests exceed available funds, the Office of the Governor may revise projects to address a more limited focus.

Contact Information

For more information, contact the eGrants help desk at eGrants@gov.texas.gov or (512) 463-1919.

Total Funds

\$20M

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