

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby provided that the LRGVDC Board of Directors will hold a Regular IN-PERSON Meeting on

Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 12:00 P.M

at 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, Texas and provide the public with the ability to view the meeting via Internet

Live-streaming at: [LRGVDC COG - YouTube](#)

Presiding: Mayor Norma Sepulveda, President

Item #1: Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

Item #2: Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve March 26, 2025, Meeting Minutes President

Item #3: Public Comment

Item #4: Administration Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

- 1. Presentation and **ACTION** to Accept Quarterly Investment Report.....Crystal Balboa
Director Finance
- 2. Economic Development Strategy and Diversification Study Presentation..... Shonda Mace
GLO

B. Executive Director Report

- 1. Introduction of New Staff Members
- 2. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Training, and Legislation

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development Melisa Gonzalez
Assistant Director

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration
- Regional Small Cities Coalition
- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund
- Solid Waste Management Program
- Water Quality Program
- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee
- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)
- Reservoir Levels

B. Health & Human Services Margarita Lopez
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Contractor Solicitation timeline for the Fiscal year from 10/1/2025-9/30/2026. These services will be funded under Title III of the Older Americans Act as amended and State General Revenue Funds (SGR).
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the timeline for the request for proposals (RFP) to solicit operating plans for services for the fiscal year from 10/1/2025-9/30/2026. This action refers to services provided through our subrecipients and funded under Title III of the Older Americans Act amended, and State General Revenue Funds (SGR).

Program Status Reports

- Direct Consumer Services
- Care Coordination Services
- Senior Subrecipient & Senior Center Operations
- Home Delivered and Congregate Meal Program
- Special Services
- Care Transition Program
- Ombudsman Program
- Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
- Housing Navigator
- Special Initiatives Report
- Information Referral & Assistance

C. Public SafetyManuel Cruz
Executive Director

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security..... Cesar Merla
Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Rankings and Resolution.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) Fund Program Rankings and Resolution.

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Truancy prevention Grant Program (TP) program Rankings and resolutions.
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Victim of Crime Act Formula Grand program (VA) program Rankings and Resolution.
5. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Violence Against Woman Formula Grant (WF) Program Rankings and Resolution.

Program Status Reports

- Committee Meetings: Criminal Justice, Homeland Security and Regional Response Group
- Local Emergency Safety & Planning Meeting within Cameron and Hidalgo Counties.
- Communication with Regional Preparedness with State Counterparts.

Police Academy Program Javier Solis
Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the Utilization of LRGV Academy GPI funds in the amount of \$23,139.27 for the purchase of new electronic tasers.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Interlocal agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the City of Weslaco, Texas for the implementation of a police academy site to be hosted by and through the Weslaco Police Department, and for the authority to have the LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz, sign and finalize the agreement.

Program Status Reports

- Inservice Courses
- Officers Trained
- Contact Hours

Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Dennis Moreno
Assistant Director

Program Status Reports

- GIS Division
- 9-1-1 Information Technology
- Community Engagement Division

D. Transportation Valley Metro Tom Logan
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Departments Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy in compliance to FTA's Drug and Alcohol Compliance Auditing Program.
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve contractual services for the LRGVDC Valley Metro Edinburg Transit Terminal Office Building 1st Floor finish-out Phase III
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve contractual services for the LRGVDC Valley Metro new Harlingen Terminal location Building "A" (office building) HVAC Replacement from Terra Cooling – 3110 W Spur 54 Harlingen, Tx 78552.

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report Michael Medina
Executive Director

Item #6 New or Unfinished Business

Item #7 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

12:00 Noon

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon in a different order than those numbered above. The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council reserves the right to adjourn into an Executive (Closed) session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapters 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.075, Texas Government Code. No final action will be taken in the Executive Session.

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"At the beginning of each LRGVDC meeting, the LRGVDC will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour, and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the LRGVDC must sign up to do so before the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public with an opportunity to address issues or topics under the jurisdiction of the LRGVDC. For issues or topics that are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, LRGVDC members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on the posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chair as these items are considered, and the same 3 minutes

ITEM #2

MEETING

MINUTES

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

12:00PM Wednesday March 26, 2025

HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA THE GLOBAL GOTOMEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE
PLATFORM INITIATED AND CHAIRED FROM
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS
BUILDING B, KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: Mayor Norma Sepulveda

Mayor Norma Sepulveda called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. Roll Call was taken, and as of 12:16 pm quorum was attained.

Present: Mayor Norma Sepulveda

Commissioner Ernie Garcia, Willacy County
Commissioner Pete Garcia, City of Weslaco
Commissioner Joey Lopez, Cameron County
Commissioner Ellie Torres, Hidalgo County
Mayor Alma Salinas, Sullivan City
Mayor George Guadiana, City San Perlita
Commissioner Edward Gonzales, City of Raymondville
Mayor Rick Guerra, City of San Benito
Mr. Ron Garza, UTRGV Edinburg
Mr. Luke Lucio, TSTC
Mr. Troy Allen, Delta Lake ID
Mr. Ron Mills, Willacy Co. Nav. Dist.
Mr. Jim Darling, Member at Large
Mr. Tony Chavez, Member at Large
Ms. Lupita Sanchez Martinez, Grassroots Org

Absent :

Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza, City of Mission
Mayor John Cowen, City of Brownsville
Mayor Ramiro Garza, City of Edinburg
Mayor JR Garza, City of Alamo
Mayor David Moreno, City of Donna
Mayor Alejandro Flores, City of Los Fresnos
Mayor Javier Villalobos, City of McAllen
Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez City of Pharr
Commissioner Marco Villegas, City of San Juan
Mr. Paul Hernandez, South Texas College
Mrs. Ann Williams Cass, Member-at-Large

Without any questions from the board, Mayor Norma Sepulveda, moved on to Item #2

Item #2: 1. Consideration and ACTION to approve Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2025. **Mayor Alma Salinas made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2025. Ms. Lupita Sanchez seconded the motion and upon a vote; the motion was carried unanimously.**

Item #3: Public Comment- No Public Comment currently.

With no further comments and questions, Mayor Norma Sepulveda moved on to Item #4.

Item #4: Administration

Mr. Cruz began by stating, "Yes, ma'am, for consideration is the ratification of the Executive Committee's action on the following item: approval of the Homeland Security Roger Committee's prioritization list and resolution for the FY 2025-26 Homeland Security Grant Division regional grant application. Due to the tight deadline set by the state, we had to convene the Executive Committee. We received confirmation on March 14th that HSAC had met, and by the week of March 17th, the Executive Committee had unanimously approved the FY 2025-26 prioritization list as presented by HSAC. Following that, staff submitted and uploaded the list to the state grant management system, meeting the deadline of March 19th. We are now asking the committee to approve the action previously taken by the Executive Committee. I will entertain a motion.

4A. Consideration Ratification of Executive Committee Action on the following.

4.A.1. Consideration and Action to Approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Prioritized Lists and resolution for FY 2025-26 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Applications. **Commissioner Pete Garcia made a motion to Approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Prioritized Lists and Resolution for FY 2025-26 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Applications. Jim Darling seconded the motion and upon a vote; the motion was carried unanimously.**

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Norma Sepulveda then moved on to Item B on the agenda.

Executive Report: Mr. Cruz Started off by introducing and welcoming Commissioner Lopez that took Commissioner Garza spot & for his first time attending the meeting. Mr. Cruz then moved on to introduce all LRGVDC New Hires.

Item 2: Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Training, and Legislative Items

The report was provided in advance for review. As stated in the report, this legislative session has seen an overwhelming number of bills, breaking records. This report is about a week and a half old, and since then, many bills have already been assigned to various committees. Some of the key bills that may positively impact the State of Texas, and the Council of Governments include:

House Bill 13: This bill creates the Texas Interoperable Council, which will focus on addressing interoperable communication and the development of statewide strategic plans for governing the interoperability of emergency communication equipment and infrastructure across Texas.

House Bill 150: Establishes the Texas Cyber Command, in response to the increasing number of cyber-attacks, such as phishing emails and other security threats. Our office has taken numerous actions to address these issues, and we have a partnership with the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) cybersecurity department to assist with any cybersecurity matters. Cities and counties are encouraged to reach out for support and resources from local and state agencies.

Senate Bill 2860: This bill relates to the emergency service fee collected by wireless service providers. It is another attempt by the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance to increase the 50-cent fee for 9-1-1 services, especially given the rise of digital 9-1-1 services and the associated costs. Although the bill has not been assigned to a committee yet, there is optimism for its passage.

Senate Bill 480: This bill authorizes local government entities to participate in water planning and funding activities, which includes regional councils of government and political subdivisions of the state.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 13: This resolution addresses the 1944 Water Treaty with Mexico and urges the federal government to push Mexico to deliver its fair share of water. The estimated loss to South Texas is \$993 million per year. This resolution is largely symbolic but highlights ongoing efforts to resolve water-related issues.

House Concurrent Resolution 101: A humorous but noteworthy resolution aimed at changing the New York State "strip" to a "Texas strip." It provides a light-hearted addition to the legislative session.

Regarding funding opportunities:

The **Regional Mitigation Program**, in partnership with the General Land Office (GLO), has announced approximately \$97.6 million for approved regional mitigation projects. Counties or cities must have an approved mitigation action plan to be eligible for hazard mitigation grant funds under the GLO.

The **Southwest Border Regional Commission** has made approximately \$11.3 million available. This funding supports infrastructure, workforce development, business entrepreneurship, and community development. Further details on eligibility and investment areas are provided in the report.

Mr. Jim Darling then asked; All the EPA staff have been let go, and I'm not sure how we can move forward with these projects when the entities that usually handle them have been significantly reduced. Have you received any updates on this situation? Mr. Cruz then answers, no, we're still waiting for further guidance. As you know, most of our funding comes from federal and state sources, with some state funds that are passed through by the federal government. To date, this situation hasn't impacted us. We haven't received any updates yet, particularly from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). They're still awaiting further guidance, especially on the topic of DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), which is still part of the EDA's focus until further guidance is provided by EDA. Jim Darling stated we're waiting for more information, particularly regarding the Border 2025 project, and whether it will move forward. There was supposed to be a meeting last Friday.

Mr. Jim Darling then added that the people conducting the meeting had been replaced or let go from their positions.

Mr. Cruz responded, "I believe TCEQ conducts those meetings, so we haven't received any updates from them either."

Commissioner Pete Garcia then asked if the LRGVDC had its own grant writer.

Mr. Cruz replied, "Typically, the program directors who head the departments also handle the grant writing process for their programs. The only department that assists cities with not necessarily grant writing, but technical assistance is our Economic Development department, led by Melissa and her team of three. While we don't have an internal grant writer, we do help in identifying and disseminating grants. Most of our grants are recurring with annual allocations. We make sure that grant opportunities are communicated to the relevant departments, like law enforcement, fire, and EMS. I also forward information to the board of directors whenever funding opportunities arise.

No questions or comments, Mayor Norma Sepulveda then moved on to Item #5 Department Reports.

Item #5: A. Community & Economic Development: Melisa Gonzalez had 2 Action items on the agenda for her department.

1. Consideration and Action to Approve resolution 2025-01 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month and Supporting the Awareness of Fair Housing. **Mr. Troy Allen made a motion to Approve Resolution 2025-01 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month and Supporting the Awareness of Fair Housing. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion, upon a vote; the motion was carried out unanimously.**

Yesterday, my Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) approved the CEDS plans, with two key additions. First, we decided to include additional letters to our objectives, and second, we added a section on foreign trade information. The difference between the version you received and the one we're asking you to approve is that the updated version includes objectives labeled A, B, and C, along with a page dedicated to foreign trade details.

Mr. Cruz has already circulated some information about this, but what I need from you today is approval of these changes and the plan. Once approved, we'll submit the plan to the EDA. After they review and approve it, we can officially promote it to the region.

Regarding DEI, Mr. Cruz mentioned it earlier, but we haven't received any official guidance from the EDA on that matter. We're anticipating that if they're not satisfied with the wording related to DEI, they will send the plan back for revisions. As of now, we're following the previous guidance from EDA, which advised us to remove any DEI language. I'm optimistic that the plan will be approved, but if it's not, I will return to the EDAC, update the wording, and bring it back to the board for approval, along with any changes required by the EDA

2. Consideration and Action to Approve the LRGVDC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). **Jim Darling made a motion to approve the LRGVDC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) . Ron Mills seconded the motion upon a vote; the motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Cruz then reminded everyone that this initiative falls under the Economic Development Administration (EDA). He noted that when opportunities arise, we make sure to disseminate the information, with Melissa and her team providing technical assistance. He emphasized that this plan will be a valuable tool because any application submitted to the EDA must reference the goals and objectives it's targeting. If the application includes these goals, it will carry more weight, and attaching a letter of support from our organization will further strengthen it.

Status Reports: Mrs. Gonzales shared a few announcements. Tomorrow, we will be hosting STC4, our Clean Cities Apprenticeship Coalition workshop, from 10 AM onward. During this meeting, we'll be working with our members to finalize their bylaws, membership structure, and meeting schedules. Once that's complete, I'll bring it to the board for final approval.

Lastly, Mrs. Gonzales announced that our tire recycling event, "Road to Recycling," is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23rd. We're trying a Wednesday this time to see how successful it is. Currently, 31 entities are registered for the event, and we hope to have the locations for these entities posted on our website by Monday.

No further questions or comments, Mayor Norma Sepulveda moved on to B Health and Human Services.

B. Health & Human Services: Margarita Lopez had 2 Action Items on the agenda.

Ms. Margarita Lopez started off with, in accordance with the AAA LRGVDC direct purchase of service contractor application for fiscal year 2025, any requests for rate changes were required to be submitted by February 28th. We have received several rate change requests, and as per the timeline, these changes must be presented to you today. If approved, they will take effect on April 1st.

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Vendor Arise Home Health Care, Inc request for Amend contract rates from \$12.59 to \$15.59 an hour. **Ron Mills made a motion to approve Vendor Arise home Health Care, Inc request to Amend contract rates from \$12.59 to \$15.59 an hour. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion, upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.**
2. Consideration and Action to approve Vendor A Healing Touch Home Health request to Amend Contract Rates. The agency proposes adjusting the homemaker service rate from \$17.50-\$15.00 and the Caregiver respite rate from \$18.50 to \$15.00. **Ron Mills made a motion to approve the Vendor, A Healing Touch Home Health request to Amend contract Rates. The agency proposes adjusting the homemaker service from \$17.50 to \$15.00 and caregiver respite from \$18.50 to \$15.00. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion, upon a vote; the motion was carried unanimously.**

Status Reports: Ms. Margarita Lopez mentioned that if there were any questions her report was attached to the packet provided.

No further questions or comments Mayor Norma Sepulveda moved on to Public Safety.

C. Public Safety: Criminal Justice & Homeland Security. Mr. Cesar Merla was recognized and mentioned that he had 1 action item on the agenda.

C1. Consideration and Action to approve the appointed Frank Garcia, Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Member. **Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve the Appointed Frank Garcia Criminal Justice Committee (CJAC) Member. Commissioner Ernie Garcia seconded the motion, upon a vote; the motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Merla mentioned that Frank Garcia is now replacing Dr. Benjamin Clinton, who previously held a position with Raymondville ISD in Willacy County, After Dr. Clinton moved to Mercedes, the committee's sole recommendation and the only candidate they saw fit for the role was Mr. Frank Garcia.

Status Reports: Mr. Cesar Merla started with; my report is attached for your review. I would like to briefly highlight a point Mr. Cruz raised about cybersecurity. Recently, we held a Cyber Disruption Workshop at the end of February, and it was very informative. We received the preliminary reports just yesterday. My team and I will be working closely with RSOC (UTRGV) and DIR to enhance cybersecurity efforts in the region. Several entities, including municipalities and a major hospital, have been affected. A key takeaway is that often, cybersecurity issues are caused by the actions of individuals behind the computer, not the technology itself. Please share this with your jurisdictions to help raise awareness.

THIRA Report: Our THIRA (Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment) received a perfect score of 47 out of 47 points, the first time since its implementation. If you would like a copy for your review or for any pending considerations, please contact Mr. Cruz or me, and we will share it with you. This achievement reflects our region's growing importance both within the state and nationally.

Clarification of Acronym: Mr. Merla clarified that THIRA stands for Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment, which identifies major threats, including cybersecurity. The report also includes the Stakeholder Preparedness Report (SPR) and the Implementation Plan (IP). These documents are required

for any jurisdiction applying for Homeland Security funding. If you need a copy to review, please let us know.

Training Opportunity: We are hosting a collaboration with TEEX for a Basic Criminal Investigation Course at our Valley Metro location from April 21st to 25th. This one-week training course will be beneficial for those interested in criminal investigation.

Listo RGV Conference: Don't forget to save the date for the upcoming Listo RGV conference. The list of speakers is complete, focusing on mental health and emergency response. The early registration fee is still \$75, but it will increase to \$100 after April 18th, so please reserve your spot soon. The conference will once again be held at Margaritaville Hotel in South Padre Island.

No further questions or comments Mayor Norma Sepulveda moved on to LRGV Police Academy.

C.2 LRGV Police Academy: Mr. Javier Solis had an Action Item on the Agenda.

1. Consideration and Action to approve the Utilization of LRGV Academy GPI funds in the amount of \$54,858.00 for the purpose of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado. ***Ron Mills made a motion to approve the Utilization of LRGV Academy GPI funds in the amount of \$54,858.00 for the purpose of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado. Mayor Alma Salinas seconded the motion, upon a vote; the motion was carried unanimously.***

Mr. Solis mentioned that the Academy requires the replacement of aging vehicles in our police driving fleet, which is essential for the Basic Peace Officer Course curriculum. The purchase of this new vehicle would serve a dual purpose: it would help supplement our current fleet, providing the necessary vehicles for training, and it would also be used to transport heavy equipment between sites. Currently, we lack a vehicle capable of managing this task. We respectfully request your consideration and approval of the GPI funds to support this purchase.

Status Reports: We offered a total of six in-service courses and trained 66 officers during the month. The total contact hours for February were 2,124. I also have a training announcement: From April 21st to 24th, we will be hosting Crisis Intervention Training at the Center for Education and Economic Development in the City of Mission. This training is designed to equip Valley law enforcement officers with the necessary skills to effectively respond to, recognize, and manage incidents involving individuals in mental crisis. The training is open to all law enforcement agencies in the Rio Grande Valley, and we are currently accepting registrations. If anyone is interested, please feel free to sign up.

No further questions or comments Mayor Norma Sepulveda moved on to the Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District.

Status Reports: Mr. Dennis Moreno started off with no action items on Agenda. Mr. Moreno also stated that Department status reports were attached to the packet provided. We cover a variety of areas, including GIS, IT, and the infrastructure for 911 call routing, as well as our public community engagement division. I want to draw your attention to a flyer I have here, which is also displayed on your screen. It's titled *Save the Date*, and it's for our third annual wellness seminar, scheduled for Tuesday, September 30th, 2025. Last year, we had around 400 attendees, and this event is free of charge. It's open to all public safety personnel, as well as yourselves, and will offer a full day of activities for our first responders. Please mark your calendars!

Additionally, I'd like to highlight that National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week will take place from April 14th to April 20th. This week is dedicated to honoring our 911 telecommunicators, who are essential first responders. They play a critical role by providing vital information to ensure an effective emergency response. We'll be recognizing their hard work and dedication throughout that week. These are two important events coming up, and one is specifically for your personnel, so please take a moment to acknowledge their vital contributions to public safety.

Mr. Cruz then wanted to mention that there was another conference coming up, the Texas NENA Public Safety Conference, which will be held from April 2nd to April 5th. This conference focuses on telecommunicators and public safety, and it will take place at the McAllen Convention Center. This is the first time the event is being held in South Texas. It's a statewide conference, so it's an excellent opportunity for networking and learning across Texas. Commissioner Torres also reminded everyone that the South Texas All Hazards Conference was also taking place right now at the McAllen Convention Center.

No questions or comments, Mayor Norma Sepulveda proceeded to Item D Valley Metro.

D. Transportation Valley Metro: Mr. Tom states that today he will have 2 action items on the agenda.

D.1. Consideration and Action on approval of resolution #2025-03, authorizing the acceptance of MCI Coach Buses to be transferred from Green Mountain Transit to Valley Metro. **Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-03, authorizing the acceptance of MCI Coach Buses to be transferred from Green Mountain Transit to Valley Metro. Ron Mill seconded the motion, upon a vote; the motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tom Logan then mentioned that this resolution is a formal request, in line with FTA policies and procedures, to transfer seven MCI coaches from GMT to LRGVDC Valley Metro. These coaches are no longer needed by GMT due to changes in post-COVID travel demand, which have significantly reduced commuter ridership on their system. We plan to use these buses for our express routes connecting Brownsville, Harlingen, McAllen, and Edinburg. Additionally, they will serve as part of our contingency fleet for mass evacuations, special events, and the upcoming football season, which is expected to bring large crowds to various events and festivals. For example, this past weekend at the Onion Fest in Weslaco, we successfully transported nearly 2,000 people between the park-and-ride locations and the venue, and both attendees and the city were very pleased with our service. The only costs involved will be transportation fees and the expenses related to inspecting and preparing the buses for use.

Mr. Cruz then added that compared to the current prices of new buses, these are a bargain buses with a remaining long lifespan. They are barely broken in, with around 200,000 miles on them, whereas new buses can cost anywhere from five hundred thousand to over a million dollars. Then mentions that regarding the football season, we've already had discussions with UTRGV, as they are expecting many attendees, over 20,000 particularly for their first football game and can only accommodate 2000 parking spaces. We hope to have these buses ready, or if not, we will utilize our current fleet to transport people from parking areas to the football field.

Mr. Tom Logan also mentioned that it was interesting that UTRGV staff requested seven high-capacity buses, specifically 57-passenger buses with wheelchair accessibility. As it turns out, this agency is offering seven buses, and we were fortunate to be first in line to receive them. There are many others behind us, so we want to ensure we secure these buses for our use. Then Commissioner Pete Garcia states on behalf of the City of Weslaco, we would like to thank you for your excellent service during the Onion Fest. We truly appreciate your support as part of the committee, and we may need your assistance again for the Fourth of July celebration.

D.2. Consideration and Action to approve Expansion and renovation expenses in relation to TX-2010-125, Harlingen Cares Act at 100% federal funding with no local match. **Ron Mills made a motion to approve Expansion and Renovation expenses in relation to TX-2010-125, Harlingen Cares Act to 100% federal funding with no local match. Troy Allen seconded the motion, upon a vote; the motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tom Logan then states that Valley Metro is seeking board approval for building network installation expenses under this grant, which cover 100% of the costs. This network system consists of a combination of hardware and software components designed to enable communication, data transfer, and resource sharing between devices such as computers, cameras, and servers. The equipment will be installed in our new facility in Harlingen, located in the former AEP building. We're retrofitting this building to serve as our

Harlingen terminal, and we're just 30 days away from getting it up and running. We're very excited to bring this new terminal to the heart of Harlingen, right at the crossroads.

Status Reports: Mr. Tom Logan starts off, first and foremost, I want to thank my staff for their hard work. This was a competitive grant, and after submitting our proposal, the state awarded us funds to expand our demand response service from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The grant also supports two new commuter routes: one from Willacy County to the City of Harlingen, and the other from Zapata to the City of Laredo. We're currently in the process of launching these routes, which will operate Monday through Friday as an extension of our Metro Express service. This means that people from Willacy County will be able to transfer to Metro Express and travel to destinations like Brownsville, South Padre Island, McAllen, Edinburg, and other cities along the way. We've received tremendous support from Raymondville, and I want to thank the City of Raymondville Commissioner for helping spread the word and for assisting us in organizing a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 9th at 10 a.m. You will receive formal invitations, but I'd love for you to mark your calendars and join us for the event.

Next, A big thank you to the City of Harlingen for making this possible, including securing the land for the future terminal. Those 12 acres will play a key role in advancing public transportation in our region. This is a significant achievement, and we're incredibly excited about the future of public transportation here. This is a big win for our region.

Moving on, Mr. Tom Logan moved on to the next item on agenda, March 18th was National Transit Employee Appreciation Day, and we want to take this opportunity to thank every single one of our transit employees. They do an outstanding job, not only maintaining and ensuring our buses are reliable, but also providing customer information and support. A special thanks goes to the drivers who are out there every day, as well as the dedicated administrative staff behind the scenes. To show our appreciation, we handed out bags, thanks to the help of our 911 division. There are over 100 hardworking transit employees at Valley Metro, and their commitment is truly appreciated. The giveaways were a great way to recognize their efforts, and we're grateful for everything they do.

Lastly, Mr. Tom Logan mentions that The City of McAllen, through McAllen Metro, hosted the annual Texas Transit Association Conference, Rodeo Competition, and Expo at their convention center, and it was a huge success. Over 500 attendees from across the state participated in the event.

I'm especially proud of our maintenance division, who represented us, the COG, and Valley Metro exceptionally well. We had two teams competing: the heavy-duty maintenance division and the light-duty maintenance division. Thanks to the leadership of Mr. James Campbell, I'm thrilled to share that our light-duty team placed third at the state level, just behind Austin's Capital Metro and the San Antonio area's Swartz. This is a significant milestone for us, as it's the first time we've competed in the maintenance category, and we earned third place.

No further Questions or comments, Mayor Norma Sepulveda then moved to Rio Grande Valley MPO.

RGVMPO was not able to attend the meeting. No status reports for them currently.

Item #6: New & Unfinished Business: At this time there was no New & Unfinished Business.

With no further questions or concerns, Mayor Norma Sepulveda moved on to Item #7.

Item #7: Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board, Mayor Norma Sepulveda made a motion to adjourn at 12:58 PM

President, Norma Sepulveda

ATTEST:

Liza Alfaro, Recording Secretary

ITEM #3

PUBLIC

COMMENT

ITEM #4.

ADMINISTRATION

ITEM #4.1

ADMINISTRATION

**QUARTERLY
INVESTMENT REPORT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Item #4: Administration

1. Presentation and **ACTION** to Accept Quarterly Investment Report.....Crystal Balboa
Director Finance

This quarterly report of pooled fund investments fully complies with the written investment policy and investment strategy approved by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors. It fully complies with the relevant portions of the Public Funds Investment Act.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025

This quarterly report of pooled fund investments fully complies with the written investment policy and investment strategy approved by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors. It fully complies with the relevant portions of the Public Funds Investment Act.

Investments in TexPool Prime:	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance
Water Plan	81,606.68	-	-	907.14	82,513.82
RGV 911 District	8,925,241.15	-	-	99,214.27	9,024,455.42
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	311,609.74	-	(60,000.00)	3,235.51	254,845.25
Transit	961,504.76	256,000.00	(187,000.00)	9,373.23	1,039,877.99
Texas Water Development Board	10,537.70	-	-	117.14	10,654.84
GLO - Closing Costs	569,911.19	-	(423,774.84)	5,137.88	151,274.23
Kari's Law	70,736.82	-	-	786.33	71,523.15
Tire Project	25,595.95	-	-	284.53	25,880.48
Hidalgo County Active Mobility Plan - Local	241,518.08	24,002.70	(70,000.00)	2,281.06	197,801.84
RGV Explorer	45,117.13	-	-	501.53	45,618.66
TOTAL	11,243,379.20	280,002.70	(740,774.84)	121,838.62	10,904,445.68

TexPool Prime Rate as of March 31, 2025 - 4.4787%

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Investments in TexPool:	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance
FIF - TWDB - Escrow Account	4,921,182.30	-	(80,543.41)	52,737.86	4,893,376.75
FIF - TWDB	232,552.78	80,543.41	(75,918.77)	2,572.75	239,750.17
TOTAL	5,153,735.08	80,543.41	(156,462.18)	55,310.61	5,133,126.92
GRAND TOTAL	16,397,114.28	360,546.11	(897,237.02)	177,149.23	16,037,572.60

TexPool Rate as of March 31, 2025 - 4.3488%

Crystal Balboa
 Director of Finance

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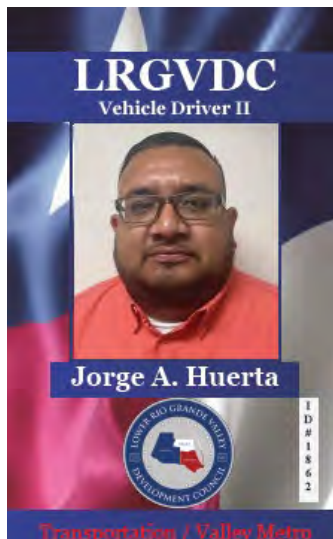
NEW HIRES

New Hires

Hire Date April 14, 2025

Alberto Lopez

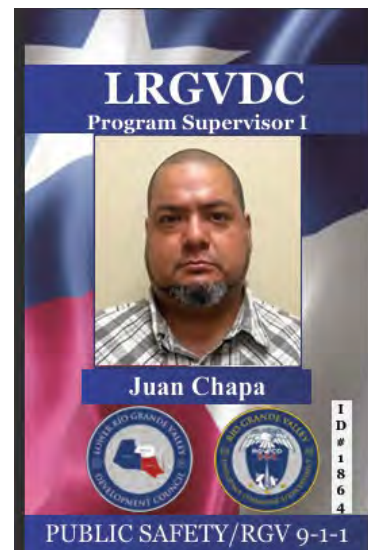
Transportation – Vehicle Driver II



Hire Date April 28, 2025

Juan Chapa

Program Supervisor I – Public Safety



ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY
&
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

- **Economic Development Administration**

The LRGVDC is soliciting nominations for EDAC committee members to serve in the following categories: (2) Special EDO. The purpose of the advisory committee is to educate, promote, foster, and coordinate community and regional planning efforts on economic development in the Rio Grande Valley, and other social impacts of existing, new or proposed regulations, policies, and control regarding economic development. The advisory committee will provide advocacy, guidance, technical assistance, and information to the LRGVDC Board on priority matters of economic development. If you have any questions about the nominations process or committee, please contact Melisa Gonzales-Rosas. Nomination forms need to be emailed to vramos@lrgvdc.org.

Staff have been working on updating the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development strategies (CEDS) since July 2024. The CEDS were updated and presented to the LRGVDC board for approval in March 2025. The CEDS were board approved and submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) by the March 30th, 2025 deadline. The CEDS are currently being reviewed by EDA and we will inform the LRGVDC board once they are approved and ready for regional promotion.

Staff have engaged with city officials to explore potential EDA projects, providing valuable insights that will assist in the preparation of applications for submission. Additionally, we have shared useful resources and tips to facilitate their registration in the new EDA EDGE portal for those interested in applying for EDA funding.

Staff are currently administering the Harlingen Economic Development Corporation's EDA award project, which involves the development of approximately 5.3 acres designated for a detention pond. This project will include the construction of roughly 1,130 square yards of parking lot area and approximately 320 linear feet of drainage piping. Additionally, a foot-hike and bike trail extending around 2,900 linear feet will be integrated around the pond. It is anticipated that this project will generate approximately 300 jobs and retain around 115 positions, with an estimated private investment of \$4 million.

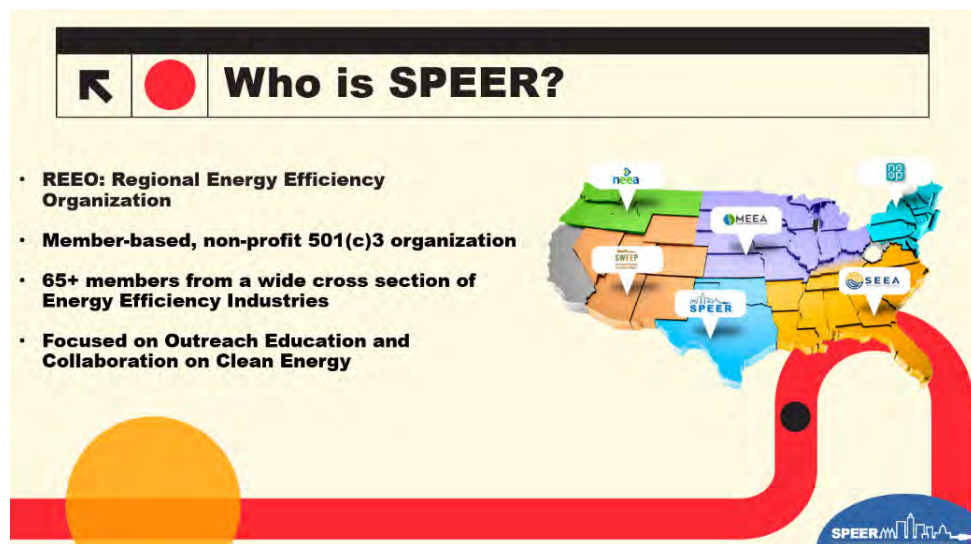
Staff are available to offer technical assistance, project development, and grant administration for EDA proposals and projects. For any inquiries or information on EDA, please contact the Community & Economic Development Department. We also

serve as the regional point of contact for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and will continue to share information as needed. Additionally, our team coordinates with other governmental entities on economic development activities to maximize the benefits of all projects and objectives in the region and to avoid any duplication of efforts and resources. For more information and resources on EDA's funding opportunities, visit <https://sfgrants.eda.gov/s/>.

LRGVDC appreciates the ongoing commitment to closing the digital divide and fostering economic opportunities in the Rio Grande Valley! The efforts play a crucial role in helping connect communities and providing access to essential resources. We're excited about collaborating to implement the successful launch of the RGV Broadband Plan and make a real difference together in the lives of those we serve. Let's get started! Visit the LRGVDC Economic Development webpage, <https://www.lrgvdc.org/business.html> for RGV Broadband Coalition Resources (RGV Broadband & Digital Opportunity Plan, Promotional Toolkit, & RGV Broadband Coalition).

- **Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC)**

A virtual RSCC meeting was held on April 8, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Mr. Randy Plumlee from SPEER, which is a nonprofit organization presented to small cities. It was mentioned that local governments are at the forefront of energy efficiency, driving utility cost savings and improving building management practices. Through the Local Governments Program, SPEER actively supports these initiatives by promoting collaboration, sharing best practices, and offering education and technical assistance to empower governments in effectively managing utility data and reporting.



SPEER's mission is to advance energy efficiency in Texas and Oklahoma. We accomplish our mission by:

- Building and leading partnerships across a diverse group of stakeholders
- Providing science-based resources and training, and industry best practices for our membership and partners
- Promoting policies that advance energy efficiency technology, research, and other innovations

- Our vision is to position SPEER as the regional leader in the education and promotion of energy efficient buildings and residential systems and distributed energy resources that strengthen local economies, improve health and quality of life, and protect the environment.

The following are training courses held online or in-person on the following:
Energy Code – Understanding the Energy Code requirements, Energy Code Success for your Building Departments, HVAC code requirements and best installation practices, Field verification items for Energy Code compliance, Plan reviewer training for Energy Code and Weatherization Training.

Staff continue to disseminate vital information to small cities via email. If you have questions, you may contact Brenda Salinas bsalinas@lrgvdc.org

- ***Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund***

Staff are diligently carrying out the designated technical assistance activities for TxDBG-eligible localities within our operating region to ensure program compliance. We continually disseminate program information to keep these communities informed, promote Fair Housing, support the Unified Scoring Committee (USC) member, and host grant kick-off meetings for communities that have been awarded grants.

For more information and resources on the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) funding opportunities, visit our Community Development webpage at <http://www.lrgvdc.org/community.html>, under the CDBG Rural for Texas tab.

Staff attended the City of Mission 2025 Spring Rally Event on April 11, 2025. Staff promoted and distributed educational material to educate the importance of Fair Housing.





- **Solid Waste Management Program**



The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) proudly hosted the 8th Annual Road to Recycling Event on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Staff members visited various collection sites, witnessing the power of community engagement. We are thrilled to announce that this regional initiative was a outstanding success, with participation from 18 cities and 3 counties, showcasing a collective spirit across 30 entities. As we compile the results of tires collected and recycled, we look forward to sharing these achievements with the community. More information to come!

Staff continue to work on the draft tire ordinance that is being created for the region. Once the details are finalized, the ordinance will be submitted to the LRGVDC Board for approval.

Staff submitted the Semi-Annual Report #3 on the Solid Waste grant to TCEQ and submitted the progress report for the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) program. The update is as follows: the participating schools include Mission, Raymondville, Los Fresnos, Mercedes ISD, and Rio Hondo. Due to a delayed start with some schools, the completion timeline for this task has been adjusted. Additionally, an upcoming challenge is the commencement of state testing, which is currently requiring schools to focus their efforts on preparing students. Region One plans to convene with the teachers in April for a planning meeting. The development of curriculum will be discussed with the objective of fully implementing the program by September 2025.

The next Virtual Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting will be on June 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM via GoToMeeting platform.

Staff continue to provide technical assistance, outreach, and monitoring for all Solid Waste Projects. Information about the Solid Waste program is available at www.lrgvdc.org/solidwaste.html.

- **Air Quality Program**

The Rider 7 PM 2.5 Local Air Quality project has officially commenced and is currently in progress. The following next steps are being undertaken as part of the project: 1) Developing stationary source PM2.5 and PM2.5 precursor emission inventories for Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, 2) Analyzing available ambient air monitoring data in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties for current and historical PM2.5, 3) Developing a stationary source PM2.5 air dispersion modeling inventory for Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, 4) Preparing and submitting draft and final reports summarizing the work generated from the study.

Project progress to date: The consultant, ALL4 reviewed TCEQ's New Source Review (NSR) database, the State of Texas Air Reporting System (STARS), U.S. EPA's Clean Air Markets Program Database (CAMPD), and the National Emissions Inventory (NEI) to identify all permitted facilities within Hidalgo and Cameron Counties. Additionally, they have received the Air Permits Allowable Database (APAD) data and have begun to review/supplement this data with information retrieved from TCEQ's Central File Room Online (CFRO). For permits and sources that were not included in APAD, and APAD sources without emissions rates or stack parameters, a review of electronic files in the CFRO is being conducted to fill in data gaps to have a complete model-ready emissions inventory. In addition, ALL4 acquired comprehensive meteorological data to facilitate thorough review and analysis within the framework of the modeling protocol. ALL4 downloaded 5 years of pre-processed meteorological data (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2021) from TCEQ for the McAllen International Airport meteorological station. As part of the data analysis, ALL4 is reviewing the data for completeness and conducting quality assurance before using the data in modeling iterations.

Staff will maintain ongoing oversight of this project, actively collaborating with the consulting firm, ALL4 LLC. This partnership will ensure that all project requirements are consistently met as stipulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and will continue to regularly communicate monthly with representatives from TCEQ regarding this project.

- **South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4)**

On March 27, 2025, at 10:00 AM, staff hosted a productive workshop with members of STC4 to develop draft bylaws. This workshop was instrumental in establishing the coalition's structure and governance, ensuring that all foundational elements are properly aligned to support its ongoing endeavors and initiatives. The collaborative spirit and strategic planning evident during this initial meeting will assuredly serve as a strong foundation for the coalition's future achievements. The bylaws are scheduled for finalization and approval at the following meeting, further solidifying our framework for advancement.

- **Water Quality Program**

Staff remain dedicated to facilitating meetings with water investors to support innovative water projects aimed at addressing the region's drought needs. We continue to conduct several introductory meetings to engage local stakeholders, including water board members, drainage and irrigation districts, and water producers, to explore potential projects and provide necessary outreach. Through these efforts we were able to bring a proposal for a Solar Thermal Desalination project by Desolenator, a global company who have completed projects in Africa,

Abu Dhabi, and Dubai to help fix their water issues and needs, to Cameron County specifically to their Economic Development Departments Ramiro Aleman. We have all met continuously since their introduction in January of 2024 and they are currently working on their MOA to finalize an agreement to begin this innovative project. The aim of this project is to secure sustainable water while simultaneously developing a skilled local workforce and stimulating economic growth through manufacturing partnerships. The system they are proposing to Cameron County is an SP40 unit which is capable of producing 40m³ (10,567 gallons) of freshwater per hour, achieving up to 1,000 m³/day (264,172 gallons) from saline water sources, utilizing both PVT and Geothermal energy. They are proposing 1-4 SP40 units, targeting a production capacity of 10,000,000 gallons per day within a decade. Desolenator also provides an integrated Zero-Liquid Discharge (ZLD) system. Unlike traditional desalination methods that produce environmentally harmful brine, their ZLD module eliminates brine discharge, transforming it into solid salts. The ZLD system eliminates harmful brine discharge, protecting local fisheries and ecosystems. Desolenator has also met with Ronald Mills, the executive port director of Port Mansfield and are also working on an MOA to build a smaller version of the system that was proposed to Cameron County.

Staff received instructor led GIS training on March 17-18 provided by the 911 GIS department and assistant director Jose Garcia. This training will help staff learn how to create and understand GIS Mapping and apply it to current projects such as the Flood infrastructure Funds (FIF), TWDB Project No. 40038 and future projects.

Staff continue to actively educate the public on water quality issues through a variety of outreach initiatives. Monthly themed Facebook posts are created to engage our online community, encouraging users to give a thumbs up or leave a comment. These posts are designed to raise awareness about water quality topics and provide valuable information to the public. CED Facebook: [Community & Economic Development | Facebook](#), LRGVDC Facebook: [Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council | Weslaco TX | Facebook](#)

HAPPY EARTH MONTH



Organize a Cleanup Day: Grab your friends, family, or neighbors and make it a fun event! Let's clear litter from parks, sidewalks, and public spaces.

Plant Flowers & Trees: Beautify your yard. Trees not only add beauty but also clean the air!

Start Recycling: Set up a system at home and encourage others to do the same.



Go Green on the Go: Walk, bike, or carpool to reduce your carbon footprint and enjoy the fresh air.

The Water Cycle

Here's how it works:

1. **Evaporation:** The sun heats up water in lakes, rivers, and oceans, turning it into a gas called water vapor. This vapor rises up into the sky.
2. **Condensation:** As the water vapor goes higher, it gets colder and turns back into tiny water droplets or ice crystals. These droplets join together to form clouds.
3. **Precipitation:** When the clouds get too full of water, the water falls back to Earth in the form of rain, snow, sleet, or hail.
4. **Collection:** The water that falls to the ground flows into rivers, lakes, and oceans. Some of it soaks into the ground and becomes groundwater.
5. **Repeat:** The whole process starts again with evaporation, and the water cycle continues endlessly!

The Importance of the Water Cycle:
The water cycle is essential for all life on Earth! It provides us with the fresh water we need to drink, grow our food, and keep our environment healthy.



Beyond social media, our outreach efforts extend to in-person events. Staff members attend these events either independently or in collaboration with other LRGVDC departments and external organizations. These events offer excellent opportunities to promote the Community & Economic Development (C&ED) program and connect with the community. At these events, we distribute informational reading materials and promotional items related to water quality.

Staff continue to regularly communicate with representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as well as other entities involved in water quality initiatives to strengthen partnerships and generate further activities related to water quality and to highlight the importance of it to the region. Visit our Water Resource webpage at: <https://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html>

- **Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC)**

The next RWRAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

Staff continue to support, provide technical assistance, outreach, and administer water projects. Information about water resources is available at <https://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html>

- **Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)**

The Region M meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2025. Meeting continues to be held hybrid at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Board Room and via GoToMeeting.

The Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (RGRWPG) approved and adopted the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) for the Rio Grande 2026 Regional Water Plan on February 5, 2025. The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), as the designated political subdivision approved by the RGRWPG, submitted the IPP to the TWDB for review on March 3, 2025. The Rio Grande Regional Water Planning area encompasses Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata Counties.

Notice is given that the RGRWPG will be conducting an in-person/virtual public hearing on the IPP as follows:

Public Hearing Date:	May 22, 2025
Time:	2:00 p.m.
Location:	Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, Texas 78596

Virtual Meeting Link:	https://meet.goto.com/581851189
Call in #:	United States: +1 (571) 317-3122
Access code:	581-851-189

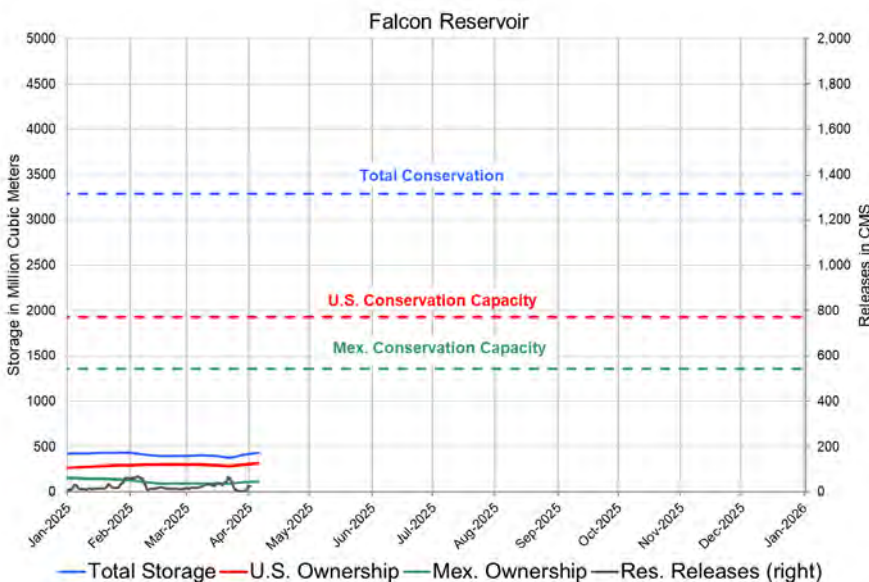
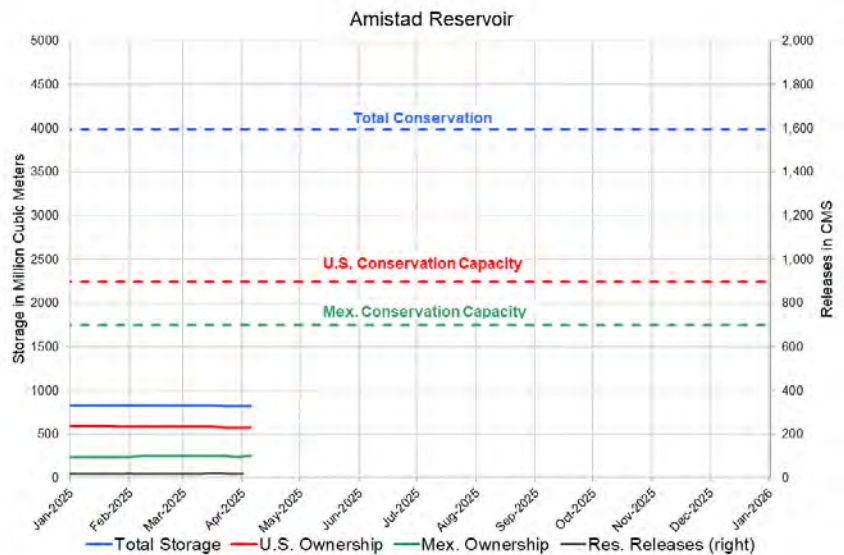
The RGRWPG is accepting comments on the IPP at the Public Hearing or in writing until July 22, 2025. The RGRWPG will consider all submitted comments and documentation of submitted comments. The RGRWPG's responses will be provided to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The public can submit written comments to: Jim Darling, Chairman Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group, 301 W. Railroad St., Weslaco, TX 78596 or Email : Outreach_RegionM@BlackandVeatch.onmicrosoft.com

For questions or additional information regarding the public hearing, please contact Mrs. Melisa-Gonzales Rosa's at (956)682-3481 ext.163 or melisa.gonzales@lrgvdc.org, or at the physical address for LRGVDC listed above.

For any Region M meeting information, please visit website: <http://riograndewaterplan.org> or <https://www.lrgvdc.org/>

- Reservoir Levels as of April 16, 2025 (www.IBWC.gov)

AMISTAD RESERVOIR



FALCON RESERVOIR

Road to Recycling

San Juan Site in 317 Hall Acres



2nd San Juan site, Lions Park



Road to Recycling

San Juan Group Pictures



Road to Recycling

City of Alamo, 413 S. 9th Street



City of Elsa, 500 N Fannin St.



Road to Recycling

City of Donna, 1304 Silver Ave



Road to Recycling

Rio Hondo



Harlingen



Willacy County Precinct 4



City of Combes



Willacy County Precinct 2



Willacy County Precinct 1



ITEM # 5. B.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN
SERVICES**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Action ItemMargarita Lopez, Director

1. Consideration and **Action** to approve the Contractor Solicitation timeline for the fiscal year from 10/1/ 2025 – 09/30/2026. These services will be funded under Title III of the Older Americans Act as amended and State General Revenue Funds (SGR).

Vendor Contractors

Vendor contractors are engaged through direct purchase of services to support client needs. These include home health agencies, pharmacies, transportation providers, and building contractors. Services provided may include homemaker care, respite, medical transportation, medication assistance, medical supplies and equipment, and home modifications.

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B. Health & Human Services

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2. Consideration and **Action** to Approve the timeline for the request for proposals (RFP) to solicit operating plans for services for the fiscal year from 10/1/ 2025 – 09/30/2026. This action refers to services provided through our subrecipients and funded under Title III of the Older Americans Act as amended, and State General Revenue Funds (SGR).

Subrecipients

Subrecipients deliver operational services such as senior center operations, transportation, congregate and home-delivered meals, caregiver education, training, and information services. Each Subrecipient also contributes a match in addition to collected dues, helping maximize service reach across the region.

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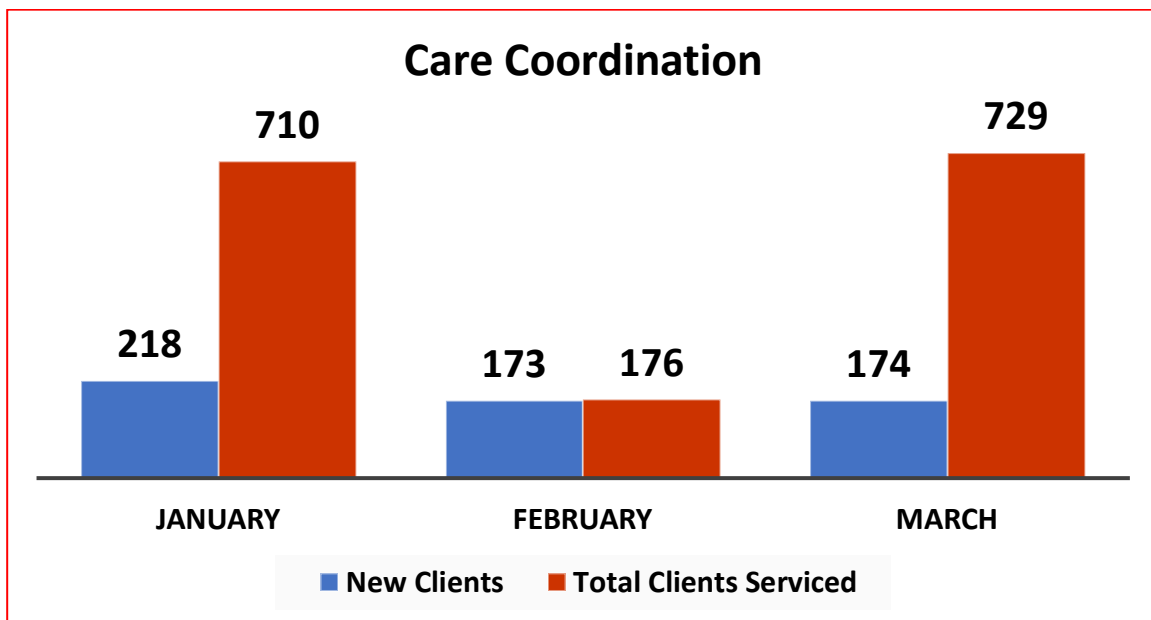
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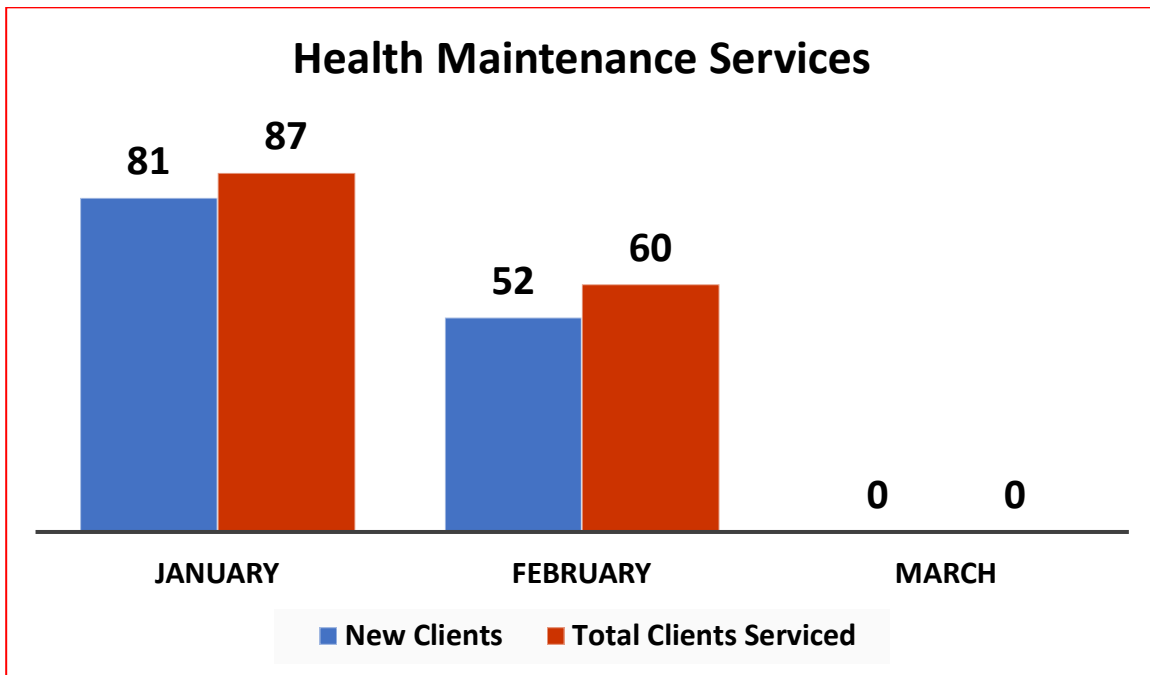
Area Agency on Aging Status Report

This document represents the Area Agency on Aging's and the Aging and Disability Resource Center's 2nd quarter report for FY 2025, encompassing data from January 2025 to March 2025.

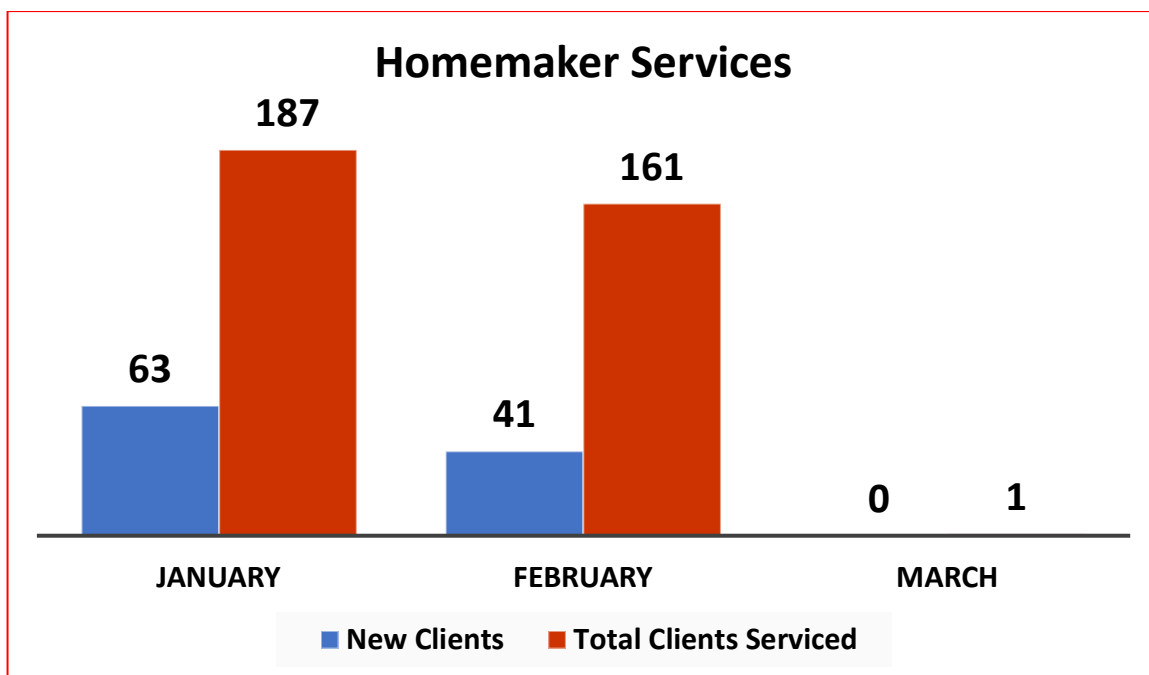
- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Care Coordination Program**
 - The Care Coordination Program serviced a total of 565 new clients.
 - A total of 1,615 individuals were provided with case management assistance.



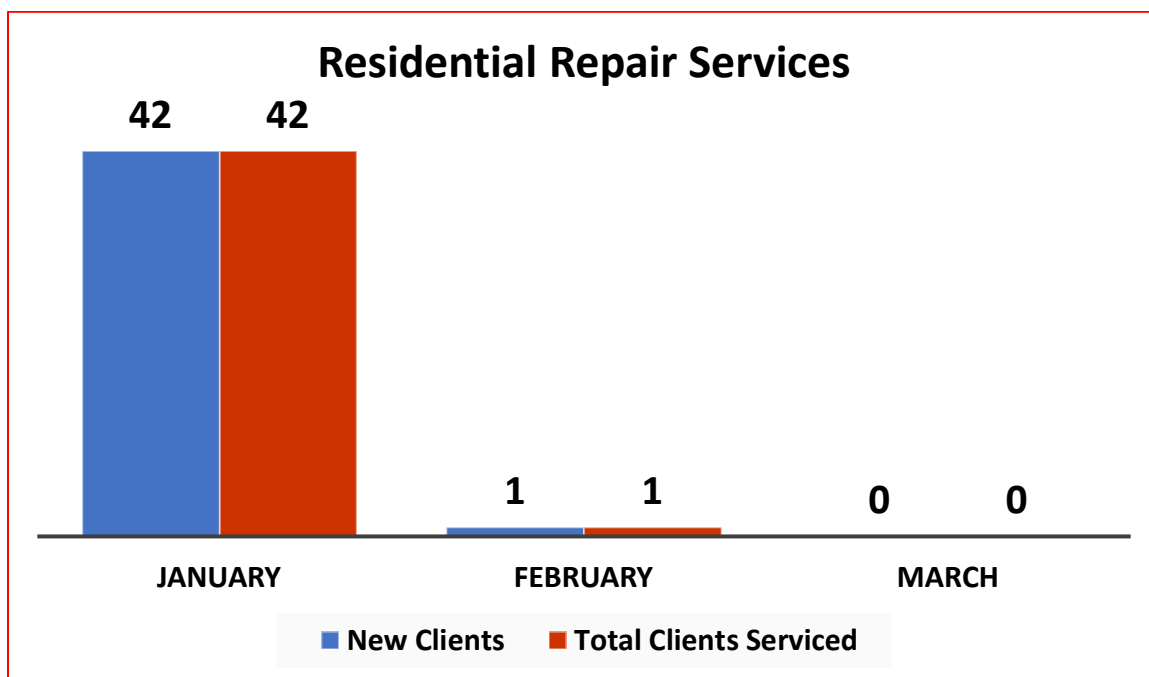
- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Health Maintenance Services**
 - A total of 133 new clients were assisted in the purchase of medical supplies, medications, and medical equipment.
 - A total of 147 individuals were assisted by health maintenance services.



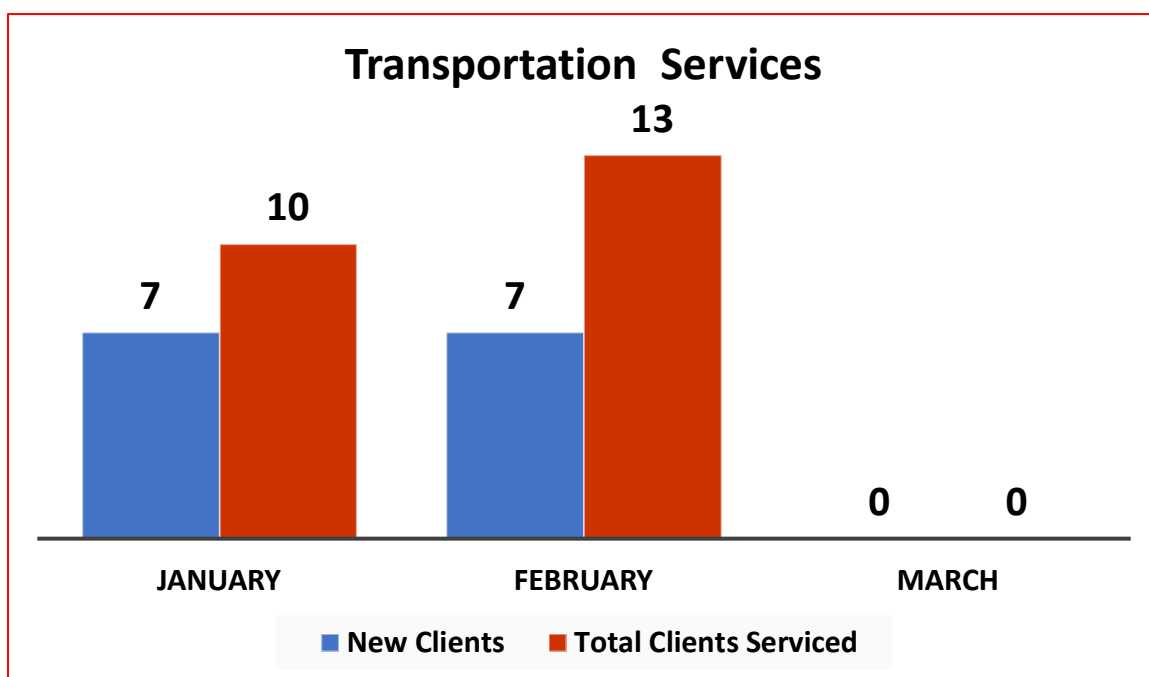
- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Homemaker Services**
 - A total of 104 new clients were provided with light housekeeping duties, such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation, by homemaker services.
 - In the second quarter, 349 individuals received homemaker service.



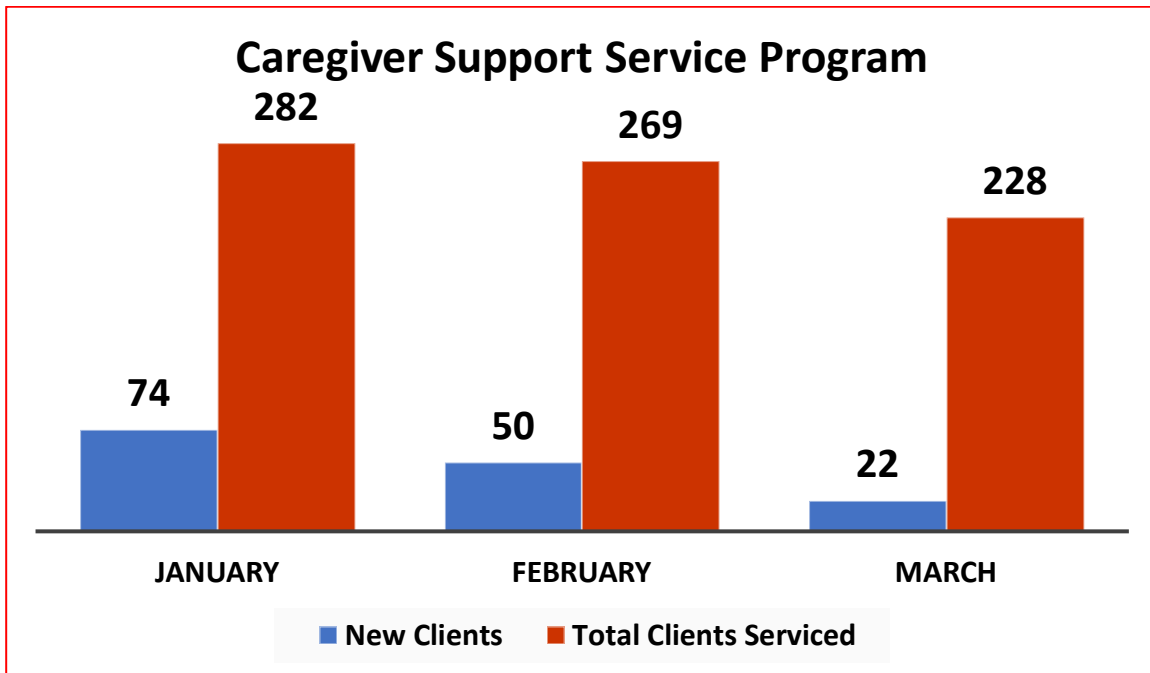
- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Residential Repair Services**
 - A total of 43 individuals were provided with assistance with home modifications, such as grab bars, ramps, and removing tubs and installing walk-in showers to reduce the risk of falls and improve access and mobility.



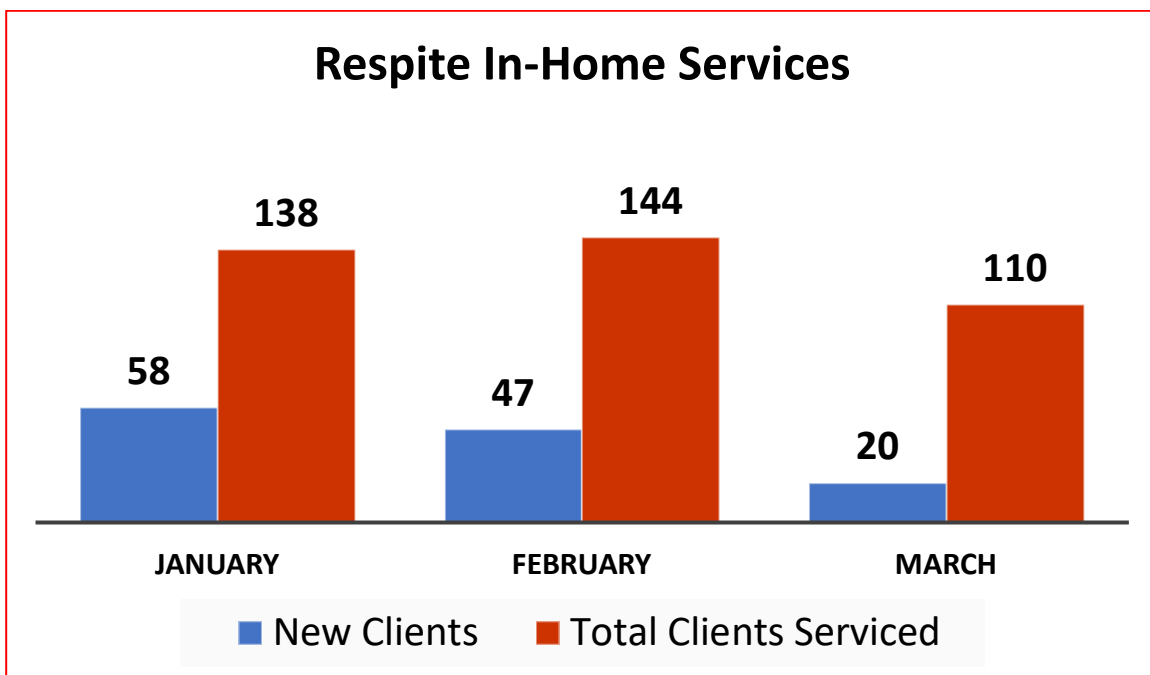
- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Transportation Services**
 - A total of 14 new clients were provided with transportation services to medical related appointments.
 - In the second quarter, 23 individuals received transportation services.



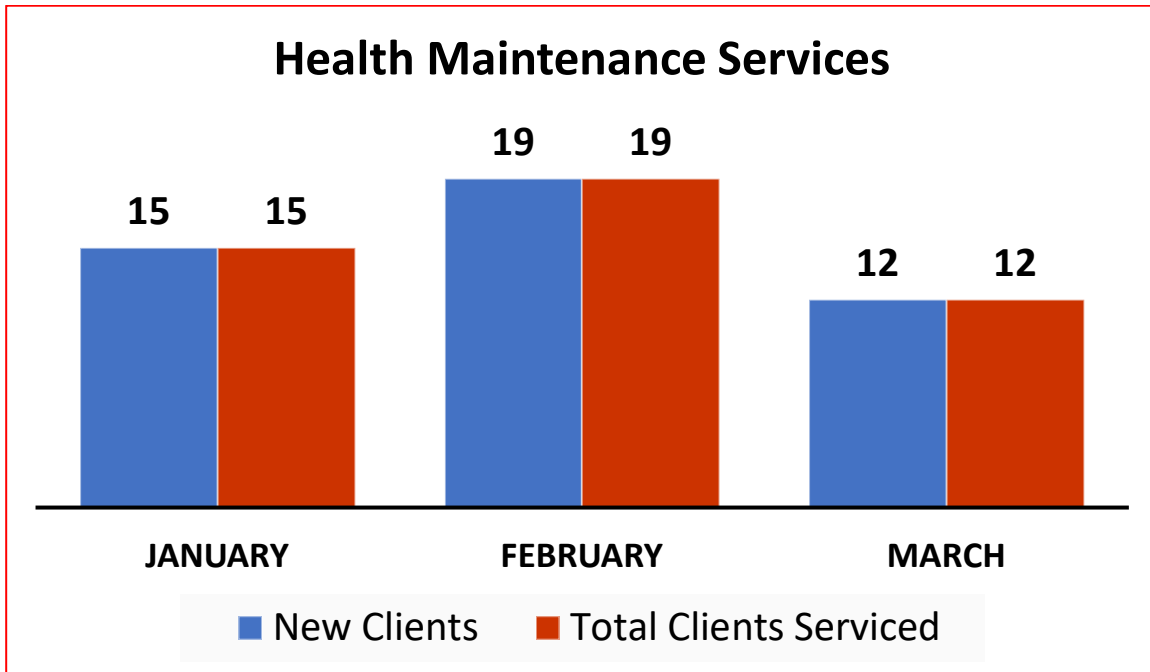
- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Caregiver Support Services Program**
 - The Caregiver Support Services Program serviced a total of 146 new clients.
 - A total of 779 individuals were provided with assistance.



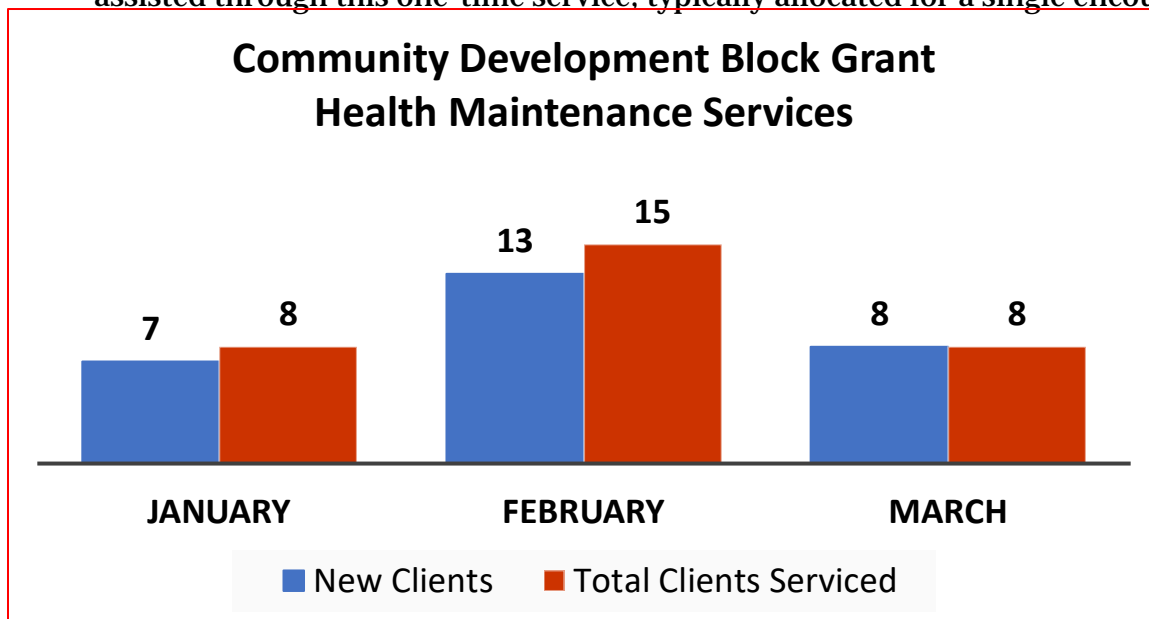
- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Respite In-Home Services**
 - A total of 125 new clients were provided with respite in-home services, such as light housekeeping, personal care, feeding, grooming, and transferring from bed to chair.
 - A total of 392 individuals were provided with respite in-home services.



- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Health Maintenance Services**
 - A total of 46 clients were assisted through the Caregiver Support Program for the purchase of medical supplies, medications, and medical equipment to support the care recipient. This one-time service is typically allocated for a single encounter.
 - A total of 44 new clients were served, representing the final count of individuals assisted through this one-time service, typically allocated for a single encounter.

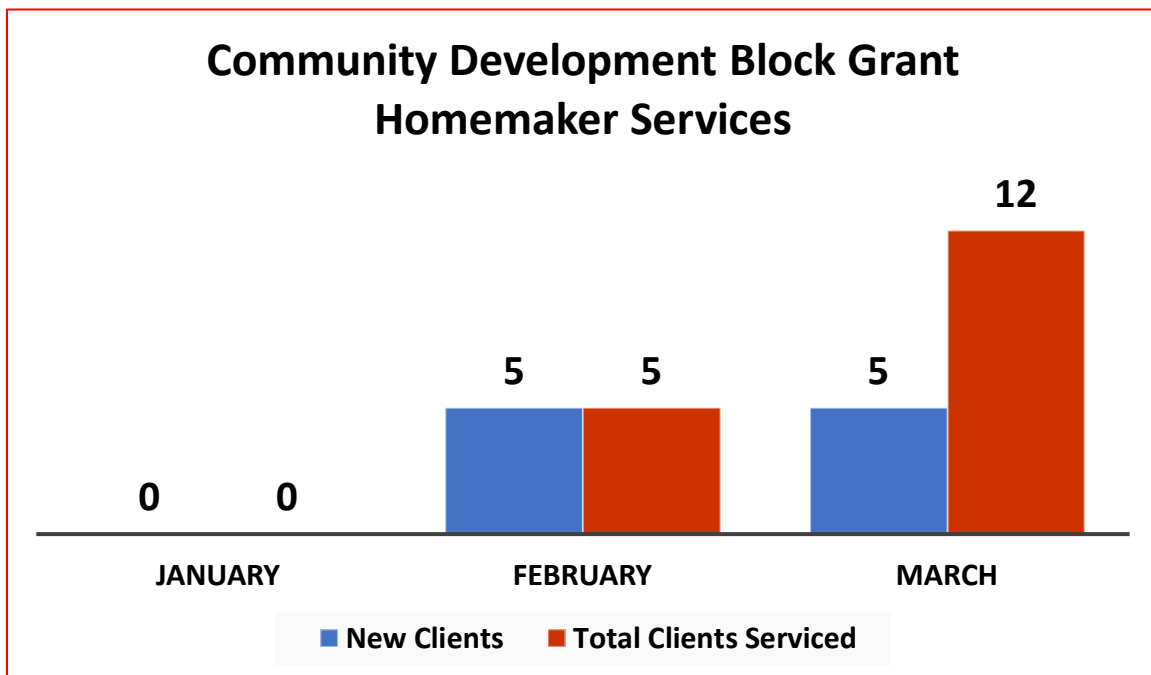


- **Direct Consumer Report - Community Development Block Grant Health Maintenance Services**
 - A total of 28 clients were assisted through the Community Development Block Grant for the purchase of medical supplies, medications, and medical equipment to support the care recipient. This one-time service is typically allocated for a single encounter.
 - A total of 31 new clients were served, representing the final number of individuals assisted through this one-time service, typically allocated for a single encounter.



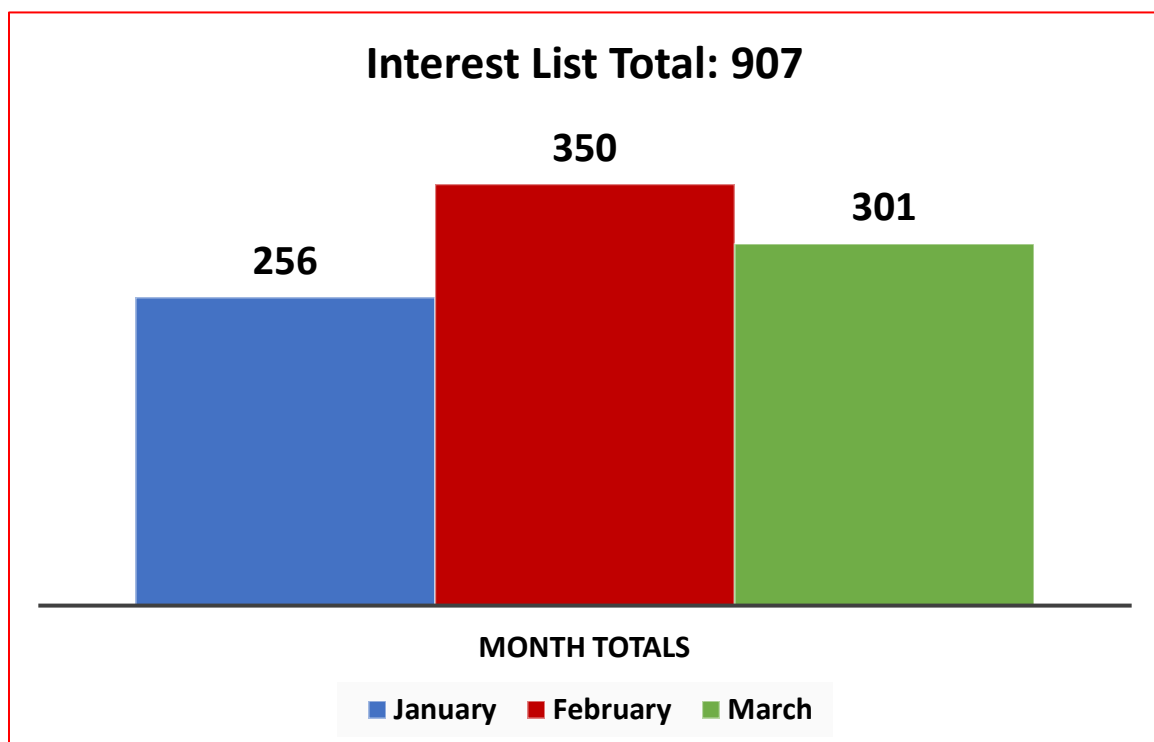
- **Direct Consumer Report - Community Development Block Grant Homemaker Services**

- A total of 10 new clients were provided with light housekeeping duties, such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation, by homemaker services.
- In the second quarter, 17 individuals received homemaker service.



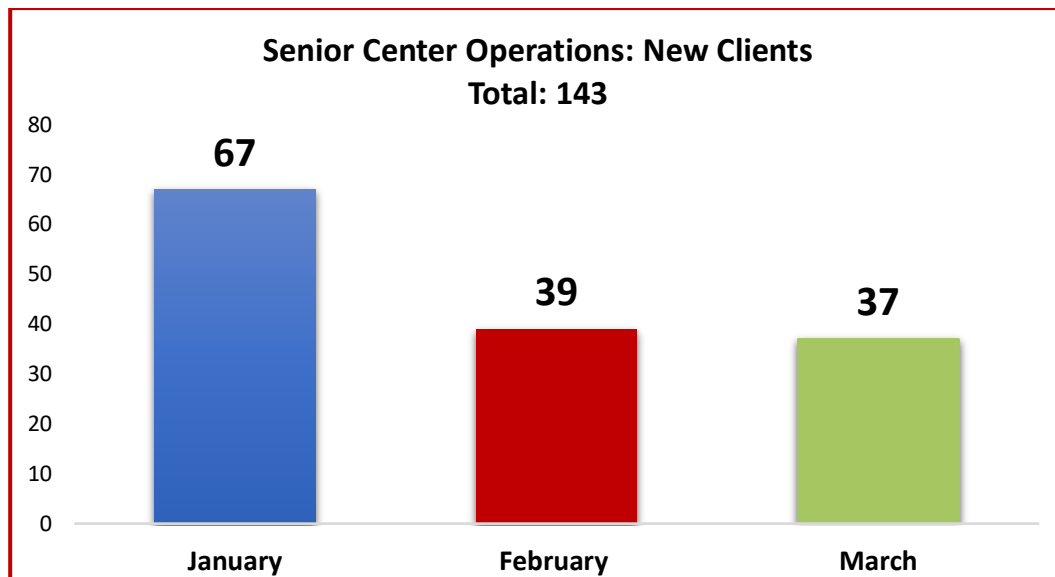
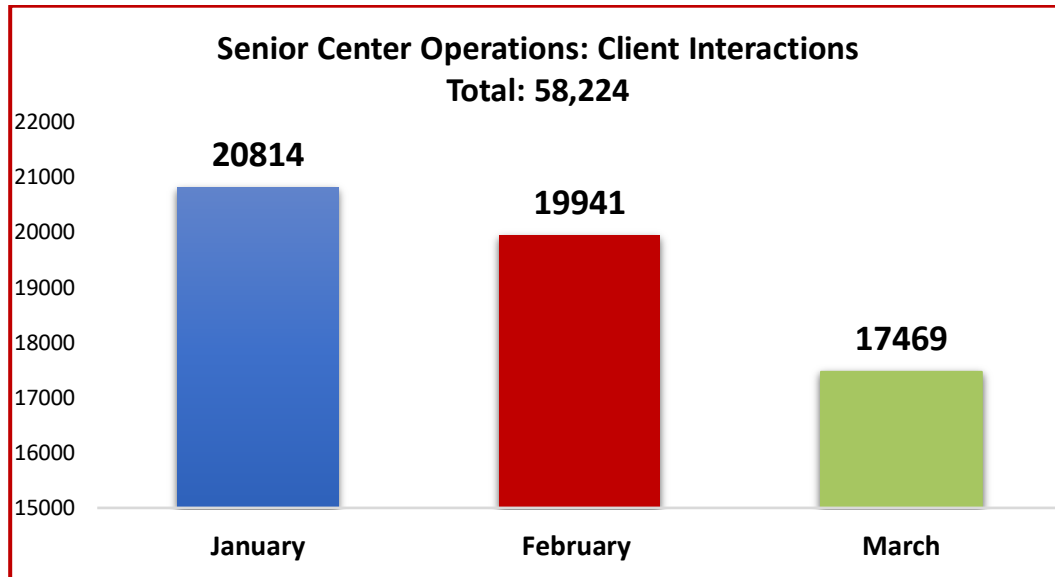
- **Direct Consumer Services – Interest List**

From the months of January 2025 to March 2025, over 907 individuals expressed interest in our services through the Area Agency on Aging.



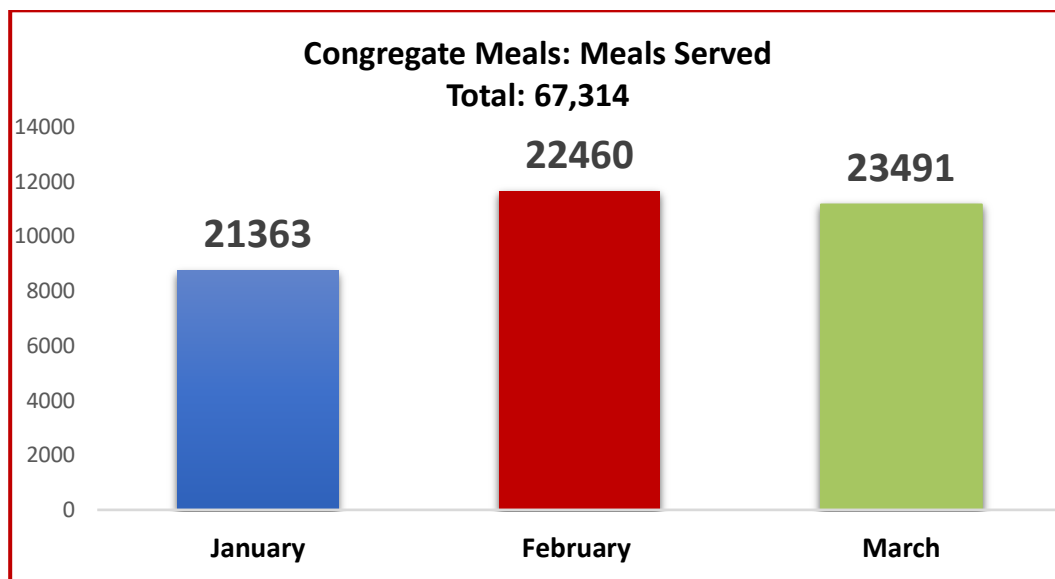
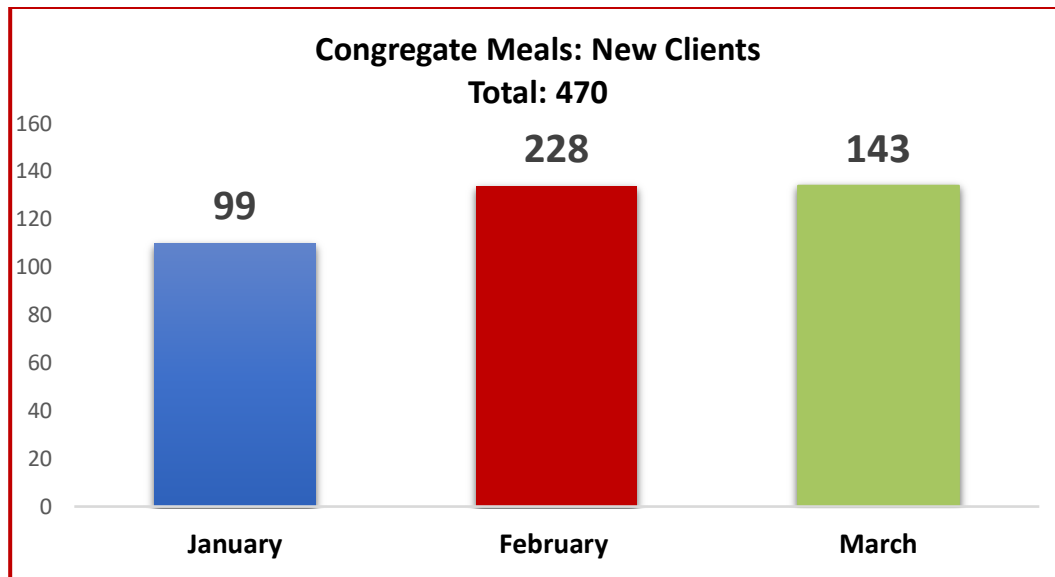
- **Senior Center Operations Report**

- Program successfully enrolled 143 new clients.
- Senior Centers conducted 58,224 activities with their clients.



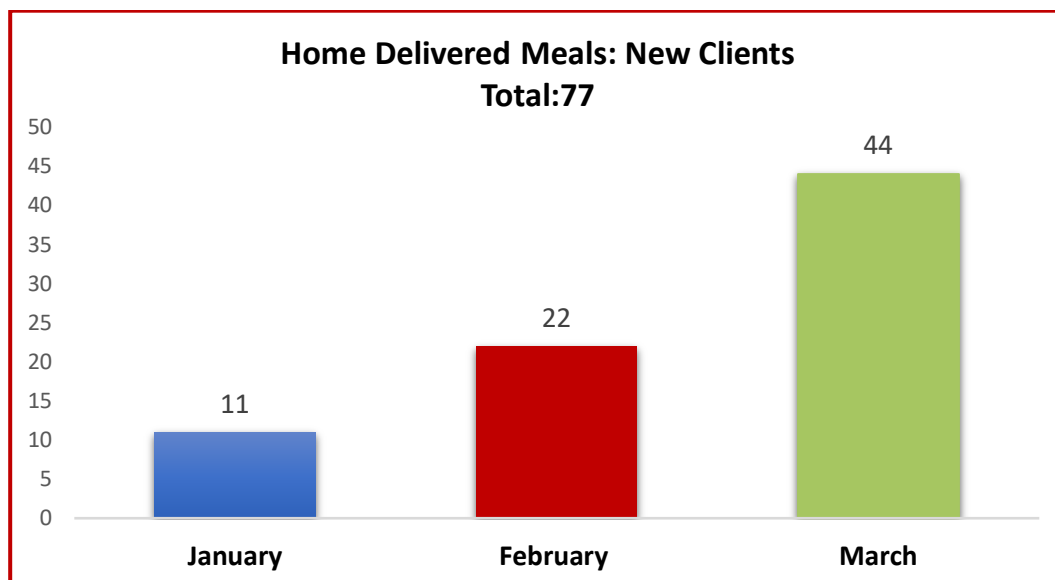
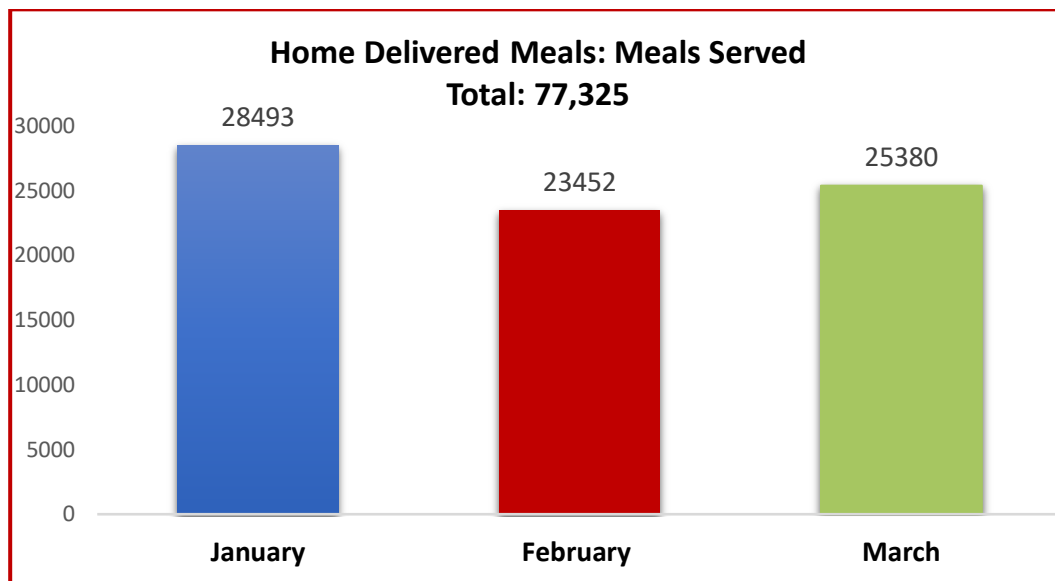
- **Nutrition Program Report – Congregate Meals**

- The program successfully enrolled 470 new clients into the Congregate Meals program.
- The program successfully administered 67,314 Congregate meals.



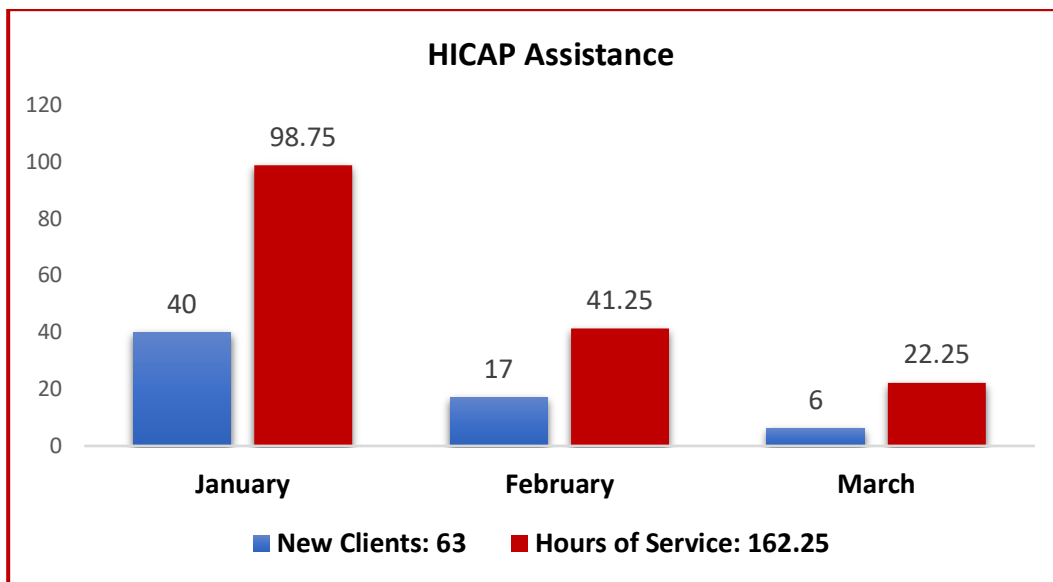
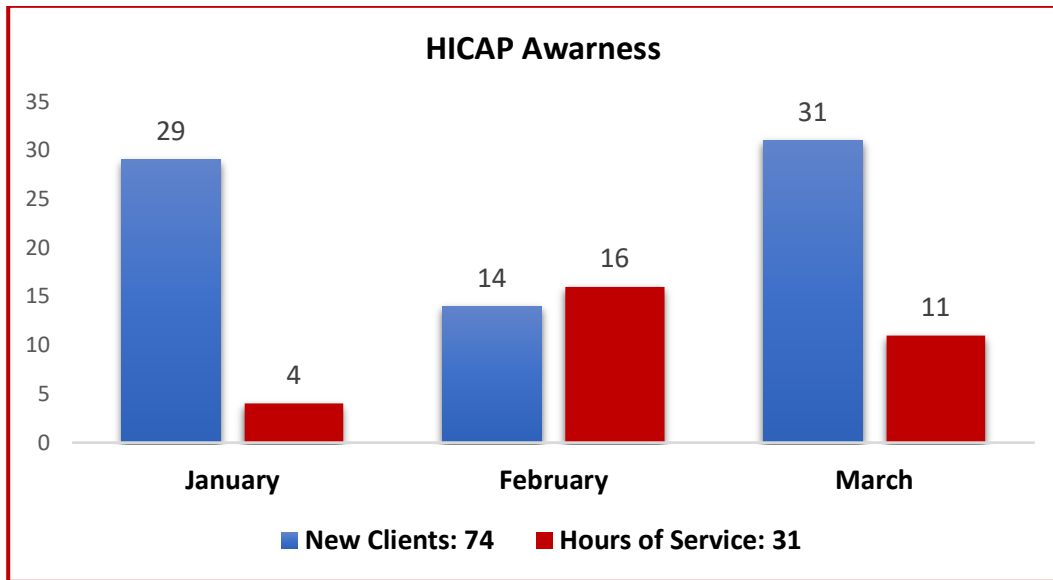
- **Nutrition Program Report – Home Delivered Meals**

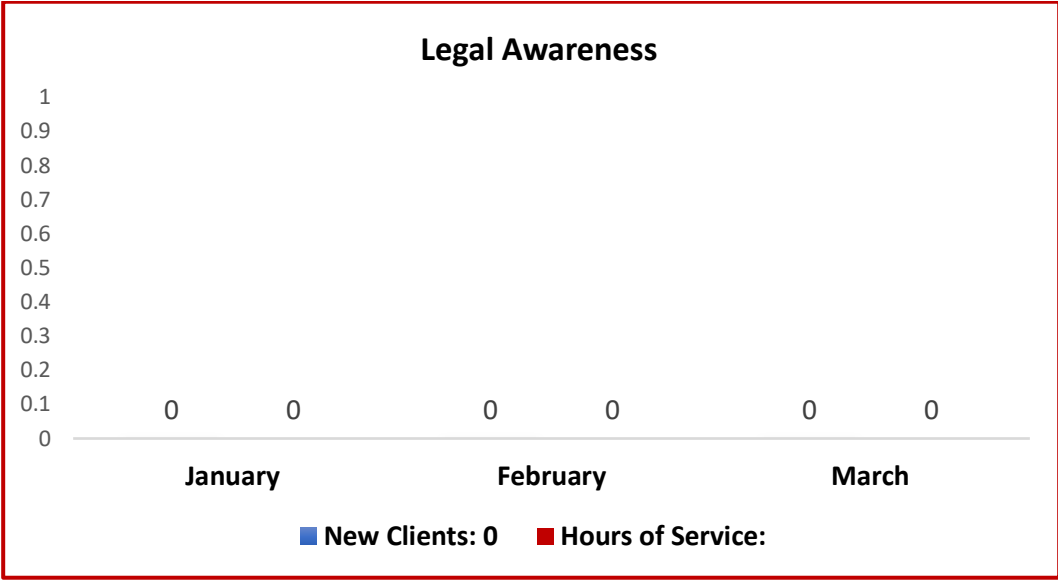
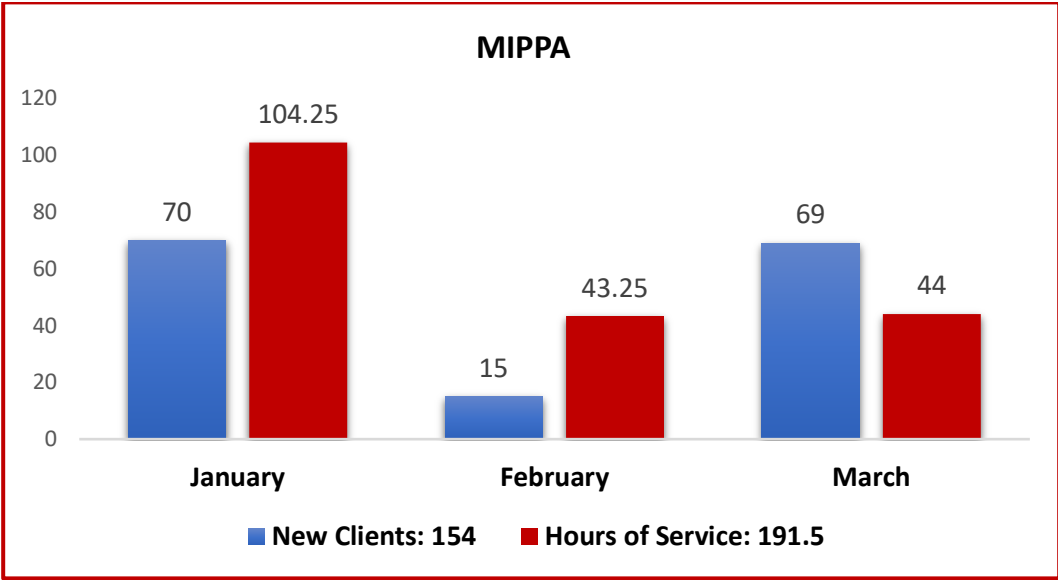
- Successfully enrolled 77 new clients into the Home Delivered Meals program.
- Successfully served 77,325 Home Delivered meals.

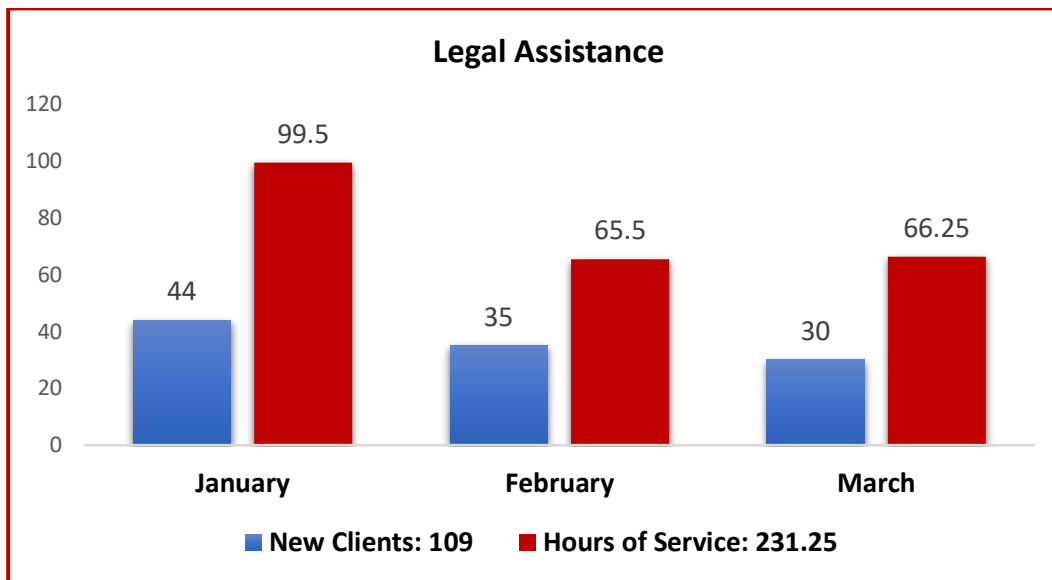


- **Special Services Report – Benefit Counselors Program**

- Achieved the enrollment of 400 new clients and established 616 contacts.





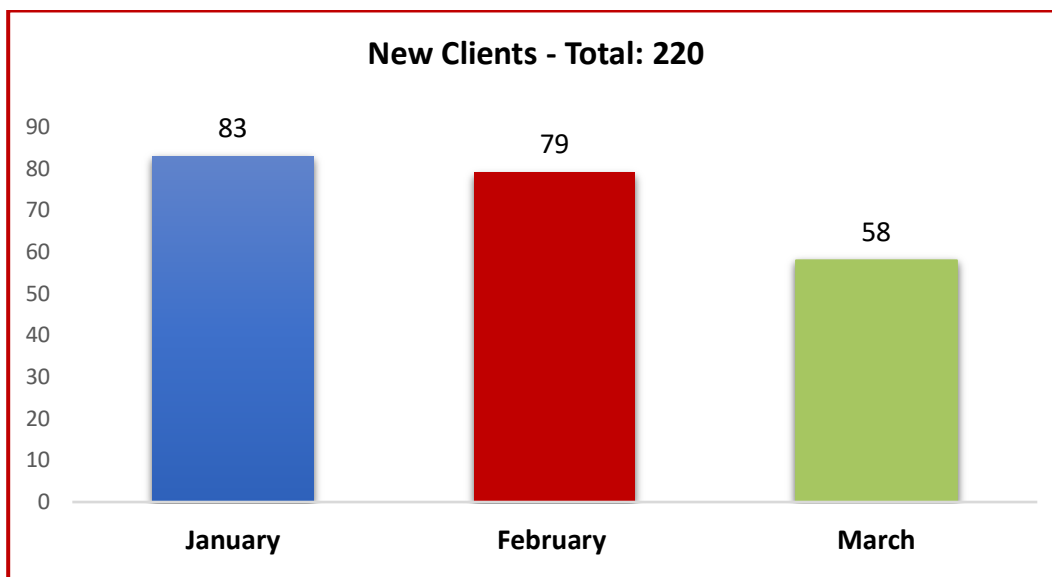


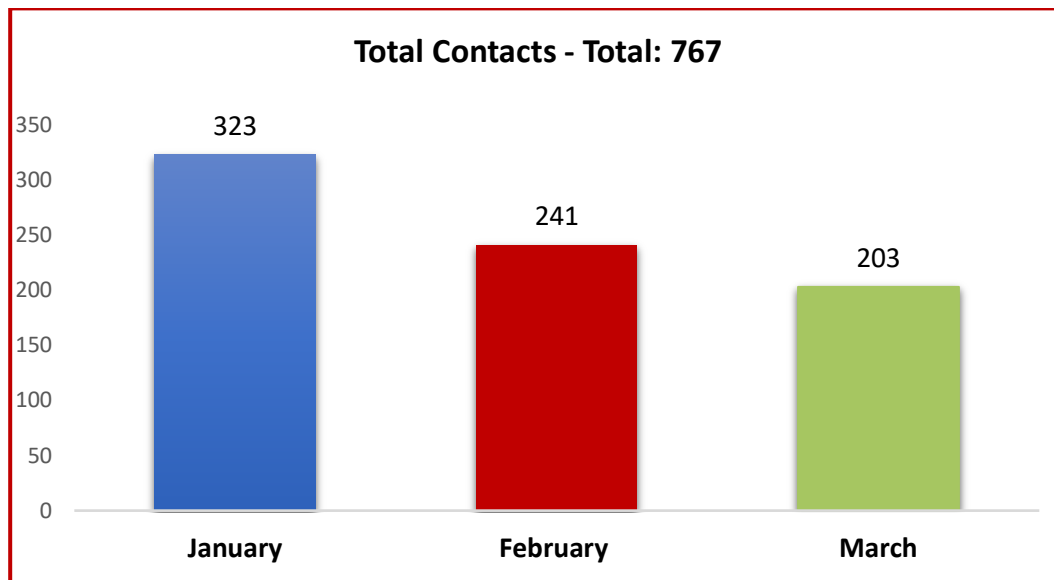
* Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)

* Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)

- **Special Services Report – Care Transition Intervention (CTI)**

- During the 2nd quarter, the Care Transition Intervention (CTI) coaches successfully enrolled 220 new clients.
- They made 767 contacts across a total of five hospitals within the tri-county area.

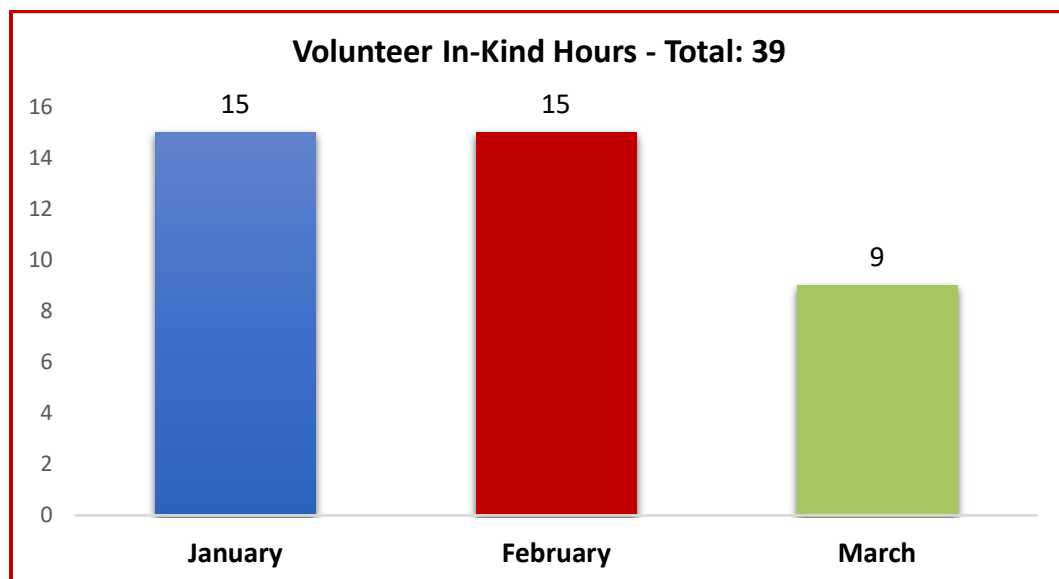




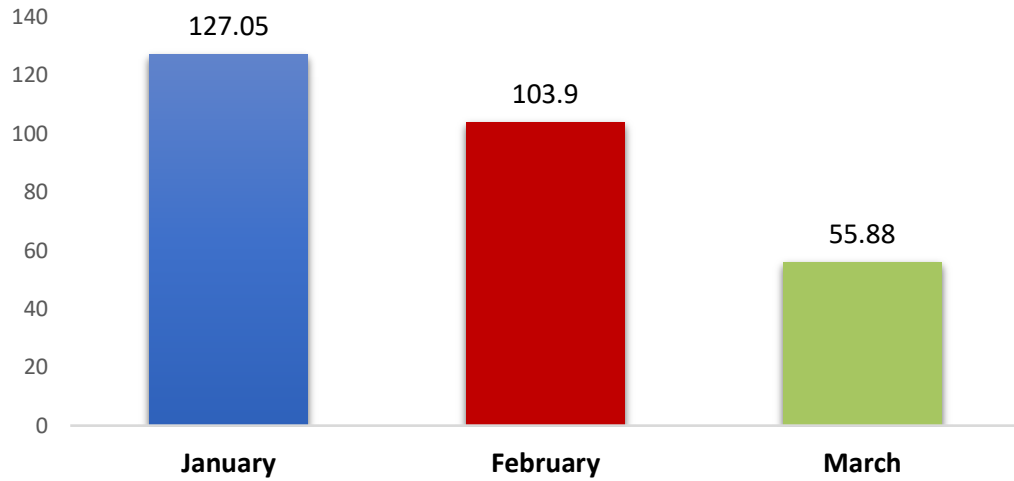
*5 Hospitals: Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen Medical Center, Knapp Medical Center, Rio Grande Regional Hospital, and Mission Regional Medical Center

- **Special Services Report – Ombudsman Program**

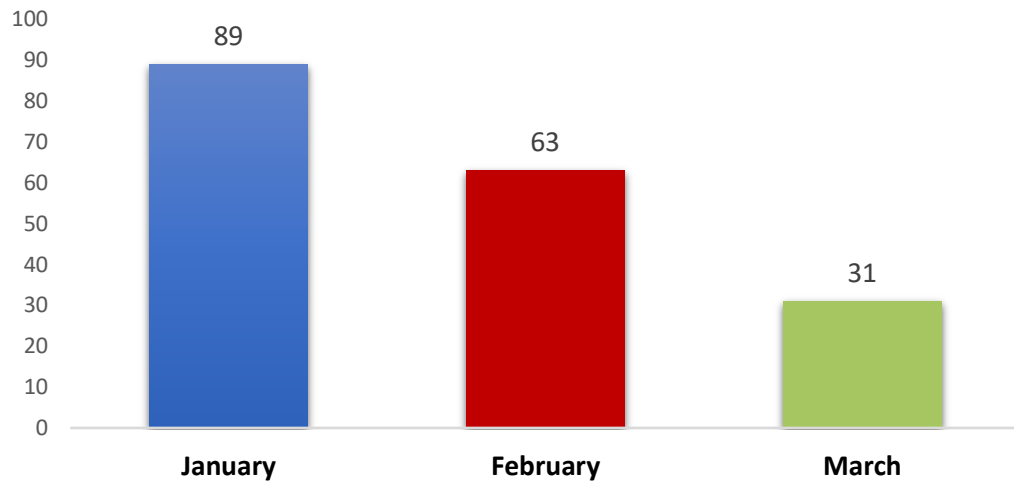
- The Ombudsman handled 183 complaints.
- They dedicated 286.83 activity hours and recorded 929 activity totals.
- The volunteers collectively contributed 39 in-kind hours. Currently training 3 volunteers.



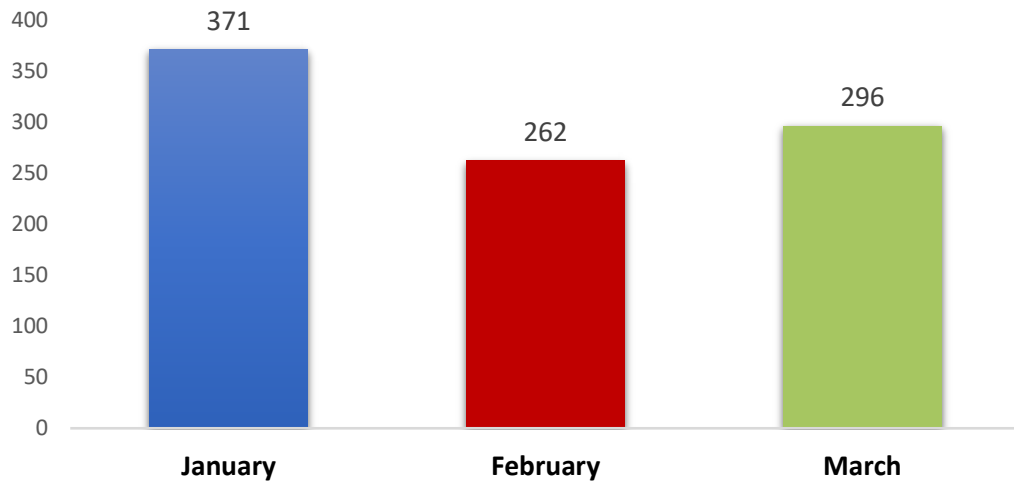
Activity Hours - Total: 286.83

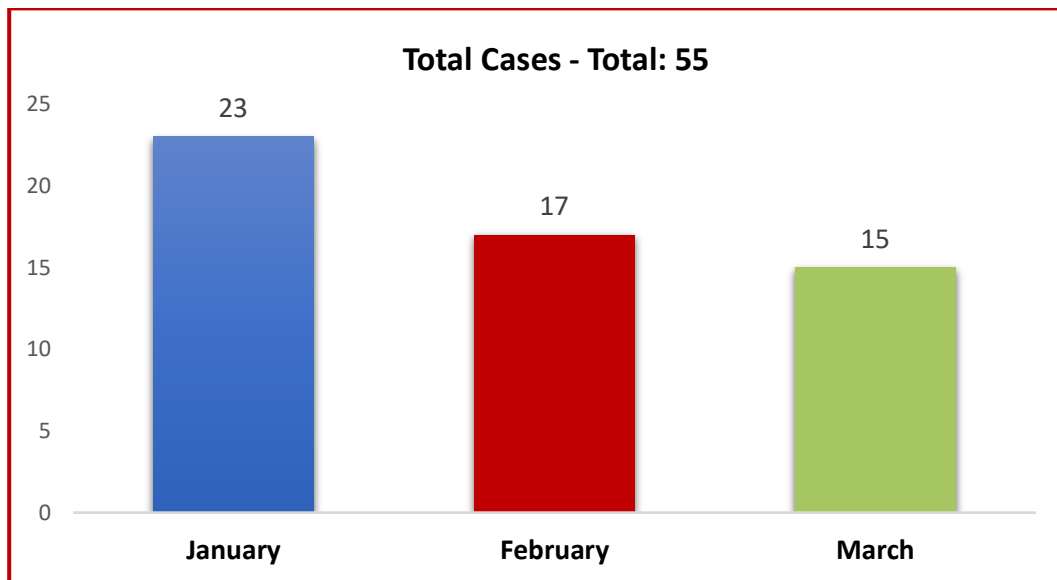


Investigated Complaints - Total: 183



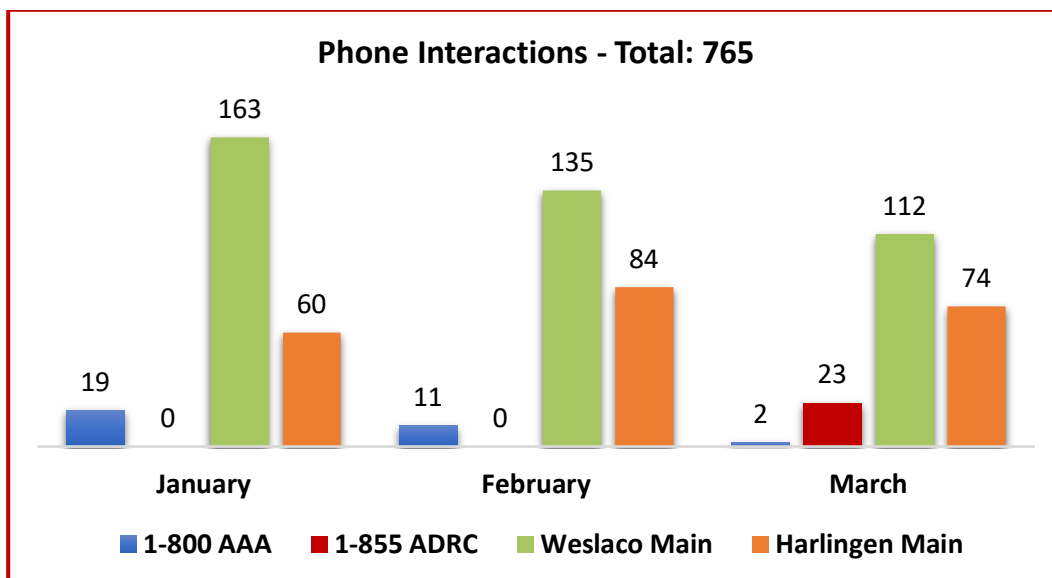
Activity Total - Total: 929



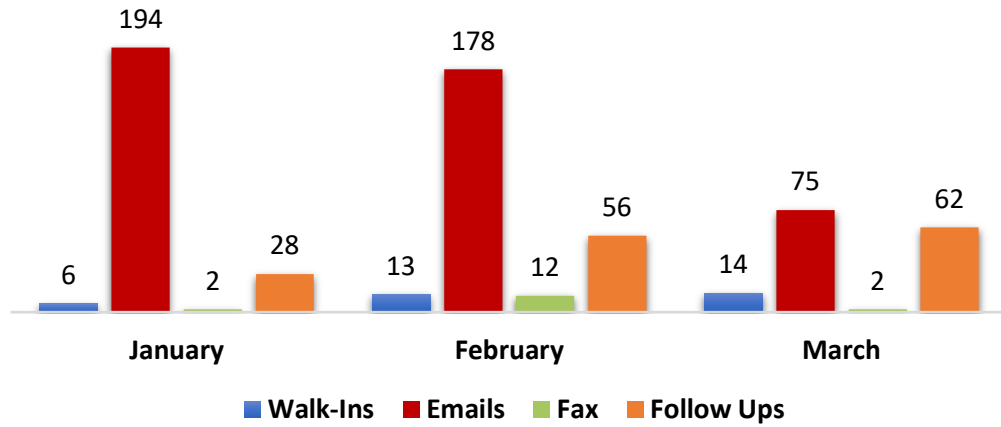


- **ADRC Report – Information Referral and Assistance**

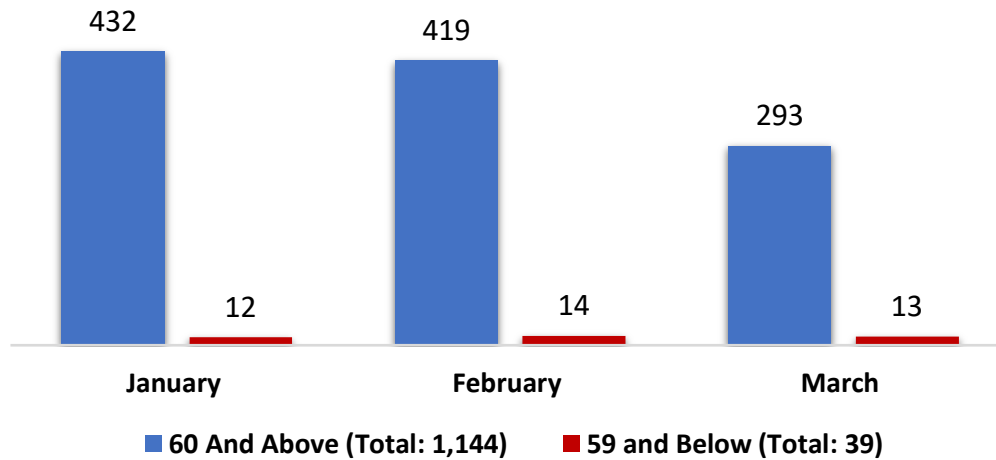
- The intake team had a total of 1,407 interactions via phone lines, walk-ins, emails, and faxes.
- Interacted with 1,525 individuals, 1,144 were 60 years of age and above, 39 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
- Interacted with 1,099 individuals with a disability and 47 Veterans.

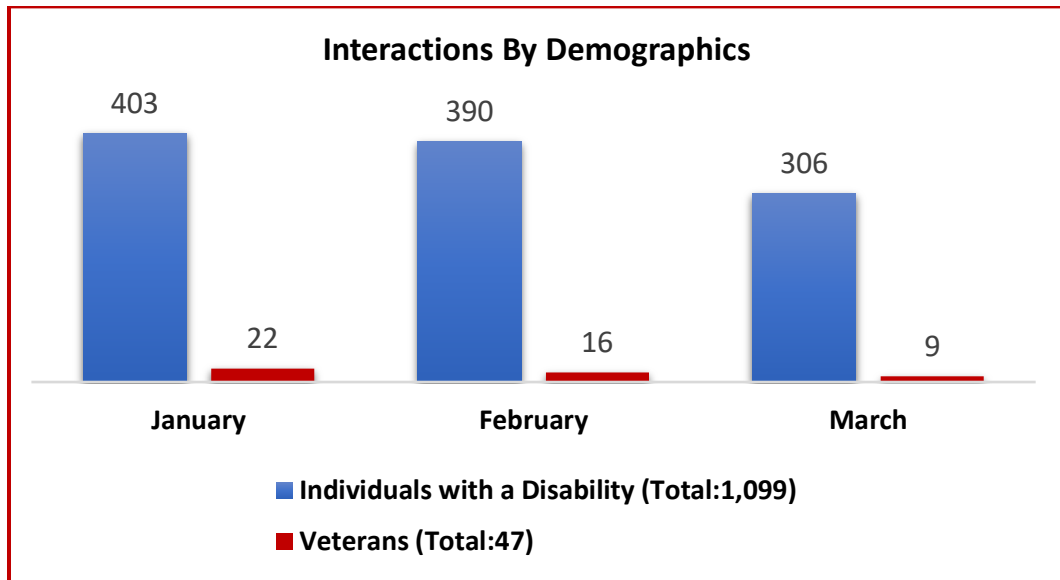


Other Interactions - Total: 642



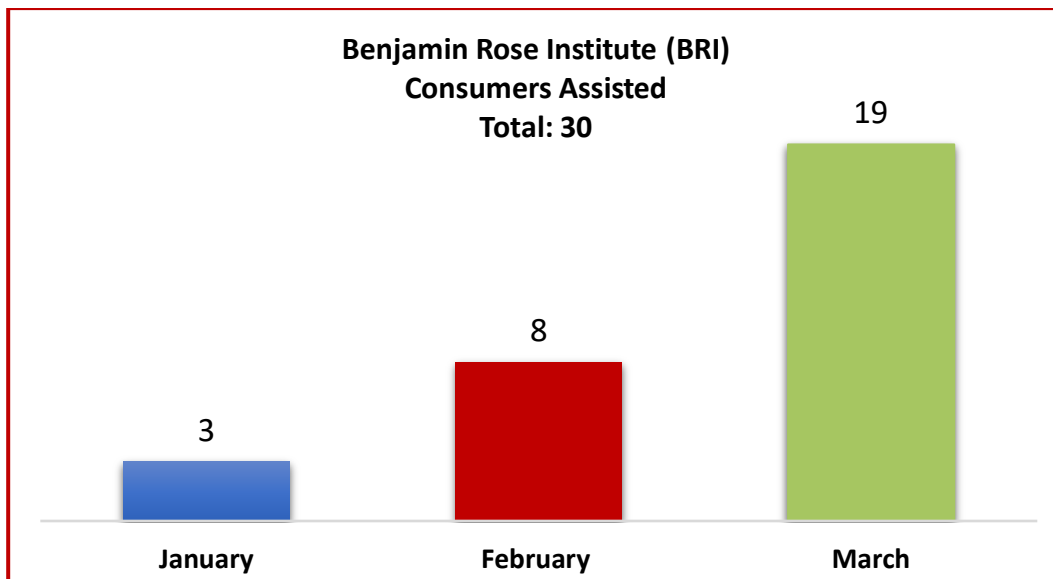
Interactions By Age Group Total: 1,525

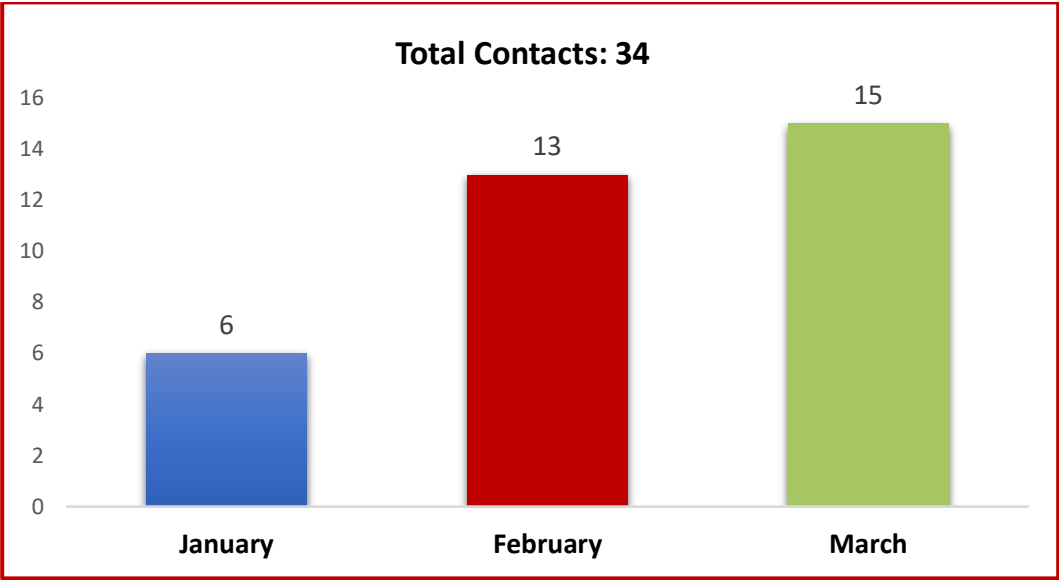




- **ADRC Report – Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) Care Consultant**

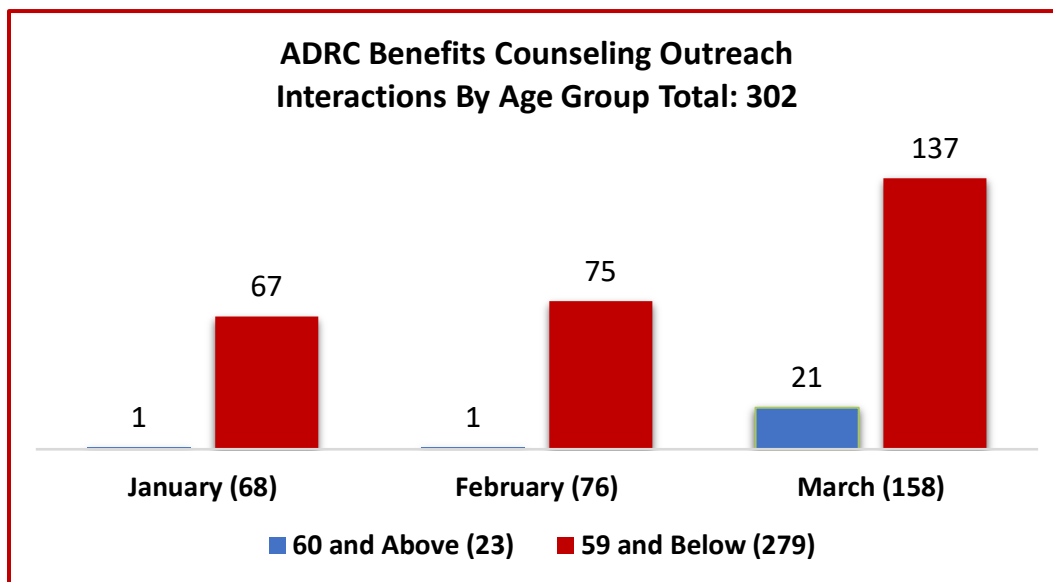
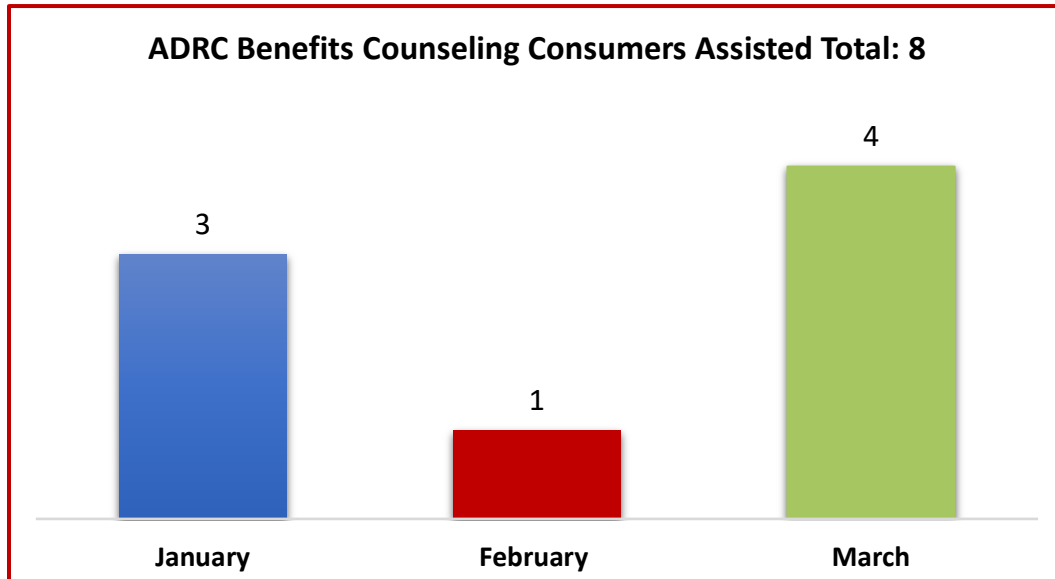
- During the 2nd quarter, the Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) Care Consultants successfully enrolled 30 new clients and established 34 contacts.



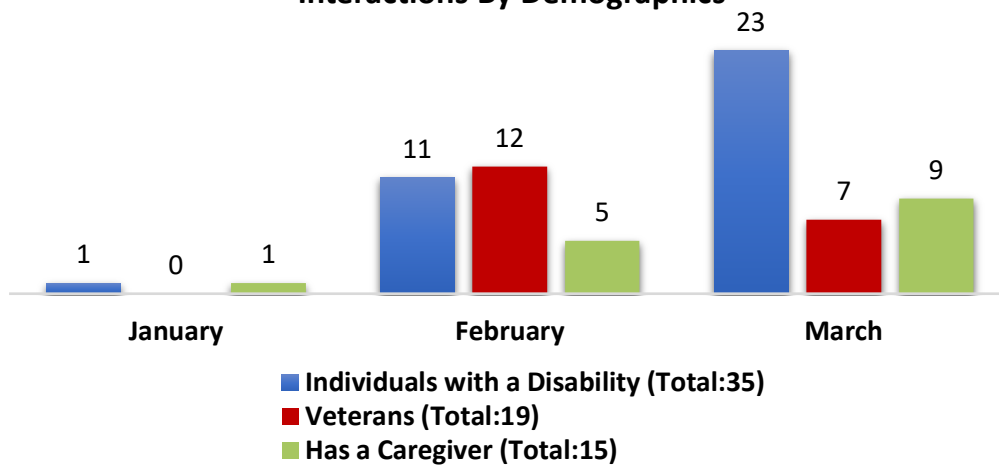


- **ADRC Report – Benefits Counseling**

- Assisted 8 consumers by aiding with MIPPA cases.
- Engaged with 302 individuals during outreach activities, 23 individuals were 60 years of age and above, 279 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
- Outreach activities included 35 individuals with a disability, 19 Veterans, and 15 individuals with a Caregiver.

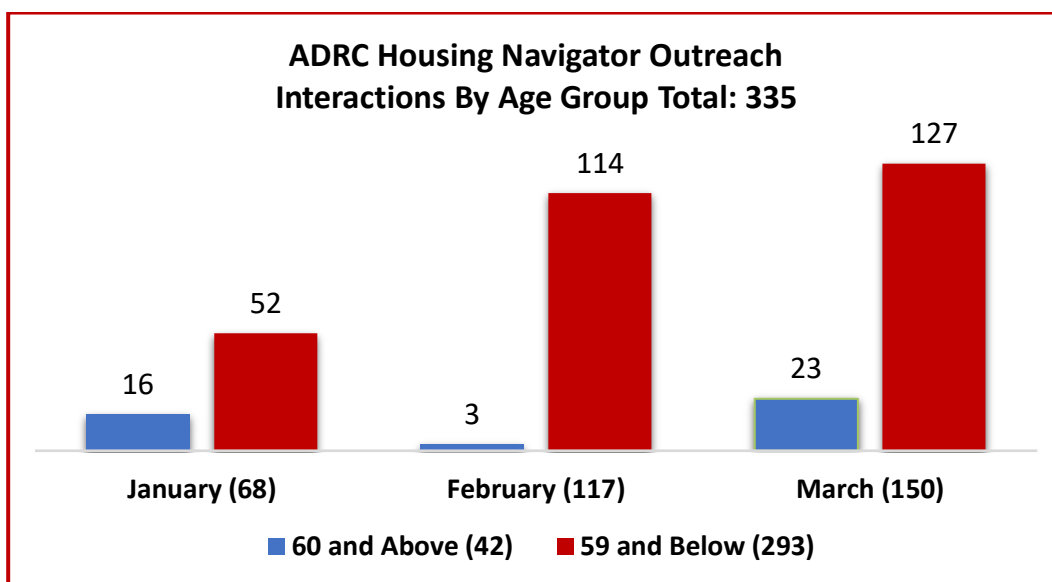
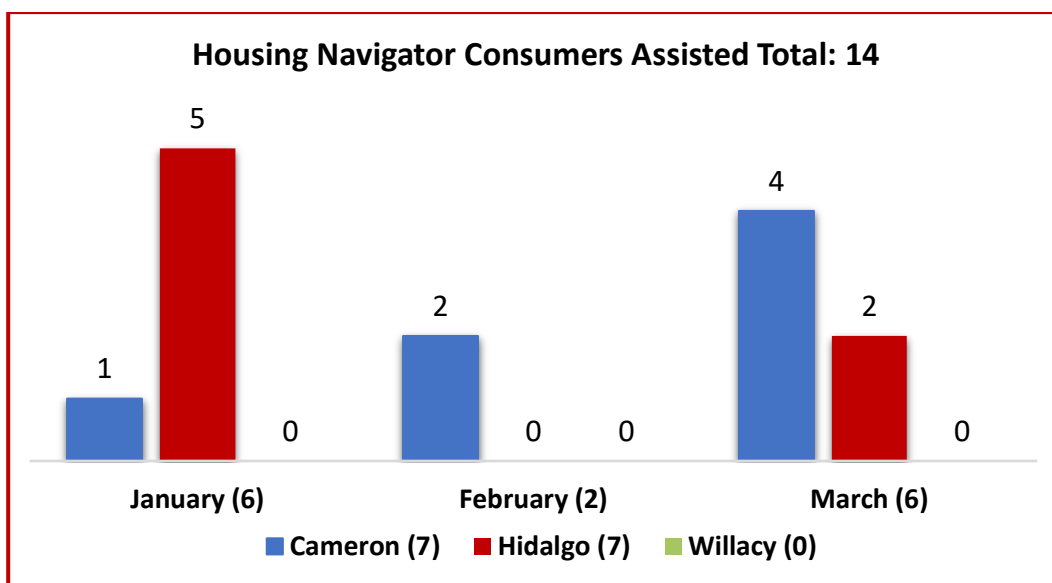


ADRC Benefits Counseling Outreach Interactions By Demographics



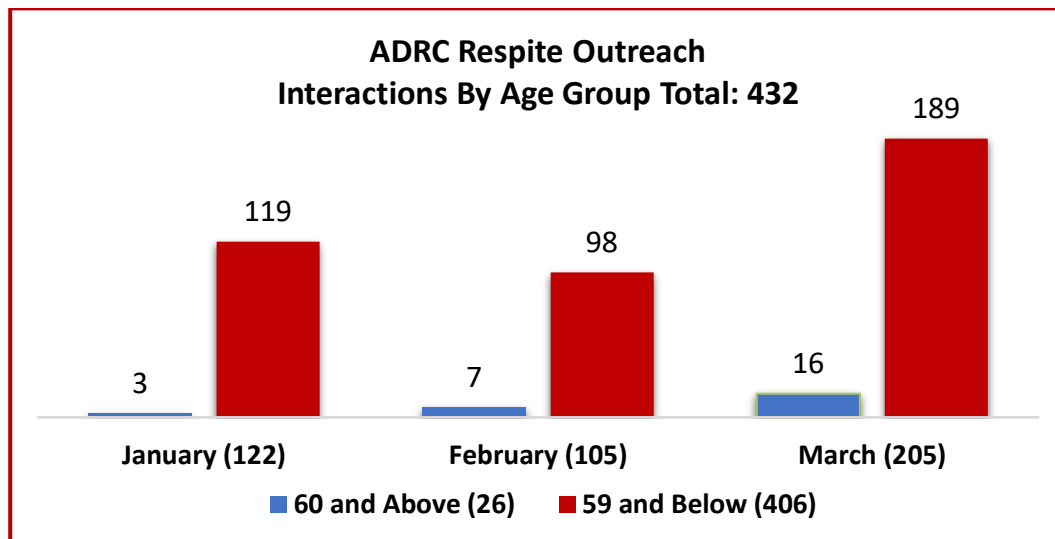
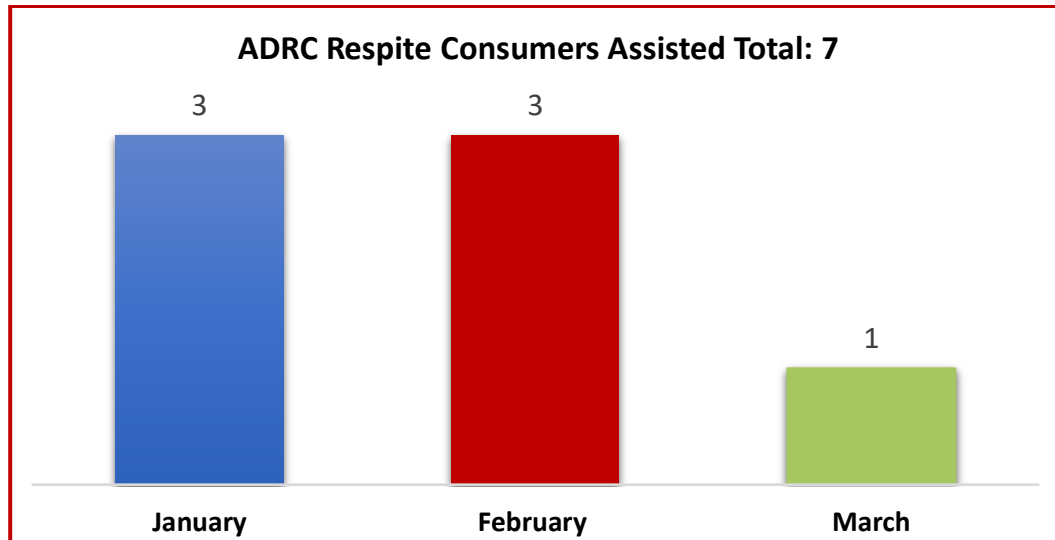
- **ADRC Report – Housing Navigator**

- Provided support to 14 consumers with housing inquiries by offering personalized resources, demonstrating the agency's expertise, and offering valuable support to community members encountering challenges regarding housing.
- Interacted with a total of 492 individuals, comprising of 70 individuals aged 60 years and above, and 422 individuals aged 59 years and below.



- **ADRC Report – Respite Services**

- Assisted 7 consumers seeking respite assistance.
- Interacted with a total of 432 individuals, comprising of 26 individuals aged 60 years and above, and 406 individuals aged 59 years and below.



○ ***March 5th, ADRC LIIFE Conference***

The LRGVDC, Area Agency on Aging, and ADRC hosted the 2025 LIIFE Conference. This event cultivates an environment that promotes Leadership, Innovation/Independence, Family Support, and Empowerment for individuals with disabilities and their support system. Attendees of the LIIFE Conference had opportunities to network and participate in interactive sessions. This year AAA and ADRC Staff presented on various topics including Empowering Individuals of siblings with Disabilities, Basic Budgeting, Applying For Disability Benefits, Maximizing Parent Teacher Conferences During Assessment Stage, Recruiting Family Members With Childcare Plans, Thriving Under Pressure: Mindfulness and Stress Management for Leaders and Caregivers, and Anger Management For Parents with Children With Disabilities.



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Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Criminal Justice Program Action ItemCesar Merla, Assistant Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Rankings and Resolution.

The CJAC was given two weeks to review and score grant applications. On April 9, 2025, the CJAC convened at the Ken Jones Executive Boardroom to review the rankings and amounts for the JAG grant application. The committee recommends approval of the attached resolution, rankings, and conditionally approved amounts.



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Resolution: DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for FY 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for the DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the total amount of \$634,235.50 funding 11 projects.

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors has recommended the list of priorities for available funds in the category of the DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the total amount of \$634,235.50

WHEREAS, these applications serve Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County agencies and therefore their populations.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office guidelines, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee has reviewed and prioritized each application received and therefore recommends the list as presented to the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRGVDC Board of Directors approves submission of the grant applications as follows:

Section 1: The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY 2025-2026 for the DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the total amount of \$634,235.50

Section 2: The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirements and strong recommendation for funding.

Section 3: The LRGVDC Board of Directors is authorized to submit the priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Passed and approved this 30th day of April 2025.
Signed by:

The Honorable Mayor Norma Sepulveda, LRGVDC President

CJAC Recommendations for DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY2025-2026									
CJAC Ranking #	CJAC Score #	Grant #	Jurisdiction/Entity	Project Title	Req. Org. Amount	Req. Adjusted Amount	CJAC Recommendations	CJAC Comments	
1	86.65	4772203	City of Raymondville	Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Investigator	\$74,349.00	\$73,109.10	\$73,109.10	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
2	85.8	5380801	Willacy County	Office Equipment Project	\$30,593.60	\$53,488.42	\$30,593.60	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
3	85.15	3853007	City of Raymondville	Drug Enforcement Investigator	\$74,349.00	\$73,109.10	\$73,109.10	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
4	84.45	5366101	City of Harlingen	HPD Patrol Unit Radio Project	\$61,560.20	\$61,560.20	\$61,560.20	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
5	84.4	5509101	City of Palmview	Radio Communication Project	\$37,775.00	\$37,775.00	\$37,775.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
6	84.2	5396501	Willacy County	Patrol Unit Laptops	\$10,048.52	\$10,048.52	\$10,048.52	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
7	83.95	5326801	City of La Villa	Criminal Justice Grant Program	\$17,817.00	\$17,817.00	\$17,817.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
8	83.3	3596508	Hidalgo County	Domestic Violence Unit	\$100,361.41	\$100,361.41	\$100,361.41	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
9	83	5357001	City of Edinburg	Criminal Justice Grant Project	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
10	82.9	5493601	City of Penitas	Penitas Criminal Justice Program	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
11	81.7	5453401	Cameron County	Direct File Case System	\$165,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$62,861.57	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
12	81.35	5552501	City of Hidlago	Force on Force Training Program	\$73,000.00	\$73,000.00	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
13	81.3	5009702	City of Alton	Community Oriented Police Officer Project	\$42,588.00	\$42,588.00	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
14	81.05	5498301	City of Progreso	Security Cameras FY 2025-26	\$72,900.00	\$72,900.00	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
15	80.05	5417701	City of Weslaco	FY2026 Weslaco Criminal Justice Grant	\$82,036.00	\$82,036.00	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
16	78.7	5328801	Hidalgo County	Hidalgo County Emergency Management Mobile More Improvement	\$30,760.00	\$30,760.00	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
17	77.6	5036702	Cameron County	Pre Trial Surveillance and Supervision	\$364,947.00	\$364,947.68	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
18	77.45	5143002	City of Alamo	CJ Grant for Security Cameras 2025-26	\$120,561.00	\$120,561.00	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
19	76.5	5396901	City of Missoin	Mission Police Department Compliance Management System	\$117,358.44	\$117,358.44	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
20	76.1	5478601	City of Sullivan City	Crime Reduction Program	\$259,107.00	\$263,313.00	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
21	74.9	5452501	Donna ISD	Student and Community Safety Against Concealed Weapons	\$153,947.06	\$153,947.06	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
22	74.65	5339801	City of San Juan	FY26 Criminal Justice Grant	\$53,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
23	73.85	5536501	City of Donna	Donna Police Department Justice Program	\$315,905.97	\$315,905.97	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
24	70.6	5445801	Hidalgo County	Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office JAG FY26	\$384,000.00	\$384,000.00	\$0.00	Fund at lower amount, if additional funding becoems available fund accordng to priorotitziation	
				Total:	\$2,808,964.20	\$2,818,585.90			
Conditionally approved amounts and equipment is subject to available funding from the Governor's Public Safety Office. The Governor's Public Safety Office retains final determination on funding allocations for all projects.						Recommendations	\$634,235.50	Projected Amount	
						Remaining	\$0.00	\$	634,235.50
			Total Applications	24					

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

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Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Criminal Justice Program Action Item.....Cesar Merla, Assistant Director

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) Fund Program Rankings and Resolution.

The CJAC was given two weeks to review and score grant applications. On April 9, 2025, the CJAC convened at the Ken Jones Executive Boardroom to review the rankings and amounts for the SF grant application. The committee recommends approval of the attached resolution, rankings, and conditionally approved amounts.



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Resolution: State Criminal Justice Plan (SF) for FY 2025-2026

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WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) in the total amount of \$171,414.29 funding all three available projects

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors has recommended the list of priorities for available funds in the category of the Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) in the total amount of \$171,414.29.

WHEREAS, these applications serve Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties agencies and therefore their populations.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office guidelines, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee have reviewed and prioritized each application received and recommends the list as presented to the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRGVDC Board of Directors approves submission of the grant applications as follows:

Section 1: The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY 2025-2026 for the Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) in the total amount of \$171,414.29

Section 2: The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirements and strong recommendation for funding.

Section 3: The LRGVDC Board of Directors is authorized to submit the priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Passed and approved this 30th day of April 2024.

Signed by:

The Honorable Mayor Norma Sepulveda, LRGVDC President

CJAC Recommendation Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) FY 2025-2026

CJAC Ranking #	CJAC Score #	Grant #	Jurisdiction/Entity	Project Title	Requested Org. Amount	Req. Adjusted Amount	CJAC Recommendations	CJAC Comments
1	86.48	3878807	Cameron County	Community Based Treatment Services	\$75,068.49	\$68,184.00	\$68,184.00	fully fund at lower amount
2	82.6	5331201	Cameron County	484th District Court Specialized Treatment Services	\$51,480.00	\$51,480.00	\$51,480.00	fully fund at lower amount
3	81.8	5049602	La Joya ISD	La Joya ISD First Offender Truancy Program	\$111,931.97	\$111,931.97	\$51,750.29	fund with remaining amount, if additional funds becomes availabel, fully fund.
				Total:	\$238,480.46	\$231,595.97		

Conditionally approved amounts and equipment is subject to available funding from the Governor's Public Safety Office. The Governor's Public Safety Office retains final determination on funding allocations for all projects.

Recommendations	\$171,414.29	Projected Amount
Remaining	\$0.00	\$171,414.29

Total Applications	3
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Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Criminal Justice Program Action ItemCesar Merla, Assistant Director

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP) Program Rankings and Resolution.

The CJAC was given two weeks to review and score grant applications. On April 9, 2025, the CJAC convened at the Ken Jones Executive Boardroom to review the rankings and amounts for the TP grant application. The committee recommends approval of the attached resolution, rankings, and conditionally approved amounts.



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Resolution: Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP) for FY 2025-2026

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WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP) in the total amount of \$163,669.58 funding the two projects available.

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors has recommended the list of priorities for available funds in the category of the Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP) in the total amount of \$163,669.58

WHEREAS, these applications serve Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County agencies and therefore their populations.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office guidelines, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors have reviewed and prioritized each application received.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRGVDC Board of Directors approves submission of the grant applications as follows:

Section 1: The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY 2025-2026 for the Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP) in the total amount of \$163,669.58

Section 2: The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirements and strong recommendation for funding.

Section 3: The LRGVDC Board of Directors is authorized to submit the priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Passed and approved this 30th day of April 2024.
Signed by:

The Honorable Mayor Norma Sepulveda, LRGVDC President

CJAC Recommendations for Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP) FY2025-2026								
CJAC Ranking #	CJAC Score #	Grant #	Jurisdiction/Entity	Project Title	Req. Org. Amount	Req. Adjusted Amount	CJAC Recommendations	CJAC Comments
1	83.5	5138202	City of La Villa	Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention	\$40,791.11	\$40,791.11	\$40,791.11	fully fund
2	81.5	4003406	City of Weslaco	Weslaco First Offender Program	\$146,579.74	\$146,579.74	\$122,878.47	fund at adjusted amount, fully fund if funds become available
				Total:	\$187,370.85	\$187,370.85		
			Total Applications	2				

Recommendations	\$163,669.58	Projected Amount
Remaining	\$0.00	\$163,669.58

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C. Public Safety

Criminal Justice Program Action Item.....Cesar Merla, Assistant Director

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Victim of Crime Act Formula Grand Program (VA) Program Rankings and Resolution.

The CJAC was given two weeks to review and score grant applications. On April 9, 2025, the CJAC convened at the Ken Jones Executive Boardroom to review the rankings and amounts for the VA grant application. The committee recommends approval of the attached resolution, rankings, and conditionally approved amounts.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Manuel "Manny" Cruz

Resolution: Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant (VA) Grant for FY 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Victims of Crime Act Formula (VA) Grant in the total amount of \$4,575,190.62 funding 25 projects.

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors has recommended the list of priorities for available funds in the category of Victims of Crime Act Formula Grants in the total amount of \$4,575,190.62

WHEREAS, these applications serve Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County agencies and therefore their populations.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office guidelines, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee has reviewed and prioritized each application received and therefore recommends the list as presented to the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRGVDC Board of Directors approves submission of the grant applications as follows:

Section 1: The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY 2025-2026 for the Victims of Crime Act Formula (VA) Grant in the total amount of \$4,575,190.62

Section 2: The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirements and strong recommendation for funding.

Section 3: The LRGVDC Board of Directors is authorized to submit the priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Passed and approved this 30th day of April 2024.

Signed by:

The Honorable Mayor Norma Sepulveda, LRGVDC President

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Criminal Justice program Action ItemCesar Merla, Assistant Director

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for FY 2025-2026 Violence Against Women Formula Grant (WF) Program Rankings and Resolution.

The CJAC was given two weeks to review and score grant applications. On April 9, 2025, the CJAC convened at the Ken Jones Executive Boardroom to review the rankings and amounts for the WF grant application. The committee recommends approval of the attached resolution, rankings, and conditionally approved amounts.



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Resolution: State Criminal Justice Plan (SF) for FY 2025-2026

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Manuel "Manny" Cruz

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) in the total amount of \$171,414.29 funding all three available projects

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors has recommended the list of priorities for available funds in the category of the Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) in the total amount of \$171,414.29.

WHEREAS, these applications serve Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties agencies and therefore their populations.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office guidelines, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee have reviewed and prioritized each application received and recommends the list as presented to the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRGVDC Board of Directors approves submission of the grant applications as follows:

Section 1: The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY 2025-2026 for the Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) in the total amount of \$171,414.29

Section 2: The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirements and strong recommendation for funding.

Section 3: The LRGVDC Board of Directors is authorized to submit the priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Passed and approved this 30th day of April 2024.

Signed by:

The Honorable Mayor Norma Sepulveda, LRGVDC President

CJAC Recommendation Juvenile Justice Programs (SF) FY 2025-2026

CJAC Ranking #	CJAC Score #	Grant #	Jurisdiction/Entity	Project Title	Requested Org. Amount	Req. Adjusted Amount	CJAC Recommendations	CJAC Comments
1	86.48	3878807	Cameron County	Community Based Treatment Services	\$75,068.49	\$68,184.00	\$68,184.00	fully fund at lower amount
2	82.6	5331201	Cameron County	484th District Court Specialized Treatment Services	\$51,480.00	\$51,480.00	\$51,480.00	fully fund at lower amount
3	81.8	5049602	La Joya ISD	La Joya ISD First Offender Truancy Program	\$111,931.97	\$111,931.97	\$51,750.29	fund with remaining amount, if additional funds becomes availabel, fully fund.
				Total:	\$238,480.46	\$231,595.97		

Conditionally approved amounts and equipment is subject to available funding from the Governor's Public Safety Office. The Governor's Public Safety Office retains final determination on funding allocations for all projects.

Recommendations	\$171,414.29	Projected Amount
Remaining	\$0.00	\$171,414.29

Total Applications	3
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C. Public Safety.....Cesar Merla, Assistant Director

Criminal Justice Program

- Staff hosted the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Prioritization Meeting on April 9, 2025, at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Board in Weslaco, TX.
- Staff participated in the TARC Preparedness call on April 10, 2025, to increase knowledge on the Governor's Public Safety Office grant cycle information and safety.
- Staff hosted the Texas A&M Extension Service (TEEX) Basic Criminal Investigation Course April 21-25 at the LRGVDC Valley Metro Training Room, Weslaco, TX

Homeland Security Program

- Staff attended the webinar BDO Local Government Monthly Roundtable on April 3, 2025
- Staff attended on April 4, 2025, the Lasara Healthcare Community Fair at the Lasara Sport Complex Gym in Lasara, TX
- Staff participated in the TARC Preparedness call on April 10, 2025, to increase knowledge on the Governor's Public Safety Office grant cycle information and safety.
- Staff attended webinar for Regional Community Collaboration Call Incident 25-0018.
- Staff attended the Multi Agency Resource Center(MARC) hosted by Cameron County Office Emergency Management (OEM) on April 11, 2025, at the Harlingen Convention Center.
- Staff attended on April 14-16 the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM)ICS 300 at the McAllen Fire Station, McAllen, TX
- Staff attended Texas A&M Extension Service (TEEX) Sport and Special Event Enhanced Risk Management and Assessment MGT466 on April 15-16, 2025, at the UTRGV Small Development Center in Edinburg, TX.
- Staff attended the monthly Hidalgo County LEPC Meeting at the McAllen Fire Station.
- Staff attended on April 21-22 the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) ICS -400 at the McAllen Fire Station, McAllen, TX

LRGVDC PUBLIC SAFETY Department Assisting with Cameron County OEM-MARC



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June 26, 2025, 8AM - 5PM

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2 EM

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Instructors**

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- First arriving LEO
- Contact Team
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- Transport Group Supervisor
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- Law Enforcement Branch
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- Active Shooter Event with hostage/barricade

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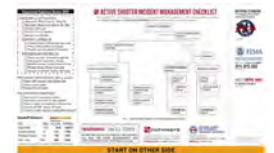
ASIM Hosting Requirements

Facility requirements and logistics for hosting ASIM Advanced in-person deliveries



Active Shooter Incident Management Checklist

A Validated Active Shooter Checklist



Safety Priority

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Public Safety

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACADEMY

Police Academy Program Action ItemJavier Solis Asst. Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the utilization of LRGV Academy GPI funds in the amount of \$23, 139.27 for the purchase of new electronic Tasers.

The current electronic Taser inventory for the LRGV Academy has expired the 10-year manufactured shelf life. These new Tasers are required for the training of cadets in the use of less lethal electronic control devices. The training is part of the Basic Peace Officer Course and mandated by the LRGV Academy Advisory Board.

Axon is the sole source vendor and distributor of Taser products and universally recognized as the industry leader in the manufacturing of less lethal electronic control devices for law enforcement.



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Issued: 04/09/2025

Quote Expiration: 04/30/2025

Estimated Contract Start Date: 07/01/2025

Account Number: 230894

Payment Terms:

Delivery Method:

SHIP TO	BILL TO
LRGVDC REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY 1902 N Loop 499 Harlingen, TX 78550-2585 USA	LRGVDC REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY 1902 N Loop 499 Harlingen TX 78550-2585 USA Email:

SALES REPRESENTATIVE	PRIMARY CONTACT
Avery Lawrence Phone: Email: avlawrence@axon.com Fax:	Javier Solis Phone: (956) 682-3481 Email: jsolis@lrgvdc.org Fax:

Quote Summary

Program Length	60 Months
TOTAL COST	\$23,139.27
ESTIMATED TOTAL W/ TAX	\$23,139.27

Discount Summary

Average Savings Per Year	\$0.00
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$0.00

Payment Summary

Date	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Jun 2025	\$23,139.27	\$0.00	\$23,139.27
Total	\$23,139.27	\$0.00	\$23,139.27

Quote Unbundled Price:	\$23,139.27
Quote List Price:	\$23,139.27
Quote Subtotal:	\$23,139.27

Pricing

All deliverables are detailed in Delivery Schedules section lower in proposal

Item	Description	Qty	Term	Unbundled	List Price	Net Price	Subtotal	Tax	Total
A la Carte Hardware									
11504	AXON TASER X26P - HOLSTER - BLACKHAWK LH	2			\$91.25	\$91.25	\$182.50	\$0.00	\$182.50
11501	AXON TASER X26P - HOLSTER - BLACKHAWK RH	10			\$91.20	\$91.20	\$912.00	\$0.00	\$912.00
22010	AXON TASER - X2/X26P BATTERY PACK - PPM STANDARD	11			\$87.20	\$87.20	\$959.20	\$0.00	\$959.20
11001	AXON TASER X26P - HANDLE - YELLOW CLASS 2	11			\$1,445.00	\$1,445.00	\$15,895.00	\$0.00	\$15,895.00
A la Carte Warranties									
80398	AXON TASER X26P - EXT WARRANTY - HANDLE	11	49		\$9.63	\$9.63	\$5,190.57	\$0.00	\$5,190.57
Total							\$23,139.27	\$0.00	\$23,139.27

Delivery Schedule

Hardware

Bundle	Item	Description	QTY	Shipping Location	Estimated Delivery Date
A la Carte	11001	AXON TASER X26P - HANDLE - YELLOW CLASS 2	11	1	06/01/2025
A la Carte	11501	AXON TASER X26P - HOLSTER - BLACKHAWK RH	10	1	06/01/2025
A la Carte	11504	AXON TASER X26P - HOLSTER - BLACKHAWK LH	2	1	06/01/2025
A la Carte	22010	AXON TASER - X2/X26P BATTERY PACK - PPM STANDARD	11	1	06/01/2025

Warranties

Bundle	Item	Description	QTY	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
A la Carte	80398	AXON TASER X26P - EXT WARRANTY - HANDLE	11	06/01/2026	06/30/2030

Shipping Locations

Location Number	Street	City	State	Zip	Country
1	1902 N Loop 499	Harlingen	TX	78550-2585	USA

Payment Details

Jun 2025						
Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Upfront Payment	11001	AXON TASER X26P - HANDLE - YELLOW CLASS 2	11	\$15,895.00	\$0.00	\$15,895.00
Upfront Payment	11501	AXON TASER X26P - HOLSTER - BLACKHAWK RH	10	\$912.00	\$0.00	\$912.00
Upfront Payment	11504	AXON TASER X26P - HOLSTER - BLACKHAWK LH	2	\$182.50	\$0.00	\$182.50
Upfront Payment	22010	AXON TASER - X2/X26P BATTERY PACK - PPM STANDARD	11	\$959.20	\$0.00	\$959.20
Upfront Payment	80398	AXON TASER X26P - EXT WARRANTY - HANDLE	11	\$5,190.57	\$0.00	\$5,190.57
Total				\$23,139.27	\$0.00	\$23,139.27

Tax is estimated based on rates applicable at date of quote and subject to change at time of invoicing. If a tax exemption certificate should be applied, please submit prior to invoicing.

Standard Terms and Conditions

Axon Enterprise Inc. Sales Terms and Conditions

Axon Master Services and Purchasing Agreement:

This Quote is limited to and conditional upon your acceptance of the provisions set forth herein and Axon's Master Services and Purchasing Agreement (posted at <https://www.axon.com/sales-terms-and-conditions>), as well as the attached Statement of Work (SOW) for Axon Fleet and/or Axon Interview Room purchase, if applicable. In the event you and Axon have entered into a prior agreement to govern all future purchases, that agreement shall govern to the extent it includes the products and services being purchased and does not conflict with the Axon Customer Experience Improvement Program Appendix as described below.

ACEIP:

The Axon Customer Experience Improvement Program Appendix, which includes the sharing of de-identified segments of Agency Content with Axon to develop new products and improve your product experience (posted at www.axon.com/legal/sales-terms-and-conditions), is incorporated herein by reference. By signing below, you agree to the terms of the Axon Customer Experience Improvement Program.

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Signature

Date Signed

4/9/2025



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Public Safety

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACADEMY

Program Action ItemsJavier Solis Asst. Director

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an interlocal agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the City of Weslaco, Texas for the implementation of a police academy site to be hosted by and through the Weslaco Police Department, and for the authority to have the LRGVDC Executive Director, Manuel Cruz, sign and finalize the agreement.

Background

The City of Weslaco and the Weslaco Police Department are seeking a partnership with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council to establish a police academy site in the City of Weslaco by and through the Weslaco Police Department. The Weslaco Police Department has a need to fill 10 police officer vacancies within the department to establish a fully staffed police force for their growing city.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy's role will be to facilitate the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Basic Peace Officer Course utilizing the LRGV Academy's Law Enforcement Academy License.

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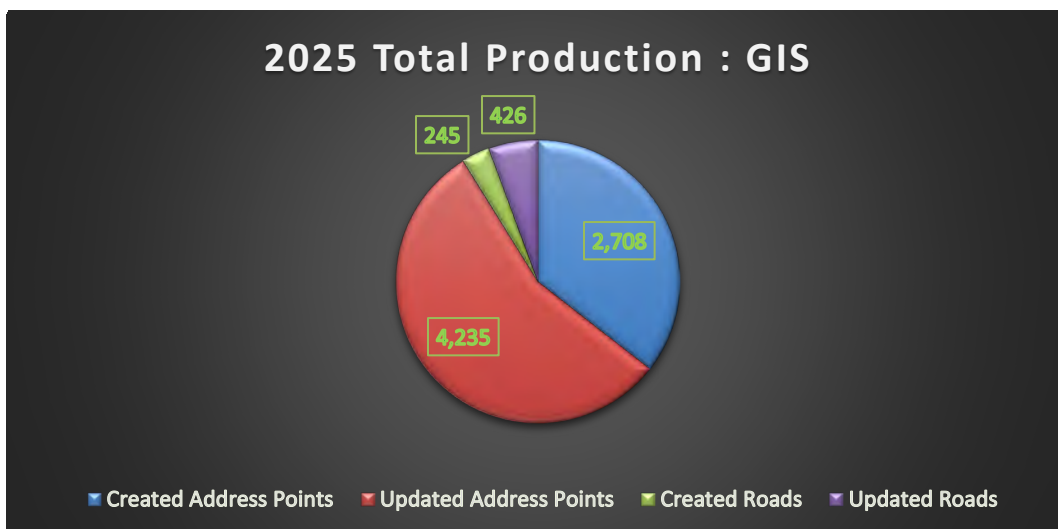
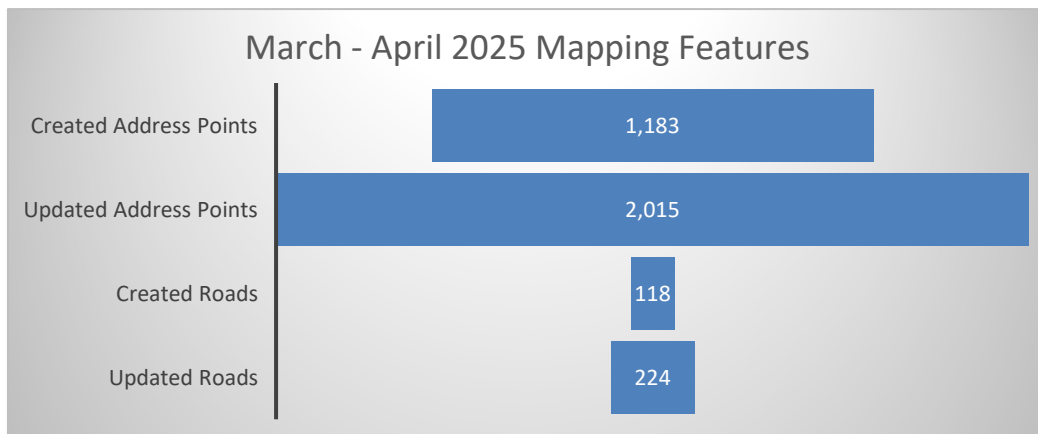
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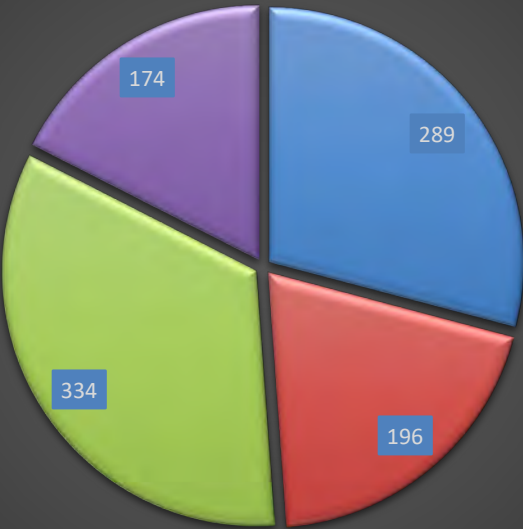
Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Status Report

- GIS Division

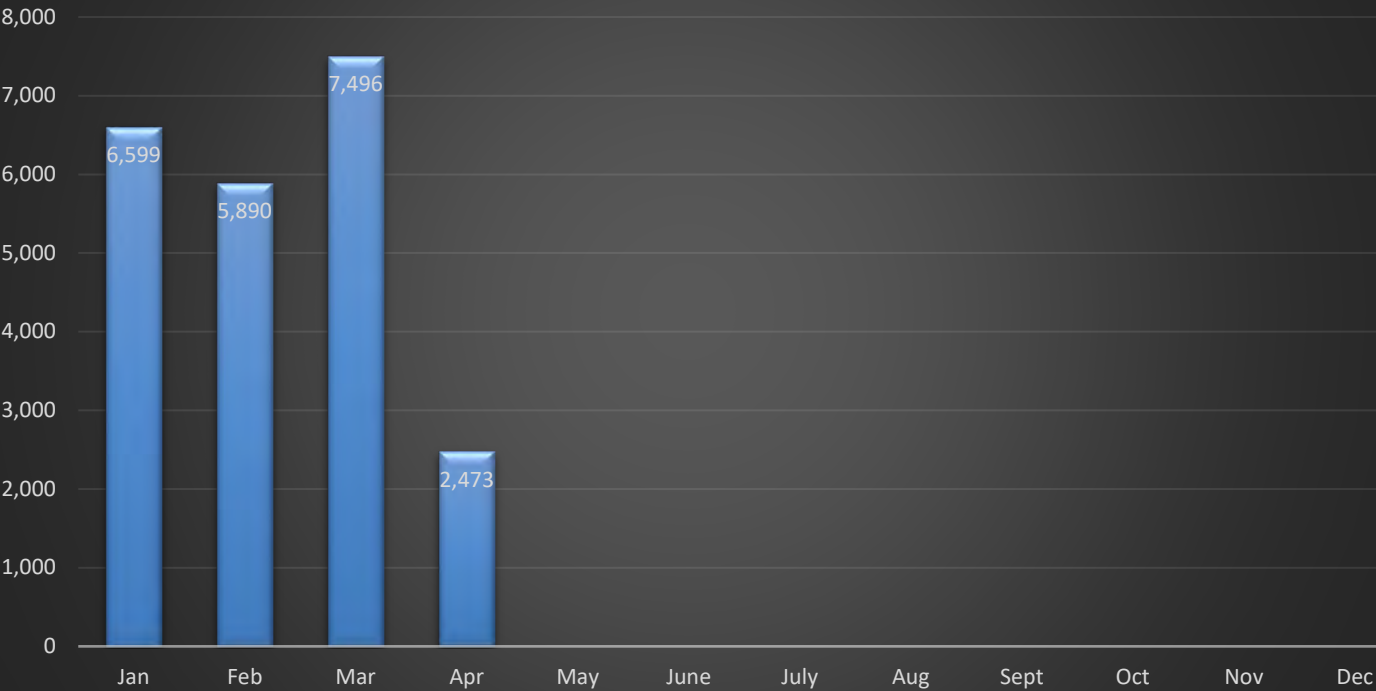
The GIS Data Hub has transitioned to www.rgv911.org, providing improved access to downloadable maps and streamlined data request handling. We have used a cross-department team and have set up a virtual replica of our production environment where we will test how an upgrade will affect our current system. Testing is scheduled to last until late April, and the Upgrade to ArcGIS Enterprise 11.3.1 is expected to be completed in early to Late-May.



2025 Address Tickets Totals



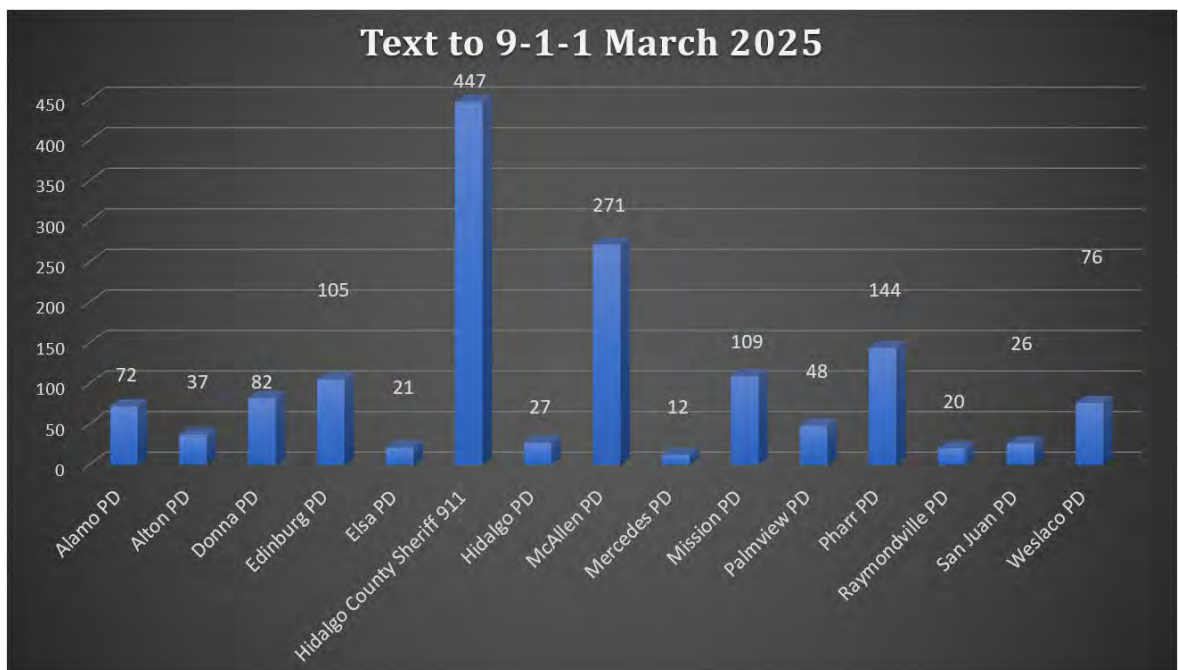
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- 9-1-1 | Information Technology

The Information Technology Division remains committed to maintaining 99.9% operational efficiency, ensuring seamless integration between our 9-1-1 call delivery systems and GIS mapping. By doing so, we continue to support our public safety partners and the community with reliable emergency communication services.

To further enhance system resilience, the I.T. Division continues to test system redundancies, ensuring uninterrupted service in the event of hardware or network failures. Additionally, the team is preparing to conduct internal training sessions for telecommunicators and support staff, focusing on video call handling and real-time text translation.



- Community Engagement Division

March was an exciting and productive month for the Public Education Team! From engaging educational events and lively community parades to impactful conference participation, our team stayed busy connecting with the public and spreading awareness about 9-1-1. We also kicked off preparations for one of our most important celebrations of the year—National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (TC Week). The momentum we built in March set the stage for an even stronger April, and we're proud of the progress made in our outreach efforts.

2025 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Parade, March 8, 2025. The beautiful City of Mercedes! RGV9-1-1 was thrilled to be part of the action, and Cell Phone Sally had an absolute BLAST waving and hyping up the amazing crowd.

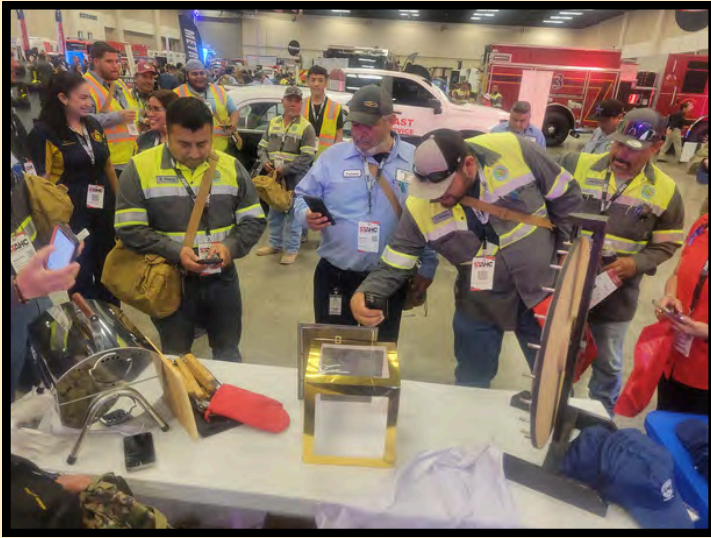
Arise Adelante (Moving Forward), March 12, 2025. Educating our communities ensures that everyone knows how to use 911 effectively in an emergency. Thank you for allowing us to share this lifesaving information. Registering your address for faster emergency response, knowing your location when calling for help, Text-to-911, when to use it, and what is considered a 911 call.

Vaqueros Step Up 2025 Spring Break Luau, March 13, 2025. Students came together for a fun, safe, and educational event to gear up for an amazing Spring Break! RGV911 was there with important educational information to help students stay safe and informed during their break. From knowing when to call 911 to essential safety tips, we made sure everyone is prepared for any situation.

APCO training Crisis Negotiation for Telecommunicators, March 14, 2025. This vital course equips our dispatchers with the skills to handle high-stress situations, communicate effectively, and help save lives — all from the other end of the line.

City of Donna Public Library, March 19, 2025. Teaching the children when to call, how to call, and what to say in an emergency. We also emphasized the importance of knowing their location and staying calm while calling 911, so first responders can get to them quickly.

2025 South Texas All Hazard Conference (STAHC), March 26 -27, 2025. The RGV9-1-1 team had an amazing time connecting with attendees, sharing valuable information, and enjoying some fun and games. Educational moments mixed with laughter made it an unforgettable experience.



2025 South Texas All Hazard Conference (STAHC)



Alamo Police Department



Hidalgo Co. Sheriff's Office



Pharr Public Safety Communications



Edinburg Police Department



San Juan Police Department



Weslaco & Mercedes Police Department



Elsa Police Department



Weslaco & Mercedes Police Department



Raymondville Police Department



Palmview Police Department



Alton Police Department



Hidalgo Police Department



Mission Police Department



Donna Police Department

McAllen Police Department



ITEM #5. D.

TRANSPORTATION

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Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Department's Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy in compliance to FTA's Drug and Alcohol Compliance Auditing Program

The LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Department's Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy is designed to promote a safe, healthy, and productive environment for all employees and the public we serve. This policy not only reflects our commitment to safety and responsibility but also ensures compliance with federal regulations set forth by the Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration. By maintaining a drug- and alcohol-free workplace, we help prevent accidents, support employee well-being, and uphold the integrity and trust placed in our transit services by the communities we serve.

Updates have been made to portions of the following sections:

- 5.0 SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITIONS
- 7.0 PERIOD OF COVERAGE AND PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR
- 8.0 ON- CALL EMPLOYEES
- 10.0 PREVIOUS DOT EMPLOYER RECORD CHECK
- 11.3 POST ACCIDENT TESTING (655.44)
- 13.0 TEST STANDARDS, 49 CFR Part 40, as amended (amended 7-27-2016)
- 14.0 BEHAVIOR THAT CONSTITUTES A REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO A TEST
- 15.0 FTA DRUG AND ALCOHOL REQUIRED TESTING PROCEDURES §§40.210; 40.83; 40.199; 40.193
- 17.0 VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE MISUSE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL:
- 25.0 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS/OVER THE COUNTER DRUGS

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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report..... Tom Logan, Director

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Contractual Services for the LRGVDC Valley Metro Edinburg Transit Terminal Office Building 1st Floor Finish-out Phase III

The LRGVDC Valley Metro is requesting the board's approval on the recommended selection for contractual services from Araiza General Construction, LLC based on the Project Tally and Evaluation of bids performed by the Project Evaluation Committee for the construction of the Edinburg Transit Terminal Office Building 1st Floor Finish-out, Phase III.

Project Location: 617 W University Dr, Edinburg, TX 78539

Project Size: 4,133 Sq. Ft.

The project consists of a 4,133 Sq. Ft. interior build-out of the first floor LRGVDC Valley Metro Edinburg Transit Terminal Office Building which will be the new Edinburg Economic Development Corporation offices. Build-out will include office spaces, meeting rooms, restrooms, and a breakroom. The scope of work includes but is not limited to demolition, framing, drywall installation, flooring, ceiling finishes, painting, door and window installation, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, finishes (cabinetry, counter-tops, lighting), and final clean-up.

This project aims to complete interior finishes, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and other necessary improvements to ensure the space is fully operational for business related activities. The selected contractor will be responsible for adhering to all applicable building codes, regulations, the EEDCs' design and operational standards. This project is funded through a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant (TX-2019-005) and must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations, including FTA procurement requirements and reporting standards. This project is a critical component of Valley Metro's ongoing efforts to enhance public transportation infrastructure in the region, providing a comfortable and efficient transit facility for the community.



LRGVDC Proposal Talley Sheet
RFP 2025-01: Edinburg Transit Terminal Office Building 1st Floor Finish-out Phase III
Project Evaluation Committee Members



#	Proposer	Evaluator Name								Totals
		Manuel Cruz	Tom Logan	Felipe Lopez	Javier Dominguez	Raudel Garza	Carlos Garza	Tom Reyna	-	
1	8/A Builders, LLC	70	45	54	55	-	40	-		264
2	Araiza General Construction, LLC	95	85	84	83	-	100	-		450
3	NM Contracting, LLC	75	60	58	45	-	50	-		288
4	RG Enterprises, LLC dba G&G Contractors	70	55	61	55	-	60	-		301
5										

Recommended vendor derived from highest score from the tally above.

Araiza General Construction, LLC

Recommended Proposer

The scoring values presented in this tally are, to the best of the Procurement Department's ability, accurate and faithfully transcribed directly from the individual evaluations submitted by the members of the Project Evaluation Committee. The recommendation of the vendor is based solely on the cumulative highest score as determined through the established evaluation criteria.

It is important to note that this recommendation does not constitute an award decision. Rather, it marks the conclusion of the evaluation period. The final scoring results and vendor recommendation will be formally submitted to the Board of Directors for review and final approval.

Procurement Signature *

Apr 22, 2025

Date

Tom Logan (Apr 22, 2025 08:58 CDT)

Valley Metro Signature *

Apr 22, 2025

Date

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report..... Tom Logan, Director

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve contractual services for the LRGVDC Valley Metro new Harlingen Terminal location Building “A” (Office building) HVAC Replacement from Terra Cooling - 3110 W. Spur 54 Harlingen, TX 78552

Project Location: 201 N T Street Harlingen, TX 78596

Project Type: HVAC Replacement of one (1) 15-ton split unit and one (1) 7.5-ton unit.

This project, funded through a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant TX-2020-125, is to procure the services from Terra Cooling via a BuyBoard purchasing cooperative contract, 720-23 HVAC Equipment, Supplies, and Installation of HVAC Equipment, with a total of \$48,454.87.

The LRGVDC Valley Metro is requesting the Board’s approval to address the urgent need to restore climate control capabilities of the recently acquired new Harlingen Terminal property’s main office building designated as Building "A" which has been vacant for several years now. During this prolonged period of not being used, the existing HVAC systems have significantly deteriorated and are no longer fully operational.

Building "A" will support the new Harlingen Valley Metro terminal operations, and in its current state, it does not meet the necessary health, safety, or functional standards required for occupancy. Restoration of a reliable climate control system is critical to ensure the facility is suitable for staff use and public access.

The project involves the complete removal of outdated HVAC units and the installation of modern 7.5-ton and 15-ton systems, along with all supporting electrical, plumbing, and ductwork integration. These upgrades are essential to reactivating the facility and enabling it to fulfill its intended role as the new Valley Metro Terminal.



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TERRA COOLING

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QUOTE

Date	Quote #
4/14/2025	5358

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Department of Licensing and Regulations
PO Box 12157 Austin, Texas. 78711
1 (800) 803-9202 or (512) 463-6599

Location
Valley Metro 201 North T Street Harlingen Texas 78550

Name & Address
LRGVDC 301 W. Railroad Street Weslaco, Texas 78596

Attention	Rep	P.O. No.	Terms
	OB		Net 15

Item or Service	Description	Qty	Rate	Total
A/C flat rate	Flat rate for air conditioning equipment repair service. BUYBOARD Contract #720-23 RFQ. 62545 We shall furnish service time and labor to remove and replace 2 split a/c systems. One 7.5 ton system and a 15 ton A/C system. We shall remove and dispose existing equipment. We shall set new equipment in place. Pipe in existing copper lines, electrical, duct connections, and plumbing. We are to pressure test copper lines for leaks. Once systems are connected we will start equipment and commission it. Note: This does not include copper lines replacement. They go under ground. We will pressure test them for leaks. Warranty: 1 year on labor. Equipment warranty : 5 years on compressors and 1 year on parts.	1	7,980.00	7,980.00
Miscellaneo...	Freight included for new equipment. Miscellaneous plumbing, electrical, duct, sealer, fittings, etc. materials	1	1,260.00	1,260.00

Thank you for the opportunity! We hope to be of service.	Subtotal
<div>Please Sign For Acceptance</div>	Sales Tax (8.25%)
<div></div>	Total



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Item or Service	Description	Qty	Rate	Total
40RFAA08...	Carrier® 40RFAA08A2A5. Commercial air handling unit. 7.5-Ton, 230/3/60	1	6,284.77	6,284.77
Air handlers	Carrier brand. 15 Ton air handler. 2 circuits. Model # 40RUAA16T2A5. 230 Volts. 3PH.	1	9,397.77	9,397.77
R-410A	R-410A refrigerant (by the pound). Discounted price.	30	48.00	1,440.00
Heater kit	Carrier. Electric heater kit. CAELHEAT055A00. 15 KW. 230V. 3 PH.	1	999.77	999.77
Heater kits	Carrier. Electric Heater kit. 20 KW.. CAELHEAT019B00. 230 Volts 3 ph.	1	1,486.30	1,486.30
38AUZA08...	Carrier 38AUZA08A0A5-0A0A0 condensing unit, 7.5-Ton, 208-230V, 3 PH.	3	6,379.00	19,137.00
1F85U-42PR	Emerson digital thermostat (multi-stage programmable).	2	234.63	469.26

Thank you for the opportunity! We hope to be of service.		Subtotal	\$48,454.87
Please Sign For Acceptance		Sales Tax (8.25%)	\$0.00
		Total	\$48,454.87

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director of Regional Transit

- Ridership Report

From September through March, a total of 545,790 rides were reported across four transit agencies.

- **UTRGV** led with the highest ridership, accounting for 351,861 rides
- **Valley Metro** has reported 189,295 rides.
- **STC** and **TSTC** reported significantly lower numbers, with 3,687 and 947 rides respectively.

Ridership peaked in October at 113,146 rides, then gradually declined during the winter months, reaching a low in December before rebounding in February.

The data reflects strong student and regional transit activity, particularly driven by UTRGV and Valley Metro services.

Breakdown of Ridership per system:

RIDERSHIP COUNT SEPT 2024 - AUG 2025								
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM								
Agency	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
VALLEY METRO	28,526	32,847	28,157	24,893	22,756	24,729	27,387	189,295
UTRGV	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	25,557	60,810	41,359	351,861
STC	692	969	466	199	192	602	567	3,687
TSTC	113	142	135	109	152	168	128	947
Total	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	48,657	86,309	69,441	545,790
RURAL AND URBAN COUNT								
AREA	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
Rural	5,837	6,672	5,366	4,948	4,379	4,643	5,018	36,863
Urban	93,771	106,474	79,968	38,347	44,278	81,666	64,423	508,927
Total	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	48,657	86,309	69,441	545,790
RIDERSHIP BY COUNTY								
COUNTY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
Hidalgo County	88,309	99,912	73,305	32,251	38,947	76,458	58,213	467,395
Cameron County	8,757	10,472	9,989	9,209	7,995	7,701	9,158	63,281
Willacy County	134	262	232	265	286	311	285	1,775
Starr County	2,250	2,318	1,669	1,458	1,347	1,731	1,615	12,388
Zapata County	158	182	139	112	82	108	170	951
Total	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	48,657	86,309	69,441	545,790

• **Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity:**

RTAP Committee held a meeting on April 08, 2025, and discussed the following:

During the meeting, members addressed key topics including attendance and participation, received an update on the 5-Year Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP) for 2027–2031, and heard reports from RTAP subcommittees. The committee was also briefed on the Regional Mobility Advisory Committee (RMAC) and its efforts related to Regional Transit Authority research and designation. Transit providers from across the region—including B-Metro, Island Metro, Metro McAllen, STC-Jag Express, UTRGV-Vaquero Express, and Valley Metro—shared updates on their services. The meeting concluded with an open forum for new and old business, offering members a chance to exchange ideas and address ongoing priorities.

Attendance and Participation Discussion

- Nancy Sanchez addressed the ongoing attendance issues among RTAP committee members, identifying specific agencies with repeated absences.
- The committee agreed to update member contact information and consider sending formal letters to those who have exceeded the allowable number of absences.
- There was also a broader discussion about outreach to new organizations to encourage broader participation and representation on the committee.

RPTCP Update

- Claudia Olmedo presented updates on the five-year Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP) for 2027–2031.
- She shared insights from the Bold Eagle planning mission, noting challenges such as limited funding and the importance of stronger collaboration among transportation agencies.
- Claudia announced Valley Metro's \$200,000 funding application, with potential allocations anticipated for June 2025.

UTRGV and GO-PASS Collaboration

- John Ray Bocanegra highlighted a potential collaboration between UTRGV and GO-PASS, where UTRGV could purchase student passes to grant them free access to transit services.
- This initiative is aimed at easing student transportation burdens and could provide benefits to local employers.

Subcommittee Reports

- Claudia Olmedo (RTAP Subcommittee) emphasized the need for direct engagement with transportation systems to better understand passenger experiences.
- Laurie L. Gonzalez shared insights from her work with individuals with disabilities, pointing out varied barriers based on location and need. She proposed developing case studies to gain deeper understanding.

Transit Provider Updates

- Simon Ortiz (B-Metro) reported a decline in ridership from December to January, potentially linked to administrative shifts and public perception. Paratransit ridership held steady. He noted:
 - The Downtown Circular service was launched successfully and remains free.
 - The Jose Colunga project is nearing completion.
 - Expressed participation in the TTA Roadeo and strong driver performance.
 - He plans to coordinate with Leonel Vela to share the Circular route info via the community calendar.
- Bart Perez (SPI) observed a similar ridership dip, possibly influenced by administrative changes and social media narratives. Spring Break ridership leaned more family-oriented than student-based.
- Jon Ray Bocanegra (Metro McAllen) reported a change to Route 8, now looping to new apartments in response to community feedback. He also:
 - Highlighted the need for a service coordination meeting with Valley Metro due to space constraints at the bus station.
 - Noted continued updates to the mobile app and ongoing work on transit-oriented development plans.
- Tom Logan (UTRGV) announced an upcoming double-decker bus demo, citing challenges like limited parking during the football season. He mentioned working with a consultant to improve regional transit planning.
- Nancy Sanchez (Valley Metro) promoted the Willacy Express Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, set for April 9, 2025, in Raymondville. She emphasized the goal of improving rural mobility, particularly in Zapata County, to aid individuals with disabilities and stimulate local economies.
- Tom Logan (Valley Metro) provided an update on the Edinburg Terminal project, announcing that four proposals were received and met budget requirements. The first-floor finish-out, supported by the EDC, is expected to conclude in 120 days. Discussions on parking solutions are also underway.
- Tom Logan shared updates on driver safety training and reported that the team earned third place in a bus roadeo mechanical competition.

RTAP Committee Announcements

- Tom Logan noted challenges with federal grant management due to staffing turnover at the Federal Transit Administration. However, there has been no direct impact on local transit agencies to date.

Valley Metro Public Involvement Events

March 13, 2025, UTRGV Spring Break Lu'au

- Valley Metro proudly participated in the Spring Break Lu'au, held on March 13 at UTRGV's Edinburg campus. This exciting event aimed to promote safety and responsibility among students, and we were honored to join other organizations in supporting this mission.
- During the event, Valley Metro helped distribute educational materials and promotional items to encourage students to "Party Safe, Party Smart." Through its participation, Valley Metro contributed to raising awareness about responsible decision-making during Spring Break activities. Additionally, Valley Metro highlighted its transit routes as a safe and reliable transportation alternative, ensuring students had an accessible options to navigate their celebrations responsibly. Together, we worked to provide students with the tools and resources necessary for a safe and enjoyable break.
- Thank you to everyone who made this event a success! We look forward to future partnerships that continue fostering safety and awareness within our community.



2025 South Texas All Hazards Conference

- March 26-27, 2025, Valley Metro had the invaluable opportunity to participate in the South Texas All Hazards Conference, hosted by Hidalgo County. Recognized as a premier training event, the conference serves as a vital platform for federal, state, and local emergency response personnel to collaborate, learn, and strengthen preparedness efforts. As the second-largest conference of its kind in Texas, it attracts professionals dedicated to enhancing community safety and resilience.
- By hosting a booth at the event, Valley Metro showcase its role in emergency response and public transportation's critical function during crises. With its reliable transit services, Valley Metro contributes to disaster preparedness by facilitating evacuation efforts, ensuring mobility for first responders, and supporting recovery initiatives.
- Its participation reinforced the importance of accessible transportation in times of emergency while providing attendees with valuable information on transit solutions that can aid response strategies.



Valley Metro News



HARLINGEN TRANSIT TERMINAL WE'VE MOVED!

New Location: 201 T Street Effective Date: April 9, 2025

The Harlingen Transit Terminal is relocating to 201 T Street, April 9, 2025, to better serve you!
For more information, contact us at: 📞 1-800-574-8322 🌐 <https://www.lrgvdc.org/valleymetro.html>
Thank you for your patience and support as we transition to our new location!



📍 **Demand Response** 📍

- **Service Areas:** Willacy County, Starr County, and Zapata County
- **Hours of Operation:** 7AM - 7PM



1-800-574-8322

TESTIMONIALS VALLEY METRO DEMAND RESPONSE



We're grateful for their kind words and continued support.

Judith Lopez
US Renal Health Care
Rio Grande City

March 26, 2025



We just want to thank you guys for allowing our patients to get to their dialysis treatment, which is life sustaining and it's their only resource. So, we really appreciate you!

We would love to hear yours!



Share your comments with our Drivers, Dispatchers at any of our Transit Terminals, or call 1-800-574-8322 to speak with one of our customer service representatives

Valley Metro is committed to providing reliable and accessible transportation. We appreciate our riders and partners for their trust and support as we continue enhancing mobility for our communities.

Willacy Express

April 09, 2025

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Willacy County



Raymondville



Lyford



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VALLEY METRO - REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Valley Metro's mission is to provide safe and reliable transportation options that connect our community to opportunity, support economic vitality, and enhance quality of life throughout the Rio Grande Valley.



Types of Systems Provided

- **21 Fixed Routes**
Providing service in the counties of Hidalgo, Cameron, and Rio Grande City. (with advanced notice, most routes may deviate up to 1/2 mile of the main route)
- **3 RGV Metro Express (limited stops)**
Connecting Brownsville, Harlingen, McAllen, Edinburg, and Port Isabel
- **5 Demand Response**
Serving Willacy, Starr, and Zapata Counties
- **5 Microtransit-Fast Ride**
Serving Cameron and Hidalgo County, City of Edinburg, Mission to Sullivan City, and San Benito to Brownsville on Military Road.
- **B-Cycle**
Available in McAllen, Harlingen, and Brownsville.

Serving the RGV's Five-County Region:

- Cameron
- Hidalgo
- Starr
- Willacy
- Zapata



Proudly serving:

- General public
- Elderly, over 60
- Persons with Disabilities
- Veterans
- People with Medicare/Medicaid
- Students, Faculty, and Staff from schools and institutions of higher learning

Valley Metro Fares:

- Regular Fare - \$2.00
- Discounted fares - \$1.00 for the following:
 - Students and faculty,
 - Persons with disability
 - Elderly over 60
 - Veterans
 - Medicare recipients
- 20-Ride Pass - \$20.00
- (\$10.00 with discount)
- Transfers \$1.00
- Other fares vary by service

Passes may be purchased on the bus routes or at LRGVDC 301 W. Railroad, Weslaco, TX

VALLEY METRO TRANSIT TERMINAL LOCATIONS

- ❖ Edinburg - 617 West University
- ❖ Weslaco - 510 S. Pleasantview
- ❖ Harlingen - 1216 Fair Park Blvd.
- ❖ Rio Grande City - 407 E. Mirasoles

VM Transit Website



Route Maps with locations



ValleyMetro Weslaco

Ride Systems



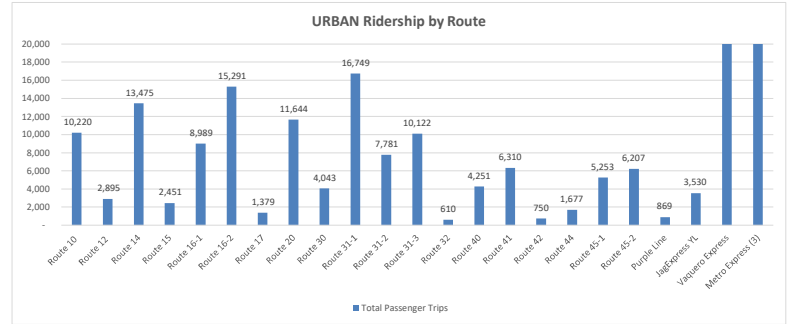
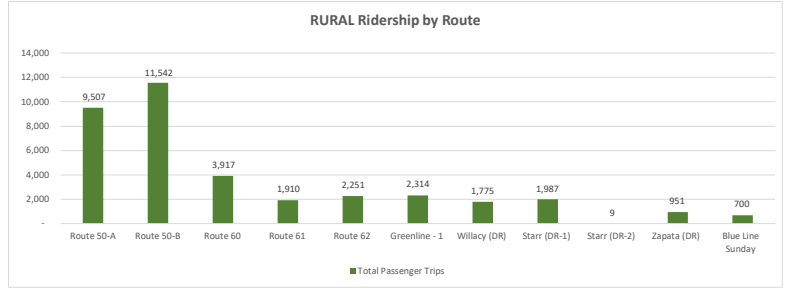
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MARCH 2025 RIDERSHIP REPORT
YEAR TO DATE FY 2025

	Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
1	Route 50-A	9,507	2% Brownsville, Port Isabel	
2	Route 50-B	11,542	2% Brownsville, Port Isabel	
3	Route 60	3,917	1% Roma, Rio Grande City	
4	Route 61	1,910	0% Rio Grande City	
5	Route 62	2,251	0% Rio Grande City	
30	Greenline - 1	2,314	0% Rio Grande City	
7	Willacy (DR)	1,775	0% Willacy County	
8	Starr (DR-1)	1,987	0% Starr County	
9	Starr (DR-2)	9	0% Starr County	
10	Zapata (DR)	951	0% Zapata County	
11	Blue Line Sunday	700	0% Brownsville, Port Isabel	
12	Route 10	10,220	2% Edinburg	
13	Route 12	2,895	1% Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg	
14	Route 14	13,475	2% Edinburg	
15	Route 15	2,451	0% Edinburg	
16	Route 16-1	8,989	2% Courthouse Circulator	
17	Route 16-2	15,291	3% Courthouse Circulator	
18	Route 17	1,379	0% Edinburg T-line	
19	Route 20	11,644	2% Mission	
20	Route 30	4,043	1% Pharr, San Juan	
21	Route 31-1	16,749	3% Hidalgo-Cameron	
6	Route 31-2	7,781	1% Cameron-Hidalgo	
22	Route 31-3	10,122	2% Hidalgo-Cameron	
23	Route 32	610	0% Donna	
24	Route 40	4,251	1% Harlingen	
25	Route 41	6,310	1% Harlingen	
26	Route 42	750	0% San Benito	
27	Route 44	1,677	0% Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa	
28	Route 45-1	5,253	1% Cameron County	
29	Route 45-2	6,207	1% Cameron County	
31	Purple Line	869	0% Weslaco, Pharr	
32	JagExpress YL	3,530	1% Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen	
	Vaquero Express	351,861	64% Edinburg	
35	Metro Express (3)	22,570	4% Rio Grande Valley	
	TOTAL	545,790	100%	**Total Ridership Count subject to change when finalized

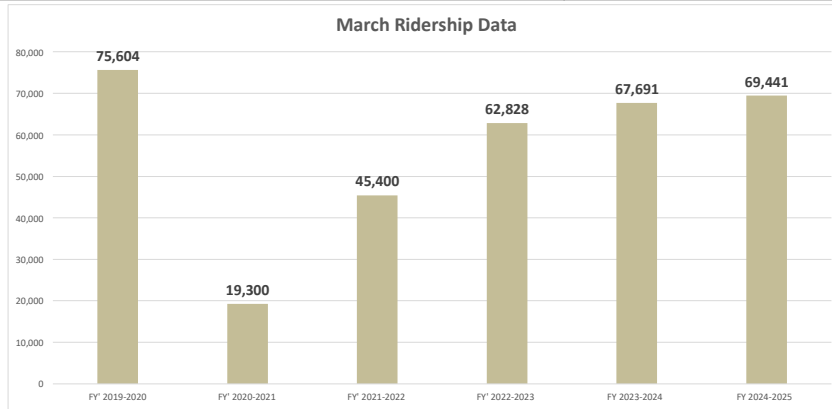


Active Routes	Rural	Urban	Total
Flex Routes	7	21	28
Demand Response	4	0	4
	11	21	32

Year to Date - March 2025	Year to date March 2024	DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE
545,790	530,455	15,335	3%

* Rural service - service in rural low -population areas outside of urbanized areas

* Urban service- service between or within urbanized areas



Fiscal Year	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Total	Difference	%Change
FY' 2019-2020	78,440	91,930	74,137	44,709	72,199	84,562	75,604	85,670	50,318	56,330	56,234	64,773	834,906	145,243	21%
FY' 2020-2021	17,149	19,332	16,190	16,072	16,620	14,611	19,300	18,169	18,080	19,842	19,774	31,381	226,520	-608,386	-73%
FY' 2021-2022	42,242	40,558	37,262	26,918	22,233	53,128	45,400	44,843	28,314	30,112	35,091	24,384	430,484	203,964	90%
FY' 2022-2023	69,699	71,269	58,154	33,800	47,975	66,785	62,828	63,687	36,978	34,870	33,997	50,988	631,030	200,546	47%
FY 2023-2024	94,382	100,219	81,110	43,030	58,327	85,696	67,691	89,262	42,003	38,917	40,945	55,357	796,939	165,909	26%
FY 2024-2025	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	48,657	86,309	69,441	0	0	0	0	0	545,790	-251,149	-32%
Monthly Change from Previous FY	29,909	41,877	27,180	9,495	682	19,524	6,613	-63,687	-36,978	-34,870	-33,997	-50,988	-85,240	-451,695	-1
Percent Change	43%	59%	47%	28%	1%	29%	11%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-14%	-225%	-168%

FY 2025 VALLEY METRO RIDERSHIP REPORT	
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CITY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Edinburg	8,531	9,234	7,009	4,849	5,702	7,027	6,534	0	0	0	0	0	48,886
UTRGV Edinburg	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	25,557	60,810	41,359	0	0	0	0	0	351,861
Pharr	1,111	1,740	1,089	1,070	720	759	868	0	0	0	0	0	7,357
Mission	980	1,052	876	810	660	836	864	0	0	0	0	0	6,078
McAllen	4,205	4,782	4,565	4,586	3,970	4,027	4,542	0	0	0	0	0	30,677
San Carlos	16	20	18	14	9	16	24	0	0	0	0	0	117
La Blanca	3	7	4	7	11	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
Elsa	92	100	96	44	46	124	88	0	0	0	0	0	590
Edcouch	34	40	30	18	13	19	26	0	0	0	0	0	180
Sullivan City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
La Villa	46	36	37	21	18	35	32	0	0	0	0	0	225
San Juan	344	468	353	368	288	360	332	0	0	0	0	0	2,513
Alamo	413	455	367	400	308	287	270	0	0	0	0	0	2,500
Donna	484	623	614	632	454	450	352	0	0	0	0	0	3,609
Weslaco	1,406	1,749	1,187	932	797	1,301	2,518	0	0	0	0	0	9,890
Mercedes	367	418	484	406	394	404	397	0	0	0	0	0	2,870
La Feria	253	371	306	312	294	267	293	0	0	0	0	0	2,096
Harlingen	2,417	3,021	3,296	2,644	2,358	2,450	2,731	0	0	0	0	0	18,917
San Benito	314	382	337	326	245	164	273	0	0	0	0	0	2,041
Los Indios	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Rosa	54	73	78	79	36	21	94	0	0	0	0	0	435
Primera	12	15	19	29	11	5	16	0	0	0	0	0	107
Laguna Vista	139	223	195	194	147	206	190	0	0	0	0	0	1,294
Laguna Heights	211	267	247	176	138	157	130	0	0	0	0	0	1,326
Port Isabel	1,246	1,437	1,211	1,168	1,001	933	1,162	0	0	0	0	0	8,158
Willacy County	134	262	232	265	286	311	285	0	0	0	0	0	1,775
Starr County	256	264	231	290	305	316	334	0	0	0	0	0	1,996
Zapata County	158	182	139	112	82	108	170	0	0	0	0	0	951
Total	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	48,657	86,309	69,441	0	0	0	0	0	545,790

RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM												
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Agency	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
VALLEY METRO	28,526	32,847	28,157	24,893	22,756	24,729	27,387	0	0	0	0	0	189,295
UTRGV	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	25,557	60,810	41,359	0	0	0	0	0	351,861
STC	692	969	466	199	192	602	567	0	0	0	0	0	3,687
TSTC	113	142	135	109	152	168	128	0	0	0	0	0	947
Total	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	48,657	86,309	69,441	0	0	0	0	0	545,790

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AREA	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Rural	5,837	6,672	5,366	4,948	4,379	4,643	5,018	0	0	0	0	0	36,863
Urban	93,771	106,474	79,968	38,347	44,278	81,666	64,423	0	0	0	0	0	508,927
Total	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	48,657	86,309	69,441	0	0	0	0	0	545,790

RIDERSHIP BY COUNTY												
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COUNTY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Hidalgo County	88,309	99,912	73,305	32,251	38,947	76,458	58,213	0	0	0	0	0	467,395
Cameron County	8,757	10,472	9,989	9,209	7,995	7,701	9,158	0	0	0	0	0	63,281
Willacy County	134	262	232	265	286	311	285	0	0	0	0	0	1,775
Starr County	2,250	2,318	1,669	1,458	1,347	1,731	1,615	0	0	0	0	0	12,388
Zapata County	158	182	139	112	82	108	170	0	0	0	0	0	951
Total	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	48,657	86,309	69,441	0	0	0	0	0	545,790

RIDERSHIP BY PRECINCTS

PRECINCT	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Precinct 1	5,124	6,227	5,678	5,558	4,662	4,842	6,066	0	0	0	0	0	38,157
Precinct 2	8,334	10,494	8,969	8,553	7,300	7,645	9,264	0	0	0	0	0	60,559
Precinct 3	1,711	2,090	1,608	1,585	1,413	1,544	1,693	0	0	0	0	0	11,644
Precinct 4	85,406	96,374	70,681	29,930	37,131	74,099	55,406	0	0	0	0	0	449,027
Harlingen MPO Area	3,417	4,280	4,520	3,796	3,338	3,311	3,804	0	0	0	0	0	26,466

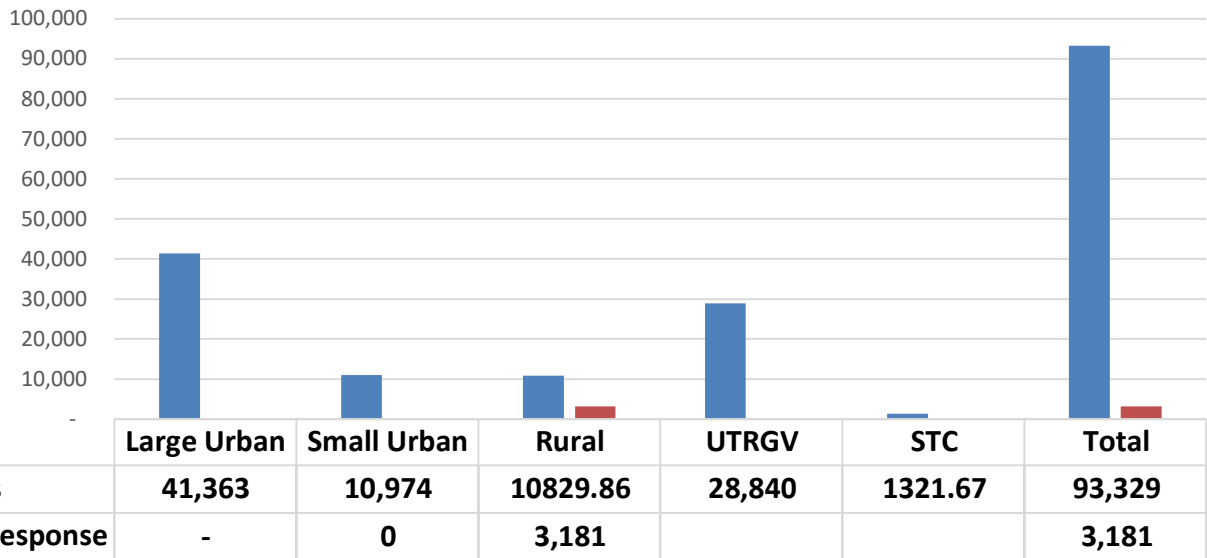
Precinct 1=	Alamo, Donna, Edcouch, Elsa, Hargill, La Blanca, La Villa, Mercedes, Monte Alto, Progreso, Progreso Lakes, Weslaco Routes 11,12,FR1,FR2,31,32
Precinct 2=	Hidalgo, McAllen, Pharr, San Juan Routes 10,20,FR1,FR2,30,31,Hidalgo
Precinct 3=	Alton, La Joya , Mission, Palmhurst, Palmview, Penitas, Sullivan City Routes 20,21
Precinct 4=	Edinburg, McAllen, San Carlos Routes 10,12,14,16,FR1,FR2,20,31-1,31-2

Year to Date 2024-2025

Distribution of Revenue Hours

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	41,363	10,974	10829.86	28,840	1321.67	93,329
Demand Response	-	0	3,181			3,181

FY 24-25 YTD Revenue Hours

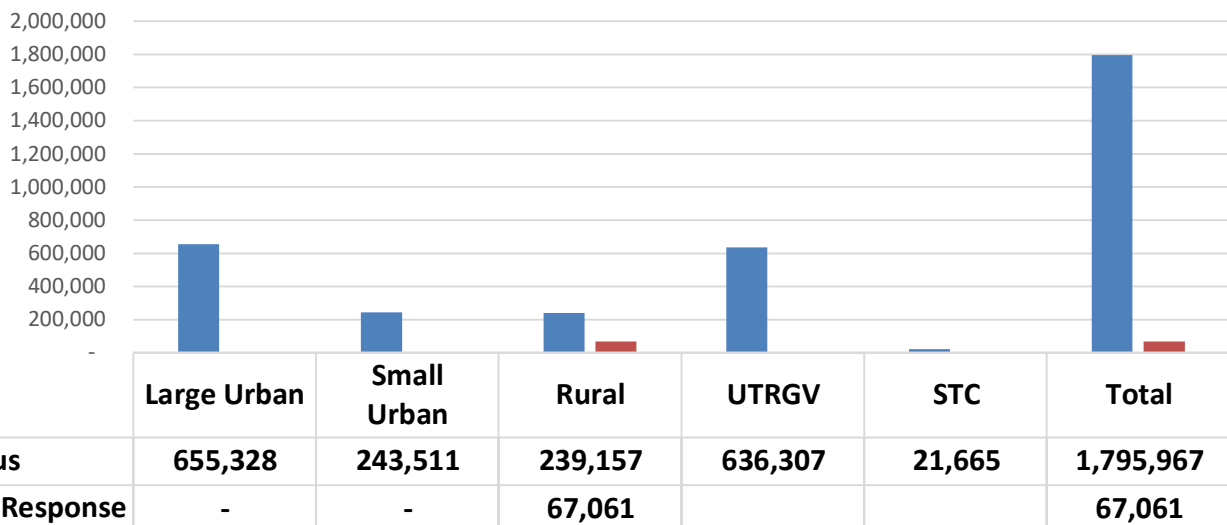


Year to Date 2024-2025

Distribution of Revenue Miles

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	655,328	243,511	239,157	636,307	21,665	1,795,967
Demand Response	-	-	67,061			67,061

FY 24-25 YTD Revenue Miles



RGV Metro Express Ridership YR 24-25


REDLINE 1					PASSENGER COUNT						ORIGINATION						
Month	Route Hours	Revenue Hours	Total Miles	Revenue Miles	ADULTS	UTRGV ID	Transfers	Respite Center	Pass	Total	Brownsville	Harlingen	Mercedes	McAllen	Edinburg	Port Isabel	Total
September	405.7	375.7	15,240.0	14,947.0	1,402.0	29.0	45.0	-	-	1,476.0	773.0	62.0	26.0	615.0	-	-	1,476.0
October	423.3	393.0	16,244.0	15,953.0	1,471.0	21.0	35.0	-	-	1,527.0	804.0	69.0	13.0	641.0	-	-	1,527.0
November	388	361	14,532	14,255	1,448	17	-	-	-	1,561	866	61	63	571	-	-	1,561
December	413	383	15,710	15,379	1,440	37	127	-	-	1,604	827	76	40	661	-	-	1,604
January	409	378	15,406	15,095	1,224	17	85	-	-	1,326	724	63	24	515	-	-	1,326
February	391	364	14,662	14,321	1,195	12	82	-	-	1,289	669	47	28	545	-	-	1,289
March	407	375	15,621	15,301	1,488	17	154	-	-	1,659	894	47	20	698	-	-	1,659
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2,837	2,629	107,415	105,251	9,668	150	528	-	-	10,442	5,557	425	214	4,246	-	-	10,442

REDLINE 2					PASSENGER COUNT						ORIGINATION						
Month	Route Hours	Revenue Hours	Total Miles	Revenue Miles	ADULTS	UTRGV ID	Transfers	Respite Center	Pass	Total	Brownsville	Harlingen	Mercedes	McAllen	Edinburg	Port Isabel	Total
September	381.8	367.3	14,815.0	14,815.0	1,229.0	9.0	32.0	-	-	1,270.0	556.0	114.0	36.0	564.0	-	-	1,270.0
October	399.6	386.9	15,377.0	15,377.0	1,183.0	20.0	68.0	-	-	1,271.0	545.0	145.0	20.0	561.0	-	-	1,271.0
November	355	354	14,285	14,285	1,440	27	46	-	-	1,513	661	127	31	694	-	-	1,513
December	395	382	15,234	15,233	1,478	50	74	-	-	1,602	707	113	42	740	-	-	1,602
January	403	388	15,298	15,286	1,268	24	18	-	2	1,312	628	30	68	586	-	-	1,312
February	365	351	14,359	14,355	1,176	41	28	-	-	1,245	562	58	50	575	-	-	1,245
March	402	388	15,479	15,484	1,312	27	156	-	-	1,495	611	90	64	730	-	-	1,495
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2,702	2,617	104,847	104,835	9,086	198	422	-	2	9,708	4,270	677	311	4,450	-	-	9,708

REDLINE 3 (ORANGE LINE)					PASSENGER COUNT						ORIGINATION						
Month	Route Hours	Revenue Hours	Total Miles	Revenue Miles	ADULTS	UTRGV ID	Transfers	Respite Center	Pass	Total	Brownsville	Harlingen	Weslaco	McAllen	Edinburg	Port Isabel	Total
September	279.3	265.7	10,548.0	10,546.0	98.0	325.0	-	-	-	423.0	184.0	7.0	55.0	67.0	110.0	-	423.0
October	326.6	311.9	13,112.0	13,112.0	162.0	328.0	-	-	-	490.0	165.0	48.0	72.0	87.0	118.0	-	490.0
November	264	251	10,296	10,270	96	292	2	-	-	390	85	109	40	66	90	-	390
December	296	277	11,395	11,195	143	75	5	-	-	223	58	18	10	107	30	-	223
January	287	270	11,235	11,079	129	128	5	-	-	262	96	24	29	69	44	-	262
February	268	254	10,376	10,274	64	181	-	-	-	245	81	48	54	41	21	-	245
March	265	251	10,450	10,363	91	289	7	-	-	387	96	33	42	73	143	-	387
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,986	1,881	77,412	76,839	783	1,618	19	-	-	2,420	765	287	302	510	556	-	2,420

BLUE LINE - SUNDAY					PASSENGER COUNT						ORIGINATION						
Month	Route Hours	Revenue Hours	Total Miles	Revenue Miles	ADULTS	UTRGV ID	Transfers	Respite Center	Pass	Total	Brownsville	Harlingen	Mercedes	McAllen	Edinburg	Port Isabel	Total
September	69.2	62.8	1,646.0	1,602.0	127.0	1.0	2.0	-	-	130.0	62.0	-	-	-	-	68.0	130.0
October	54.9	48.6	1,512.0	1,461.0	81.0	3.0	-	-	-	84.0	37.0	-	-	-	-	47.0	84.0
November	55	49	1,525	1,475	78	2	-	-	4	84	42	-	-	-	-	42	84
December	68	60	1,977	1,775	107	1	2	-	-	110	55	-	-	-	-	55	110
January	56	49	1,587	1,472	79	-	13	-	-	92	49	-	-	-	-	43	92
February	54	50	1,509	1,475	83	-	-	-	-	83	42	-	-	-	-	41	83
March	68	58	1,875	1,747	107	1	9	-	-	117	70	-	-	-	-	47	117
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	425	378	11,631	11,007	662	8	26	-	4	700	357	-	-	-	-	343	700

YEAR TO DATE COMBINED TOTALS - YEAR 23-24																		
Month	Route Hours	Revenue Hours	Total Miles	Revenue Miles	ADULTS	UTRGV ID	Transfers	Respite Center	Pass	Total	Brownsville	Harlingen	Weslaco	Mercedes	McAllen	Edinburg	Port Isabel	Total
September	1,136	1,071	42,249	41,910	2,856	364	79	-	-	3,299	1,575	183	55	62	1,246	110	68	3,299
October	1,204	1,140	46,245	45,903	2,897	372	103	-	-	3,372	1,551	262	72	33	1,289	118	47	3,372
November	1,062	1,016	40,638	40,285	3,062	338	48	-	4	3,548	1,654	297	40	94	1,331	90	42	3,548
December	1,172	1,101	44,316	43,582	3,168	163	208	-	-	3,539	1,647	207	10	82	1,508	30	55	3,539
January	1,155	1,086	43,526	42,932	2,700	169	121	-	2	2,992	1,497	117	29	92	1,170	44	43	2,992
February	1,078	1,019	40,906	40,425	2,518	234	110	-	-	2,862	1,354	153	54	78	1,161	21	41	2,862
March	1,142	1,072	43,425	42,895	2,998	334	326	-	-	3,658	1,671	170	42	84	1,501	143	47	3,658
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7,950	7,505	301,305	297,932	20,199	1,974	995	-	6	23,270	10,949	1,389	302	525	9,206	556	343	23,270



Valley Metro - South Texas College - FY 2024-2025

Y-T-D Student Passenger Counts

Routes	10	12	14	20	31-1	31-2	31-3	32	Purple Line	GL-1	60	61	62	DR-1	Zapata	Total
September	5	26	0	14	16	20	39	0	143	457	619	24	17	0	14	1394
October	2	20	0	16	37	21	64	0	135	484	517	9	4	1	9	1319
November	7	32	0	14	17	15	37	0	101	333	328	11	13	0	3	911
December	3	3	0	10	24	12	46	1	62	161	188	5	7	2	1	525
January	4	1	0	9	18	6	25	0	25	117	151	6	5	0	1	368
February	6	13	0	13	39	5	48	0	27	302	453	7	8	0	5	926
March	6	8	0	12	32	1	37	0	91	217	332	6	19	1	0	762
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	33
Total	33	103	0	88	183	80	296	1	584	2071	2588	68	73	4	66	6238

STC RIDERSHIP COUNT (Non Valley Metro Routes)

Routes	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Total
Yellowline 1 & 2	692	812	466	199	192	602	567	0	0	0	0	0	3530
Park & Ride													0
Total	692	812	466	199	192	602	567	0	0	0	0	0	3530

Grand Total	2086	2131	1377	724	560	1528	1329	0	0	0	0	33	9768
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South Texas College - Mid Valley JagExpress

STC Student Passenger Counts Comparison

FY 2024-2025 MONTH TO DATE RECAP

Direct Service Routes							
Routes	STC		UTRGV		General Public		Total
Route 12 Edcouch/Elsa-Edinburg		103		1464		2792	2895
Route 31-1 Business 83		183		196		16566	16749
Route 31-2 Business 83		80		20		7701	7781
Route 31-3 Business 83		296		18		9826	10122
Yellow Line		3530		0		0	3530
Purple Line		584		131		285	869
Green Line		2071		0		243	2314
Route 60 Greenline Roma		2588		0		1329	3917
Route 61 RGC West		68		0		1842	1910
Route 62 RGC East		73		0		2178	2251
DR-1 RGC		4		0		1983	1987
DR-2 RGC		4		0		5	9
Zapata		66		0		885	951
Vaquero Express		0		70277		351861	351861
Total		9,650		72,106		407,146	407,146

Routes	Connecti	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 10 Edinburg - McAllen	12, 31	33	1,315	8,872	10,220
Route 14 UTRGV VABL	12	0	12,697	778	13,475
Route 15 Edinburg	12	2	307	1,833	2,142
Route 20 Mission - McAllen	31	88	1,432	10,124	11,644
Route 30 Pharr San Juan - Edinburg	31	1	59	3,983	4,043
Route 32 Donna International Bridge	31	1	0	609	610
Route 40 Harlingen Medical	31	0	30	4,191	4,221
Route 41 Harlingen Retail	31	24	27	6,208	6,259
Route 42 San Benito Harlingen	31	5	150	440	595
Route 44 La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera	31	7	198	1,267	1,472
Route 45-1 Cameron Career Connection	31	38	371	4,844	5,253
Route 45-2 Cameron Career Connection	31	18	543	5,628	6,189
Total		217	17,129	65,906	66,123

Total Service				
	STC		General Public	Total
Grand Total	9,867	89,235	473,052	572,154



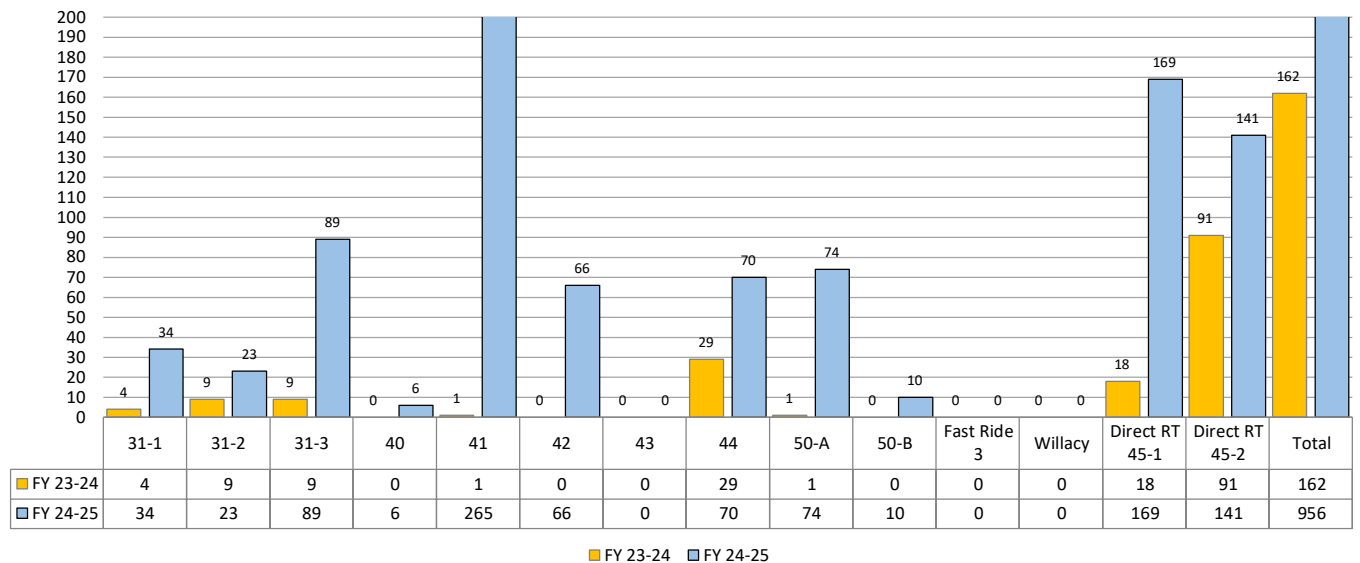
FY 2024-2025 Valley Metro

TSTC MONTHLY PASSENGER COUNT

Routes	31-1	31-2	31-3	40	41	42	43	44	50-A	50-B	Fast Ride 3	Willacy	Direct RT 45-1	Direct RT 45-2	Total
September	7	2	18	0	30	7	0	5	3	2	0	0	17	22	114
October	0	7	21	0	42	1	0	12	14	1	0	0	30	14	147
November	0	3	12	1	38	20	0	15	4	0	0	0	26	16	135
December	8	2	17	0	26	9	0	6	4	0	0	0	19	18	109
January	10	9	8	0	27	17	0	17	11	1	0	0	20	32	152
February	6	0	9	4	67	2	0	10	22	0	0	0	24	24	168
March	3	0	4	1	35	10	0	5	16	6	0	0	33	15	128
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	23	89	6	265	66	0	70	74	10	0	0	169	141	956
FY 2023-2024	4	9	9	0	1	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	18	91	162
Change Over Previous FY	4	9	9	6	264	66	0	41	73	10	0	0	151	50	794

	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Direct Routes	39	44	161	42	37	52	48	48	0	0	0	0	0	471
Indirect Routes	74	98	98	93	72	100	120	80	0	0	0	0	0	735
Monthly Total	113	142	259	135	109	152	168	128	0	0	0	0	0	1,206

2023 - 2024 Valley Metro Routes TSTC Student Passenger Count





Combined Total	74,513	83,052	59,527	19,390	27,452	64,655	44,690	0	0	0	0	373,279
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