

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CORPORATION

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LRGVDC Main Campus, 301 W. Railroad Street, Building B , Weslaco, TX 78596

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 12:00 noon

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Presiding: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, President

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Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve Meeting Minutes -----President

- A. Annual Elections Meeting of May 25, 2022
- B. Board of Directors Meeting of December 14, 2022

Item #3: Public Comment

**Item #4: Administration..... Manuel Cruz
Executive Director**

- A. Consideration and **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ACTION** on
FY 2023 Annual Report & Budget.....Manuel Cruz
Executive Director
- B. Consideration and **ACTION** to Accept Quarterly and
Annual Investment Reports Crystal Balboa
Finance Director

- C. Presentation on Port of Brownsville..... Eduardo Compirano
Port Director & CEO
- D. Presentation on Unidos Contra la Diabetes..... Moises Arjona
UCD Collective Impact Director
- E. Presentation on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).....Norma Limon
Field Office Director
- F. Executive Director Report..... Manuel Cruz
Executive Director
 - 1. Introduction of New Staff Members
 - 2. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Trainings, and Legislation

Item #5: Department Reports

**A. Community & Economic Development Rick Carrera
Director**

Program Action Items

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve 2022 Scrap Tire Management and Available Alternatives in Texas’ Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Region

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration
- Pandemic Response
- Regional Small Cities Coalition
- Explore RGV
- 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**

Program Status Reports

- Direct Consumer Services
 - Care Coordination Services
- Direct Services
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- 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 Safety

HLS/CJD Program Action Items Rene Perez
Program Supervisor I

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation on Appointment of New Committee Members
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Purchase of Regional Project Equipment for Interoperable Communications Infrastructure Expansion
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolutions for FY 2023-24 Homeland Security Grants Funding

RPA Program Action Item Gilbert Luna
Assistant Director

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution for FY 2023-25 Regional Law Enforcement Academy Project

Program Status Reports

- Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program Status Reports Rene Perez
Program Supervisor I
- Regional Police Academy Status Reports Gilbert Luna
Assistant Director
- Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District
Status Reports Joe Garcia
Assistant Director RGV911
 - GIS Division
 - Public Education Division
 - 9-1-1 | Information Technology

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Action Item Sarah Dierlam
Assistant Executive Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Procurement of Farebox Collection System

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report
- Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity
- Public Outreach Events

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report.....Andrew Canon
 RGVMPPO Executive Director

Item #6: Executive Session

- A. Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 551-074(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee RE: Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation
- B. Reconvene into Open Session to Consider **ACTION**, if any, on Items Related to Executive Session as Described above

Item #7: New or Unfinished Business

Item #8 Adjourn

REMINDER
 Next Meeting:
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
12:00 noon

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above.

The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) session at any time during the course of 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 Executive Session.

PUBLIC INPUT POLICY:

“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 in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the LRGVDC must be signed up to do so prior to the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the LRGVDC. For issues or topics which 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 posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chair as these items are considered, and the same 3-minute time limitation applies.”

ITEM #2.

MINUTES

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LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HYBRID ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022 - 12:00 P.M.
INITIATED AND CHAIRED FROM LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS
301 W. RAILROAD ST., BUILDING B
WESLACO, TEXAS VIA GOTOMEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE & IN PERSON

PRESIDING: JUDGE AURELIO GUERRA, PRESIDENT

- DRAFT -

President Aurelio Guerra called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. Roll call was taken for the General Membership and a quorum was declared.

President Guerra then moved to item 2: Consider Approval of January 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes. *Mayor Rick Salinas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Armando O'Caña seconded and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

Upon conclusion of action President Guerra moved to item #3: Caucus to Seat New Board Members.

Executive Director Manuel Cruz was recognized to give the report on caucusing. The caucuses to seat Small Cities, Medium Cities, Educational Institutions, and Special Governmental Units were all held virtually via GoToMeeting on Monday, May 16, 2022, and the following entities were elected to the Board of Directors:

- A. Three (3) Directors Representing Member Cities with Populations between 10,000-24,999

CITY	COUNTY
City of Alamo	Hidalgo
City of Mercedes	Hidalgo
City of Raymondville	Willacy

- B. Three (3) Directors Representing Member Cities with Populations under 10,000

CITY	COUNTY
City of Lyford	Willacy
City Rio Hondo	Cameron
City of Sullivan City	Hidalgo

- C. Two (2) Directors Representing Educational Institutions

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	COUNTY
South Texas College	Hidalgo
Texas State Technical College	Cameron

D. Two (2) Directors Representing Special Governmental Units

ENTITY	COUNTY
Delta Lake Irrigation District	Hidalgo
Willacy County Navigation District	Willacy

Mr. Cruz reported that the Grassroots Organizations caucused amongst themselves, with the following results:

E. One (1) Director Representing the Poor and Underprivileged (Grassroots Organizations)

NAME	ENTITY
Lupita Sanchez Martinez	Voces Unidas

No board action required; the caucus results stand as reported to staff.

Upon conclusion of the caucus report President Guerra moved to item #4: Act on Recommendations of Nominating Committee and addressed the following:

A. Election of Five Members-at-Large to Serve on General Membership for the 2022-2023 Term

President Guerra reported that the committee recommends the following individuals as at-Large Members to the LRGVDC General Membership:

NAME	CITY	COUNTY
Ms. Ann Cass	McAllen	Hidalgo
Mr. David Penoli	McAllen	Hidalgo
Mayor Pro-tem Rene Estrada	Combes	Cameron
Mr. Jim Darling	McAllen	Hidalgo
Mayor Gorge Rivera	Palm Valley	Cameron

President Guerra called for a motion; ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve the slate of Members-at-Large as presented. Mayor David Suarez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

B. Election of Officers for the 2022-2023 Term

Mr. Cruz stated that the Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the 2022-2023 term:

OFFICE	NAME	COUNTY
<i>President</i>	<i>Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez</i>	<i>Hidalgo</i>
<i>1st Vice President</i>	<i>Mayor Trey Mendez</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	<i>Mayor David Suarez</i>	<i>Hidalgo</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Mr. Jim Darling</i>	<i>Hidalgo</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mayor Norma Sepulveda</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>Judge Aurelio Guerra</i>	<i>Willacy</i>

Mayor David Suarez made a motion to approve the slate of Executive Committee

Officers as presented. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Guerra moved to item #5. – New or Unfinished Business and recognized Executive Director Manuel Cruz. Together President Guerra and Mr. Cruz presented recognition plaques to former Mayor of Primera, Jorge Ledezma for 2 years of service to the LRGVDC Board of Directors. City of Alamo Commissioner J.R. Garza accepted a plaque for Commissioner Pilar Garza in recognition of her 10 years of service to the LRGVDC Board of Directors. Lastly, former City of Harlingen Mayor Chris Boswell was presented a plaque for his 15 years of service to the LRGVDC Board of Directors which included two terms as Board President.

Upon conclusion of the presentation of service awards, and there being no further business to come before the General Membership, ***Mayor Rick Salinas made a motion to Adjourn; Mayor David Suarez seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm.***

Judge Aurelio Guerra, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

MINUTES

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

12:00 PM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA 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: SECRETARY JIM DARLING

- DRAFT -

Mr. Jim Darling, Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm. Roll call was taken and a quorum was attained.

Chairman Darling moved to item #2: Consideration and Action to Approve Meeting Minutes (October 26, 2022). *Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve the October 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Rick Salinas seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes, Chairman Darling moved to Item 3: Public Comment, there being none, he moved to Item 4: Administration.

A. Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action on Purchase of Real Property

Mr. Manuel Cruz, LRGVDC Executive Director was recognized and stated that this item is to consider ratifying Executive Committee action to purchase real property for the purpose of constructing a multimodal facility. He reminded the Board that at the October 26, 2022, meeting, the Board adjourned into executive session to discuss this item. Upon returning to regular session, the Board unanimously approved presenting the offer to purchase the property as presented at that time, which was for \$48,000 per acre. LRGVDC staff, legal counsel, and realtor, David Equity Realty, have been in communication with the seller on the transaction and have received a counteroffer, which was the original amount of \$65,000. The Realtor countered with \$52,500 and made the rollback taxes a strategy of the negotiation and the seller settled with \$52,500 per acre.

LRGVDC's lead attorney has been in communication with the Realtor and reviewed the information and the counters made from the seller and Realtor. Due to an unexpected quick turnaround in negotiations, the realtor and LRGVDC staff strongly recommended meeting with the Executive Committee prior to the December 14, 2022, regular scheduled Board Meeting. The Executive Committee met on November 14, 2022, to review, discuss, and consider the counteroffer of \$52,500 per acre. After due consideration, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to accept the counteroffer as presented with the stipulation of the 90-days to complete a successful feasibility study that will meet grant guidelines. Ratification of this decision is required by the full Board. *Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee action on the purchase of real property. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

B. Executive Session

1. Real Property Matter pursuant to Sec. 551.071 (attorney consultation) and Sec. 551.072 (purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property) regarding certain real property located on North Milanos Road in the West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Texas

At 12:20 pm the Board adjourned into Executive Session.

2. Reconvene into Open Session to Consider Action, if any, on Items Related to Executive Session as Described Above

Regular session reconvened at 12:44 pm and Chairman Darling stated that no action will be taken from Executive Session.

C. Presentation on 2023 It's Time Texas Community Challenge

Ms. Selene Guerrero, South Texas Regional Director for ITT, was recognized and provided details about the 8-week program that is scheduled to begin on January 9, 2023. A press conference for the kickoff is scheduled at 10:30 am that day in Building B at the LRGVDC Main Campus. ***Upon conclusion of the presentation, Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion for Board members to sign the 2023 It's Time Texas Community Challenge pledge. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

D. Consideration and Action on Date and Time for Annual Report & Budget Committee Meeting

Mr. Cruz was recognized and informed the Board that the Annual Report is our service program that outlines our performance goals and outcomes. All members of the LRGVDC Board of Directors are included on this committee and there is no quorum requirement to conduct business at this meeting. The Annual Report & Budget will be placed on the January 25, 2023, Board & Membership Meeting agenda, therefore in order to make a recommendation, the committee must meet prior to that date. Mr. Cruz suggested scheduling a meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 12:00 noon with a GoToMeeting option. ***Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to schedule the Annual Report & Budget Committee meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 12:00 noon. Commissioner David Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

E. Executive Director Report

1. Introduction of New Staff Members

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that Valley Metro hired Drivers Enrique Garcia, and Xavier Claudio, and the RGVMPPO welcomed Adriana Estrada as their Executive Assistant.

2. 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Cruz presented a meeting schedule for 2023 similar to the 2022 schedule; meetings to be held on the last Wednesday of each month with the exceptions of no meetings held in July or November, and the December meeting scheduled on the 13th to accommodate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. ***Commissioner Jacob Howell made a motion to approve the 2023 Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

3. Update on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Trainings, and Legislation

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that the Texas Broadband Development Office wants to extend the deadline to finalize the FCC Broadband Coverage Map and recommends challenging the Map as incomplete. He stated that the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) is spearheading this effort and will make sure the Board's comments are heard and sent to TARC. No Board Action required.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Director Report, Chairman Darling moved to item 5: Department Reports.

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Items

Mr. Rick Carrera, Director of Community & Economic Development was recognized and addressed the following items:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Member

Mr. Carrera informed the Board that at their November 29, 2022, SWAC meeting the committee recommended Ms. Grace Gonzales from Pharr to serve on the committee as the Private Citizen representative. ***Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve Ms. Grace Gonzales as a Private Citizen representative for the SWAC as recommended. Commissioner Jacob Howell seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration and Action to Approve Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Nominations for Institute of Higher Education and Small City Representatives

Mr. Carreras stated that at the RWRAC meeting held yesterday, the committee recommended Ms. Anabell Cardona to represent Higher Education, and Mr. Bobby Salinas from the City of Alamo to represent Small Cities on the committee. ***Councilman Johnny Garcia made a motion to approve Ms. Anabell Cardona to represent Higher Education and Mr. Bobby Salinas from the City of Alamo to represent Small Cities on the RWRAC. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports

Mr. Carrera thanked the Small Business Administration for attending the 1st Annual Vet Fest held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, noting that as an Economic Development District, the LRGVDC encourages entrepreneurship at all levels and all types. He also thanked the Veterans Business Outreach and the Procurement Technical Assistance Center from UTRGV, who shared information and participated in the event. He then summarized department activities that have occurred since the October meeting.

Mr. Carrera then yielded the floor to Chairman Darling to give the reservoir level report. Chairman Darling stated that the combined storage is 31.02% as of December 3, 2022, and cautioned municipalities to closely monitor these reports because when the reservoir storage drops below 30%, drought conservation measures are activated. Chairman Darling also informed the Board about the Border 2025 agreement between the US EPA, TCEQ, the State of Texas and their counterparts in Mexico. Border 2025 has projects funded on both sides of the river for economic development, water management, and water quality initiatives on the table with funding from the North American Development (NAD) Bank. He encouraged members that have projects of this nature to contact himself or Mr. Carrera so they can meet the deadline of the end of December 2022.

B. Health & Human Services

Program Status Reports

Ms. Margarita Lopez, Director of Health & Human Services was recognized and informed the Board that the status reports cover fiscal year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. She summarized the services provided during that timeframe, and also highlighted events that have taken place since the last Board meeting.

- C. Public Safety • Rosie Martinez, Victim Unit Director for Hidalgo County district Attorney's Office

Program Action Items

Mr. Rene Perez, HLS/CJD Program Supervisor was recognized to address the following items:

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Recommendation for Updates to Policies & Procedures for Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) Grants FY 2023-2024
Mr. Perez informed the Board that as per Task HS1.1 of the Statement of Work with the Public Safety Office's HSGD, the HSAC and LRGVDC program Staff shall review the policy and procedures for grants annually. After conducting a thorough review, the committee determined that no revisions were needed at this time. The Policies and Procedures Manual was provided in the meeting packet for review. **Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve the HSAC Policies & Procedures for HSGD Grants for FY 2023-2024 as presented. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**
2. Consideration and Action to Approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Recommendation on Updates to HSAC Bylaws
Mr. Perez informed the Board that as per Task HS1.1 of the Statement of Work with the Public Safety Office's HSGD, the HSAC and LRGVDC program staff shall review the bylaws annually. After conducting a thorough review, the committee determined that no revisions were needed at this time. The bylaws were provided in the meeting packet for review. **Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve the HSAC bylaws as presented. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**
3. Consideration and Action to Approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Recommendation on Updates to Review Sheet for HSGD FY 2023-2024
Mr. Perez informed the Board that as per Task HS1.1 of the Statement of Work with the Public Safety Office's HSGD, the HSAC and LRGVDC program staff shall review the grant review sheet annually. The updated Review Sheet was provided in the meeting packet for review. **Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve the Review Sheet for HSGD FY 2023-2024 as presented. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**
4. Consideration and Action to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation on Updates to CJAC Review Sheet for CJD FY 2023-2024
Mr. Perez informed the Board that as per Task cCJ1.1 of the Statement of Work with the Public Safety Office's CJD, the CJAC and LRGVDC program staff shall review the grant review form annually. The updated Review Sheet was included in the meeting packet for review. **Commissioner Jacob Howell made a motion to approve the CJAC Review Sheet for CJD FY 2023-2024 Grants as presented. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**
5. Consideration and Action to Approve Appointment of Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Members
Mr. Perez informed the Board that the CJAC convened on November 10, 2022, to consider member appointments and the committee recommends approval of the following members:
 - Mario Perea, San Benito Police Chief
 - Jody Tittle, Assistant Chief of Police for Mission Police Department
 - Rosie Martinez, Victim Unit Director for Hidalgo County district Attorney's Office

Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve the individuals noted above as members of the CJAC. Commissioner Nurith Galonsky seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Program Status Reports

Upon conclusion of action, Mr. Perez summarized the status reports and noted that recently a seat on the CJAC became vacant. Nominations to fill this seat will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that the HLS grants application process recently opened on e-grants on the Texas Office of the Governor’s website. These grants are designed to benefit law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency management. Mr. Perez had notified local municipalities of this opportunity for funding and added that the deadline to apply is February 22, 2023.

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Program Status Reports

The status reports are available in the meeting packet for review.

RGVMPO Status Report

Mr. Luis Diaz, RGVMPO Assistant Director was recognized and announced that the RGVMPO is the recipient of this year’s Association of Metropolitan Planning Association’s (AMPO) award for Excellence in MPO Staff Achievements. AMPO is the national association of MPO’s and is comprised of over 245 MPO members nationwide. The RGVMPO staff was selected by the AMPO Board of Directors for success through the MPO Merger three years ago, and staff accomplishments in completing long range plans, development of regional transit plans, regional bike/ped plans and establishing staff to address and meet the demands of the regional planning needed for the new RGVMPO in such a short time frame. The RGVMPO staff was recognized for the award while attending the national AMPO conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Item 6. – New or Unfinished Business

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Darling ***adjourned the meeting at 1:19 pm.***

Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

ITEM #4. A.

ADMINISTRATION

**GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
ACTION ON
ANNUAL REPORT
& BUDGET**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors, General Membership, & Corporation Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Item #4: Administration

A. Consideration and **ACTION BY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

Regarding FY 2023 Annual Report and Budget Mayor Trey Mendez
Committee Chair

The 2023 Annual Report & Budget is available for review at:

<http://www.lrgvdc.org/meetings.html>

(2023 Performance Goals, 2022 Performance Outcomes, & 2023 Budget)

The Annual Report offers the general membership, board of directors, and members of the public a detailed outline of the LRGVDC's composition, organizational structure, and programmatic responsibilities.

The Annual Report outlines LRGVDC's 2023 performance goals and 2023 budget for the current year as well as productivity outcomes for FY2022.

Budget Summary:

- 2023 Annual Budget is \$38,766,329: reflecting an increase of \$4,645,985 from the 2022 budget due to additional funding awards, such as, RGV911, FTA, TXDOT, and HHS.
- 2023 Annual Budget does not reflect an increase in Membership dues.
- 2023 Fringe Benefit rate is 50.88% and reflects an increase of 1.91% over the 2022 fringe benefit rate of 48.97%.
- 2023 (Total Budget Expenditure) Indirect Rate is 12.02%, reflecting the State's revised guidance for calculation. Utilizing the revised calculation method, the 2023 indirect rate reflects a decrease of 2.29% from the 2022 amount of 14.31%. As per Texas Local Government Code (Sec. 391.0115.e), an RPC may not spend an amount more than 15% of the commission's total expenditures, less capital expenditures and any subcontracts, pass-throughs, or subgrants.
- 2023 Salary Recommendations for staff includes a 3% performance-based salary increase for those employees who have successfully achieved all standards per the annual evaluation review process and a 2% labor market adjustment.

The Committee held a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting via GoToMeeting on January 12, 2023, to review the Annual Report and Budget. The Committee unanimously recommends approval of the 2023 Annual Report & Budget.



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council



2023 ANNUAL REPORT & BUDGET



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ITEM #4. B.

ADMINISTRATION

**QUARTERLY
& ANNUAL
INVESTMENT
REPORTS**

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Quarterly Investment Report

October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

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

Recorded Interest Income for the quarter \$74,384.16

	Beginning 10/01/22	Ending 12/31/22
Investments in TexPool Prime:		
Water Plan	\$63,628.92	\$64,240.73
9-1-1	80,622.60	81,397.83
TCEQ	363,459.88	366,954.76
Transit	95,342.62	96,259.40
TWDB	6,658.02	6,722.03
GLO-Closing Cost	100,034.40	100,996.29
Kari's Law	62,931.95	63,537.08
Tire Project	23,116.24	23,338.51
Tourism	0.00	285,829.37
RGV Explorer	57,170.88	57,720.61
Total	\$ 852,965.51	\$1,146,996.61

TexPool Prime Rate as of December 31, 2022 – 4.5015%

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Quarterly Investment Report

October 1, 2022 through December 30, 2022

	Beginning 10/01/22	Ending 12/31/22
Investments in TexPool:		
FIF – TWDB – Escrow Account	\$7,119,230.68	\$7,103,652.52
FIF – TWDB	170,009.48	57,147.01
Total	\$7,289,240.16	\$7,160,799.53

TexPool Rate as of December 31, 2022 – 4.1765%

Crystal Balboa
Director of Finance

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Annual Investment Report
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

This annual report of pooled fund investments is in full compliance with the written investment policy and investment strategy approved by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors and is in full compliance with the relevant portions of the Public Funds Investment Act.

Recorded Interest Income for the year \$135,879.82

	Beginning 01/01/22	Ending 12/31/22
Investments in TexPool Prime:		
Water Plan	\$63,124.29	\$64,240.73
9-1-1	26,360.69	81,397.83
TCEQ	110,947.99	366,954.76
Transit	94,586.48	96,259.40
TWDB	30,062.40	6,722.03
GLO-Closing Cost	99,240.96	100,996.29
Kari's Law	62,432.85	63,537.08
Tire Project	22,932.93	23,338.51
Tourism	0.00	285,829.37
RGV Explorer	56,717.47	57,720.61
Investments in TexPool:		
FIF – TWDB – Escrow Account	7,983,642.54	7,103,652.52
FIF – TWDB	0.00	57,147.01
Total	\$8,550,048.60	\$8,307,796.14

Crystal Balboa
Director of Finance

ITEM #4. F.

ADMINISTRATION

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
REPORT**

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Office of the Executive Director
301 W. Railroad St.
Weslaco, Texas 78596



Executive Directors Report

January 25, 2023

This report contains updates, regional news, funding opportunities trainings and legislative updates that your local gov't may be interested in. This information is courtesy of the Texas Association and Regional Councils, State funding agencies and LRGVDC Programs. Hyperlinks to external sources may be found throughout the report for additional and complete details.

Biennial Revenue Estimate

On January 09, 2023, the Texas Comptroller, Glenn Hegar released his Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE), which showed the state is projected to have a record estimated \$188.23 billion available for general purpose spending for 2024-2025. This is a 26.3% increase from the 2022-2023 budget. It also includes a \$33 billion surplus. For more information click the links below.

- [Biennial Revenue Estimate 2024-2025](#)
- [Biennial Revenue Estimate Infographics](#)
- [Comptroller's Press Release](#)

BIENNIAL REVENUE ESTIMATE

January 2023

Revenue Available for General-Purpose Spending

In Billions of Dollars	PROJECTED	2022-23	2024-25	
General Revenue-Related (GR-R) Tax Collections	+	\$137.87	\$148.17	
Other GR-R Revenue	+	\$19.12	\$17.72	
Total GR-R Revenue	=	\$156.98	\$165.9	SUBTOTAL
Beginning Balance	+	\$11.68	\$32.69	
Total GR-R Revenue & Fund Balances	=	\$168.66	\$198.58	SUBTOTAL
Reserve for Transfer of Unencumbered and Unobligated General Revenue Fund Balance to the Economic Stabilization Fund	-	\$5.71	\$0	
Reserve for Transfer to the Texas Tomorrow Fund	-	\$0	\$0.15	
Reserve for Transfer of Severance Taxes to the State Highway Fund	-	\$6.96	\$7.34	
Reserve for Transfer of Severance Taxes to the Economic Stabilization Fund	-	\$6.96	\$2.86	
Total Revenue Available for General-Purpose Spending	=	\$149.04	\$188.23	TOTAL

The Texas Comptroller issues the Biennial Revenue Estimate before every regular legislative session, projecting the amount that lawmakers have available for state programs and services through the upcoming biennium. The 88th Legislature will have a projected 2022-23 ending balance of \$32.69 billion, in addition to \$155.54 billion in total collections of available general revenue-related (GR-R) funds in 2024-25.

State Revenue, General Revenue-Related

Category	Percentage
Sales Taxes	53.0%
All Other State Taxes	10.7%
Motor Fuel Taxes	8.9%
Franchise Tax	8.0%
Oil Production Tax	7.7%
Natural Gas Production Tax	5.3%
Motor Vehicle Sales & Rental Taxes	5.2%

Other Revenues
Fees, Investments & Other Non-Tax Revenue

Note: The amount reserved for transfer of severance taxes to the ESF is reduced by \$0.69 billion in fiscal 2024 and by another \$3.79 billion in fiscal 2025 because the ESF will have reached its constitutional cap. Totals may not sum because of rounding.

It's Time Texas Community Challenge Leaderboards & Stats as of 01/19/2023

TOP 5 LARGE COMMUNITIES

- 1. McAllen
- 2. Pasadena
- 3. Edinburg
- 4. Richardson
- 5. Brownsville

TOP 5 MEDIUM COMMUNITIES

- 1. Pharr
- 2. Baytown
- 3. Harlingen
- 4. Mission
- 5. Pflugerville

TOP 5 SMALL COMMUNITIES

- 1. San Juan
- 2. Alamo
- 3. Hidalgo
- 4. Los Fresnos
- 5. Hereford

TOP 5 EXTRA SMALL COMMUNITIES

- 1. La Joya
- 2. Smithville
- 3. Stockdale
- 4. Lytle
- 5. La Villa



ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY
&
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors, General Membership & Corporation Meeting

January 25, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve 2022 Scrap Tire Management and Available Alternatives in Texas' Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Region

This summary highlights findings and recommendations related to data quality, scrap tire generation, processing, end uses, and transportation. The purpose of this report is to identify the economic costs and benefits of diverting scrap tires from landfills within the Region.

SCRAP TIRES

2022

Scrap Tire Management and
Available Alternatives in Texas'
Lower Rio Grande Valley
Development Council Region

The full document is available at this link: <https://www.lrgvdc.org/meetings.html>



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

January 25, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration

Staff continue to meet with regional EDOs concerning the planning of projects that will provide economic impact. EDO's have been contacted to inform them on EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Act (PWEAA) funding availability. Staff have also been active with regional partners in area tours, getting first-hand views of project potential while meeting with all involved with potential project development, and working towards a regional group of economic development professionals that meet regularly to keep effective lines of communication.

Technical assistance continues to be provided to entities who are interested in applying for EDA grant, as well as hosting or co-hosting beneficial workshops and outreach. Staff also serve as the regional point of contact for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and will continue to disseminate information accordingly. Staff also continue to coordinate efforts with other governmental entities on their economic development related activities in order to maximize benefit of all projects and objectives for the region and avoid any duplication of efforts and resources. Several different entities are conducting economic development outreach efforts, included TWDB, TxDot, Texas GLO, and others.

Staff are available to provide technical assistance, project development, and grant administration on EDA proposals and projects. For any assistance or information on EDA in general, contact Rick Carrera, rcarrera@lrgvdc.org.

- Pandemic Response

The economic resiliency plan is in the final draft stages. The draft is in the minor final adjustment stage which includes some case studies and examples of best practices undertaken by other regions given similar circumstances. The economic resiliency plan will stand as document information which will help actionable plans and serve as a starting point moving forward to alleviate some of those issues.

The LRGVDC continues to be proactive as a liaison between various governmental levels and stakeholders. Staff have had discussions with area EDOs on further potential initiatives to help with resiliency efforts including the recruitment and marketing efforts needed for new investment in the area. Staff have also brought together and coordinated efforts between governmental, workforce, higher education, and other entities to encourage collaboration on funding opportunities

and other initiatives to address workforce needs and other facets of local economic development. Participation in local area economic development groups continue as well to further provide regional efforts. Resiliency efforts for the regional tourism industry continues to be a focus also, utilizing Explore RGV as a springboard for marketing efforts. See the Explore RGV updates further in this report for details.

Staff continue with efforts in assisting the Texas General Land Office (GLO) with their economic development study that focuses on resiliency from natural disasters, which began earlier this year. Staff have advised and assisted the GLO on outreach efforts and will continue working with the GLO throughout the duration of the study and scope of work. Additionally, staff continue efforts with the National Weather Service on improving community resilience for areas normally hardest hit by weather events. Future meetings will be planned, and information will be shared accordingly.

Please reach out! We are happy to provide any information, resources, or assistance available. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, contact Rick Carrera, rcarrera@lrgvdc.org

- Regional Small Cities Coalition

A Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) will be held on March 09, 2023, at 11:30. Staff continues to disseminate vital information to the small cities via email. If you have questions, you may contact Rick Carrera, rcarrera@lrgvdc.org

- Explore RGV

Staff efforts to provide an improved app for this platform continue and despite technical difficulties the updates are near completion. Those efforts include the updated and improved application loaded on the platform for download by end users. The creative development on the improvements has been completed and staff is waiting to approve final version. Planning for a re-launch event is also in progress. In this initiative staff are also working with regional Convention and Visitor Bureau (CVB) to acquire their buy in the collaboration for mutual destination promotion and most importantly in reaching out across isles

Staff are working on promotional development to conduct an event where the revised, improved, and effective project will be presented to the general public, stakeholders, and tourism industry. Staff also continue to work with different regional airlines that have incoming flights to the RGV from different parts of the county as well as international markets. The intention is to partner up with the airlines to promote the product/project onboard, as well as to blitz and package with them to the final consumer. Staff are working with Dallas and Houston CVB to cross market destinations as staff feel the tourism markets are similar. Media outlets are also being contacted to ensure the launch event has exposure and coverage that creates additional massive awareness. Following these initiatives, the next steps will be to reach out to the commercial and private sector to attract the business community in association with Explore RGV. In addition, staff will incorporate as many travel industry participants as possible for a well-rounded

comprehensive, and complete travel reference.

- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund

The Community Development Fund is the largest fund category in the Texas Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). This fund is available through a competition in each of the 24 state planning regions. Although most funds are used for Public Facilities (water/wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements and housing activities), there are numerous other activities for which these funds may be used. Visit our Community Development webpage at <http://www.lrgvdc.org/community.html> to view the Lower Rio Grande Valley regional project priorities.

Eligible applicants are non-entitlement general purpose units of local government including cities and counties that are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). Non-entitlement cities that are not participating in urban county programs through existing participation agreements are eligible applicants (unless the city's population is counted towards the urban county CDBG allocation). Staff have disseminated information on CDBG funding available to area communities and stakeholders and have been available for any questions related to the funding opportunities.

Funding Opportunity Announcement:

2023-2024 Community Development Fund (CDV): The Regional Funding Priorities can be found on the LRGVDC Community Development webpage.

Maximum grant amount: \$500,000

Application deadline: April 3, 2023

2023 Downtown Revitalization Program (CDM): objective is to provide infrastructure improvements to address the conditions that contribute to the deterioration in an area designated as slum or blighted in the applicant communities downtown or main street area.

Maximum grant amount: \$500,000

Application deadline: May 3, 2023

2023 Colonia Fund Construction Program (CFC): construction program provides eligible applicants with grants to fund water and wastewater improvements, housing rehabilitation for LMI households, and similar basic needs for colonia residents

Maximum grant amount: \$1,000,000

Application deadline: May 3, 2023

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>.

For any assistance needed, contact Rick Carrera, rcarrera@lrgvdc.org.

- Solid Waste Management Program

A virtual Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting will be held on February 28, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

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.

- Water Quality Program

Staff continues to educate the public on water quality issues with the theme of “Water and Wildlife” for the month of January. You can find educational social media postings on the LRGVDC Facebook page. Give a thumbs up or leave comment! Outreach efforts for this program also include staff attending in-person events. This allows for great C&ED program promotion to the community. Informational reading material and promotional items on water quality are distributed at these events.

Staff continue to support projects that provides water quality monitoring through four (4) stations placed in targeted locations. The monitoring stations provide real time data on nutrients including dissolved oxygen, conductivity/temperature, nitrate, and ammonium in the main drainage outlets to the coastal waters. Updates on this project occur on a regular basis, and progress on data collection and other aspects of this project are good.

Staff also 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

The LRGVDC is soliciting nominations for a RWRAC committee member to serve in **Willacy County category**. Each nominee will be selected based upon their qualifications, experience, and interest. The purpose of the advisory committee is to educate, promote, foster, and coordinate community and regional planning efforts on the environmental, economic, and other social impacts of existing, new, or proposed regulations, policies, and control regarding water resources management. If you have any questions about the nominations process or committee, please contact Rick Carrera, rcarrera@lrgvdc.org. **Nomination forms need to be emailed to Rick Carrera by March 1st, 2023.**

A Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Staff continue to support, provide technical assistance, outreach, and monitor some water projects. Information about water resource is available at

<https://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html>

- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)

The Region M water planning group had a committee meeting on January 12th, 2023 to discuss annual water use per industry, area, and related sectors and entities. The next Region M meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 9:30 am. These meetings are currently being conducted in person and online. For more information on Region M, please visit website:

<http://riograndewaterplan.org>

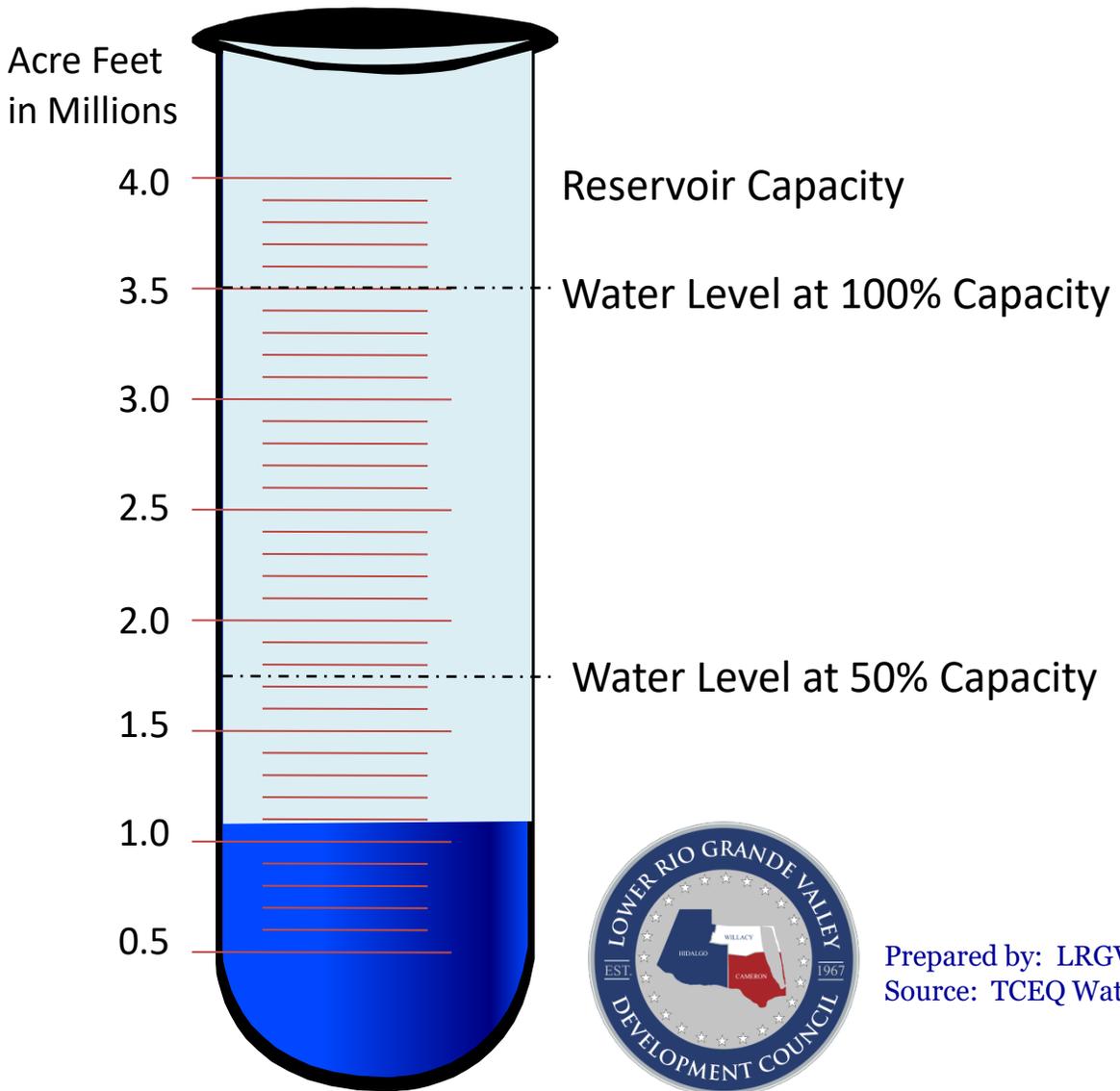
- Reservoir Levels

On January 14, 2023, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon stood at 32.16% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,090,850 acre-feet, down from 36.66%(1,243,328 AF) of normal conservation a year ago. Overall the system is holding 33.33% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,973,665 acre-feet with Amistad at 45.78% of conservation capacity, impounding 1,499,666 acre-feet and Falcon at 17.91% of conservation capacity, impounding 474,008 acre-feet. Mexico has 34.89% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 882,815 acre-feet at Amistad/Falcon.

Water Levels at Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs (U.S. Ownership)

12/14/2022, 32.16% of Capacity or 1,090,850 AF

Down from 1,243,328 AF of Normal Conservation a year ago



Prepared by: LRGVDC
Source: TCEQ Watermaster

**NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for
January 14, 2023: 34.98% (882,815) A.F.**

Rio Grande Watermaster Report

01/14/23

Amistad Reservoir

Normal Conservation Elevation	340.462 Meters	1,117.00 Feet	
Current Water Elevation	329.615 Meters	1,081.41 Feet	-35.59
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	4,040,325 TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
Current Total Combined Storage	1,849.806 MCM	1,499,656 Acre-Feet	45.78%
U.S. Share of Current Storage	1,070.299 MCM	867,702 Acre-Feet	57.86%
Mexico Share of Current Storage	779.507 MCM	631,954 Acre-Feet	42.14%
Total Releases (Average)	18.40 CMS	650 CFS	
U.S. Release (Average)	14.80 CMS	523 CFS	80.43%
Mexico Release (Average)	3.60 CMS	127 CFS	19.57%
Total Inflows (Average)	31.40 CMS	1,109 CFS	
U.S. Inflows (Average)	21.60 CMS	763 CFS	
Mexico Inflows (Average)	9.80 CMS	346 CFS	
Total Losses (Average)	8.12 CMS	287 CFS	
U.S. Reservoir Loss (Average)	4.70 CMS	166 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss (Average)	3.42 CMS	121 CFS	

Falcon Reservoir

Normal Conservation Elevation	91.805 Meters	301.20 Feet	
Current Water Elevation	79.515 Meters	260.88 Feet	-40.32
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	3,264,813 TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
Current Total Combined Storage	584.683 MCM	474,008 Acre-Feet	17.91%
U.S. Share of Current Storage	275.250 MCM	223,148 Acre-Feet	47.08%
Mexico Share of Current Storage	309.433 MCM	250,860 Acre-Feet	52.92%
Total Releases (Average)	30.50 CMS	1,077 CFS	
U.S. Release (Average)	21.40 CMS	756 CFS	70.16%
Mexico Release (Average)	9.10 CMS	321 CFS	29.84%
Total Inflows (Average)	17.90 CMS	632 CFS	
U.S. Inflows (Average)	13.80 CMS	487 CFS	
Mexico Inflows (Average)	4.10 CMS	145 CFS	
Total Losses (Average)	4.10 CMS	145 CFS	
U.S. Reservoir Loss (Average)	1.93 CMS	68 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss (Average)	2.17 CMS	77 CFS	

Overall Status

Amistad

Total Normal Conservation Capacity	4,040,325 TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
U.S. Share of Normal Conservation	2,270,663 TCM	1,840,849 Acre-Feet	
Current U.S. Share of Normal Conservation	1,070,299 TCM	867,702 Acre-Feet	47.14%
Mexico Share Normal Conservation	1,769,662 TCM	1,434,683 Acre-Feet	
Current Mexico Share of Normal Conservation	779,507 TCM	631,954 Acre-Feet	44.05%

Falcon

Total Normal Conservation Capacity	3,264,813 TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
U.S. Share of Normal Conservation	1,913,180 TCM	1,551,034 Acre-Feet	
Current U.S. Share of Normal Conservation	275,250 TCM	223,148 Acre-Feet	14.39%
Mexico Share of Normal Conservation	1,351,633 TCM	1,095,782 Acre-Feet	
Current Mexico Share of Normal Conservation	309,433 TCM	250,860 Acre-Feet	22.89%
Total Normal Capacity in Amistad/Falcon System	7,305,138 TCM	5,922,348 Acre-Feet	
Total Normal Conservation Capacity for the U.S.	4,183,843 TCM	3,391,883 Acre-Feet	57.27%
Total Normal Conservation Capacity for Mexico	3,121,295 TCM	2,530,465 Acre-Feet	42.73%
Current Combined Storage for the U.S.	1,345.549 MCM	1,090,850 Acre-Feet	32.16%
Current Combined Storage for Mexico	1,088.940 MCM	882,815 Acre-Feet	34.89%
Current Storage in the Amistad/Falcon System	2,434,489 TCM	1,973,665 Acre-Feet	
Percent of Storage Capacity			33.33%

ITEM #5. B.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN SERVICES**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors, General Membership & Corporation

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

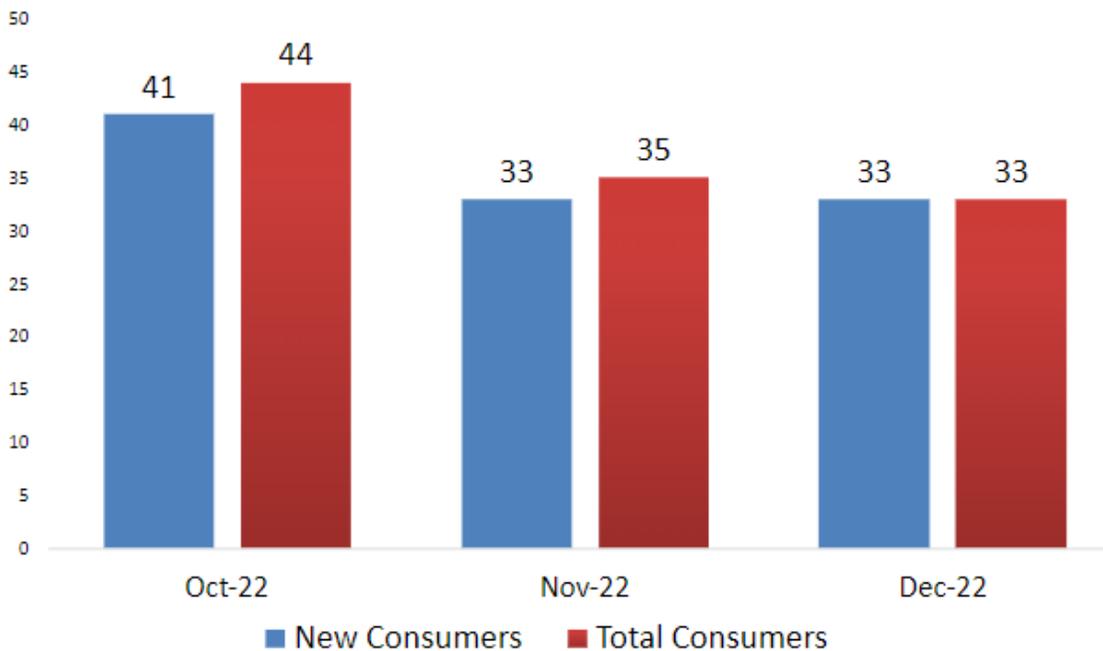
B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Status Report

- Direct Consumer Services
Care Coordination Services Fiscal Year 2022-2023
New Clients: 170
Total Consumers Served: 287

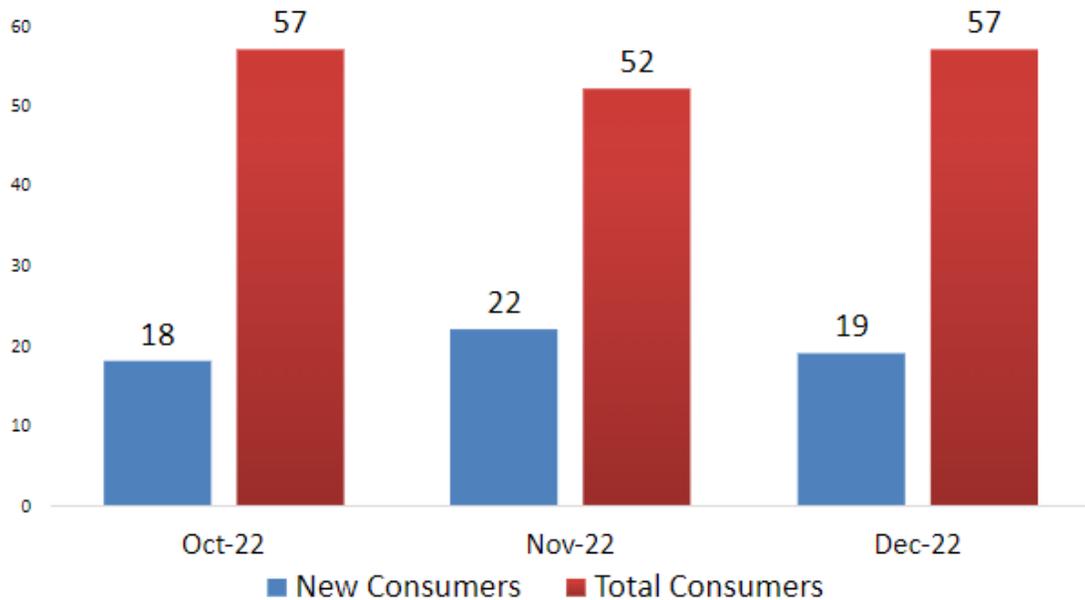
Health Maintenance for Care Coordination Services: Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.

**FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 / QTR 1:
HEALTH MAINTENANCE
Total New Consumers Served: 107
Total Consumers Served: 112**



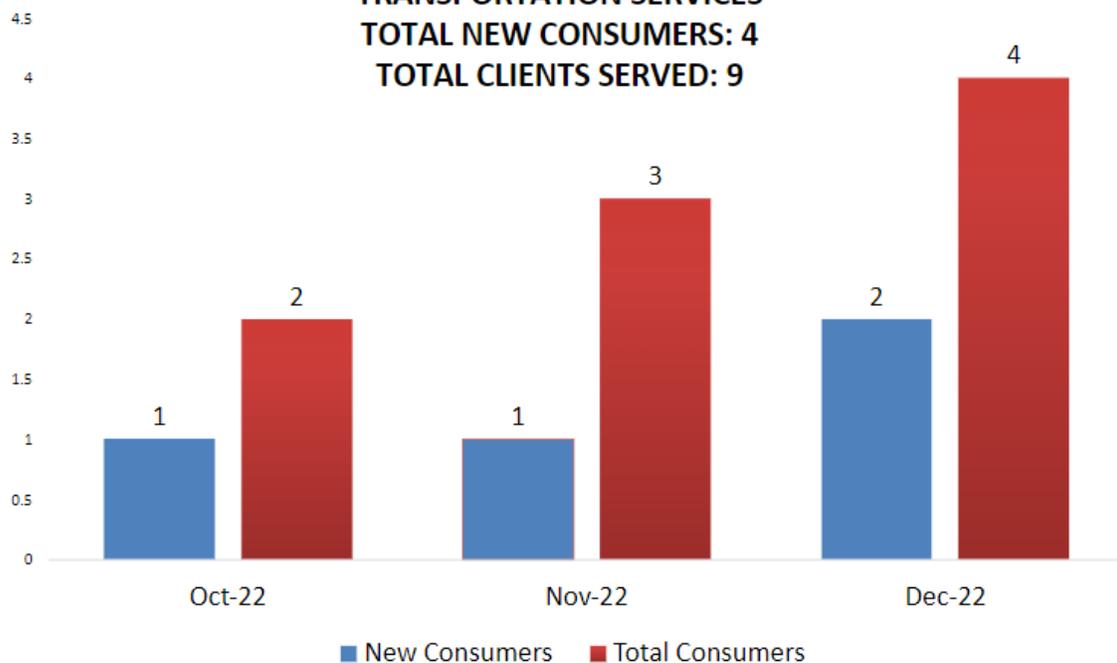
Homemaker Services: Temporary assistance with light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation.

**Fiscal Year 2022-2023 / QTR 1:
HOMEMAKER SERVICES
Total New Consumers Served: 59
Total Consumers Served: 166**



Transportation Services: Assistance with transportation services to medical appointments, rehabilitation appointments, and Dialysis appointments.

**FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 / QTR: 1
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
TOTAL NEW CONSUMERS: 4
TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED: 9**



Caregiver Support Services

New Clients: 126

Total Consumers Served: 396

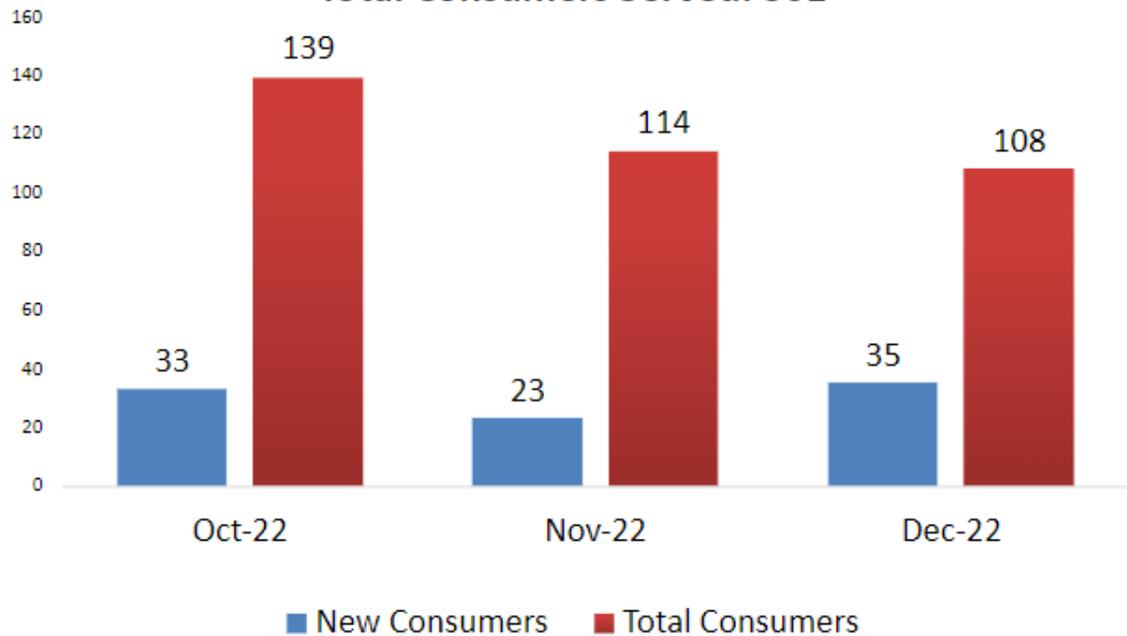
Respite In-Home Services: Assistance includes light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, meal preparation, bathing, grooming, and dressing.

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 / QTR 1:

RESPITE IN-HOME SERVICES

Total New Consumers Served: 91

Total Consumers Served: 361

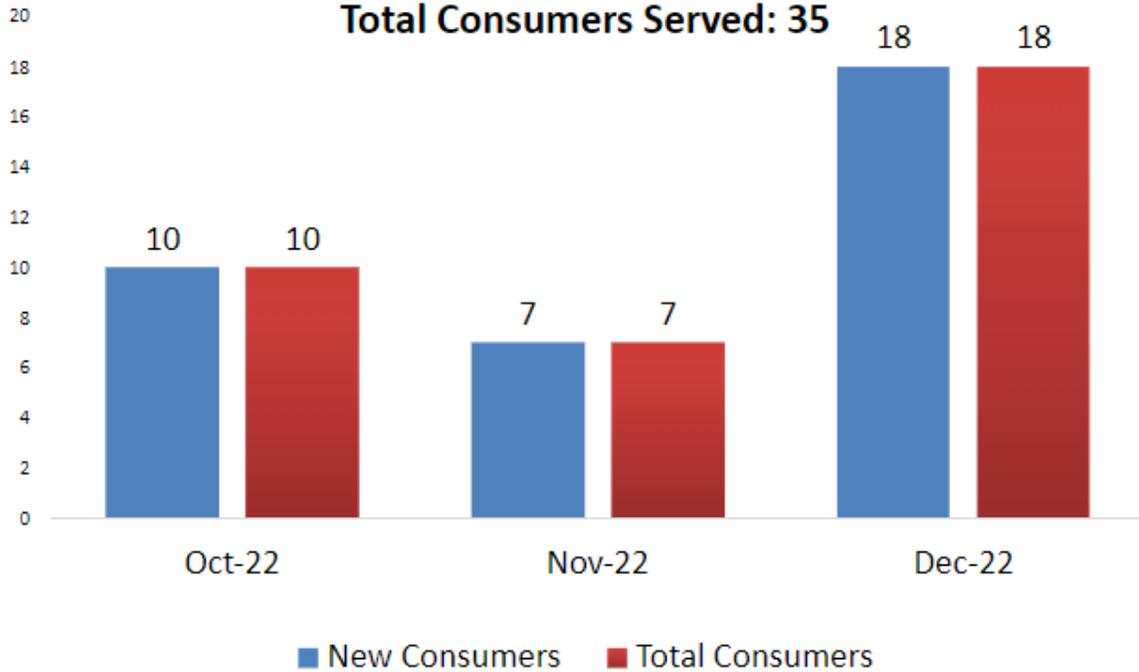


Health Maintenance for Caregiver Support Services: Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.

**FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 / QTR 1:
HEALTH MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

Total New Consumers Served: 35

Total Consumers Served: 35



- **Direct Services**

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Fiscal Year 2022-2023

New Clients: 14

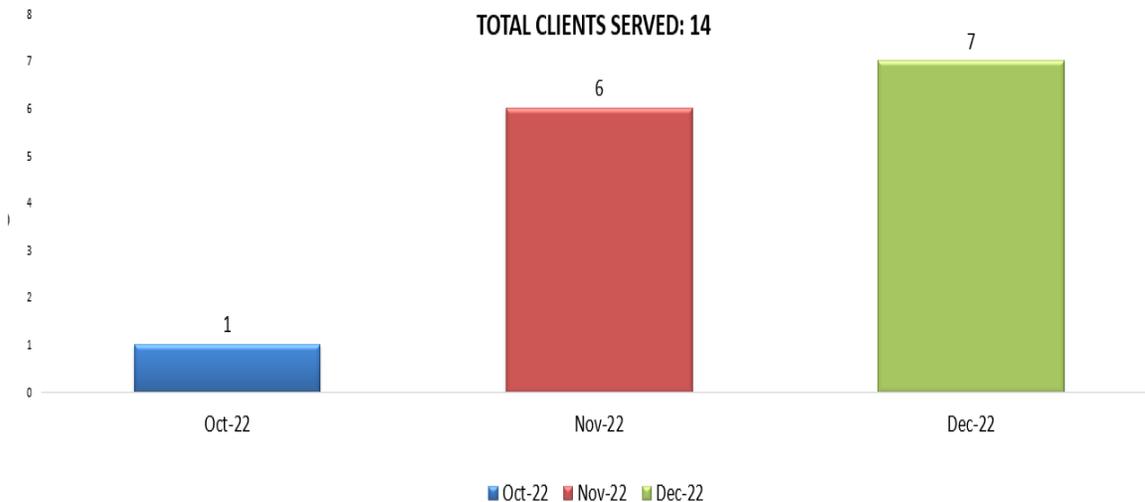
Total Consumers Served: 14

Health Maintenance Services for CDBG: Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.

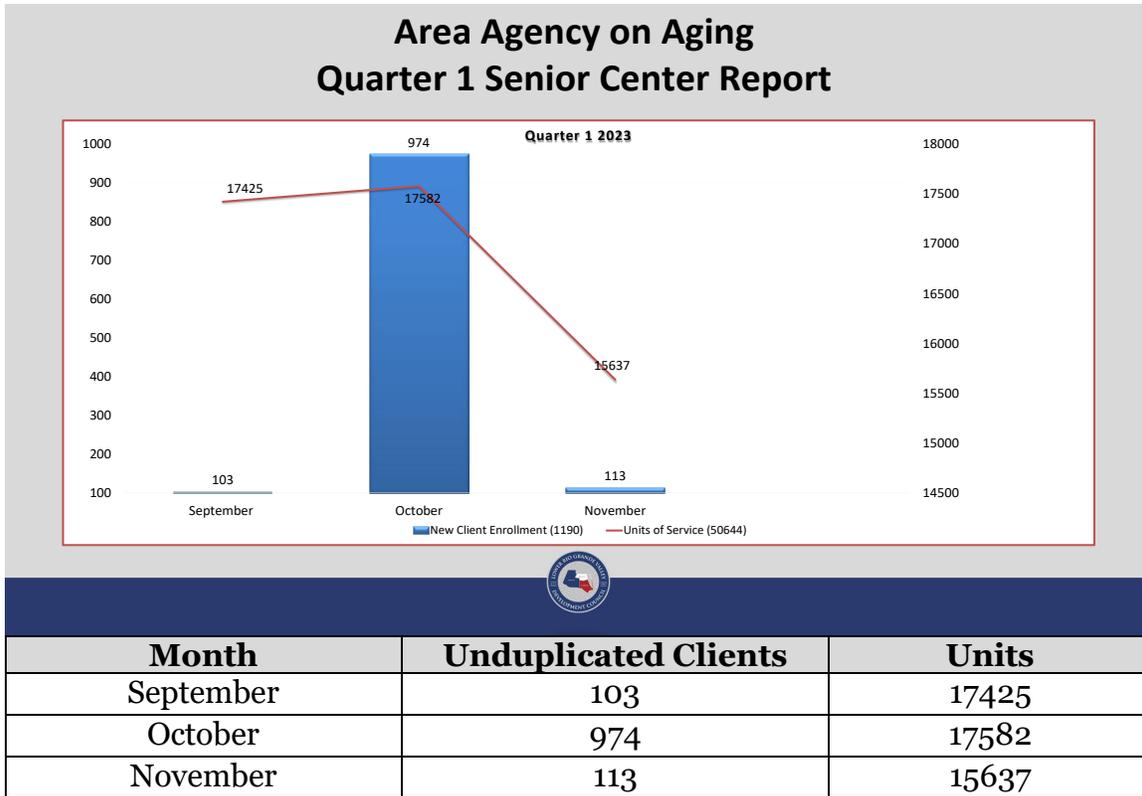
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HEALTH MAINTENANCE SERVICES

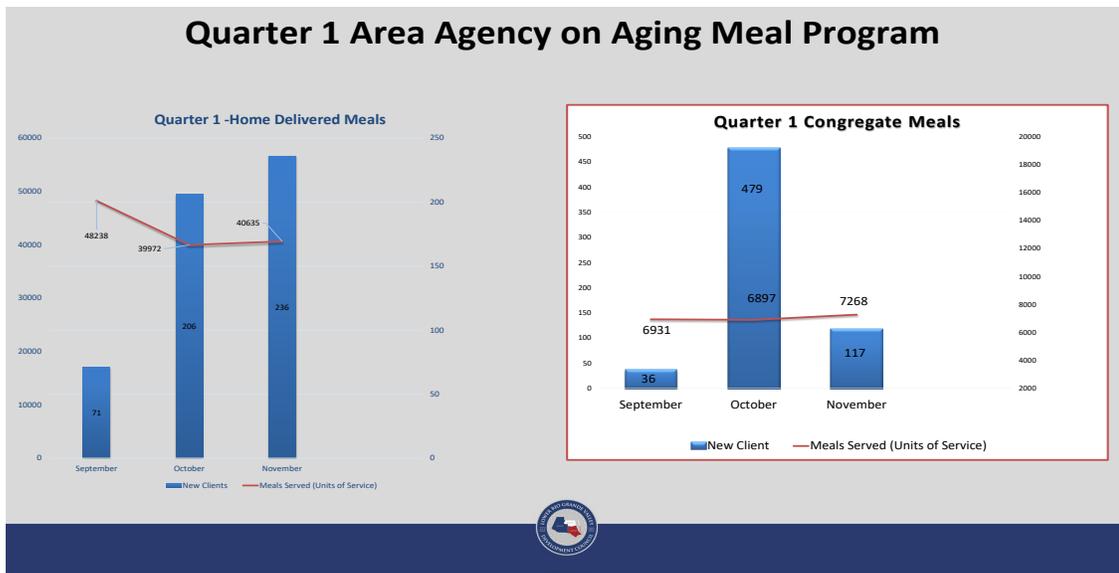
TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED: 14



- Senior Subrecipient & Senior Center Operations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023



- Home Delivered and Congregate Meal Program for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

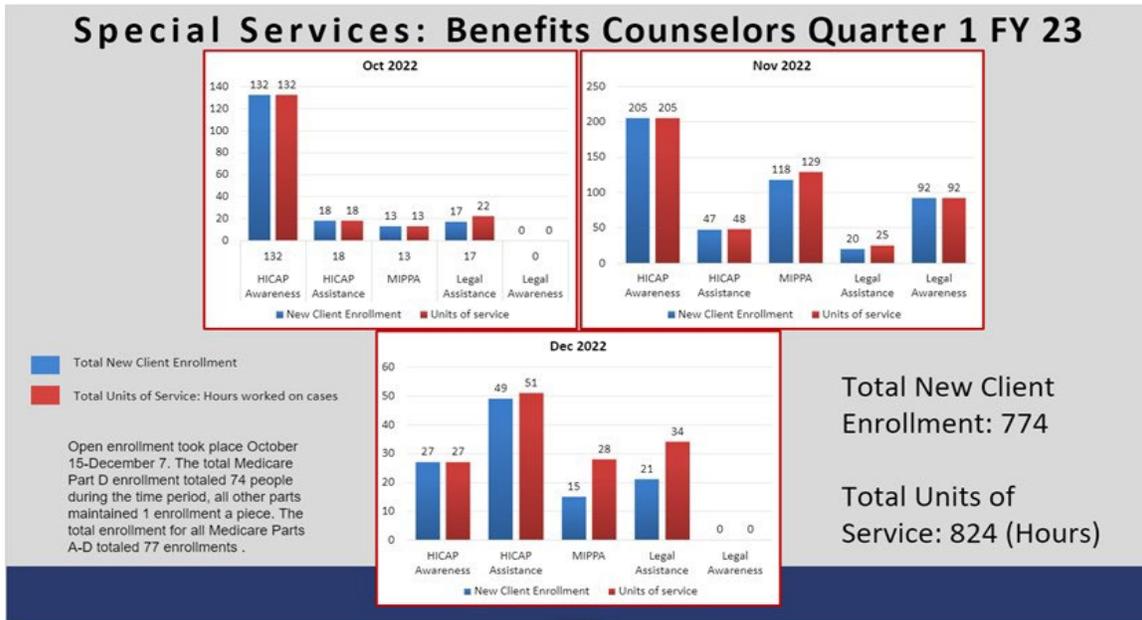


Month	Unduplicated Clients	Units	Month	Unduplicated Clients	Units
September	71	48238	September	36	6931
October	206	39972	October	479	6897
November	236	40635	November	117	7268

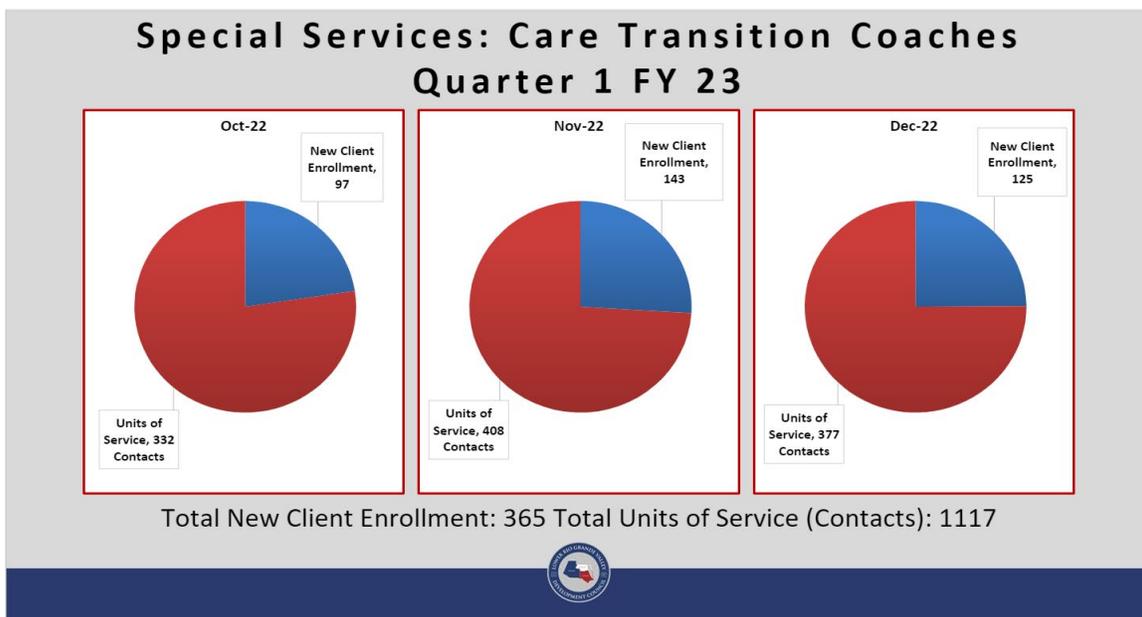
- Senior Subrecipient and Senior Center Operations for December 2023

Service	Unduplicated Clients	Units
Senior Center	66	14033
Congregate meals	29	7691
Home Delivered Meals	54	43007

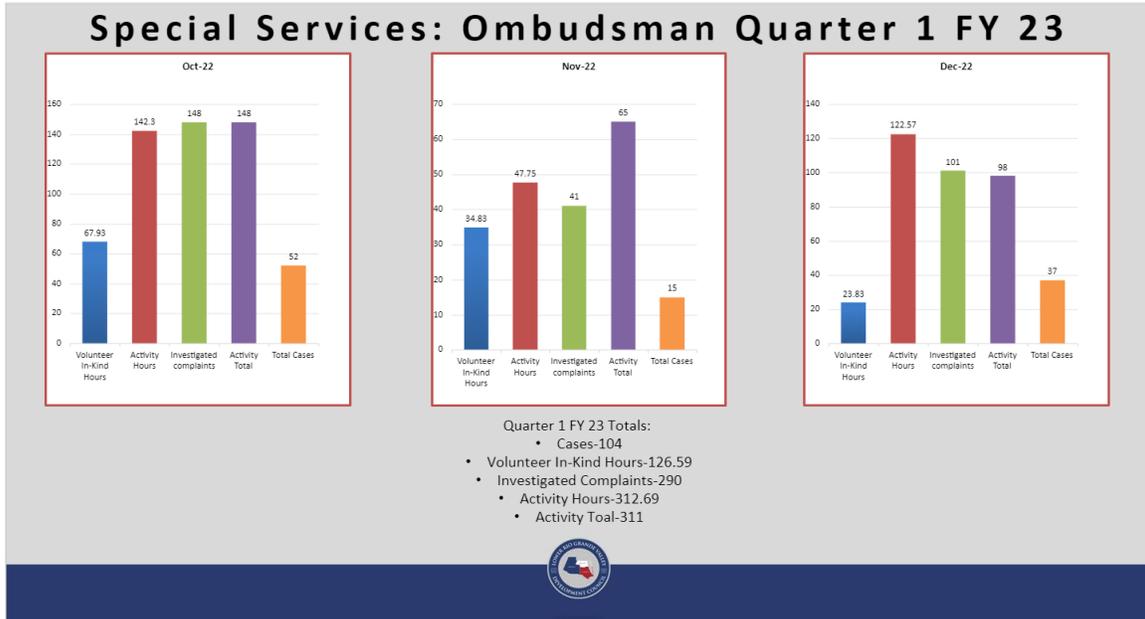
- Special Services
Benefit Counseling Program Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Quarter 1)



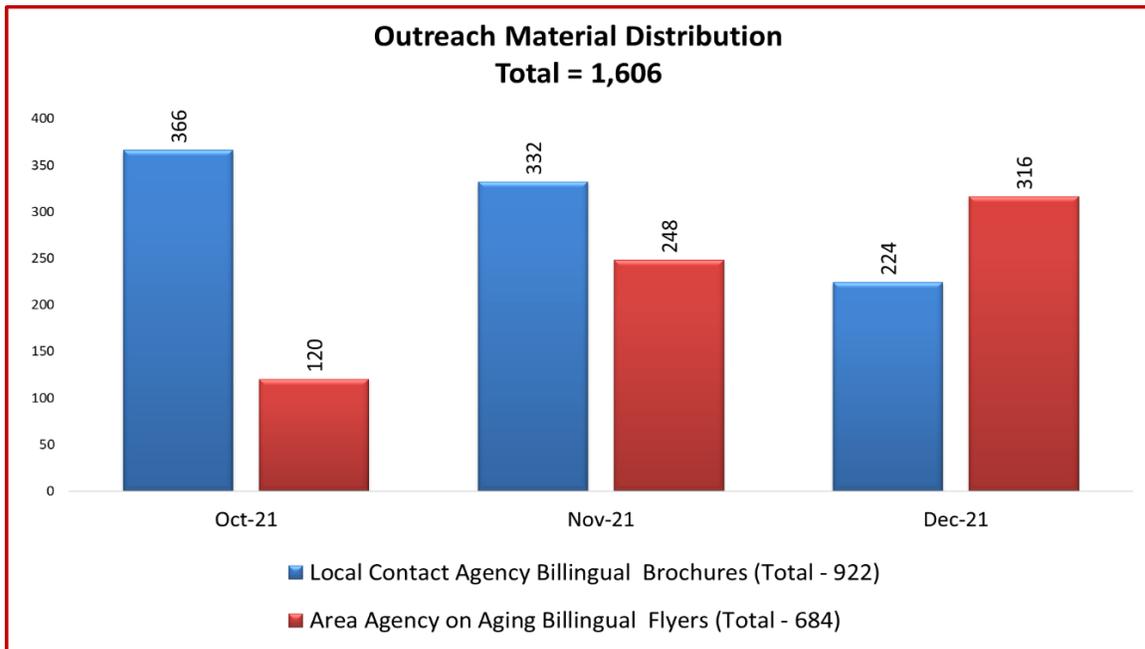
- Care Transition Program Fiscal Year 2022-2023



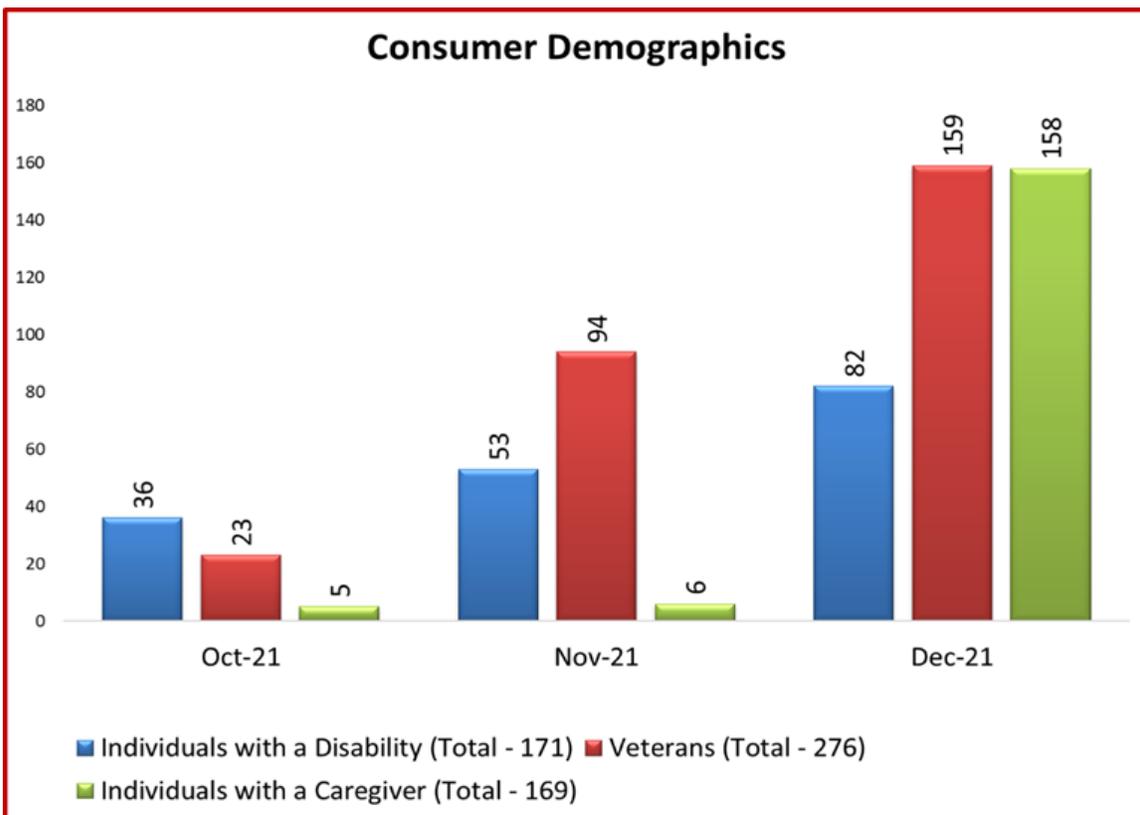
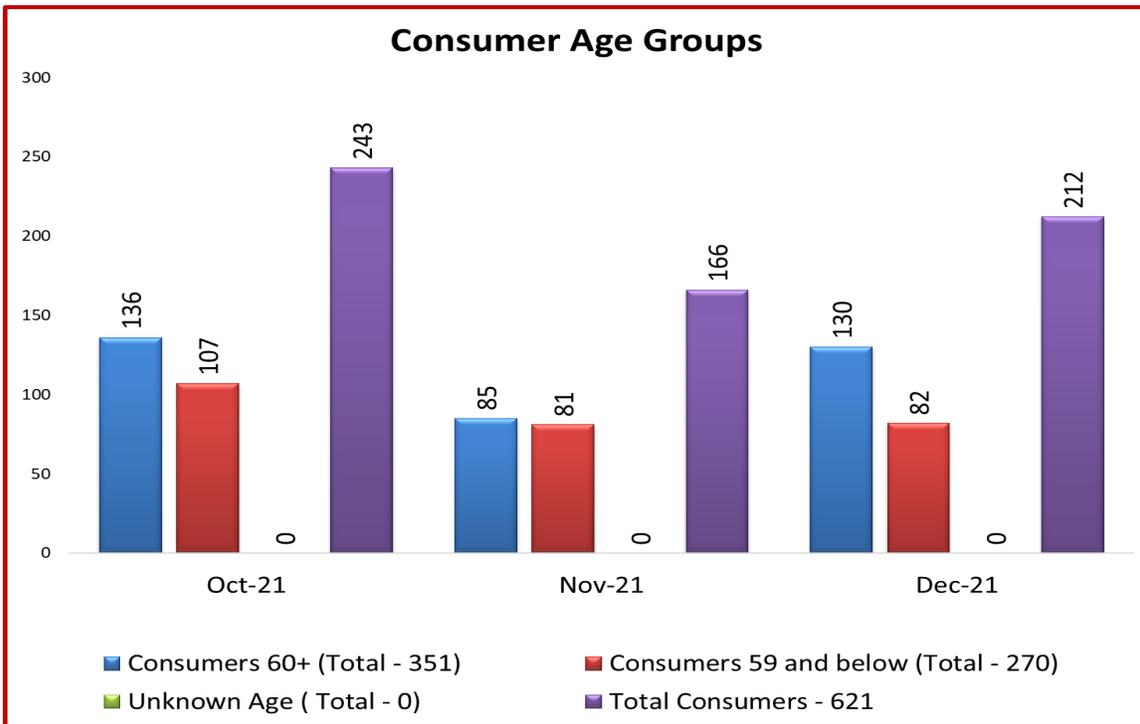
- Ombudsman Program Fiscal Year 2022-2023



- Aging and Disabilities Resource Center
Public Education and Outreach Fiscal Year 2022-2023



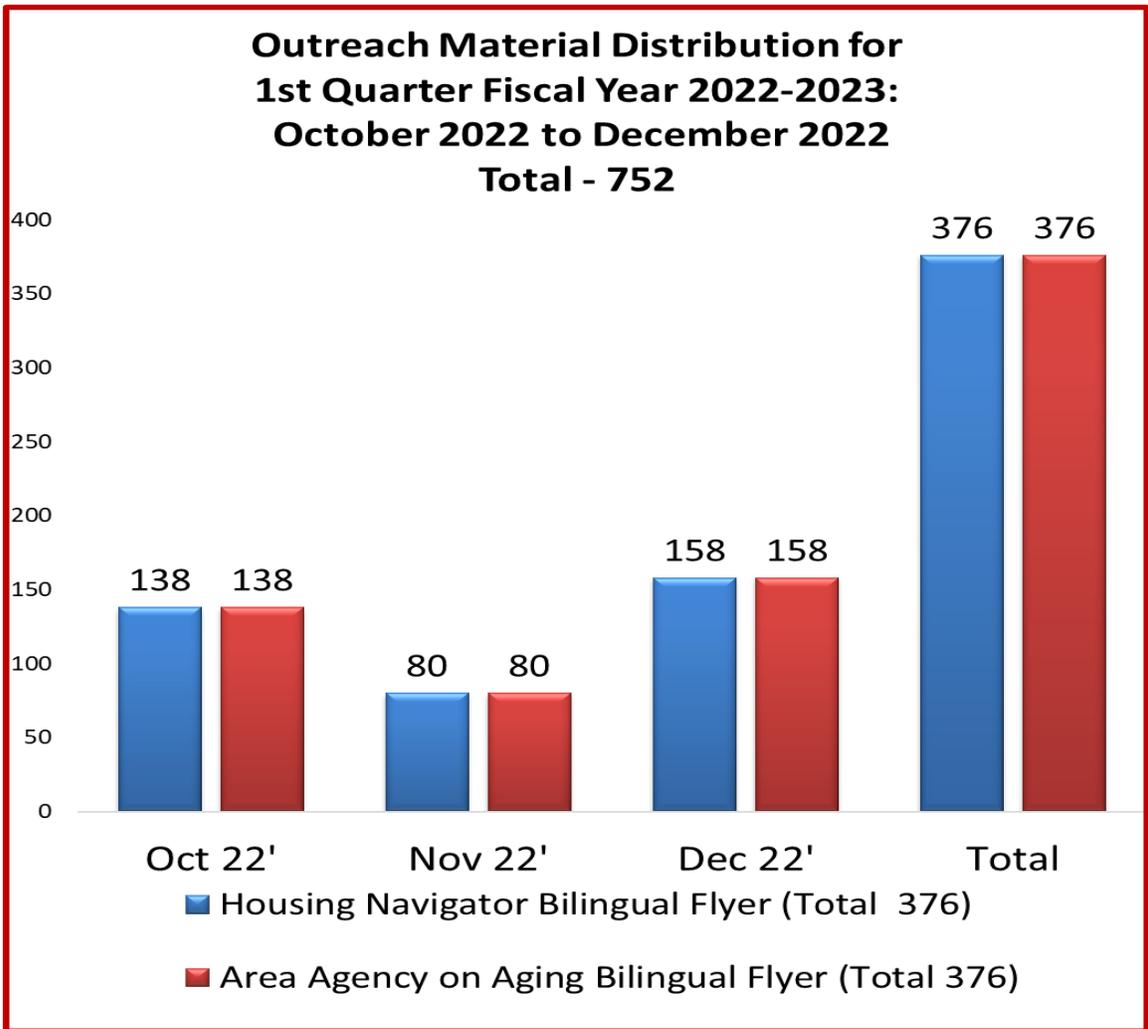
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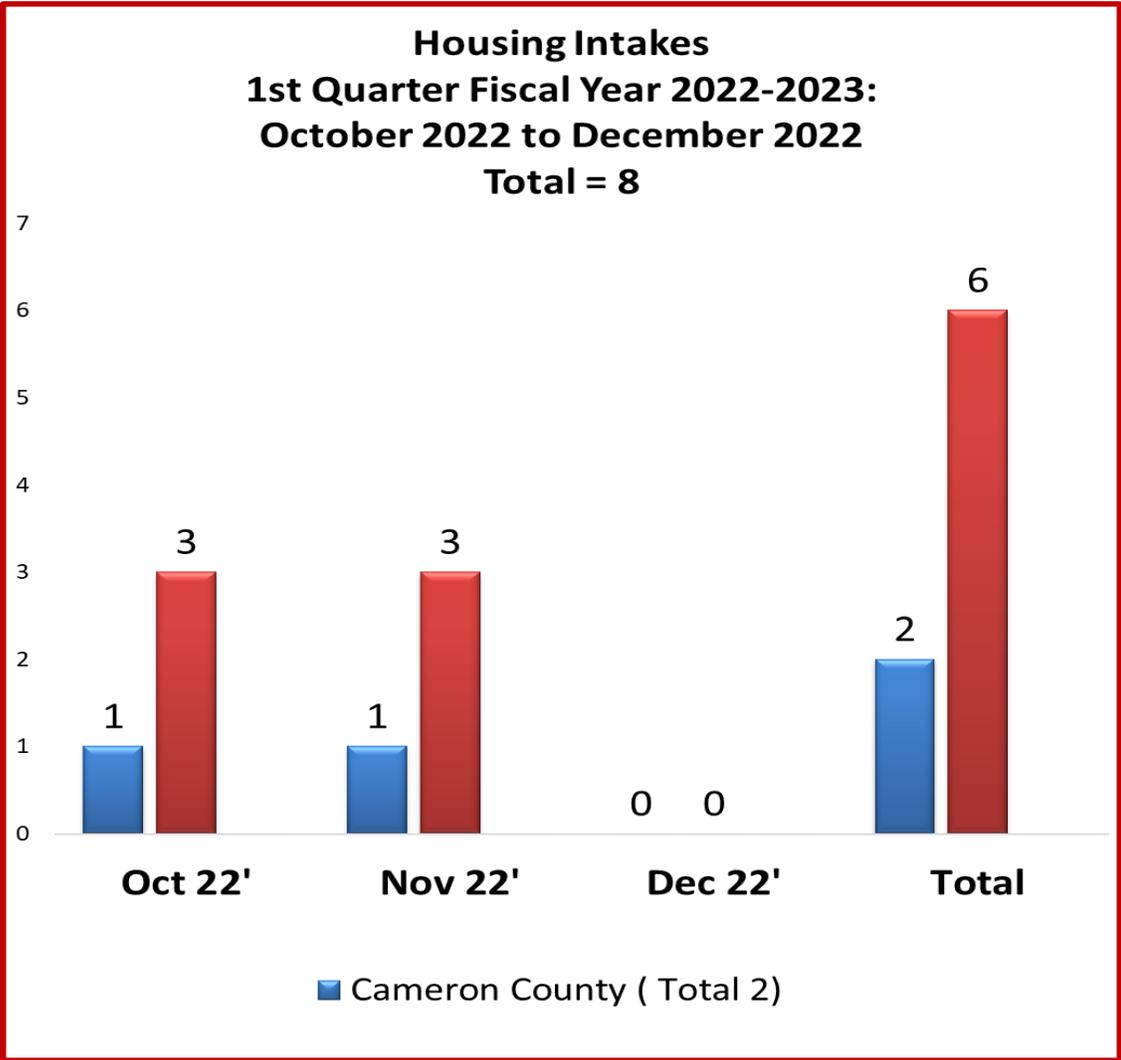


Events Attended	
October	3
November	2
December	2
Total	7

Type of Events Attended	
Health Fairs	2
Benefit Counseling Informational Events	2
Conferences	1
Community Events	2

- Housing Navigator
1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023

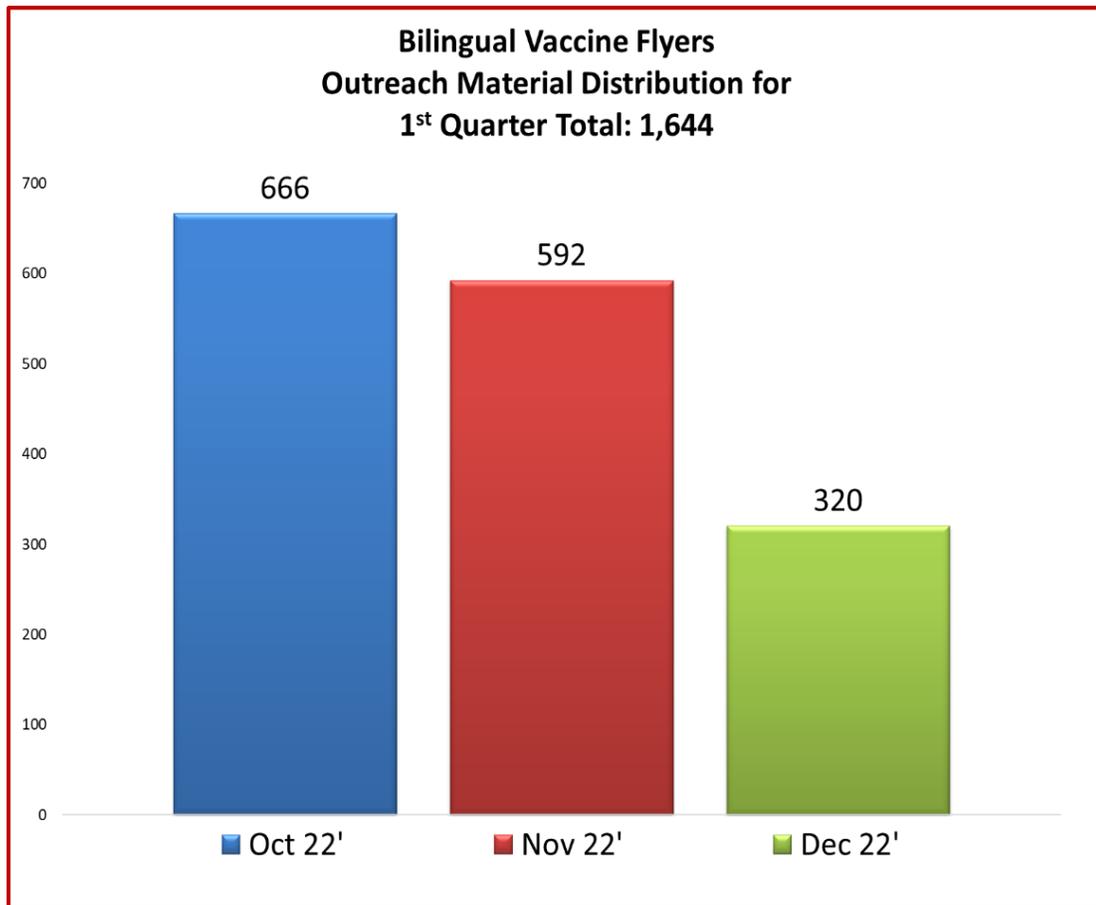




Events Attended	
October	4
November	6
December	3
Total	13

Type of Events Attended	
Health Fairs	4
Conferences	3
Community Events	1
Coalitions/ Informational Meetings	5

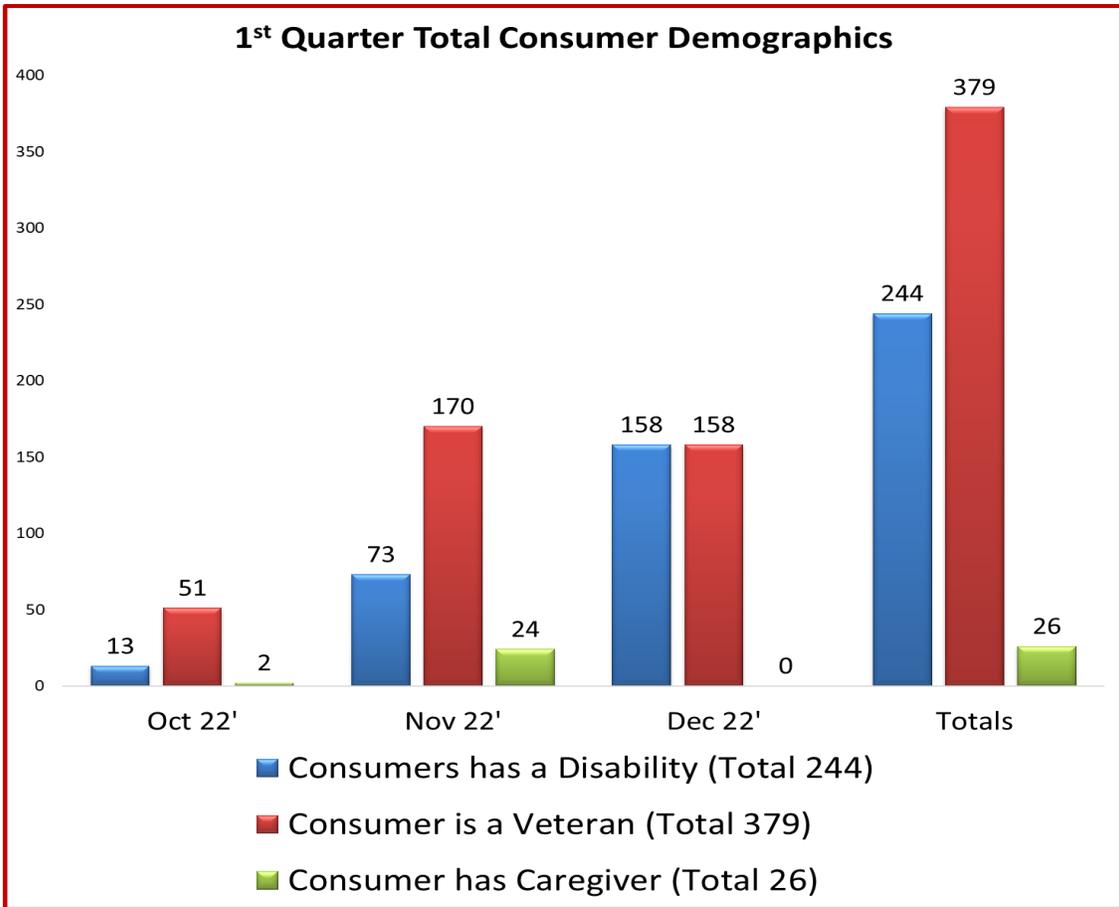
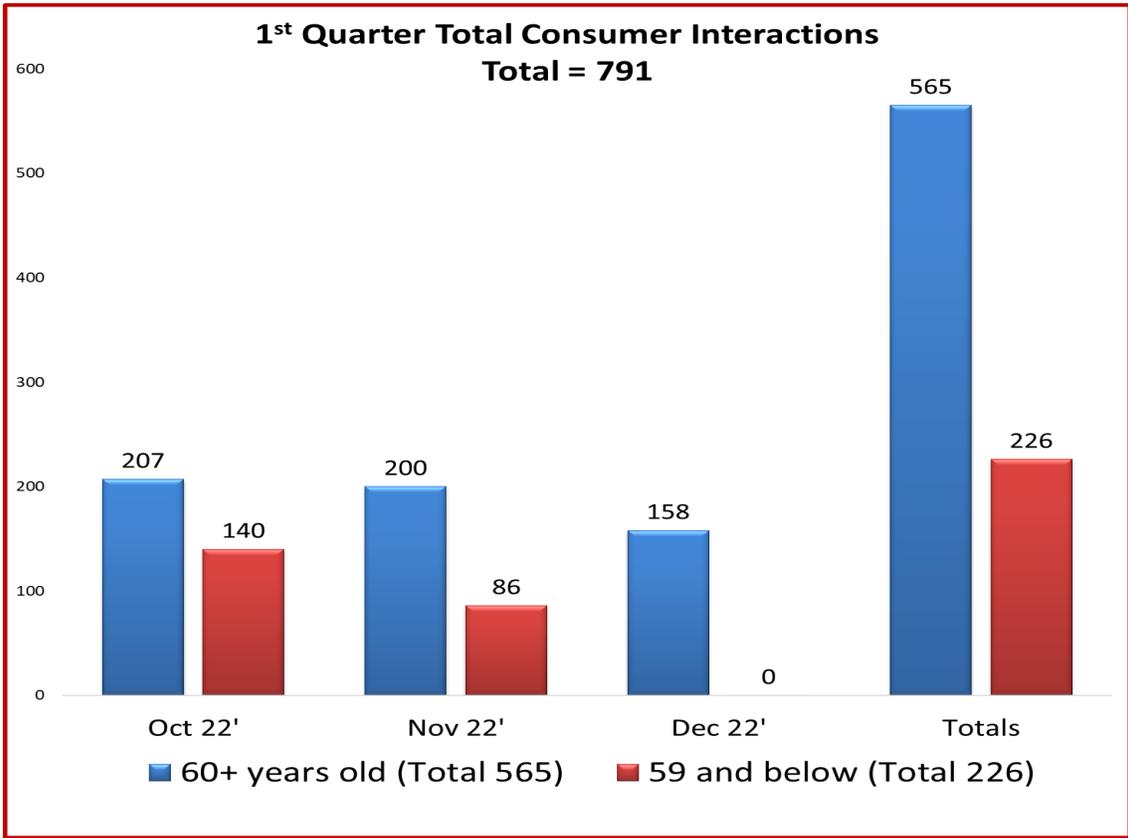
- Special Initiatives Report
1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023



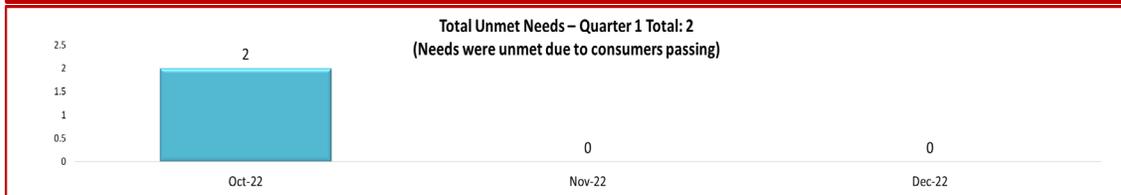
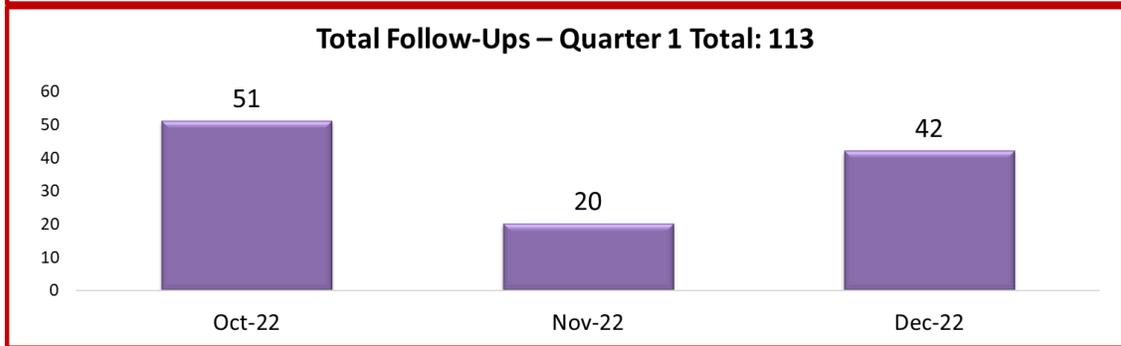
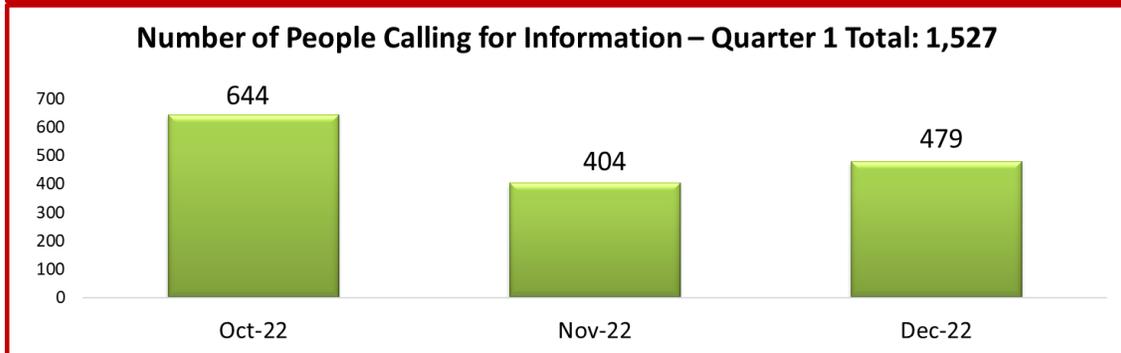
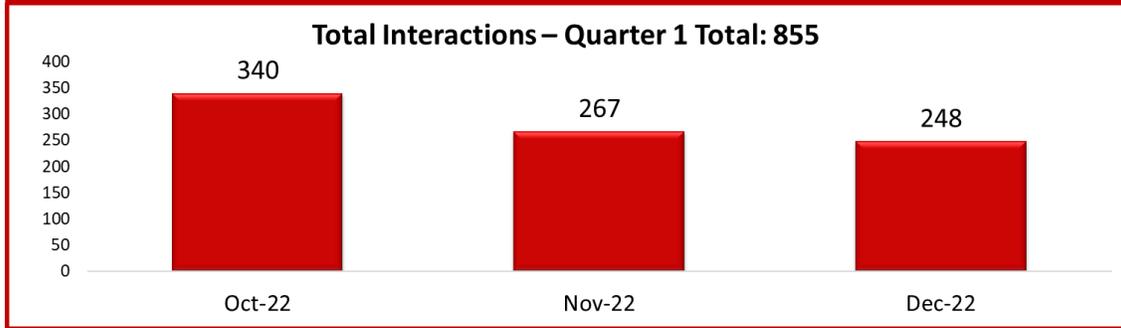
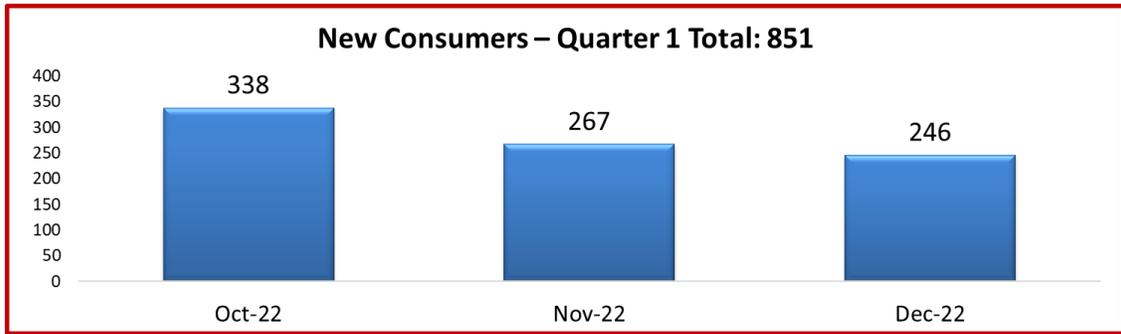
Total Number of Vaccines Distributed: 155

Events Attended	
October	10
November	6
December	2
Total	18

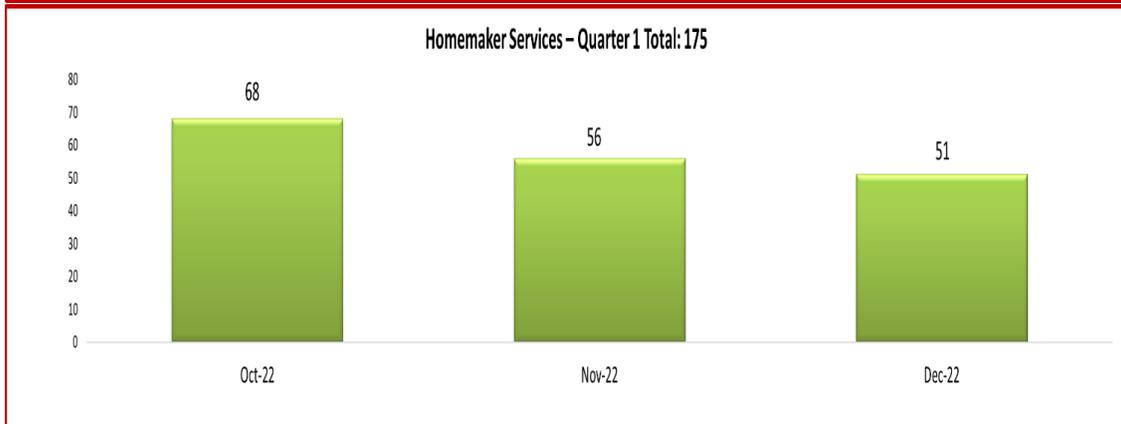
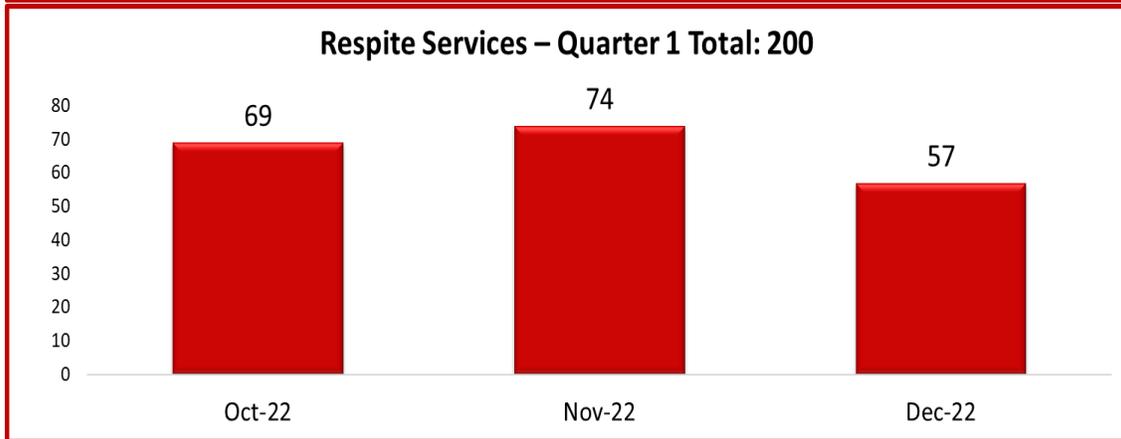
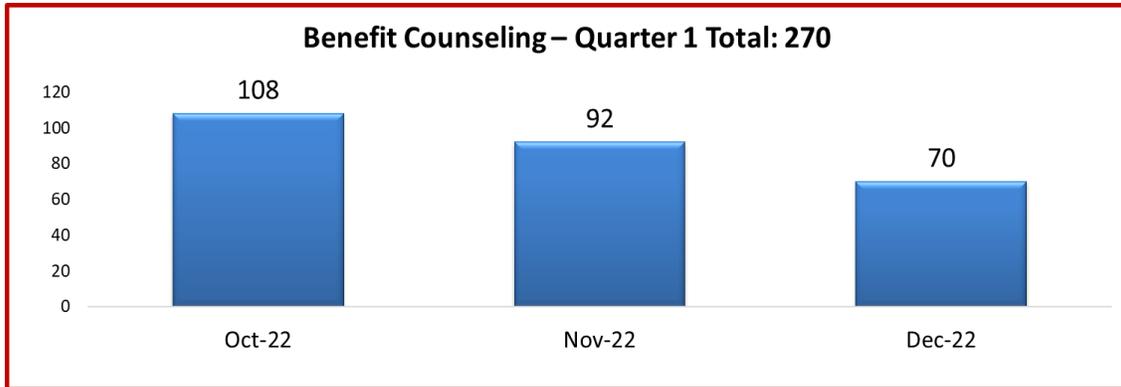
Type of Events Attended	
Health Fairs	1
Conferences	1
Community Events	6
Coalitions/ Informational Meetings	10



- Information Referral & Assistance
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PUBLIC SAFETY

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Program Action Item Rene Perez, Program Supervisor I

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation on Appointment of New Committee Members

The CJAC has one (1) vacancy in the Juvenile Justice discipline, and one (1) vacancy in the Prosecutor/Courts discipline. The CJAC convened this month to consider nominations. The nominees are:

- Ms. Maryanne Denner for the Juvenile Justice discipline and
- Mr. Toribio “Terry” Palacios for the Prosecutor/Courts Discipline.

As per CJAC bylaws member terms are for two (2) years. This recommendation requires Board action.

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2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Purchase of Regional Project Equipment for Interoperable Communications Infrastructure Expansion

The LRGVDC region is home to regional special response teams including state and federal partners that deploy at the city, county, and state level. Therefore, it is critical that communication capabilities are enhanced and sustained.

Tri-County Communications is an approved vendor through BuyBoard and has been selected for this purchase. The purchase will be made through #BuyBoard Contract # 603-20/604-20, under Grant #4527601. The price quoted is \$99,984.00, and this is a budgeted item under the Homeland Security Grants Program.

This quote is to purchase:

- 10 Radios model # TCC-P25P P25 Portable with/AES ENC
- 17 Radios model # TCC-P25P P25 Portable – No AES/ENC
- 7 Radios model # TCC-P25M P25 Mobile Radio- No AES/ENC
- Programming Fees for 34 Radios throughout the Region

This purchase requires Board approval.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS, LTD

1421 East Pike Blvd, Weslaco, TX 78596
956-447-8440

Company	Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	Date:	1/6/2023
Address:	301 W. Railroad Bldg. A	Sales Rep:	Jada Valdez
City/St/Zip	Weslaco, TX 78596	Phone:	956-682-3481 ext. 324
Attn:	Armando Perez Jr.	Email:	aperezjr@lrqfdc.org

Qty	Description	Unit Price	Total
BuyBoard Contract #'s 603-20/604-20			
10	TCC-P25P P25 PORTABLE W/ AES ENC	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 32,500.00
	VIKING KENWOOD VP6430 7/800 MHz P25 PHASE 1 Truck Model 2 Black 1024CH		
	Includes: 3 year warranty		
	KRA-32K Antenna 7/800 Whip		
	KNB-L2M Li-ion 2600Mah		
	KSC-32 Charger Single Bay		
	Belt Clip		
	Multi Key AES Enc		
	KMC-70M Speaker Mic		
	Bluetooth		
17	TCC-P25P P25 PORTABLE- NO AES ENC	\$ 2,699.00	\$ 45,883.00
	VIKING KENWOOD VP6430 7/800 MHz P25 PHASE 1 Truck Model 2 Black 1024CH		
	Includes: 3 year warranty		
	KRA-32K Antenna 7/800 Whip		
	KNB-L2M Li-ion 2600Mah		
	KSC-32 Charger Single Bay		
	Belt Clip		
	KMC-70M Speaker Mic		
	Bluetooth		
		\$	-
		\$	-
7	TCC-P25M P25 MOBILE RADIO- NO AES ENC	\$ 2,342.00	\$ 16,394.00
	VIKING KENWOOD VM5730 7/800 MHz P25 PHASE 1 Trunk 1024CH		
	Includes: 3 year warranty		
	Dash Mount Control Head		
	KMC-65M Standard Mic		
	KCT-23M DC Cable 10ft		
	Bracket		
	Ignition Sense Cable		
	External Speaker		
34	Programming	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,530.00
8	Template Fee- Progreso PD, La Villa PD, Monte Alto Fire, Sullivan City Fire, Linn/San Manuel Fire, Edcouch Fire, La Joya Fire, Progreso Fire	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,200.00
2	Installation of radio in Engine -4.5 @\$100 Per Hour 2 Man job - Monte Alto Fire 1, Sullivan Fire 1	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
4	Installation of radio in Brush or Pick up Truck- 2.5 @\$100 Per Hour 2 Man Job	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00
	Mon Alto Fire 2, Linn/San Manuel Fire 2- Base Radio only customer has all other equipment		
6	TCC-HWK2 Hardware kit loom, tape, straps etc	\$ 5.00	\$ 30.00
6	TCC-MOANT 7/800 ANTENNA	\$ 45.00	\$ 270.00
4	TCC-HWK3 coax cable with connectors (Brush & Pick Up Trucks)	\$ 19.00	\$ 76.00
2	TCC-HWK4 Fiber Glass coax with connectors (Engine)	\$ 32.00	\$ 64.00
6	TCC-CBRKT Custom Bracket VM5730 FacePlate	\$ 42.00	\$ 252.00
3	Trip Charge To	\$ 35.00	\$ 105.00
1	Shipping	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
	Subtotal:		\$ 99,984.00
	Sales Tax:		
	Total		\$ 99,984.00

Quotation good till Jan. 26th
A 25% Re-stocking fee will apply for canceled orders.

**SALES * SERVICE * WARRANTY
HARRIS * TAIT * MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS**

Signature of Accepting Official _____ **Date** _____

This Proposal contains confidential information intended for a specific individual and purpose and is protected by law. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact sender immediately at 956-447-8440 and destroy all copies. You are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, or distribution of this message is strictly prohibited.

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Program Action Item Rene Perez Program Supervisor I

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolutions for FY 2023-24 Homeland Security Grants Funding

As part of the Public Safety Office's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) grants guidelines, applications must include a resolution that contains information such as authorization by its governing body for the submission of an application.

The LRGVDC Homeland Security program will manage the following grant projects:

- a) COG-21 Homeland Security Regional Planning
- b) Coordinator for Regional Fire Academy



LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Resolution: COG-21 Homeland Security Regional Planning

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC Board of Directors finds it in the best interest of the local governments of the LRGVDC region that the COG-21 Homeland Security Regional Planning project to be operated for 09/01/2023 – 8/31/2024.

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the LRGVDC Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC Board of Directors designates the LRGVDC Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized office is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRGVDC Board of Directors approves submission of the grant application for the COG-21 Homeland Security Regional Planning project.

Passed and approved this 25th day of January 2023.

Signed by:

The Honorable Mayor Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez, LRGVDC President



LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Resolution: *Coordinator for Regional Fire Academy*

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC Board of Directors finds it in the best interest of the local governments of the LRGVDC region that the *Coordinator for Regional Fire Academy project* to be operated for 09/01/2023 – 8/31/2024.

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the LRGVDC Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC Board of Directors designates the LRGVDC Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized office is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRGVDC Board of Directors approves submission of the grant application for the *Coordinator for Regional Fire Academy project*.

Passed and approved this 25th day of January 2023.

Signed by:

The Honorable Mayor Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez, LRGVDC President

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Program Action Item Gilbert Luna
Assistant Director

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution for FY 2023-25 Regional Law Enforcement Academy Project

As part of the Office of the Governor, Public safety Office's Criminal Justice Division grant guidelines, applications must include a resolution that contains information such as authorization by its governing body for the submission of a project application Regional Law Enforcements Training Academy.



LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Resolution: *Regional Law Enforcement Academy Project*

WHEREAS, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Lower Rio Grande Valley, namely Willacy, Cameron, and Hidalgo Counties, that the Regional Law Enforcement Training and Education be operated for the 2023 -2025 fiscal years; and,

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, LRGVDC assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC designates the LRGVDC Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council approves submission of the grant application for the Regional Law Enforcement Training and Education to the Office of the Governor.

Passed and Approved this 25th day January 2023
Signed by:

The Honorable Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, LRGVDC Board President

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Criminal Justice Program Status Reports Rene Perez Program Supervisor I

- Staff hosted the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Meeting on December 15, 2022, at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Boardroom.
- Staff hosted Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Meeting on January 5, 2023, at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Boardroom
- Staff hosted a Criminal Justice Grant Division FY 2023-24 Workshop on January 6, 2023, via GoTo Webinar with seventy-one (71) participants. The application period for the Criminal Justice Grant Division closes on February 9 at 5PM.
- Staff hosted Special Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Meeting on January 11, 2023, at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Boardroom

Homeland Security Program

- Staff hosted Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) meeting on January 5, 2023, in the Ken Jones Executive Boardroom.
- Staff hosted a Homeland Security Grant Division FY 2023-24 Workshop on January 6, 2023, via GoTo Webinar with sixty-four (64) participants. The application period for the Homeland Security Grant Division closes on February 9 at 5PM.
- Staff attended the 4th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day event on January 11, 2023, in Willacy County.
- Staff attended the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) via conference call on January 12, 2023.
- Staff attended the FEMA Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP) on January 11, 2023, at the McAllen Convention Center.

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Regional Police Academy Status Reports

- On Tuesday December 20, 2022, the 21 total cadets of 218th Harlingen Day Academy and 217th Edinburg Day Academy graduated. The ceremony was held at the Edinburg Activity Center in Edinburg.
- As of Tuesday January 10, 2023, the 219th Mid-Valley Basic Peace Officer Course is in progress with a total of 19 cadets. They're currently entering Chapter 16 of 42.
- The tentative start date for the 220th Mission Day Academy is Monday February 6, 2023. This academy will be held at Mission Police Department.
- This week (January 23-27) Training Coordinator Gilbert Luna is attending Firearms Instructor Course to provide that instruction within Regional Police Academy.
- Starting Monday January 30, 2023, Project Management Specialist Monic Galvan is attending a Grant Development Certification Course which will be held every Monday until February 20, 2023.
- The Regional Police Academy continues to offer weekly testing for upcoming Academies.
- Regional Police Academy staff is currently working with multiple agencies to updates our interlocal agreements to establish a schedule for in-service training in person.

Pictured below are the 21 cadets from the 218th Harlingen Day Academy and 217th Edinburg Day Academy graduation.



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Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Status Report

- GIS Division

The GIS team continues to maintain the GeoMSAG and has achieved 100% geocode matching on the GeoMSAG. This enables calls in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties to be routed to the relevant Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) using our GIS data as the router. In a collaboration between Juan Esquivel, System Support Specialist from our I.T. team and Jacob Salinas, Program Specialist I from our GIS team we have completed our ArcGIS HUB-site creation. This Data Hub will act as our website and can be found by going to www.rgv911.org.

- Public Education Division

2022 was a successful and busy year for Public Education staff. Staff participated in more than 50 events in support of various agencies and schools. We work to keep public education thriving, and we are motivated when doing what we do best: Educate!

Some of the events that staff attended were Back to School Give-Aways, Health Fairs, National Nights Out. Staff participated in great causes such as: Out of the Darkness Walk (Weslaco), Domestic Violence Silent Walk (Raymondville) and the Battle Against Cancer Walk/Run (Raymondville).

One of the proudest moments for our department is when we participated in the 2022 City of Weslaco Lighted Christmas Parade. The entire RGV9-1-1 department worked diligently to build a float (pictured below) from the ground up. The City of Weslaco even considered our float one of the most themed floats and entered it in the Float Contest. We did not win, but the fact that everyone was so proud in what was accomplished was worth all the hard work.

RGV 9-1-1 Staff at City of Weslaco Christmas Parade

Left to Right: Dennis Moreno, Monica Estrada, Jacob Salinas as Cell Phone Sally, Maribel Alonzo, Eddie Gil, Darrick Fuentes as Kid Friendly Keith, Mr. Manuel Cruz as The Grinch



Ruby Garza as Red E. Fox



- 9-1-1 | Information Technology

Our 9-1-1 | Information Technology Team had a successful year in 2022. Our team accomplished VIPER (Voice over Internet Protocol Emergency Response) Ver. 7 Upgrade. With VIPER 7, this upgrade provides enhanced features and built-in tools to empower our telecommunicators to streamline 911 call handling operations. Our goal is to achieve 99.9% call-taking reliability/resiliency through our Communication District. To achieve this goal, we ensure our quarterly audits encompass calls and text tests, testing of our network failover, testing our PSAP generators, and testing our Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS).

In the projects that we will be working on this year, we are looking to update our 9-1-1 Firewalls at our host sites. These firewalls can provide added layers of security to protect against new sophisticated threats. Second is our UPS upgrade project, these units are important to provide power during environmental utility issues which include spikes, brownouts, and power outages which is essential to run our 911 infrastructure for 24/7 operations. We will be splitting the project into 2 phases, the first will include larger PSAPs and the second phase will include all PSAPS. We are proud to continue our mission to better serve our community.

VIPER (Voice over Internet Protocol Emergency Response) Ver. 7 Upgrade



Installing backroom hardware and performing inventory of all equipment.

Confirming network configurations and firewall settings for connectivity between all 17 PSAP sites.



(VIPER 7 UPGRADE Con't)



Preparing front room equipment, desktop computers, phone sets, audio and other telephony hardware at McAllen PD.

Installing software and testing various features of the Power 911 Graphical User Interface prior to going live.



Rolling out new technology and features...



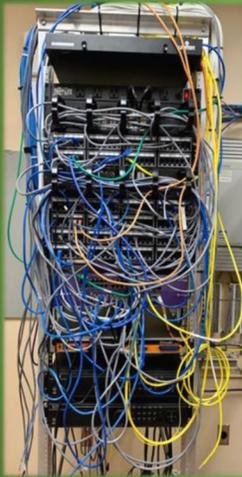
PSAP UPS / Network Security Firewall Upgrades

Cyber-security safeguarding our 911 network for the future!



Backup power when seconds count and lives are on the line...

BEFORE



IMPLEMENTED MAINTENANCE PLAN

- Performed quarterly
- Cable management
- Dust prevention
- Software version checks
- Asset management
- Environmental checks
- Securing backroom (Logs)
- Network Topology (Visio)
- Front room maintenance
- End User software access



AFTER



Quarterly PSAP Audits to provide 100% call taking reliability/resiliency throughout the district.



Testing Uninterruptible Power Supply for faults and proper functionality as well as battery fitness.



Testing the generators Run-time, fluid levels, battery fitness and documenting alarms and vendor maintenance schedule.

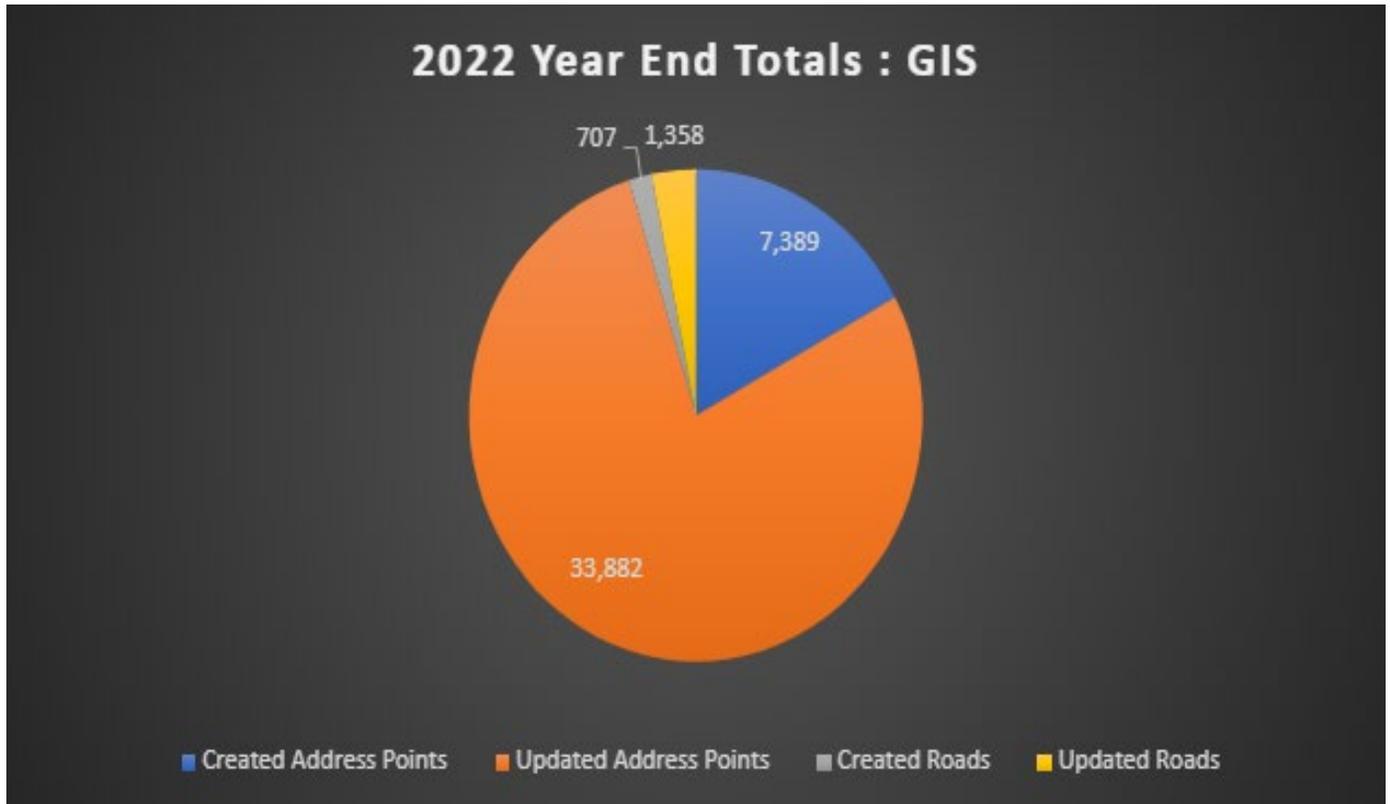


Testing network fail-over, redundancy and call delivery performance.

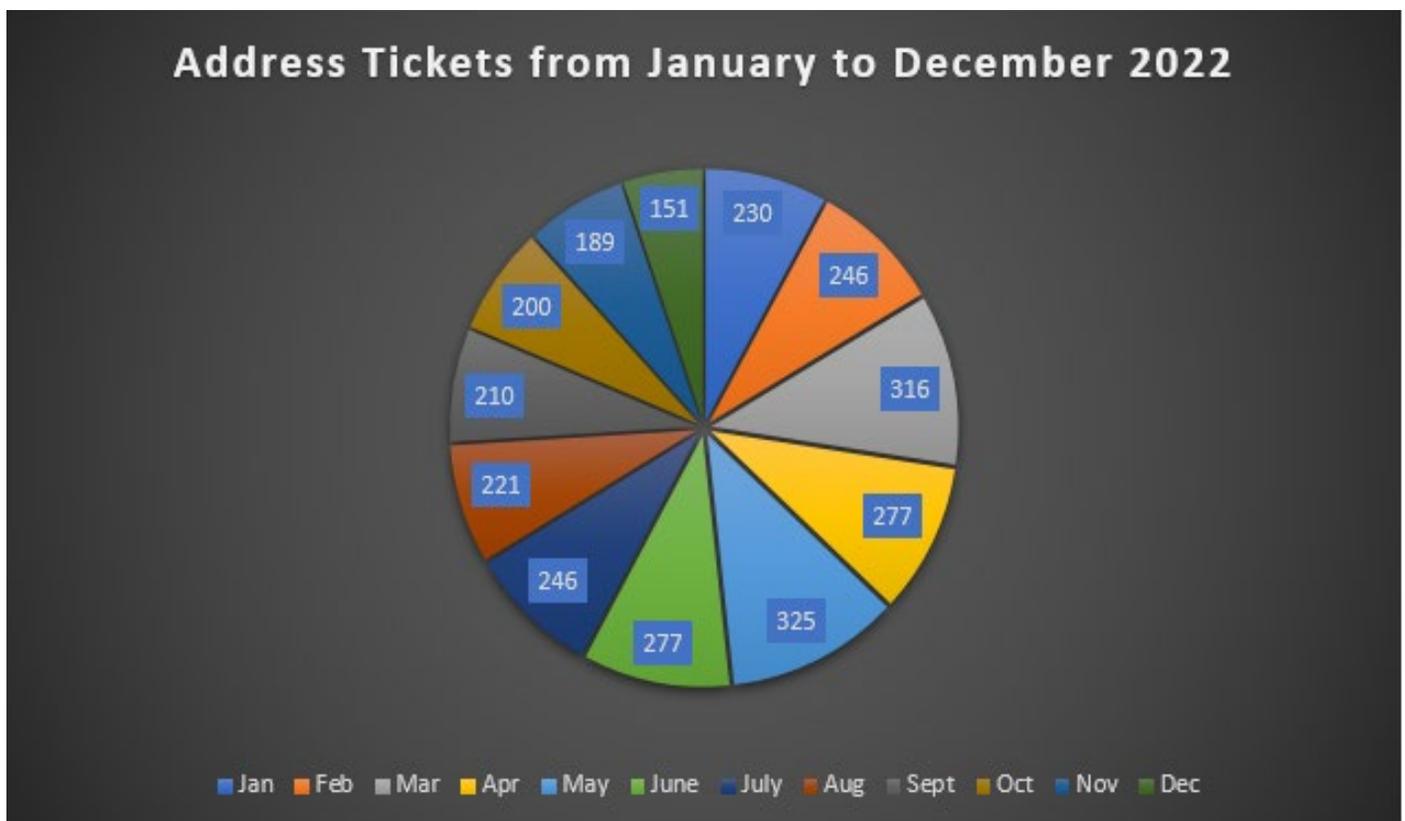


Placing test calls and making sure software/hardware are operating within specs.

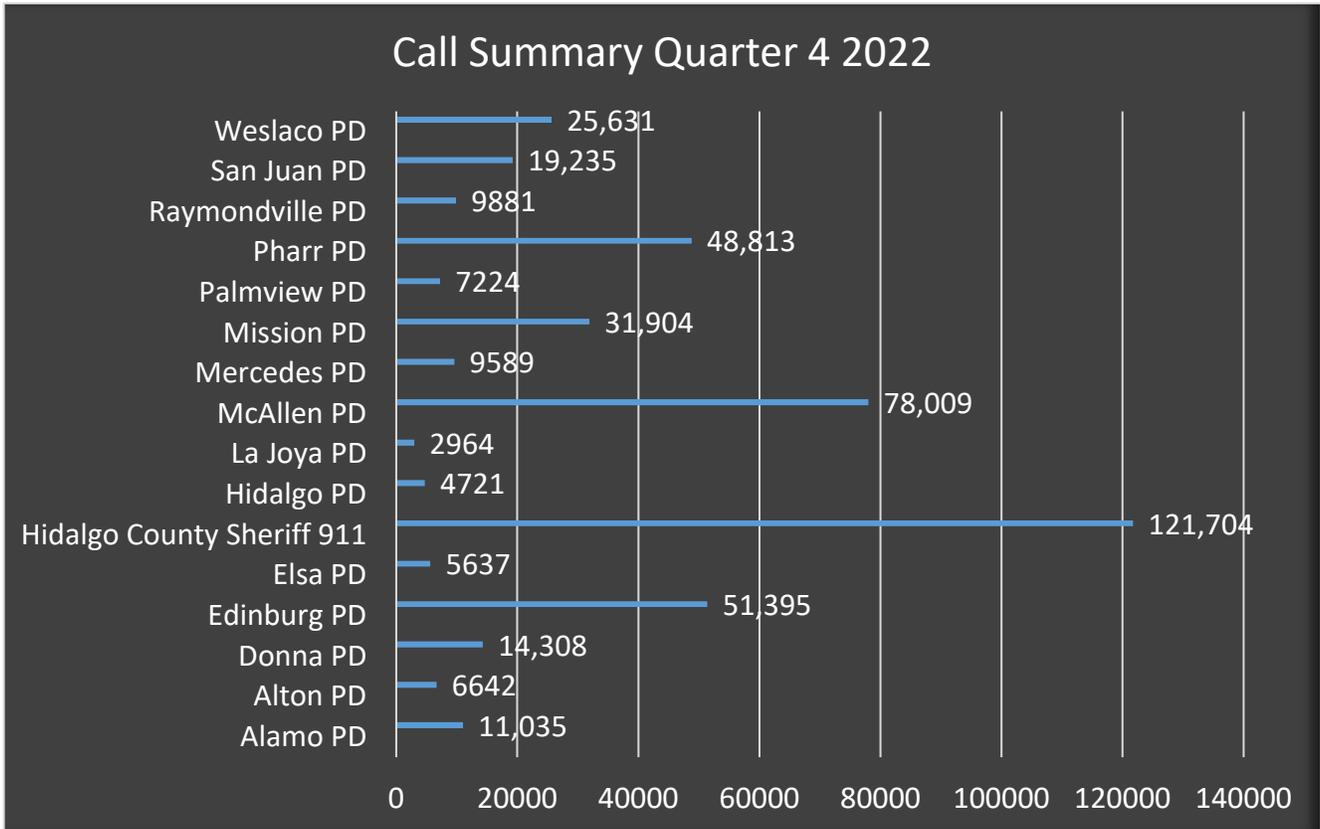
GIS 2022 Year Recap



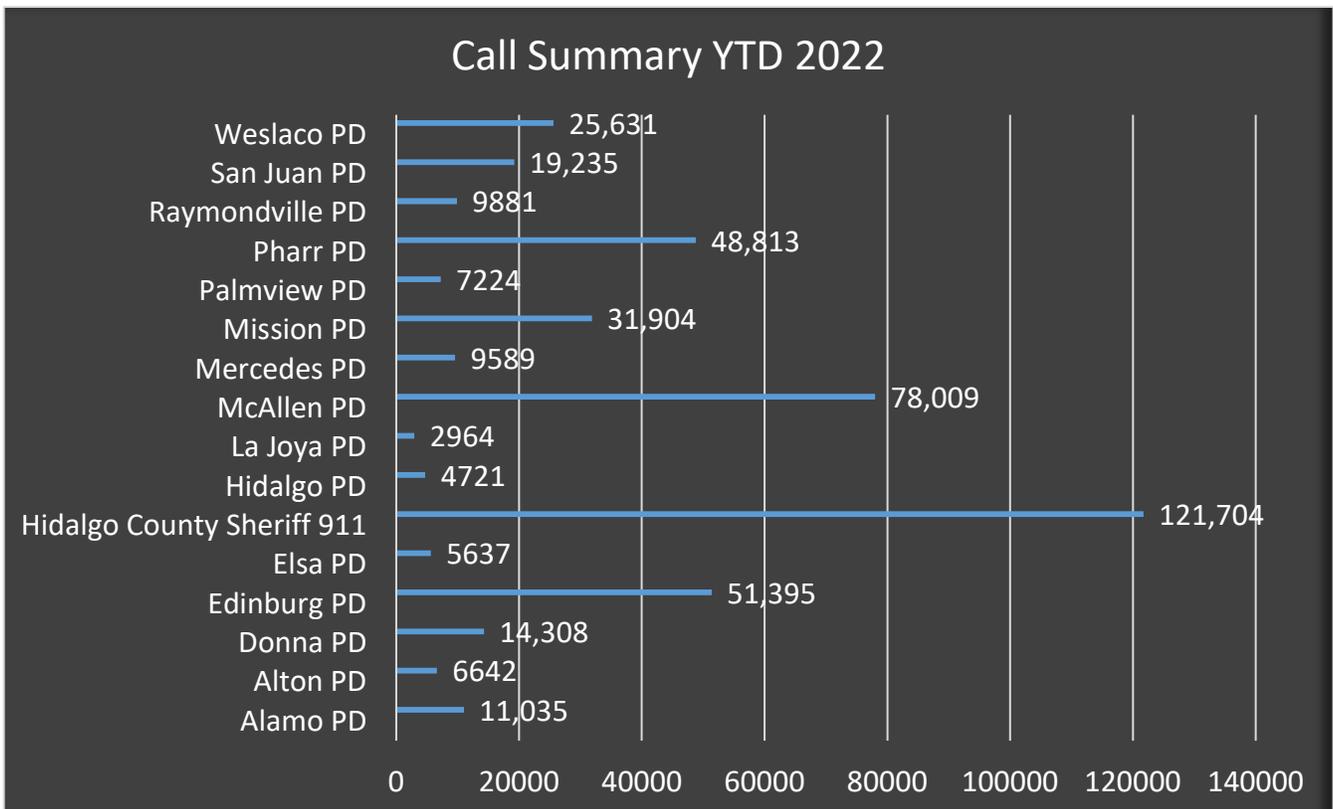
Address 2022 Year Recap



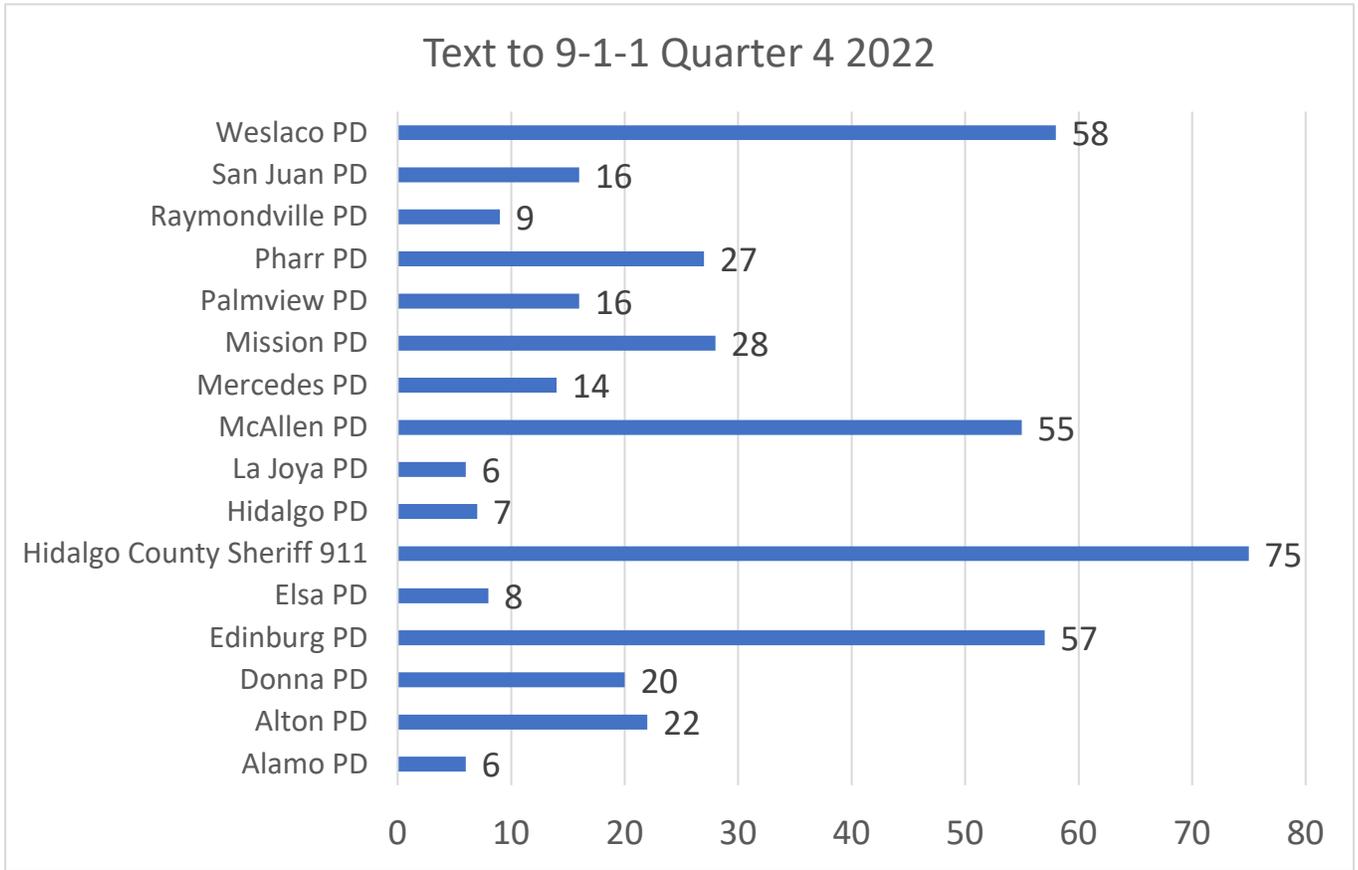
Quarter 4 (October – December)



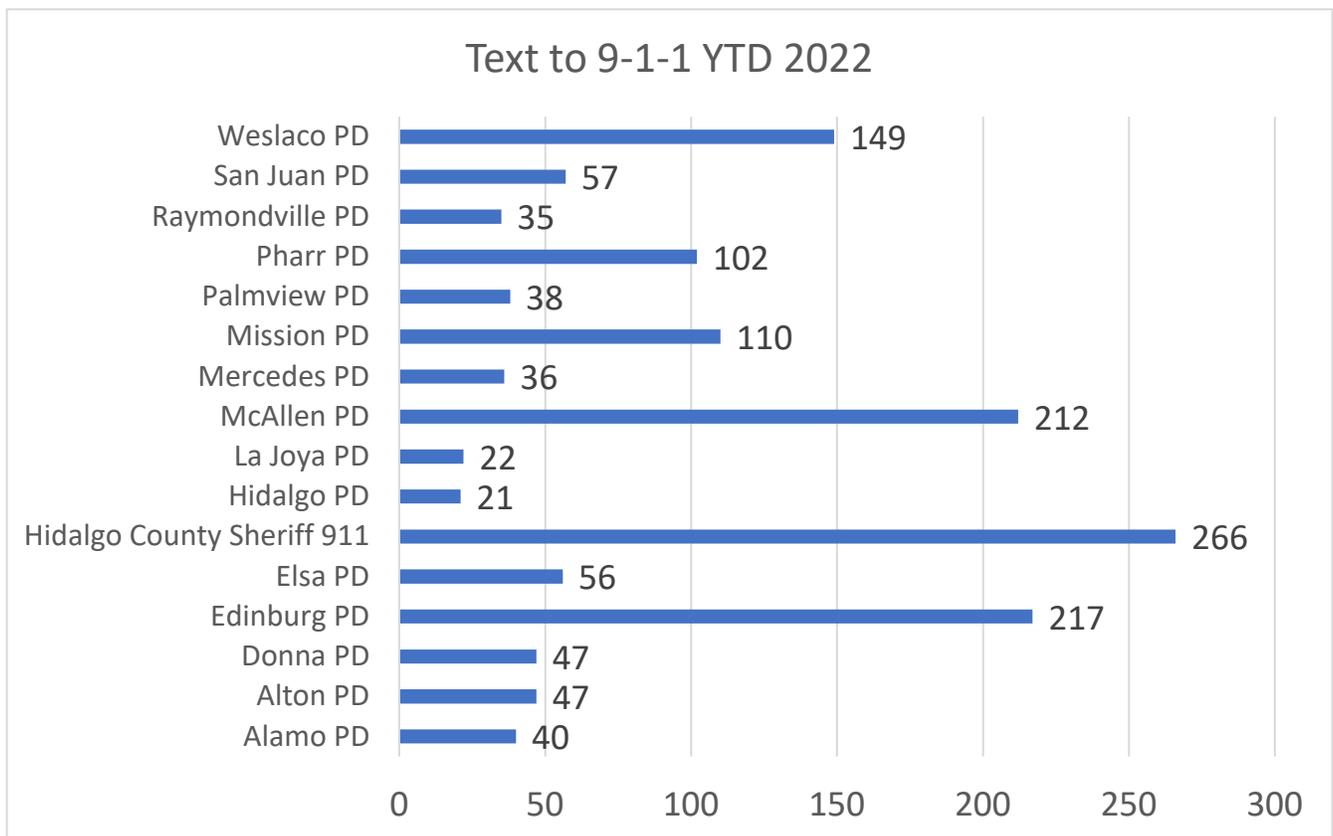
2022 Year Recap



Quarter 4 (October – December)



2022 Year Recap



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TRANSPORTATION

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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Action Item Sarah Dierlam, Assistant Executive Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Procurement of Farebox Collection System

Staff requests Board approval to purchase Fareboxes and associated equipment for Valley Metro's Rural System. The purchase of these fareboxes and associated equipment will be made with 100% TxDOT Funding along with Transportation Development Credits:

Grant number:	5339-R-2022-LRGVDC-00052
Awarded funding:	\$158,857.00
Description:	To be used towards the acquisition of fare box collection system and/or any other related expenses or activities associated with such project.
Procurement:	7 Fareboxes, 2 universal data probes, and freight. Balance remaining will be used for future purchases.



Genfare, LLC
 800 Arthur Ave
 Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
 Ph: (847) 593-8855
 Fax:(847) 758-4999

Sales Quotation

Sold-To-Party
 Lower Rio Grande Valley Development
 301 W. Railroad St. Building A
 Weslaco TX 78596

Ship-To-Party
 LRGVDC - Valley Metro
 510 S. Pleasantview Drive
 Weslaco TX 78596

Information
 Sales Quote No. 5041106
 Document Date 11/21/2022
 Customer No. 3344
 Currency USD
 Contact Name
 Phone
 FAX 956-969-8176
 EMAIL invoices@lrgvdc.org
 Validity Start Date 11/21/2022
 Validity End Date 12/22/2022
 Req Ship Date 02/21/2023

End User
 Lower Rio Grande Valley Development
 301 W. Railroad St. Building A
 Weslaco TX 78596

**Nancy G. Sanchez Program Supervisor II Planning and Mobility, Valley Metro 510 South Pleasantview Drive
 Weslaco, TX 78596 956-969-5761 ext. 328 office nsanchez@lrgvdc.org**

Item	Material	Quantity	Price	Amount
10	D28700-3344A-36 G/A FAREBX, FAST FARE-36" WESLACO LRGVDC	7 EA	16,518.60 USD	115,630.20
20	FREIGHT Freight	1 EA	240.00 USD	240.00
30	C31509-0001 S/A, UNIVERSAL DATA PROBE, COMPLETE	2 EA	2,182.95 USD	4,365.90
Gross Value:				120,236.10
Total Tax:				
Final Amount:				120,236.10

Customer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature:  _____ **Date:** 11/21/2022

Sales Representative: Larry Chefalo **Phone:** 847-871-1130
Email: larry.chefalo@spx.com

Genfare Price Quotation Summary Terms & Conditions: All prices are valid for 90 days from the Document Date unless otherwise noted above. Delivery will be made within 120 After Receipt of Order (ARO) unless otherwise noted above. Prices do not include any state or local taxes or freight charges unless specifically listed. Regardless of any taxes included above, applicable taxes due are determined as of the date of sale. All price quotations are subject to and shall be governed solely and exclusively by the Genfare Standard Terms And Conditions Of Sale, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein.

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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Sarah Dierlam, Assistant Executive Director

- Ridership Report

Valley Metro provides regional transportation service of both **Rural** and **Urban** transit systems in the five-county region of the Rio Grande Valley. The **Urban System** is provided in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr Counties and includes UTRGV Ridership. Services run Monday – Saturday from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. The **Rural System** operates in the rural areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr, and Zapata Counties. Services run Monday – Sunday from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Breakdown of Ridership per system:

RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM				
Agency	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
VALLEY METRO	24,680	24,278	19,748	18,334
UTRGV	44,388	46,384	38,037	15,184
STC	334	292	243	66
TSTC	297	315	126	216
Total	69,699	71,269	58,154	33,800

- Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity

Meetings for RTAP and the Subcommittee are scheduled bi-monthly to update members on the individual transportation agency’s efforts to better inform the public of the available transportation resources.

- Public Outreach Events

Valley Metro Planning Department staff holds community outreach events throughout the Rio Grande Valley’s 5-Region Counties. These events highlight the modes of transportation available to the public within their perspective city. Staff addresses any concerns, recommendations, or comments the public might have.

A Section 5310 public workshop was held with TxDOT on December 15, 2022, to promote the service needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The following is the presentation provided by LRGVDC Valley Metro at the virtual workshop.



Service area



What are improvements you would like to focus on in the next 1-2 years



Services provided



New innovations



How to access service



Measures being used to help customers feel comfortable returning to transit service post-pandemic



Services changes (new or discontinued)

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council – Valley Metro



Valley Metro provides Public Transportation Service within the five-county region of the Rio Grande Valley: Hidalgo – Cameron – Willacy – Starr - Zapata



Transit Service Provided

- **25 Flex Routes**
Providing service in Hidalgo County, Cameron County and Rio Grande City (with advanced notice, most routes deviate up to ½ mile of the main route to pickup passengers)
- **3 RGV Metro Express** Connecting Brownsville, Harlingen, Weslaco, McAllen, Edinburg, and Port Isabel.
- **5 Demand Response** Serving Willacy, Starr, and Zapata Counties
- **5 Microtransit-Fast Ride (Uber Service)** Serving Cameron and Hidalgo County, City of Edinburg.
- **B-Cycle** McAllen, Harlingen, and Brownsville

Our vision is to be recognized as a leader in public transportation, empowering the Rio Grande Valley community with the transportation they need to achieve their educational, employment, recreational, health, and professional goals. Our services will inspire individuals and organizations to reach new levels of success by adopting our transportation services planned and designed to address the specific needs of our region.

LRGVDC Valley Metro “Connecting the Valley One Ride at a Time”



VM Transit Website



Route Maps with locations



ValleyMetroWeslaco

Ride Systems



Track our buses in real time

Valley Metro’s 1-to-2-year vision plans include the following:

- Replace aging fleet
- Expand multimodal transportation options and ensuring seamless connections from hike and bike trails to public transit
- Improve amenities & facilities such as bus stops, terminal transfers, and transit terminals
- Encourage Transit Oriented Development areas

Valley Metro Transit riders can get up-to-date Route information through the following:

- Regional Call Center 1-800-574-8322
- Website: <https://www.lrgvdc.org/valleymetro.html>
- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyMetroWeslaco>
- Track our route systems in real time: Ride Systems app

By holding continuous public outreach events, we provide rural and urban area patrons with information on all available Valley Metro Transit services.



We continue to sanitize and disinfect our transit units amid the Covid-19 Pandemic as Valley Metro is committed to providing our riders with efficient, safe, reliable, and comfortable service.

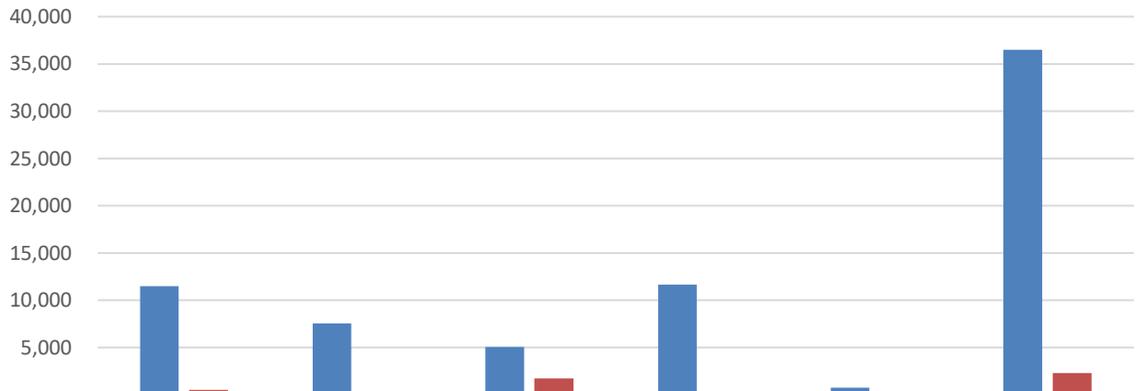


Year to Date 2022-2023

Distribution of Revenue Hours

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	11,498	7,554	5060.99	11,639	759	36,511
Demand Response	512	61.58	1,735			2,308

FY 22-23 YTD Revenue Hours



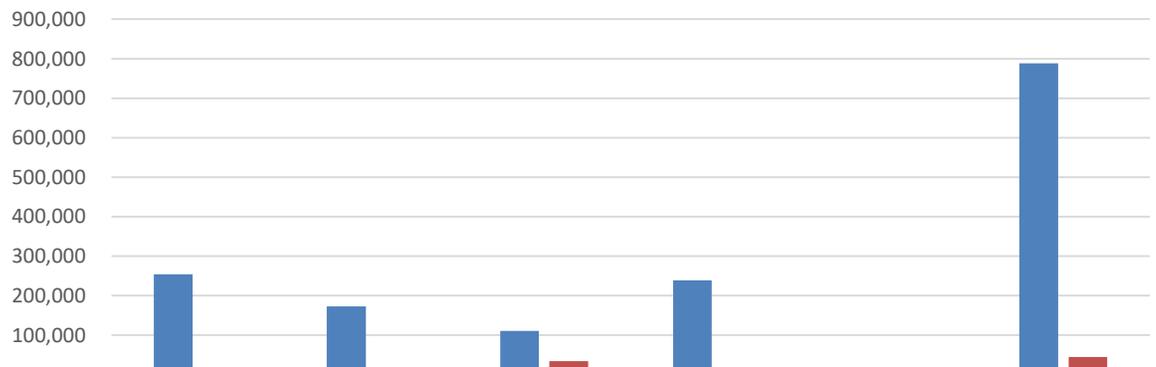
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Demand Response	512	61.58	1,735			2,308

Year to Date 2022-2023

Distribution of Revenue Miles

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	254,085	172,709	110,806	238,707	12,262	788,569
Demand Response	10,187	472	34,099			44,758

FY 22-23 YTD Revenue Miles



	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	254,085	172,709	110,806	238,707	12,262	788,569
Demand Response	10,187	472	34,099			44,758



FY 2022-2023 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	0	0	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	179	64	297
October	0	0	0	4	19	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	255	35	315
November	0	0	0	12	19	12	0	1	0	0	0	11	66	5	126
December	0	0	0	5	9	118	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	18	216
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	22	62	130	0	4	0	0	37	15	562	122	954
FY 2021-2022	4	9	9	0	1	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	18	91	162
Change Over Previous FY	4	9	9	22	61	130	0	-25	-1	0	37	15	544	31	792

	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Direct Routes	243	290	350	71	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,034
Indirect Routes	54	25	280	55	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	550
Monthly Total	297	315	630	126	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,584

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