

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, January 29, 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 Meeting Minutes.....President

1. Annual Elections Meeting of May 29th, 2024
 2. Board of Directors Meeting of December 11, 2024

Item #3: Public Comment

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

A. Consideration and GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ACTION on FY 2025 Annual Report
 Budget.....Manuel Cruz
 Executive Director

B. Consideration and ACTION to Adopt Annual Investment Report and Accept Quarterly
 Investment.....Crystal Balboa
 Finance Director

- C. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve the 2025 Board of Directors Meeting
Schedule.....Manuel Cruz
Executive Director
- D. Discussion and Presentation of the LRGVDC 2025-2030 Strategic Plan with request for feedback from
Board of Directors..... Javier Dominguez
Executive Analyst
- E. 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
1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) Elections of Officers for 2025. As per the RSCC Bylaws, the Advisory Committee shall consist of chair, Vice Chair, & Secretary.
 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve – Road to Recycling Tire Disposal Services Request for Proposal (RFO) Awards.

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 following Membership Applications for the Citizens Advisory Council. The Council requests your approval for the appointments.

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 Safety.....	Manuel Cruz Executive Director
Criminal Justice & Homeland Security.....	Cesar Merla Assistant Director

Status Reports

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| Police Academy Program | Javier Solis
Assistant Director |
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1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a Resolution for Fiscal Years 2025-2027 for the LRGV Regional Law enforcement Academy Project.
 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the County of Hidalgo, Texas for the purpose of reporting training hours to TCOLE for Texas Peace Officers attending the South Texas All Hazards Conference, and with the authority for LRGVDC Executive Director, Manuel Cruz, to sign and finalize the agreement.
 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the City of Rio Grande City, Texas for the purposes of utilizing the Rio Grande City Municipal Airport as a training site for the LRGV Academy Basic Peace Officer Course and with the authority for LRGVDC Executive Director, Manuel Cruz, to sign and finalize the agreement.

Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District	Dennis Moreno Assistant Director
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Status Reports

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

D. Transportation Valley Metro	Tom Logan Director
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1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Acquisition of Vehicles Under State approved Grant for LRGVDC Valley Metro.
2. Discussion and **ACTION** on approval of Resolution # 2025-01 Authorizing Adoption of the Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan. “The Active Plan”

Valley Metro Status Reports

- Ridership Report

Rio Grande Valley MPO Status Report	Michael Medina Executive Director
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Item #7 New or Unfinished Business

Item #8 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, February 26, 2025,

12:00 PM 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.

PUBLIC INPUT POLICY:

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ITEM #2.

MEETING

MINUTES

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

12:00PM WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2024

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 12:05 p.m. Roll Call was taken, and as of 12:07 pm quorum was attained.

Present: Mayor Norma Sepulveda

Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza, City of Mission
Judge Aurelio Guerra, Willacy County
Commissioner David Garza, Cameron County
Commissioner Ellie Torres, Hidalgo County
Mayor George Guadiana, City San Perlita
Commissioner Edward Gonzales, City of Raymondville
Mayor Rick Guerra, City of San Benito
Veronica Gonzalez, UTRGV Edinburg
Luke Lucio, TSTC
Mr. Troy Allen, Delta Lake
Mr. Jim Darling, Member at Large
Mr. Tony Chavez, Member at Large
Ms. Lupita Sanchez Martinez, Grassroots

Absent :

Mayor John Cowen, City of Brownsville
Mayor Ramiro Garza, City of Edinburg
Mayor Adrian Gonzalez City of Weslaco
Mayor JR Garza, City of Alamo
Mayor David Moreno, City of Donna
Mayor Alma Salinas, Sullivan City
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
Paul Hernandez, South Texas College
Ronald Mills, Willacy County Nav Dist.
Ms. Ann Williams Cass, Member at Large

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

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to approve Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2024. **Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2024. Commissioner Edward Gonzales seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.**

Item #3: Public Comment- No Public Comment

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

Item #4: Administration

4A. Consideration and ACTION to approve social media Policy and Generative Artificial Intelligence. As the governing body of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), the Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the general policies and programs of the organization. The LRGVDC's Personnel Policy Manual outlines a comprehensive set of policies that establish rules, guidelines, and standards for staff and representatives. In collaboration with the state, we have developed a specific policy related to social media and information technology. This item is being presented today for your consideration and approval. Jim Darling then asked if state wrote it or asked if we wrote the policy internally? Mr. Cruz then answered with, we collaborated with the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC), whose legal team initially drafted the policy. This draft was then reviewed and refined by our legal representative at Denton and Navarro. The policy has been thoroughly vetted through this process. **Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve social media Policy and Generative Artificial Intelligence. Mr. Troy Allen seconded the motion, upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.**

4B. Consideration and ACTION to approve Covered Application and Prohibited Technology Policy. Senate Bill 1893, passed during the 88th Legislative Session in 2022, is a law that prohibits the use of certain social media applications and services on state and local government devices. As you may be aware, platforms such as TikTok are included in these restrictions. While the bill was passed in 2022, its implementation was delayed until the Department of Information Resources (DIR) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) could develop a model policy to address the prohibited applications. The law officially took effect on November 20th. **Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve Covered Application and Prohibited Technology Policy. Commissioner Edward Gonzales seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

4C. Consideration and ACTION to approve Interlocal cooperation contract between the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley & the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, relating to the use of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Regional Security Operations Center (RSOC) Services. In 2020, the Department of Information Resources (DIR) recommended the establishment of Regional Security Operations Centers (RSOCs) at universities across Texas. To date, two RSOCs have been created: one in San Angelo and a more recent one in Edinburg. On October 9th, we had the opportunity to meet with the staff of the UTRGV RSOC. The purpose of these centers is to assist local governments in addressing ongoing cybersecurity challenges. There is no cost associated with the RSOC's technical assistance, aside from any potential expenses for software or equipment needed for implementation at the Council of Governments (COG), which would be the only costs we would absorb. Jim Darling asked if they would have the right to request certain services if it would come out from Admin or Individual departments? Mr. Cruz responded, it would be through our office the main office, Admin and obviously for all programs within the LRGVDC. **Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve the Interlocal cooperation contract between the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley & the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, relating to the use of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Regional Security Operations Center (RSOC) Services. Commissioner Edward Gonzales seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.**

4D. Consideration of the date and time for the Annual Report, Budget Committee, and State of the COG. Javier Dominguez, Executive Analyst at LRGVDC, began by discussing the upcoming State of the Council of Governments (COG) event. He explained that, as Mr. Cruz mentioned, this is typical when the Annual Report meeting is held, usually during the second week of January. The Board typically approves the date and time in December. This year, however, the team is aiming to elevate the event and make it more impactful.

The Annual Report provides an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of LRGVDC's programs and discuss aspirations for the upcoming year, including goals for 2024, which will be featured in the 2025 Annual Report. Additionally, the budget will be presented as well, and, as Mr. Cruz noted, it will be recommended for approval to the General Membership and Board of Directors by the end of January.

This year, LRGVDC has been encouraged to increase visibility in the region. As part of this initiative, the event will recognize six regional planners for their dedication and hard work. These planners, who may work in various communities or agencies across the region, will be honored in front of the Board. Nominations for the award will be sent out, and feedback is welcome. This is the first time the event will include these recognitions, and the initiative is being funded through sponsorships.

The six planners will be selected from Hidalgo County (three), Cameron County (two), and Willacy County (one), with the aim of maintaining equitable representation across the region. In addition to presenting the Annual Report and the budget, LRGVDC will recognize these planners at the event.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, January 9th, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, and will be held at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Board Room. A different room configuration with round tables and tablecloths will be used to enhance the atmosphere. Lunch will be provided. The event has a seating capacity of 60, and the goal is to make this an annual event, potentially expanding its scope in the future.

There are four platinum sponsors for the event, and each sponsor is entitled to bring one guest. Board members and LRGVDC directors will also attend. The event is designed to foster a sense of community and recognition, with the hope of growing and improving in the years to come. Someone asked what kind of nominations would be needed. Javier then responds, typically, when we think of a "planner," we consider someone employed by a city or county. However, we recognize that this role can extend beyond traditional planners. For example, it could include individuals who manage programs at UTRGV or within a city, or even a city secretary who handles multiple responsibilities and works on community initiatives. Essentially, the term "planner" is being used in a broader sense to encompass anyone working for a city or county who contributes to the development and success of local initiatives.

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

Executive Report: Mr. Cruz emphasized that he wanted to inform everyone that the 88th Legislative Session will begin on January 14th. As of now, over 1,500 bills have been filed. We are eager to monitor the progress and outcomes of these bills, as the session is expected to run through June. I will provide information on the bills as I receive it from TARC, including a list of bills, so you can stay informed about what is being discussed and approved throughout the session.

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

A. Community & Economic Development: Melisa Gonzalez started with her first actions items on the agenda for her department.

5.1. Consideration and ACTION to approve RGV Economic Development Advisory committee (RGV EDAC) Membership. One item would be the creation of a special EDO category for the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC), as well as the Institute of Higher Learning for Cameron County, Texas State Technical College. ***Jim Darling approved the RGV Economic Development Advisory Committee (RGV EDAC) Ron Garza seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

5.2. Consideration and ACTION to approve Reappointment for odd Number Year Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Members. Melisa states that they were all approved on December 3rd at the SWAC meeting. ***Commissioner Ellie Torres made a motion to approve Reappointment for odd Number Year Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Members. Commissioner Edward Gonzalez seconded the motion upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

Status Reports: Mrs. Gonzales then wanted to let members know that the only other item I have pending is the development of our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS). We are currently working on the draft which we expect to have ready for review by the EDAC in January. Our goal is to present it to the board in February, with the aim of submitting it to the EDA by March.

No further Questions or comments, Mayor Sepulveda then moved to Health & Human Services

B. Health & Human Services: Margarita Lopez had no Action Items on the Agenda. Ms. Lopez began with a brief report.

Status Reports: International **Recognition**: We received international recognition for our Care Transition Intervention Program. Our team successfully made 3,237 contacts within the six hospitals across the Valley, assisting individuals to ensure they have the necessary resources to avoid readmission within 30 days.

Veteran **and Caregiver Support**: We hosted impactful clinics for veterans, caregivers of individuals with disabilities, and caregivers for older adults.

Service **Expansion**: We expanded our services in Willacy County and enhanced our transportation services, addressing a significant challenge over the past few years.

Life **and Disability Conference**: We hosted our Life and Disability Conference and reached 56 outreach events.

Veterans **Festival**: Our third annual Veterans Festival was held on November 20th in Edinburg. A special thank you to Mayor Ramiro Garza for attending despite his packed schedule, and to Municipal Court Judge Eliazar Rodriguez, owner of La Palma Adult Daycare in Edinburg, for sponsoring the venue for this event.

Service **Milestones**: We support over 4,000 clients with health maintenance, homemaker services, and residential repairs.

Transportation **Services**: In partnership with sub-recipients, we provided 32,651 non-medical trips, exceeding our transportation goal by over 20,000 trips. We also provided 303 ADA-compliant home upgrades.

Closing Remarks: We appreciate your ongoing support, whether through approval or constructive feedback. Your suggestions encourage us to go the extra mile in addressing the needs of rural areas and ensure no community is overlooked.

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

C. Public Safety: Criminal Justice & Homeland Security. Mr. Cesar Merla started off with Action Items on the Agenda. All Action Items would be approved after all action items were read out to board.

C.1. Consideration and Action to approve Resolution for FY 2025-26 Nonprofit Security Grant Funding. ***Jim Darling made a motion to approve the Resolution for FY 2025-26 Non-Profit Security Grant Funding. Troy Allen seconded the motion; upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.***

C.2. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution for FY 2025-26 Homeland Security Grant Funding. ***Jim Darling made a motion to approve Resolution for FY 2025-26 Homeland Security Grant Funding. Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion; upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.***

C.3. Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution for FY 2025-26 Coordinator for the Regional Fire Academy. ***Commissioner Edward Gonzales made a motion to approve Resolution for FY 2025-26 Coordinator for the Regional Fire Academy. Troy Allen seconded the motion; upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.***

C.4. Consideration and Action to Approve Appointment of Replacement Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) member Michael Silva. ***Jim Darling made a motion to approve Appointment of Replacement Homeland Security Advisory committee (HSAC) member Michael Silva. Commissioner Edward Gonzales seconded the motion; upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.***

Status Reports: Mr. Cesar Merla mentioned that his department report was attached but wanted to mention upcoming trainings that are available to the Region. They are as follows:

Senior Officials Workshop: A Senior Officials Workshop will be held on **February 20th, 2025**, from **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. The workshop will focus on an all-hazards approach and is designed for training purposes. If you or a new emergency manager are interested in attending, registration will open in January. The course is free of charge and will include breakout sessions. A summary of the course details is available.

Narcan Training: On **January 10th**, we will host a **Narcan Training** at the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. The training will take place on a Friday, with several sessions available throughout the day. Narcan is a life-saving medication that provides responders with an additional 10 to 15 minutes to reach individuals in need, making this training crucial.

Ready RGV Conference Update: Our annual **Ready RGV Conference** has been rebranded to the **Listo RGV Conference**, now incorporating a local 956 flavor. The **second annual Listo RGV Conference** will take place **September 24th through 26th**. More time is available for planning, and a save-the-date flyer will be distributed. The conference will offer TECO and mental health credits and is open to all attendees.

Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Grants: The **FY 2025-2026 Homeland Security and Criminal Justice grants** will open on **December 16th** and close on **February 13th, 2025, at 5:00 PM**. A webinar will be held on **December 20th, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM** to provide more information about the grants. Further details will be shared as the week progresses.

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

C.B. LRGV Police Academy: Mr. Javier Solis started off with his first Action Item on the Agenda.

C.B1. Consideration and Action to Approve an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Extension Services and LRGV Academy Site between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy and the Rio Grande City Police Department and with Authority for the LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz to sign and finalize the agreement. ***Commissioner Edward Gonzales made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Extension Service and LRGV Academy site between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy and Rio Grande City Police Department and with Authority for the LRGVDC Executive Director Manuel Cruz to sign and finalize agreement. Troy Allen seconded the motion; and upon a vote the motion was carried unanimously.***

Status Reports: Mr. Solis explains a little on his action item. **Collaboration with Rio Grande Police Department:** We are entering into an interlocal agreement with the Rio Grande Police Department to extend our services and offer basic peace officer academies to the community in Starr County. Although Starr County is not part of our Council of Governments, the current situation requires individuals to travel to Laredo or the LL County Sheriff's Office for training. This partnership puts us in a unique position to assist our neighbors and provide valuable law enforcement career opportunities to the many young individuals in the community interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. By entering into this agreement, we can make this training accessible to them. Mr. Solis then had some highlights he wanted to share with the board as well.

Heroes in Action Veterans Marksmanship Competition: Last month, we partnered with Health and Human Services from the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council to host our inaugural *Heroes in Action* veteran marksmanship competition. This event included firearm training and a friendly marksmanship competition in honor of Veterans Day. We were honored to have Mr. Cruz, a veteran, participate in the event, which was a great success.

226th LRGV Mission Academy Graduation: We also celebrated the graduation of the 226th LRGV Mission Academy class. Mayor Garza, thank you for the inspiring video message you sent, even though you could not attend in person. It was a meaningful gesture to the cadets. A total of 21 cadets graduated from the Mission Police Academy. Notably, this marks the first time in our partnership with Mission that we achieved a 100% pass rate in back-to-back academies, with all cadets passing the state licensing exam. **Academy Program Achievements:** Since taking over the program in January, we have improved the academy's GPA from 77% to 95%. Our contract with the State of Texas requires at least an 80% GPA, and we are proud to have exceeded that expectation. This year, we graduated from 80 out of 84 cadets, providing 80 new officers to the region. We are preparing for the next graduation in Edinburg, where we will graduate another 21 officers.

Training Numbers for the Month: New Officers Added: 21. Total In-Service Courses Taught: 2. Total Officers Trained: 37. Total Contact Hours: 412 classroom hours. Officers Trained in Active Shooter Response: 22. Year-to-Date Training Overview: New Officers for the Region: 80. In-Service Courses Taught: 119. Total Officers Trained: 2,017. Total Contact Hours: 85,727 Officers Trained in Active Shooter Response: 459

We are proud to have exceeded our expectations for the year and look forward to continuing our efforts in January. Our mission is to provide highly trained, highly qualified officers to the region, and we remain committed to that goal. **Active Shooter Training for Texas Peace Officers:** As a reminder, all Texas Certified Peace Officers, whether active, retired, or reserve, must complete 16 hours of active shooter training through ALERT every two years. If assistance is needed, please feel free to reach out.

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

Status Reports: Mr. Dennis Moreno started off with no action items on Agenda but wanted to give an update on Departments reports.

GS Team: This year, our GS team has achieved significant milestones, creating over 2,750 tickets, with an average of approximately 300 tickets per month. In addition to their primary responsibilities, they have also taken on the important task of updating address points, with over 4,339 address points processed. In total, nearly 30,000 production tasks were completed this year. Their efforts have been crucial in keeping our 9-1-1 map up to date, ensuring accurate and reliable service for our residents. We recommend them for a job well done.

IT Team: Our IT team has successfully completed the 9-1-1 audits for this year, supporting approximately 434,000 9-1-1 calls across Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. This positions us to handle nearly half a million calls in 2025. The IT team has also maintained an impressive 99.9% call delivery rate, ensuring reliable and efficient service. Beyond call handling, they have played a key role in safeguarding our 9-1-1 system, implementing security measures to protect against potential threats from both domestic and foreign entities. Their dedication to community safety is truly commendable.

Community Engagement Team: Our Community Engagement team has had an outstanding year, participating in 22 National Night Out events and a total of 90 community events throughout the year. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the cities that provided invitations for these events. We are excited to carry this momentum into the next year and continue our strong community presence.

Closing Remarks: I want to thank all teams for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. Your efforts have significantly contributed to the success of our operations, and we look forward to continuing this positive momentum into the future.

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

D. Transportation Valley Metro: Mr. Tom Logan started off with his action items on the agenda.

D.1. Consideration and Action to Approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Departments Americans with Disabilities Act “ADA” Policy and Procedures. The Valley Metro's ADA policy and procedures are designed to ensure equal access and non-discriminatory services for individuals with disabilities across various sectors. As a requirement from our federal and state funding agencies, we are obligated to review and update this policy annually to ensure it remains compliant and effective. ***Jim Darling made a motion to approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Departments Americans with Disabilities Act “ADA” Policy and Procedures. Ernie Garcia seconded the motion upon a vote, motion was carried unanimously.***

D.2. Consideration and Action to Approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Departments Operations Policy and Procedure. We are currently in the process of updating our policy documents, including redlining to reflect changes in employee names, titles, and the organizational chart. Additionally, we are incorporating new appendices into the policy, which will cover topics such as non-revenue vehicle usage, Valley Metro building and bus camera access, child-free workplace policy, and blood-borne pathogens standard operating procedures. These updates will ensure our policies remain comprehensive and aligned with current practices. ***Jim Darling made a motion to approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Departments Operations Policy and Procedure. Commissioner Ellie Torres seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

D.3. Consideration and Action to Approve revised LRGVDC Regional Transit Service Department Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). The Federal Transit Administration has introduced new requirements that we have incorporated into our plan to ensure compliance. During our upcoming tri-annual review, one of the key areas of focus will be the safety plan, as it is a new component of our program requirements. This ensures that we meet all necessary standards and regulations. ***Jim Darling made a motion to approve revised LRGVDC Regional transit Service Department Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. (PTASP). Troy Allen seconded the motion; upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.***

Status Reports: **Program Report and Ridership:** Year-to-date ridership has surpassed 200,000, reflecting a 9% increase, indicating greater utilization of our services. We are also seeing a rise in the use of our automated pay system, with more passengers purchasing passes and using credit cards. We are pleased that riders are taking advantage of the new features in our farebox system.

Right to Vote Initiative: On August 28th, the Board approved the initiation of the Right to Vote program. Following this approval, staff quickly created a variety of public relations materials and social media content to promote the program. The initiative also received significant media coverage, including a full report on Channel 5, where they interviewed Manny. We also released two videos showcasing our buses with destination signs indicating "Free Rides for Voting." The program saw a total of 274 individuals utilizing free rides across all routes. Additionally, our social media efforts garnered over 1,000 views on the videos and messages shared. Although the program ran for just 12 days, its impact was significant across the five-county area.

Acknowledgments: We would like to extend our gratitude to the City of Brownsville and Mayor Cowen for being a platinum sponsor of the event. We also thank Voces Unidas and Ms. Lupita Sanchez, who served as a silver sponsor, as well as Frontier Science from Brownsville, who sponsored the posters and decals placed on the buses. A special thank you to Mr. Franco for his invaluable assistance in helping to fruition.

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

Rio Grande Valley MPO: **MPO Long-Range Plan Development and Public Engagement:** I would like to remind everyone that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is currently in the process of developing its long-range plan. In the fall of this year, we held five public engagement opportunities to involve the community. As we continue developing the plan, we are seeking opportunities to present to various bodies, including this board, to gather input and share progress.

One of our goals is to engage the public in non-traditional ways, such as participating in community events like farmers' markets, where we can directly interact with residents. This is important because many people may not fully understand what an MPO is or how the planning process works. After the policy board adopts the plan, there is often confusion about why certain projects are not included. Our aim is to improve transparency and communication throughout the process.

As we move forward, we will return to make a presentation outlining our public engagement schedule. We will also collaborate with Mr. Cruz and his staff on any other potential engagements. I am open to any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding public involvement opportunities.

With no further questions or comments Mayor Sepulveda moved on to Item #7

#7 New & Unfinished Business: **Closing Remarks and Appreciation:** Mr. Cruz ended the meeting with a few words. Before we conclude, I would like to sincerely thank the board for your leadership throughout the year. As echoed by the staff, we truly cannot do what we do without your support. I understand that each of you has a busy schedule in your respective cities, and it takes considerable effort to attend our monthly board meetings. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

For those who have not been able to attend, we will continue reaching out and exploring ways to encourage full attendance, perhaps even changing the lunch menu to make it more appealing. As we all know, the decisions we make here impact on the entire region. We are, at the end of the day, an extension of your cities and counties, and everything we do is for the benefit of the region and the citizens who rely on our services.

Again, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your continued participation, leadership, and support throughout the year.

There being no further business to come before the board, Mayor Sepulveda made a motion to adjourn at 12:46 PM

President Mayor Norma Sepulveda

ATTEST:

Liza Alfaro, Recording Secretary

ITEM # 3

PUBLIC

COMMENT

ITEM#4.

ADMINISTRATION

ITEM#4. A

ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL

MEMBERSHIP

ACTION ANNUAL

REPORT &

BUDGET

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

- A. Consideration and **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ACTION** to approve FY 2025 Annual Report & BudgetManuel Cruz
Executive Director

(2025 Performance Goals, 2024 Performance Outcomes, & 2025 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 2025 performance goals and 2025 budget for the current year as well as productivity outcomes for FY2024.

Thank you for your consideration of this item; your final recommendation will be presented for approval at our Board, General Membership, & Corporation meeting scheduled for January 29, 2025.

Budget Summary:

- 2025 Annual Budget is \$42,547,325: reflecting an increase of \$2,337,163 from the 2024 budget due to additional funding awards, such as RGV911, FTA, TXDOT, and HHS.
- 2025 Annual Budget does not reflect an increase in Membership dues.
- 2025 Fringe Benefit rate is 50.09% and reflects a decrease of .48% over the 2024 fringe benefit rate of 50.57%.
- 2025 (Total Budget Expenditure) Indirect Rate is 11.59%, reflecting the State's revised guidance for calculation. Utilizing the revised calculation method, the 2024 indirect rate reflects a decrease of 1.78% from the 2024 amount of 13.37%. As per the 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.
- 2025 Salary Recommendations for Staff include a 3% performance-based salary increase for those employees who have successfully achieved all standards per the annual evaluation process.

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ITEM#4. B

ADMINISTRATION

QUARTERLY
& ANNUAL
INVESTMENT
REPORT

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday January 29, 2025

Item #4: Administration

C. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve to Adopt Annual Investment Report and Accept Quarterly
Investment Crystal Balboa
Finance Director

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

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	82,757.61	-	(2,038.97)	888.04	81,606.68
RGV 911 District	8,033,510.61	1,000,000.00	(211,000.00)	102,730.54	8,925,241.15
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	115,333.00	211,000.00	(18,838.48)	4,115.22	311,609.74
Transit	949,871.70	-	-	11,633.06	961,504.76
Texas Water Development Board	136,076.13	-	(127,462.09)	1,923.66	10,537.70
GLO - Closing Costs	358,918.42	207,089.71	-	3,903.06	569,911.19
Kari's Law	69,882.24	-	-	854.58	70,736.82
Tire Project	25,283.35	-	-	312.60	25,595.95
Hidalgo County Active Mobility Plan - Local	296,586.47	-	(58,371.29)	3,302.90	241,518.08
RGV Explorer	44,785.89	-	(378.88)	710.12	45,117.13
TOTAL	10,113,005.42	1,418,089.71	(418,089.71)	130,373.78	11,243,379.20

TexPool Prime Rate as of December 31, 2024 - 4.6166%

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QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT
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Investments in TexPool:	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance
FIF - TWDB - Escrow Account	4,974,502.37	-	(112,171.96)	58,851.89	4,921,182.30
FIF - TWDB	223,553.87	112,171.96	(105,940.18)	2,767.13	232,552.78
TOTAL	5,198,056.24	112,171.96	(218,112.14)	61,619.02	5,153,735.08
GRAND TOTAL	15,311,061.66	1,530,261.67	(636,201.85)	191,992.80	16,397,114.28

TexPool Rate as of December 31, 2024 - 4.4769%

Crystal Balboa
Director of Finance

ITEM 4. C

ADMINISTRATION

**2025 Board of
Directors Meeting
Schedule**

2025 LRGVDC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

* All meetings scheduled on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

January 29, 2025	Semi-Annual Membership Meeting
February 26, 2025	
March 26, 2025	
April 30, 2025	
May 28, 2025	Annual Elections Meeting
June 25, 2025	
July	No Meeting Scheduled
August 27, 2025	
September 24, 2025	
October 29, 2025	
November	No Meeting Scheduled
December 10, 2025	

ITEM#4.D

ADMINISTRATION

**Discussion on
LRGVDC**

**2025-2030
Strategic Plan**

ITEM 4. E

ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

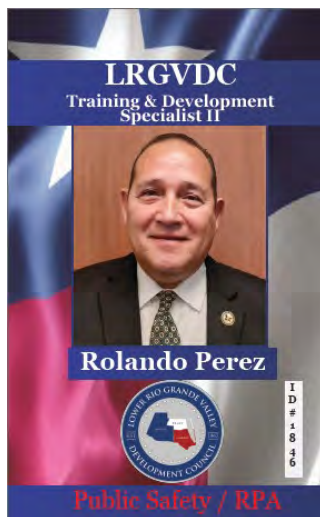
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Item #4: Administration

C. New Hires.....Manuel Cruz
Executive Director

New Hire Date: January 6, 2025

Rolando Perez: Training and Development Specialist II – Public Safety/ Regional Police Academy.



ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY &
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

January 29, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) Elections of Officers for 2025. As per the RSCC Bylaws, the Advisory Committee shall consist of Chair, Vice-Chair & Secretary.

At the January 14, 2025, RSCC meeting, the committee recommended the following members for the following positions:

- Chair: Celina Gonzalez, City of Primera
- Vice Chair: Mayor Jose Solis, City of Lyford
- Secretary: Mayor Alma Salinas, City of Sullivan

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January 29, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve – Road to Recycling Tire Disposal Services Request for Proposal (RFP) Awards and Enter Agreement Negotiation.

The LRGVDC was seeking qualified vendors for comprehensive scrap tire collection and repurposing services for the LRGVDC-CED's Road to Recycling Tire Collection Event(s).

LRGVDC received two (2) bids from Republic Services and Texas Land Reclamation, LLC. (UTW). Based on the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and Tire Study conducted by the LRGVDC, the following goal and recommendations for the collection of these tires, is to ensure that most of the collected scrap tires are kept out of landfills and repurposed into materials like crumb rubber, tire derived fuel, and promoting environmental sustainability. Both vendors submitted proposals that meet the ability to provide the requested services.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

January 29, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration

The EDAC met on January 23, 2025, to finalize the CEDs survey outcomes. Staff is diligently working to complete a draft CEDS, which will be provided to the EDAC for final review and approval before being presented to the Board at the March 2025 meeting.

The next EDAC meeting will be scheduled for mid-February 2025. Once meeting date is selected, meeting information can be found on the LRGVDC Events Calendar. The committee will work to finalize the full CEDS plan document.

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 yramos@lrgvdc.org.

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 the Community & Economic Development Department. Staff also serve as the regional point of contact for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and will continue to disseminate information accordingly. Staff also continues to coordinate efforts with other governmental entities on their economic development related activities to maximize benefits of all projects and objectives for the region and avoid any duplication of efforts and resources.

For more information and resources on EDA's funding opportunities, visit <https://sfgrants.eda.gov/s/>.

- Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC)

A virtual RSCC Meeting was held on January 14, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Mr. Joseph Morones from the University of Texas San Antonio gave a presentation regarding

grant opportunities for the small communities.

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) offers a variety of economic development programs through its Institute for Economic Development. These programs are designed to support small businesses and communities in South and West Texas. The programs include:

- **Small Business Consulting:** Providing guidance and support to small business owners.
- **Government Contracting:** Assisting businesses in securing government contracts.
- **Minority Business Development:** Focusing on the growth and success of minority-owned businesses.
- **Economic Research:** Conducting research to inform economic development strategies.
- **International Trade:** Helping businesses expand into global markets.
- **Manufacturing Assistance:** Supporting manufacturing businesses with various services.

The Business and Community Resilience Center at UTSA will work directly with small communities to assist them with their economic development projects. These projects include services such as data collection, technical assistance, grant finding and grant writing training, assistance with creating new programs and incentives, strategic planning, and business attraction and retention programs. Rural communities remain in control throughout the entire process, ensuring that their specific needs and goals are met.

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 continue to carry out specified technical assistance activities to TxCDBG eligible localities within our operating region, to ensure program compliance. Staff continue to disseminate program information to keep TxCDBG eligible communities informed of information, promote Fair Housing, provide support to the Unified Scoring Committee (USC) member, and host any grant kick off meetings to award communities.

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.

- Solid Waste Management Program:



UPCOMING TIRE EVENT
April 2025

Since our SWIFER Kickoff meeting with Region One held on November 21, 2024, the following has transpired:

- All supplies have been purchased and delivered to Region One.
- Pending delivery of the last 20 Hungry bins.
- On January 24, 2025, staff held a virtual call with Region One to discuss further progress and curriculum.
- Below are pictures submitted by the schools with the students assembling equipment to begin the project.



The next Virtual Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting will be on March 4, 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

Staff have been working diligently with the consultants to submit and have approved the Scope of Work (SOW) and the Quality Assurance Protection Plan (QAPP) by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Both need approval before project work can begin. The SOW was approved in December 2024 and the QAPP was approved on January 7th, 2025. Project work is expected to begin later this month.

- South Texas Clean Cities & Communities Coalition (STC4)

With apprenticeship status received in November 2024, STC4 will continue to work towards full coalition status. Currently, there are 9 board members for STC4, and the next meeting is scheduled for February 2025. This meeting will bring the establishment of STC4 bylaws, officers, meeting schedule and new member identification.

- Water Quality Program

Staff continue to facilitate meetings with water investors in support of new innovative water projects to address the region's water drought needs. Staff has conducted several introduction meetings to provide the outreach to local stakeholders, water board members, drainage and irrigation districts, and water producers for potential projects.

Through these continued efforts, the CED Department has become a key participating organization along with Future Edge Research, ITAC at UTRGV, and Southcentral Onsite Energy TAP for a Waste to CLEAN Fuels for Decarbonizing Transportation in the RGV (CLEAN-RGV) Project funded by D.O.E. Staff's contribution to this project will be to assist in project promotion (outreach) and provide use of the LRGVDC board room as needed for meetings. The project aims to investigate the feasibility of capturing waste at Wastewater Treatment Facilities (WWTPs) in the RGV and converting it into renewable fuels such as biogas, renewable natural gas (RNG), and hydrogen (H₂). By focusing on the RGV's transportation systems, the project aligns with broader efforts to transition public transportation systems to sustainable energy sources, reducing emissions and promoting cleaner air for the community. By leveraging the waste generated at WWTPs, this project has the potential to create a replicable model for other energy communities facing similar challenges. The integration of waste-to-energy (WtE) technologies with public transportation use cases presents a compelling opportunity to maximize the benefits of renewable energy production in the RGV. This approach will help the RGV reduce its carbon footprint, improve air quality, and foster workforce development opportunities in a disadvantaged community, making it a critical initiative in the fight against climate change.

Staff continue to educate the public on water quality issues with monthly themed Facebook posts. Give a thumbs up or leave a comment! Other outreach efforts for this program include staff attending in-person events, and or in partnership with other LRGVDC departments, and outside organizations. This allows for great C&ED promotion opportunities for the community. Informational reading material and promotional items on water quality are distributed at these events. In addition, staff has gone out to hand deliver brochures (that include our water resources information) & water quality promo items to our local entities to introduce our department and inform our local entities of our water resource website and let them know that staff is available to aid or answer questions regarding water quality, water projects, or anything water related, if they are unable to find it on our Water Resource Website.



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 hybrid meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025, at 2:00 PM via Goto Meeting platform.
- Staff continue to work with Hidalgo & Cameron Counties for the Flood infrastructure Funds (FIF), TWDB Project No. 40038. The counties will undertake Task 2.2 (Drainage Characterization) and Task 2.3 (Project Assessments) of the TWDB Project No. 40038. The FIF project requires the development, processing, and contracting for characterizing drainage pathways, identifying flood control projects, and assessing the feasibility of those projects; and procures qualified engineering firms and staff to conduct engineering and drainage projects regularly. The project has been approved by TWDB for a no-cost time extension until August 31, 2027.

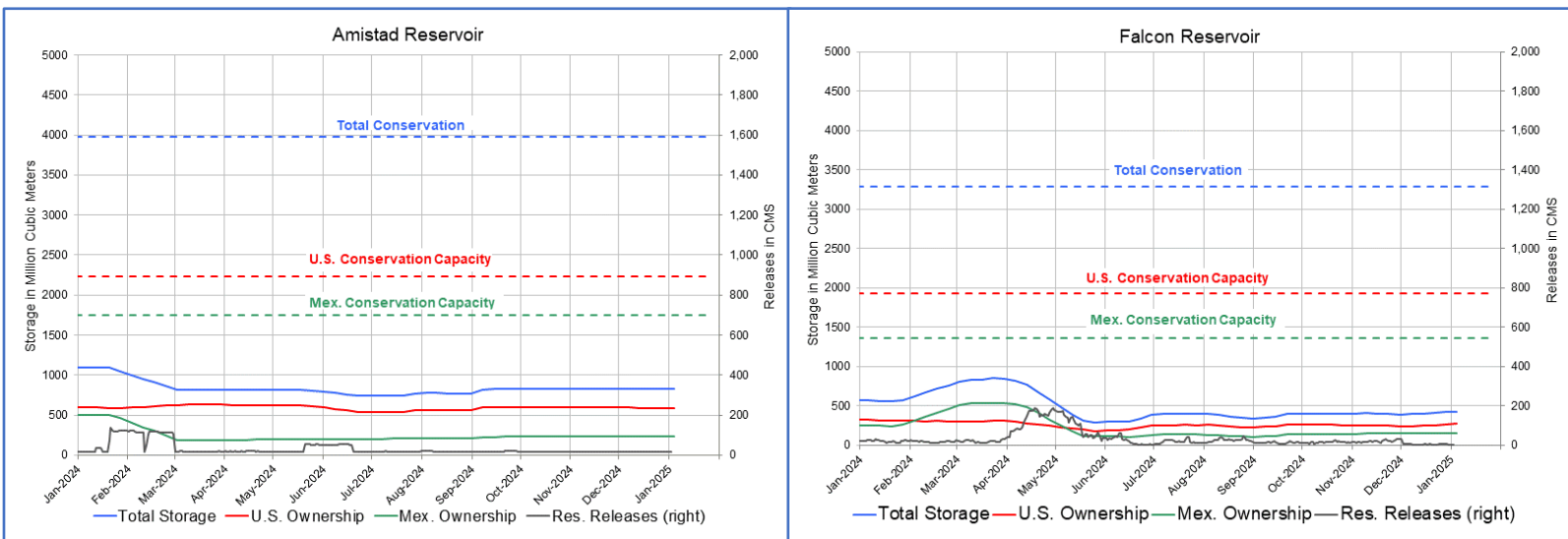
Staff continue to support, provide technical assistance, outreach, and administer water projects. Information about water resources is available at <https://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html>

- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)

The Region M met on January 7, 2025, at 9:30 am. There was much discussion from the consultant and the planning group regarding the progress and information gathered to date for the 2026 Regional Water Plan. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2025. Meeting continues to be held hybrid at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Board Room and via GoToMeeting.

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

- Reservoir Levels as of January 15, 2025 (www.IBWC.gov)



ITEM #5. B.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN SERVICES**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Action Item Margarita Lopez, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve the following Membership Applications for the Citizens Advisory Council. The council requests your approval for the appointments of the following individuals:

- Rosalinda Martinez – Cameron County, Under the Category of 60+ Years Old
- Carmen Nordyke – Cameron County, Under the "Other" Category
- Alice Cobos – Hidalgo County, Under the "Other" Category
- Eliodora Flores – Hidalgo County, Under the Category of 60+ Years Old
- Belinda Olivo – Cameron County, Under the "Other" Category

All appointments will span a duration of three (3) years, as per the Citizens Advisory Council Rules of Function Article V Membership – Section 4.

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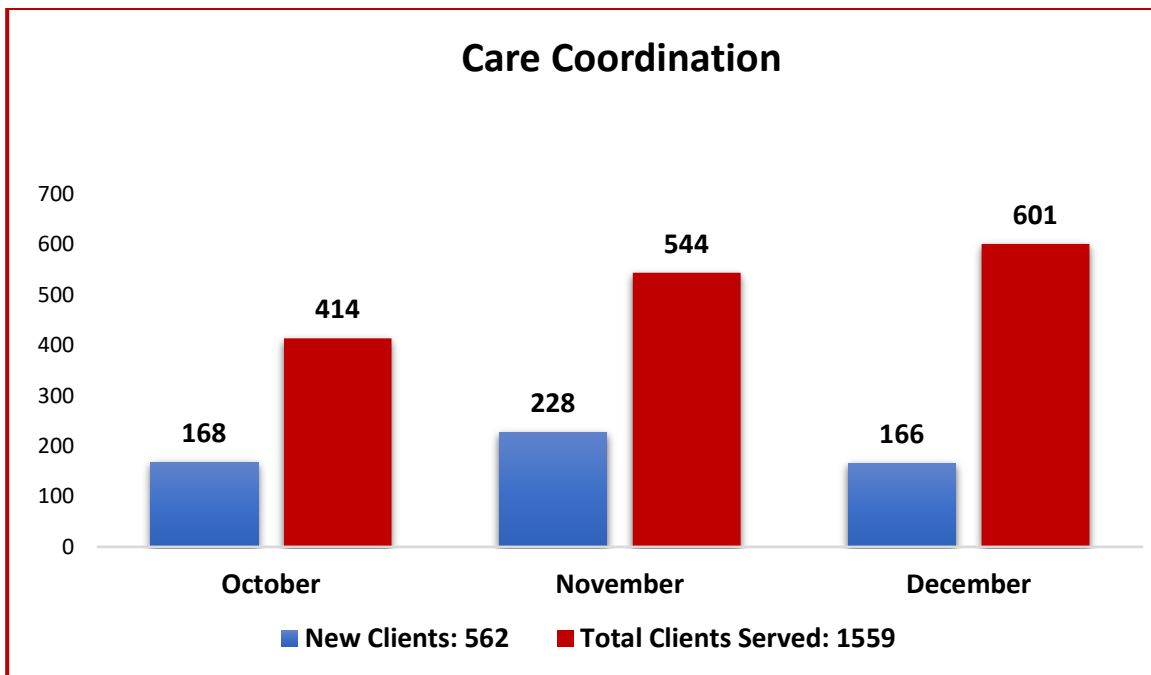
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B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Status Report

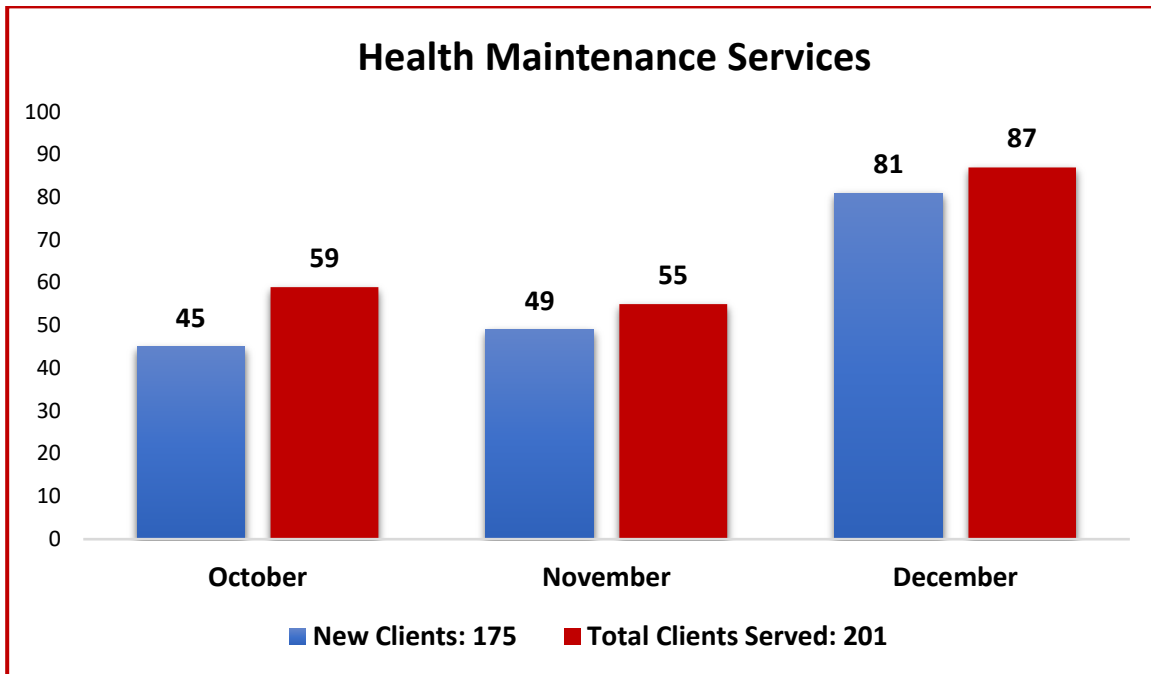
This document represents the Area Agency on Aging's and the Aging and Disability Resource Center's 1st quarter report for FY 2025, encompassing data from October 2024 to December 2024.

- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Care Coordination Program**
 - The Care Coordination Program serviced a total of 562 new clients.
 - A total of 1,559 individuals were provided with case management assistance.



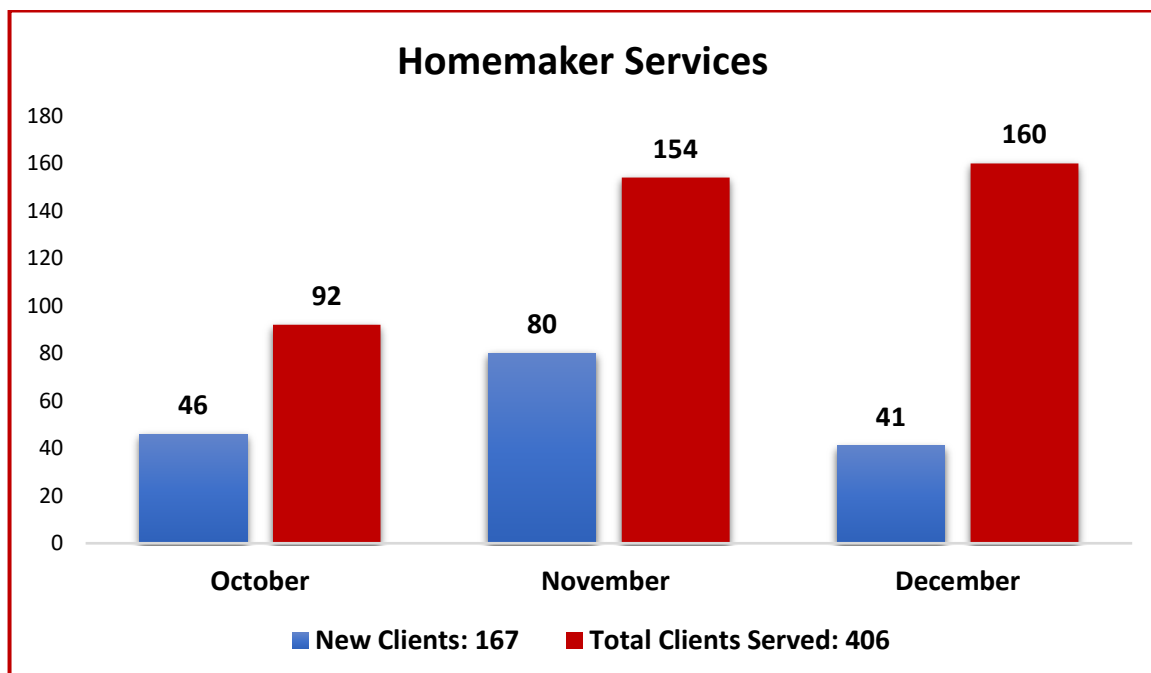
Direct Consumer Services Report – Health Maintenance Services

- A total of 175 new clients were assisted in purchasing medical supplies, medications, and medical equipment.
- Health maintenance services assisted a total of 201 individuals.

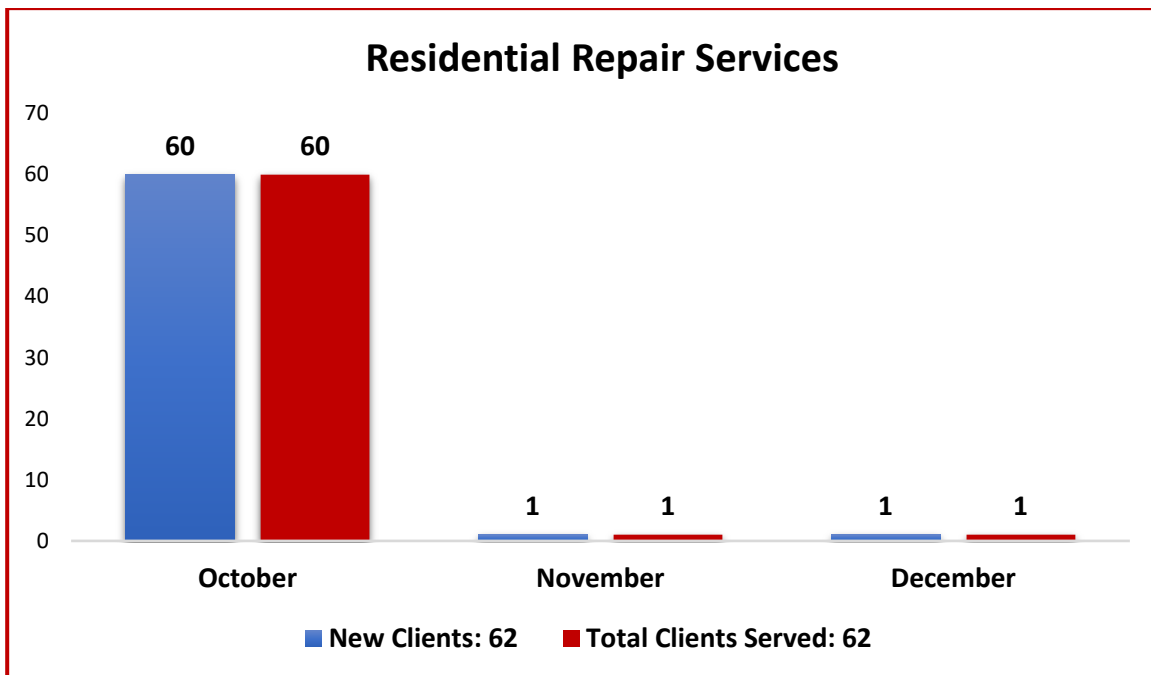


- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Homemaker Services**

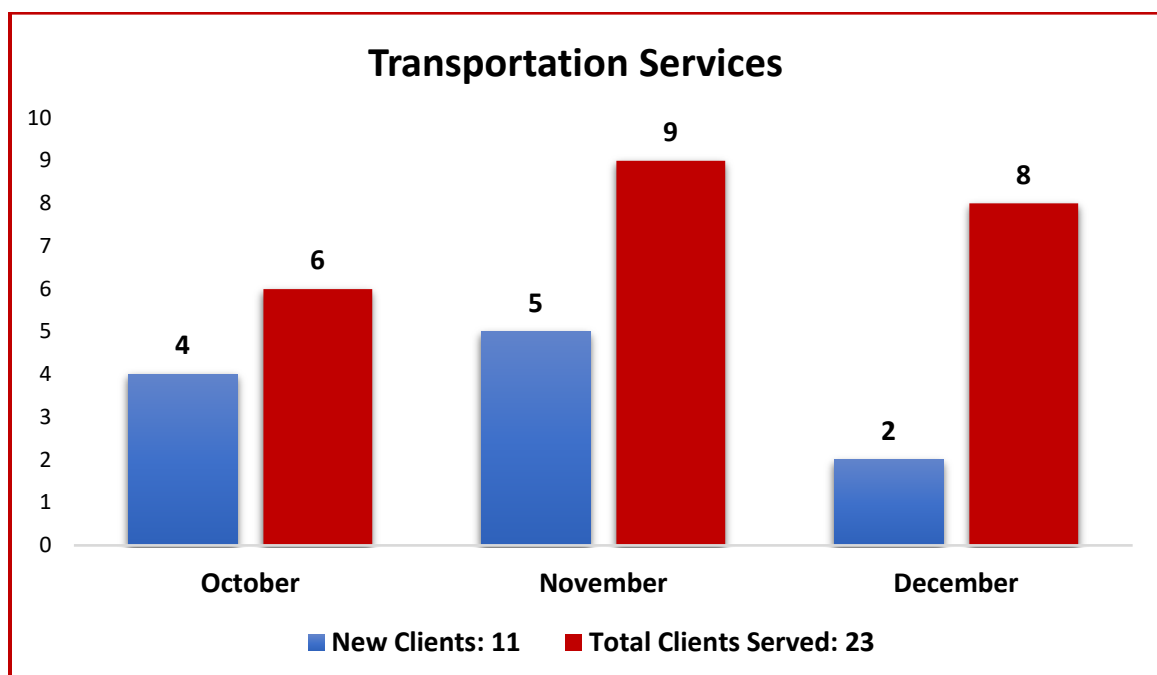
- A total of 167 new clients were provided with light housekeeping duties, such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation, by homemaker services.
- In the first quarter, 406 individuals received homemaker service.



- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Residential Repair Services**
 - A total of 62 individuals received assistance with home modifications, including grab bars, ramps, bathtub removals, and the installation of walk-in showers to reduce fall risks and enhance access and mobility.

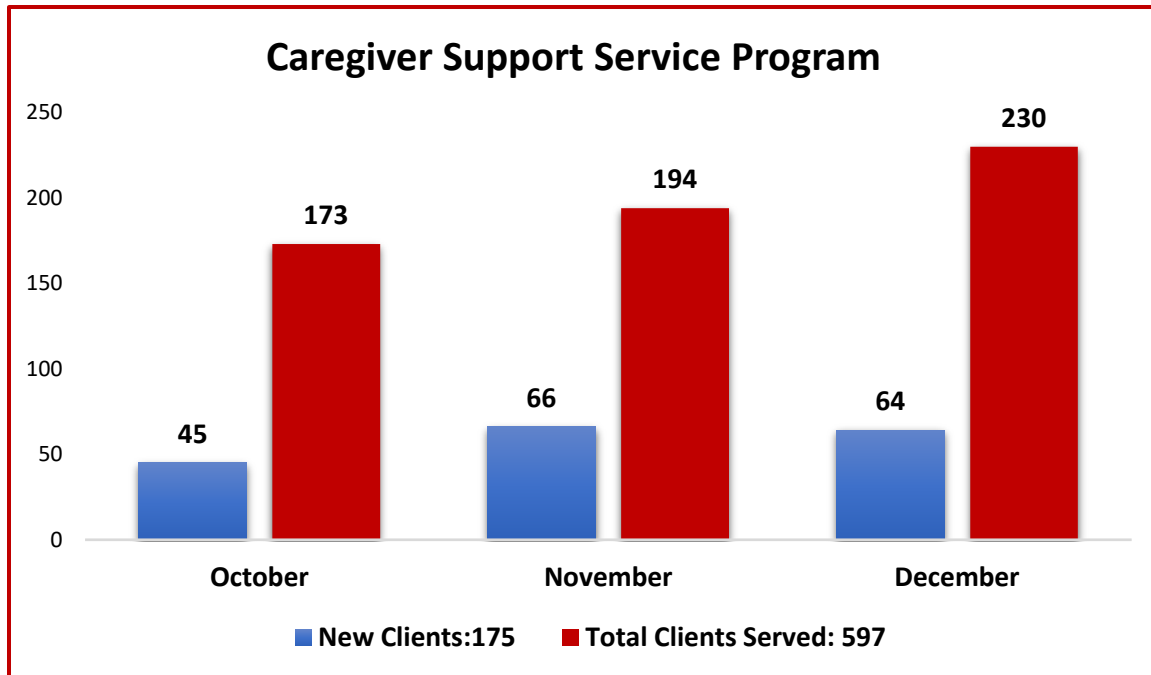


- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Transportation Services**
 - A total of 11 new clients were provided with transportation services to medical-related appointments.
 - In the first quarter, 23 individuals received transportation services.



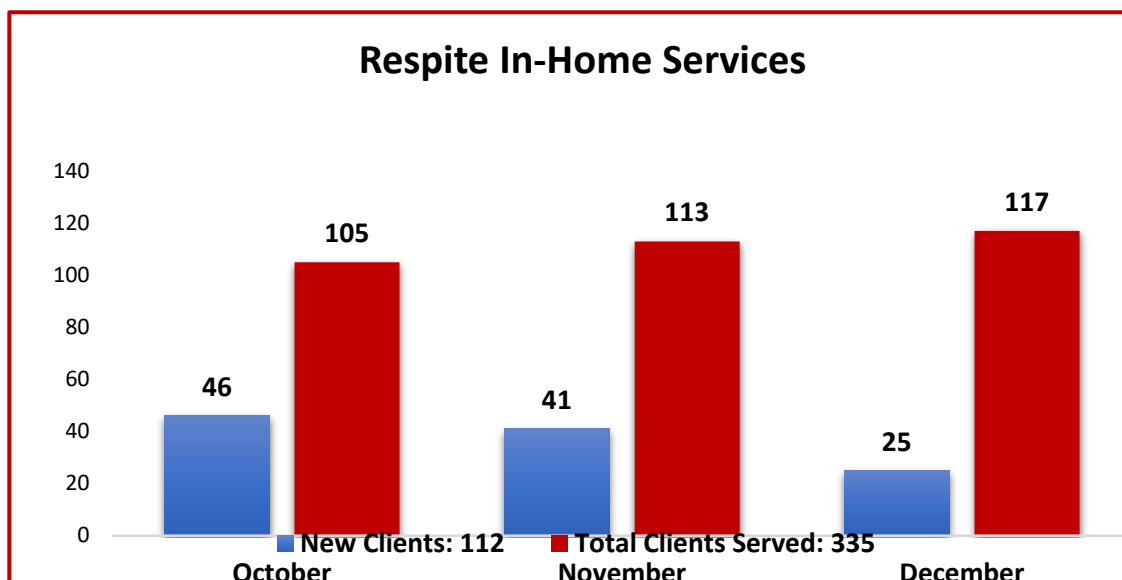
- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Caregiver Support Services Program**

- The Caregiver Support Services Program provided a total of 175 new clients.
- A total of 597 individuals were provided with assistance.



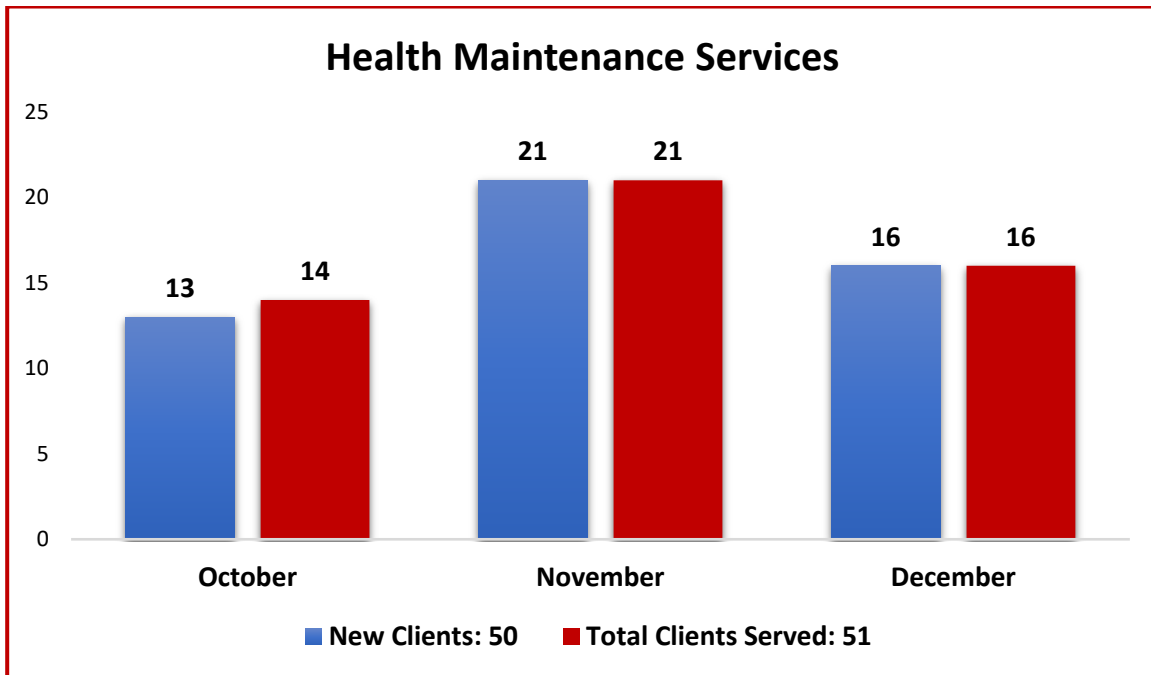
- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Respite In-Home Services**

- A total of 112 new clients were provided with respite in-home services designed to support caregivers by offering temporary relief. The type of services provided to clients include light housekeeping, personal care, feeding and nutritional care, grooming, and transferring from bed to chair.
- A total of 335 individuals were provided with respite in-house during the reporting period.



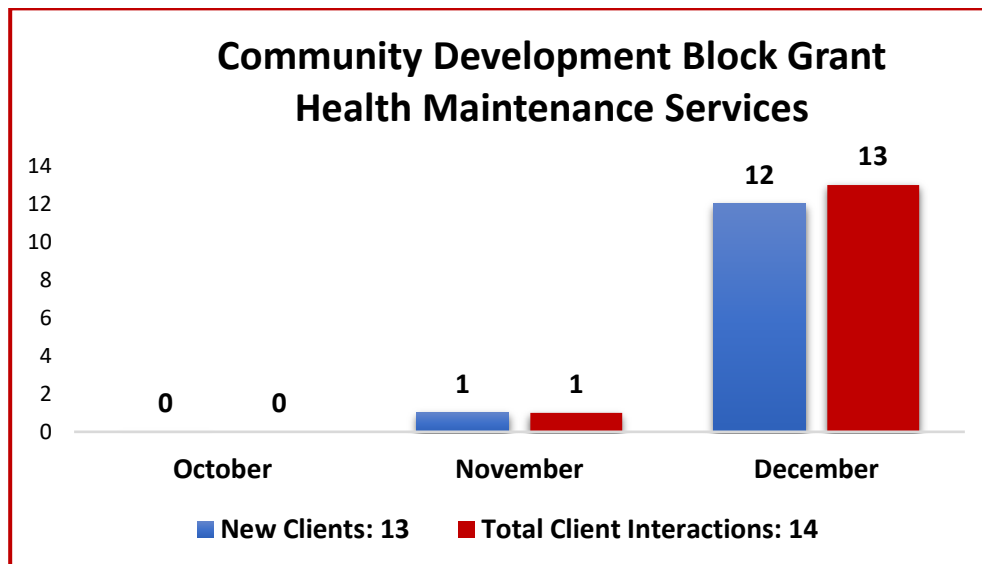
- **Direct Consumer Services Report – Health Maintenance Services**

- A total of 50 clients were assisted through the Caregiver Support Program and were able to access necessary medical resources, alleviating some of the financial strain associated with purchasing medical supplies and equipment.
- A total of 51 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 Health Maintenance Services**

- For the fiscal year 2024-2025, the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) was awarded a total of \$24,000 from the cities of McAllen and Mission through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
- A total of 13 clients were assisted through the Community Development Block Grant for the purchase of medical supplies, medications, and medical equipment to support the care recipient.
- A total of 14 new clients were served, representing the final count of individuals assisted through this one-time service, typically allocated for a single encounter.

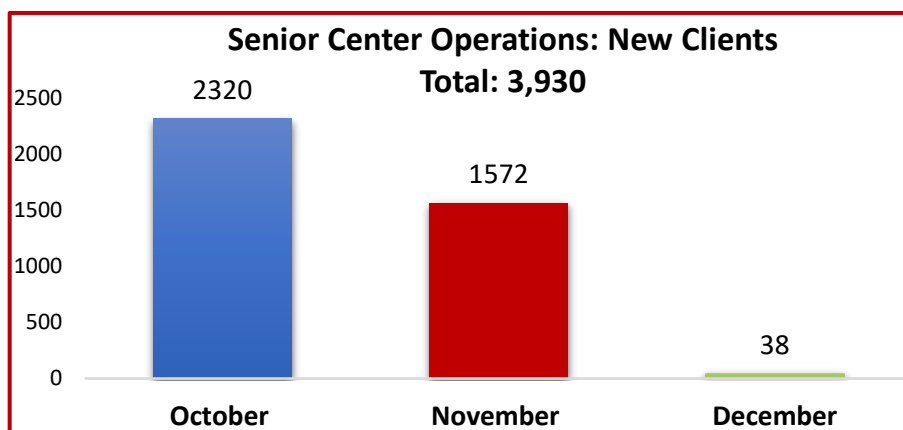
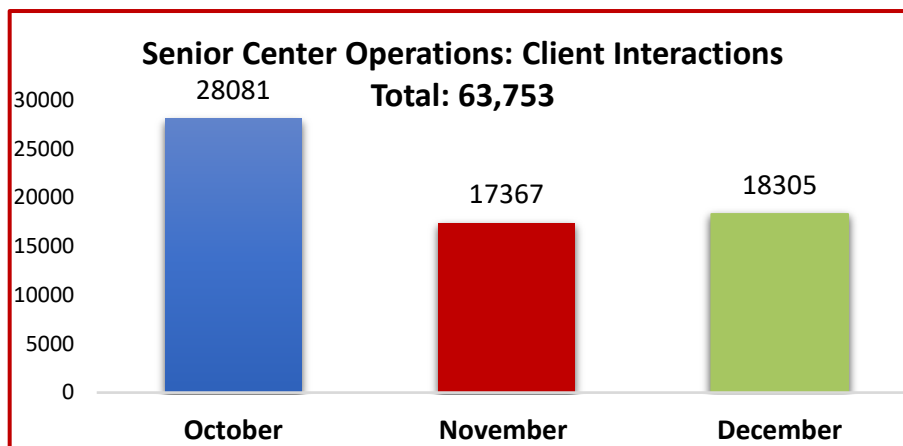


- **Direct Consumer Services – Interest List**

As of January 06, 2025, 1,461 individuals have expressed interest in our services through the Area Agency on Aging.

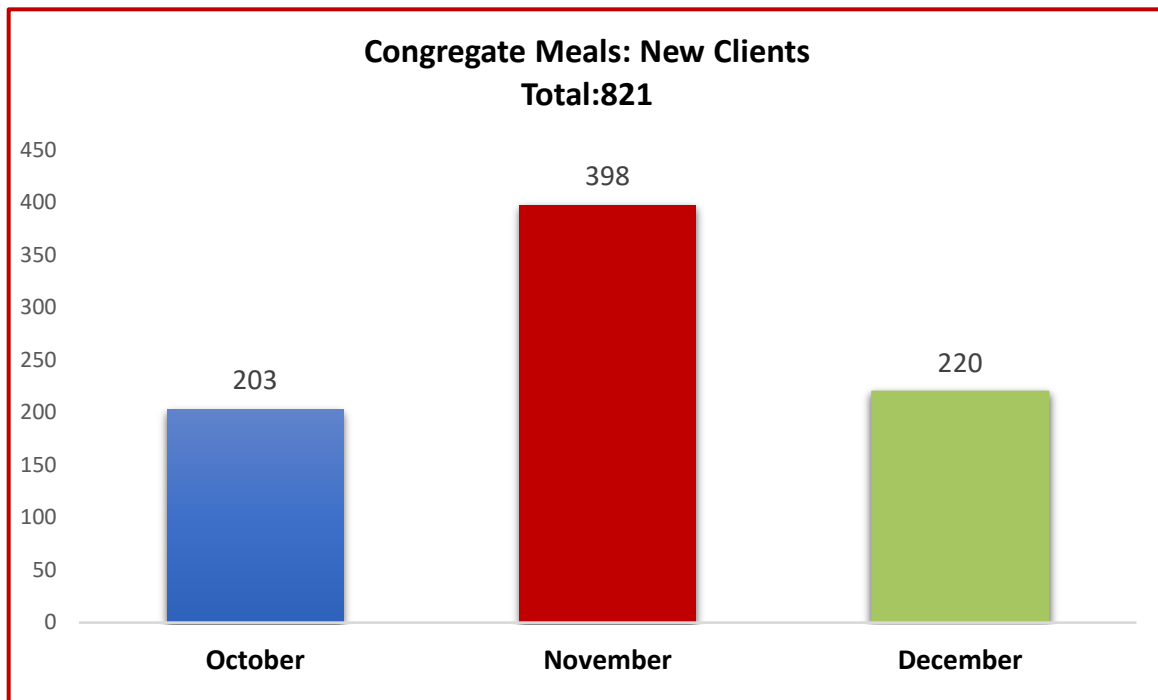
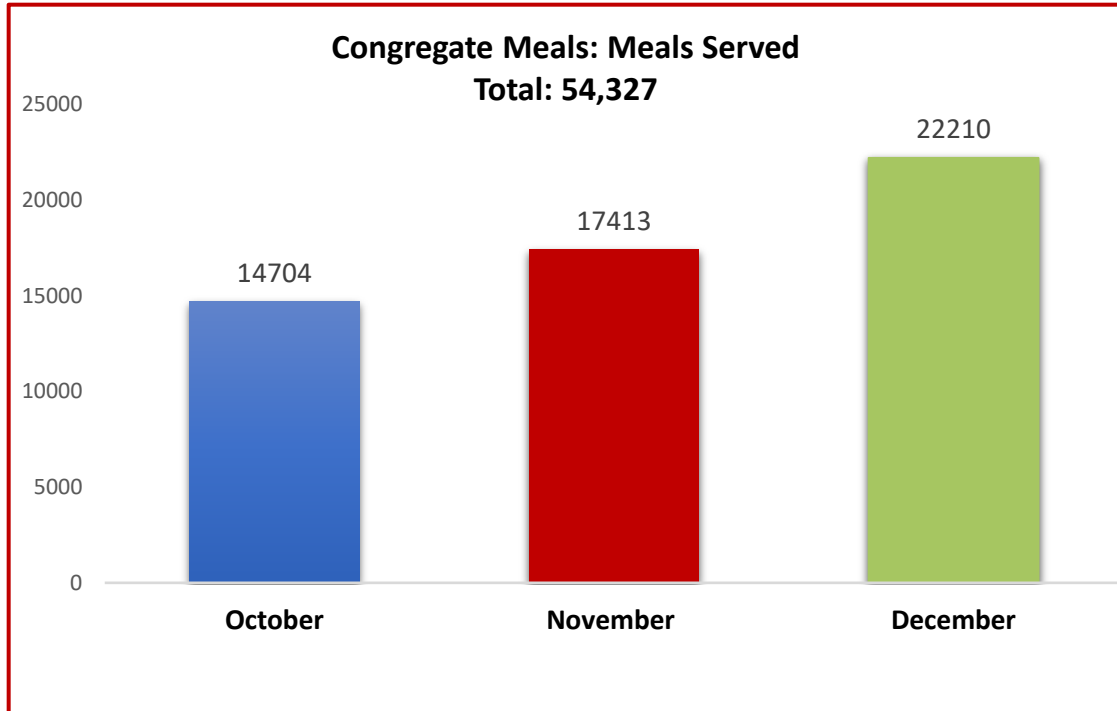
- **Senior Center Operations Report**

- Program successfully enrolled 3,930 new clients.
- Senior Centers conducted 63,753 activities with their clients.



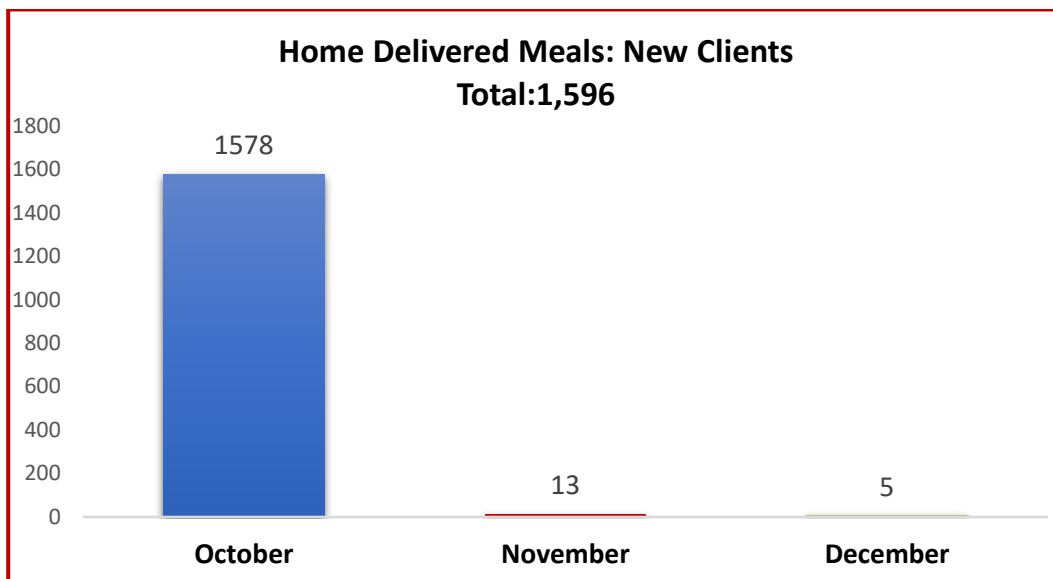
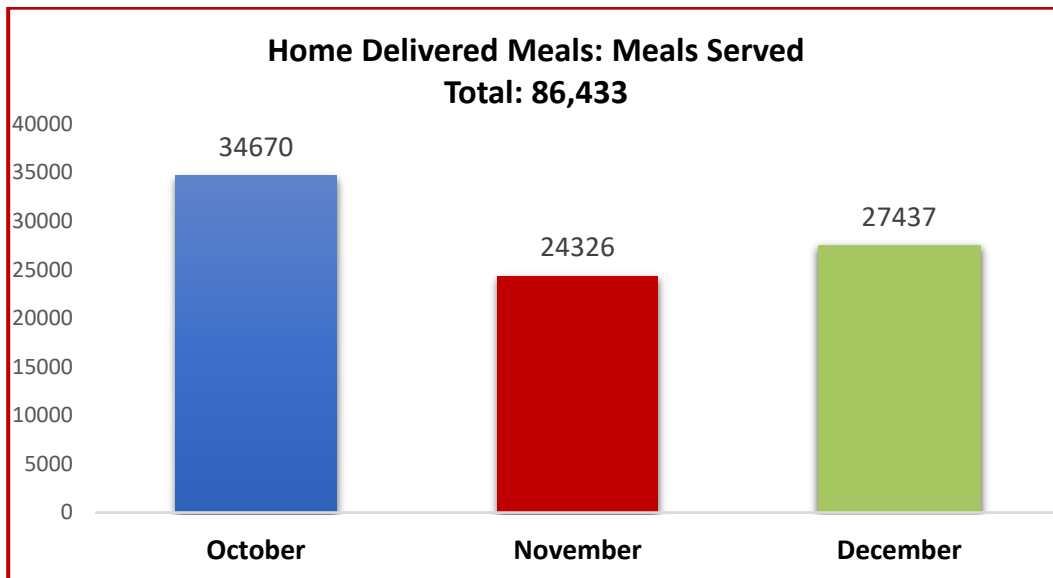
- **Nutrition Program Report – Congregate Meals**

- The program successfully enrolled 821 new clients into the Congregate Meals program.
- The program successfully administered 54,327 Congregate meals.



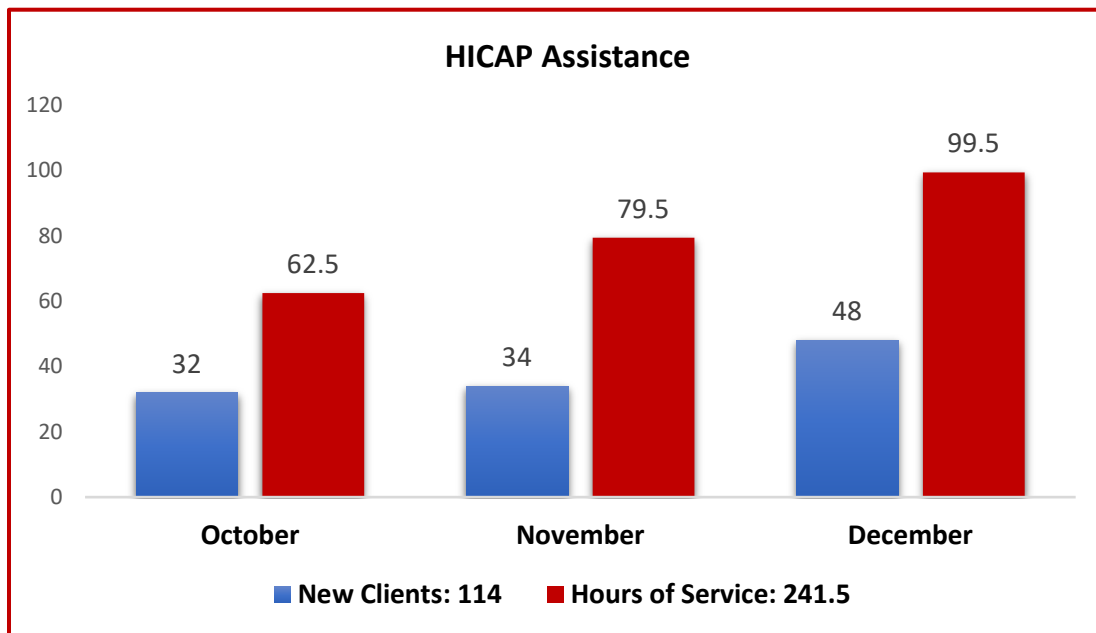
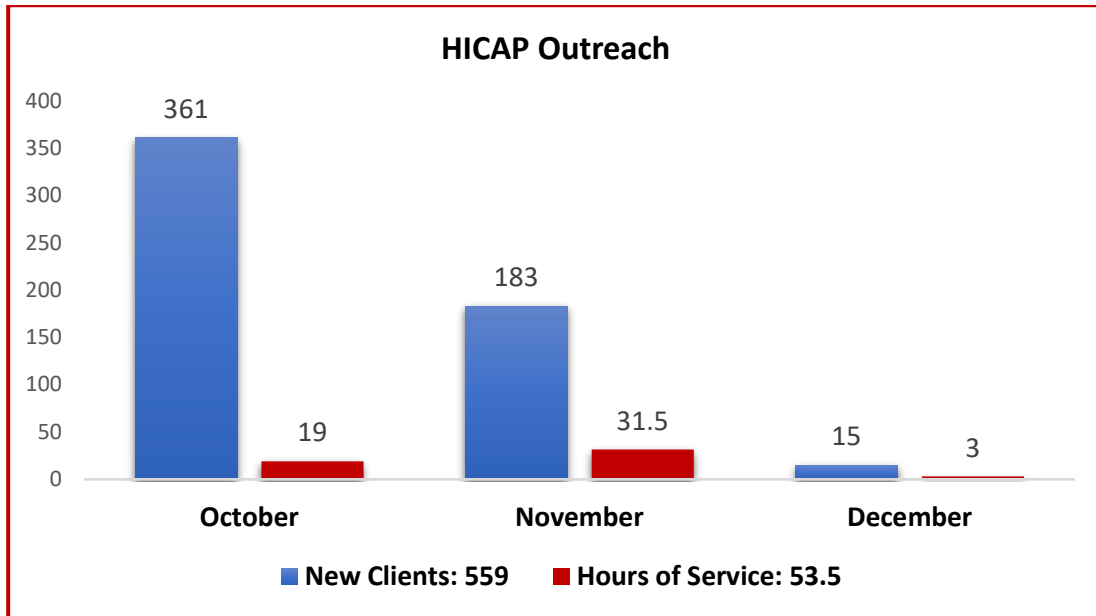
Nutrition Program Report – Home Delivered Meals

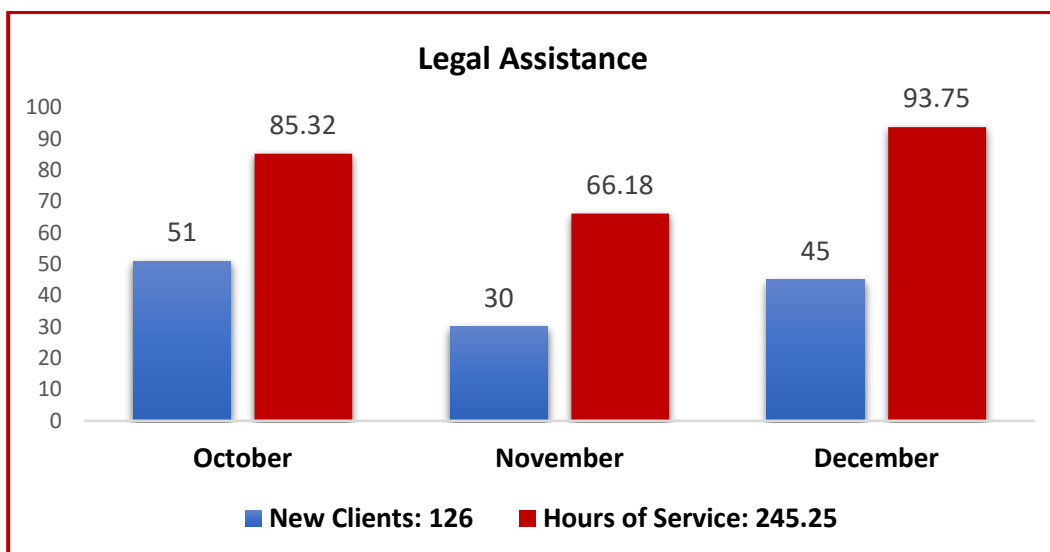
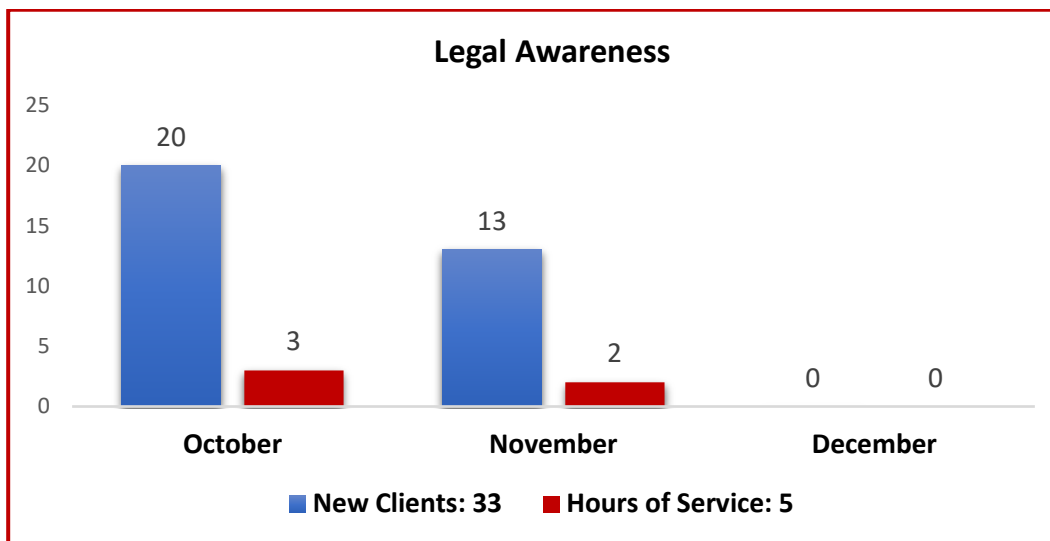
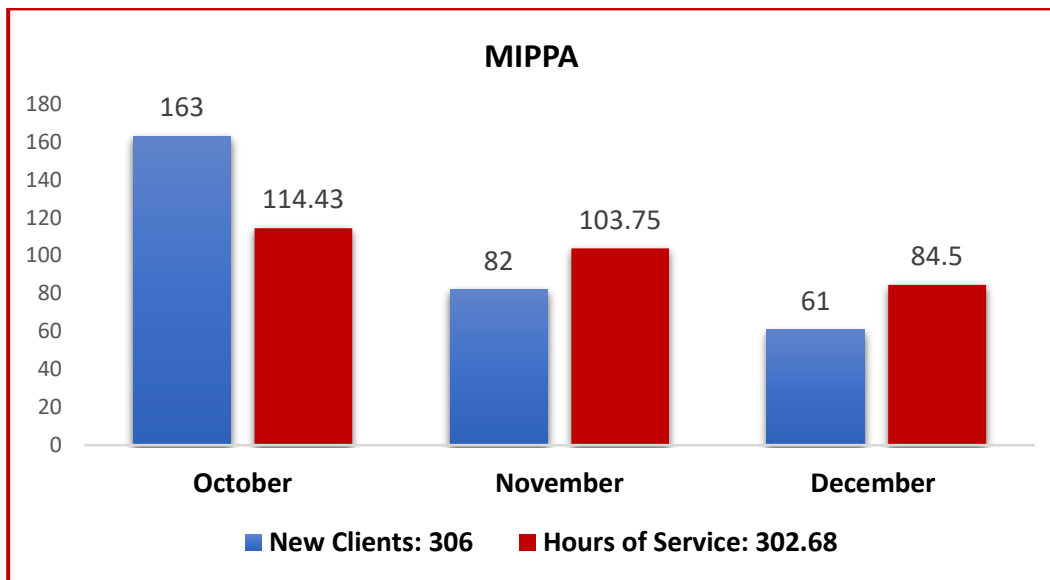
- Successfully enrolled 1,596 new clients into the Home Delivered Meals program.
- Successfully served 86,433 Home Delivered meals.



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

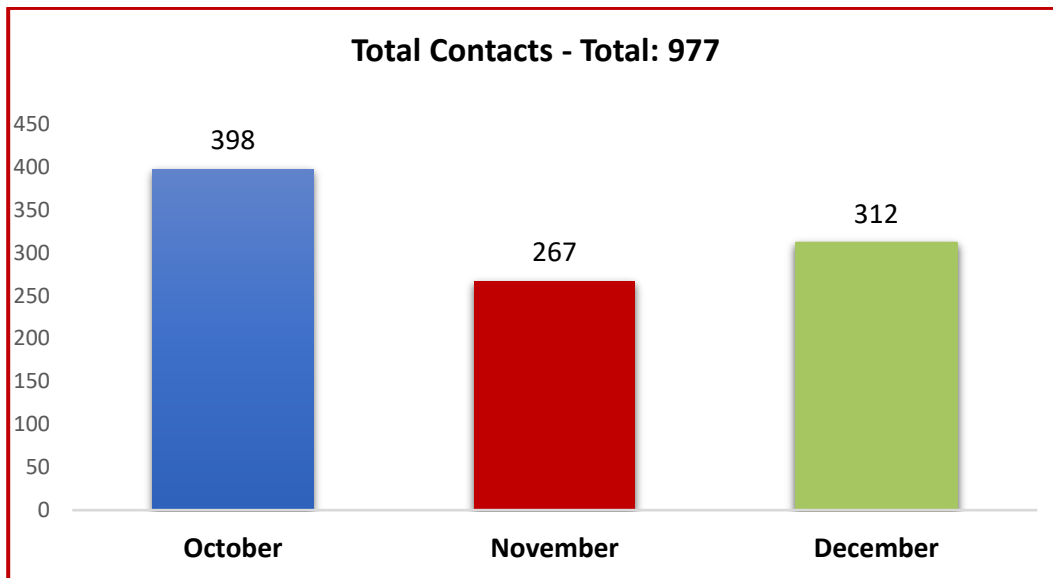
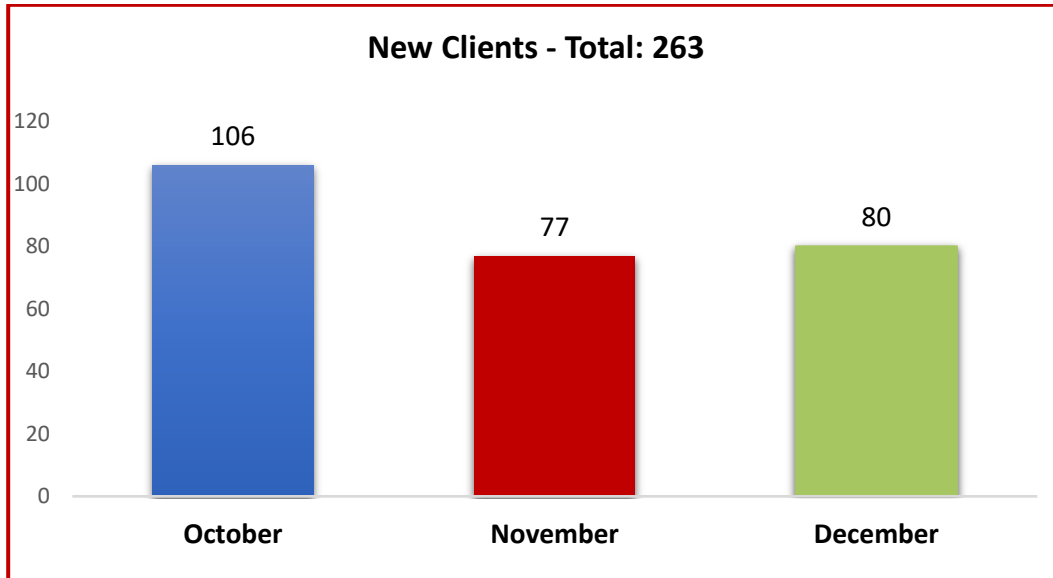
- Achieved the enrollment of 1,138 new clients and established 552.93 contacts.





*Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)
*Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)

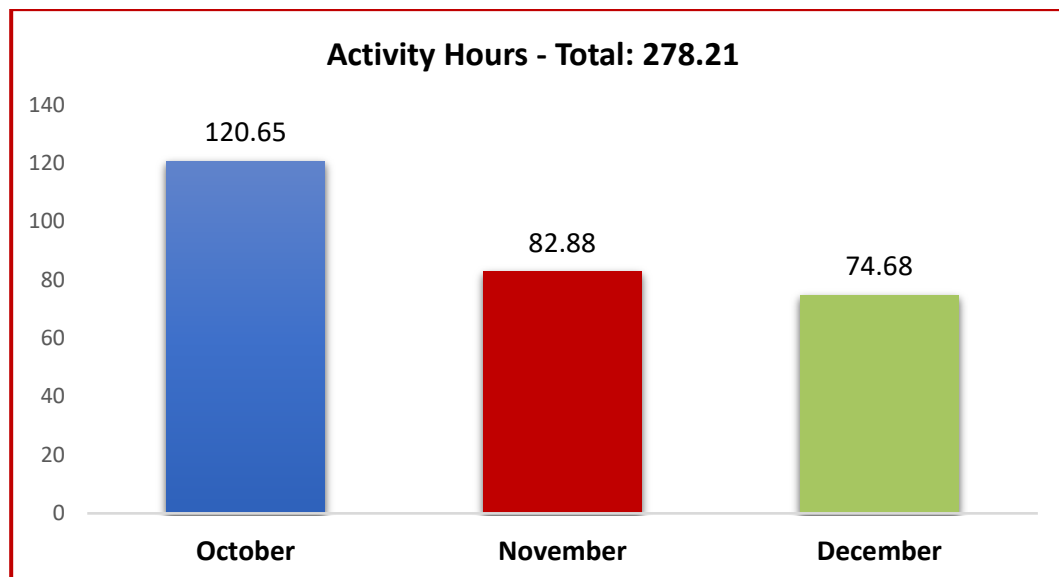
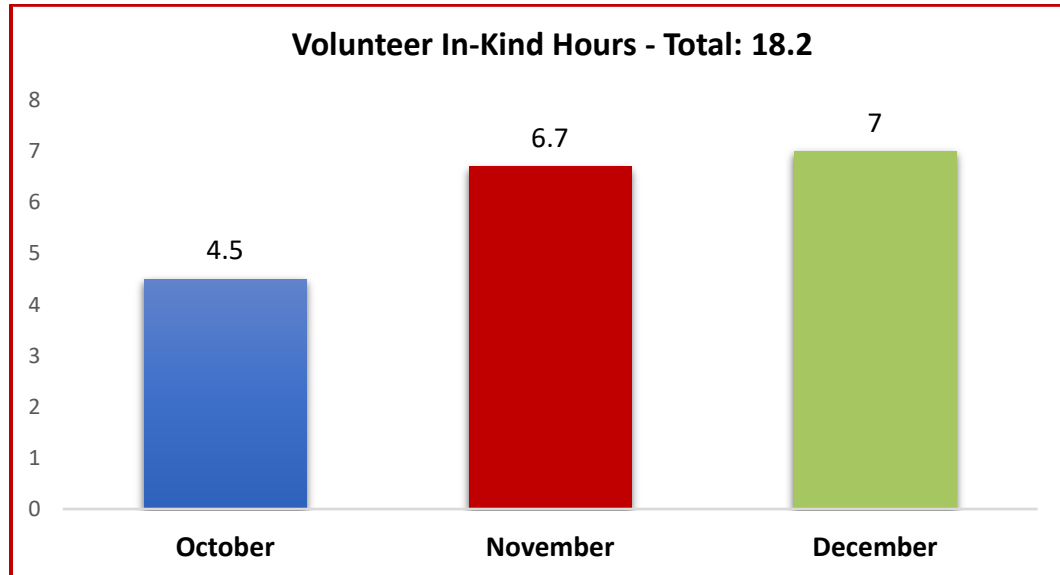
- **Special Services Report – Care Transition Intervention (CTI)**
 - During the 4th quarter, the Care Transition Intervention (CTI) coaches successfully enrolled 263 new clients.
 - They made 977 contacts across a total of six hospitals within the tri-county area.

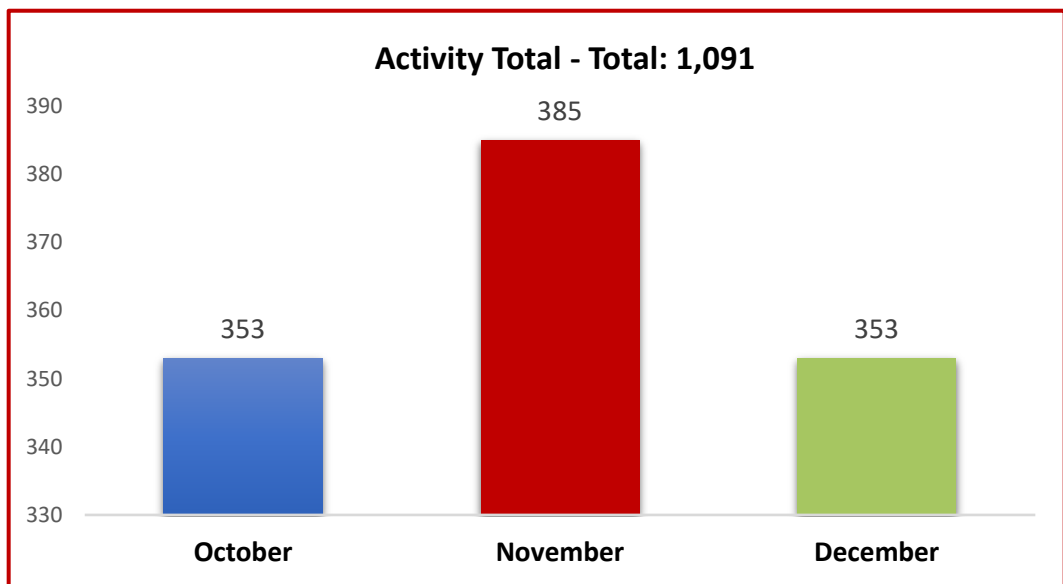
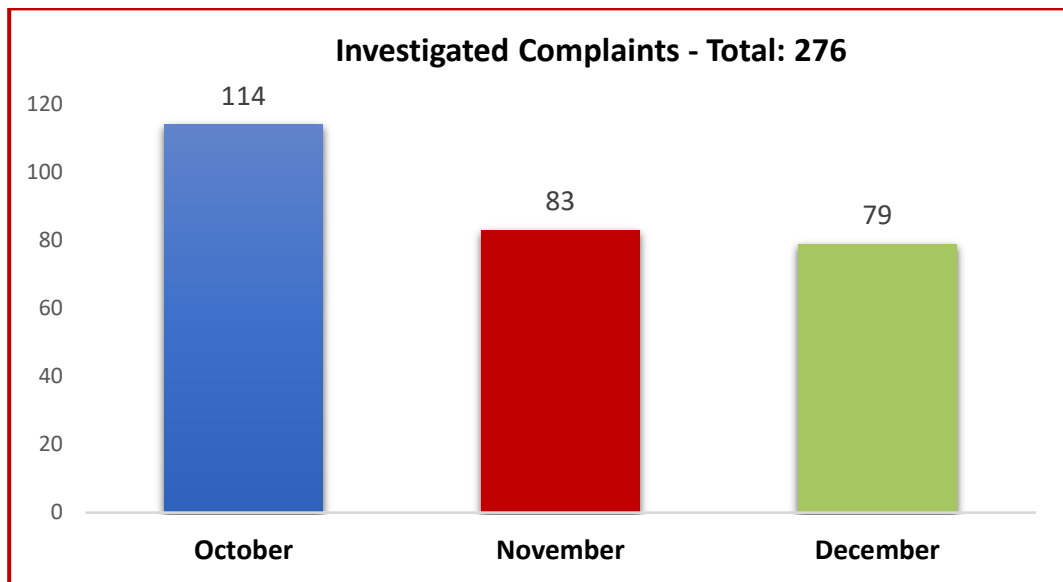


***6 Hospitals: Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen Medical Center, Knapp Medical Center, Rio Grande Regional Hospital, Mission Regional Medical Center, and Edinburg Regional Medical Center**

- **Special Services Report – Ombudsman Program**

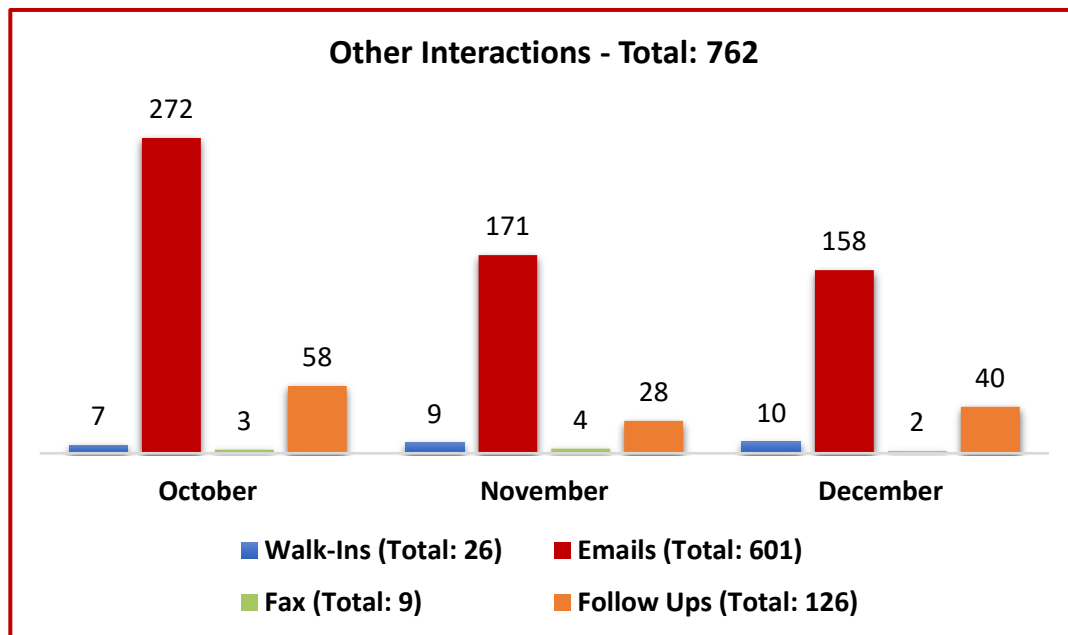
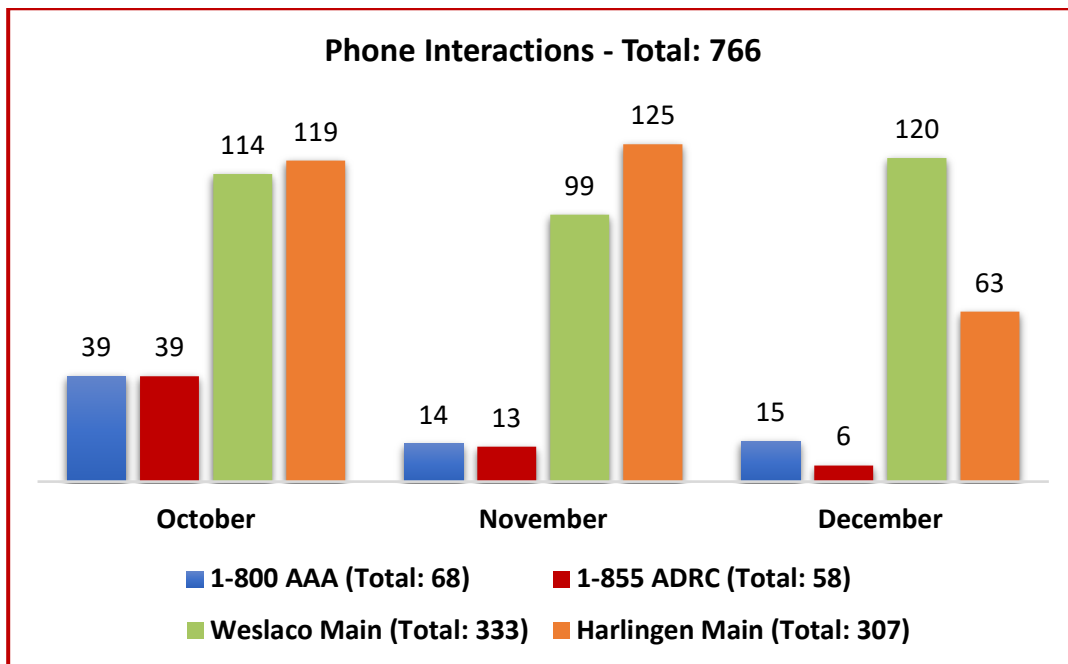
- During the 4th quarter, the Ombudsman handled 276 complaints.
- They dedicated 278.21 activity hours and recorded 1,091 activity totals.
- The volunteers collectively contributed 18.2 in-kind hours. Currently training 4 volunteers.

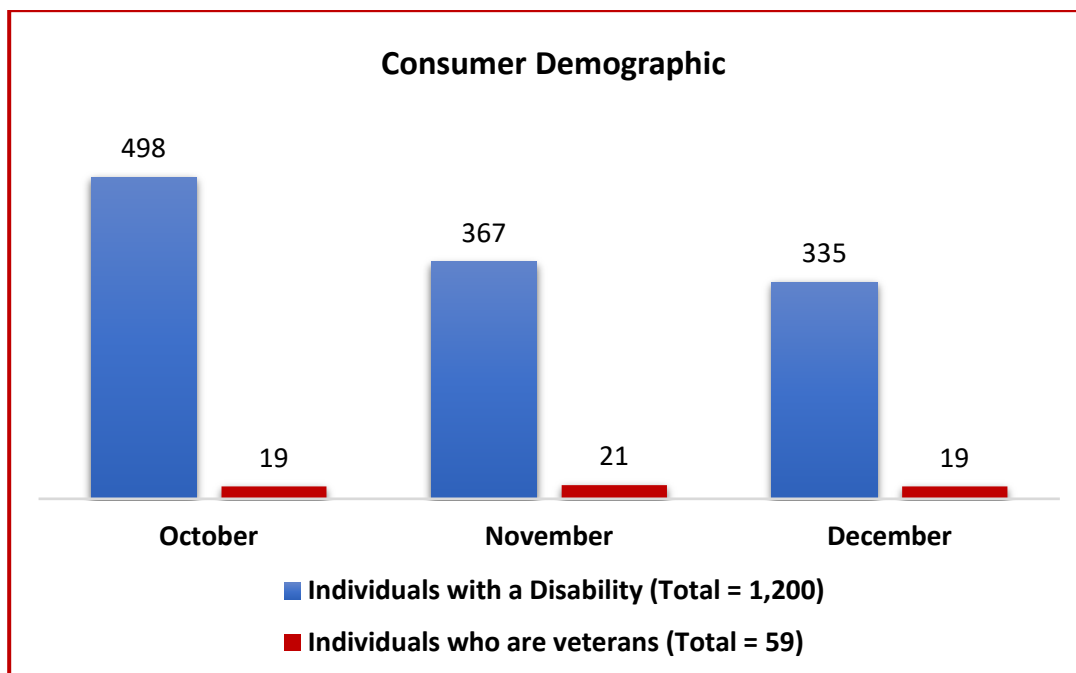
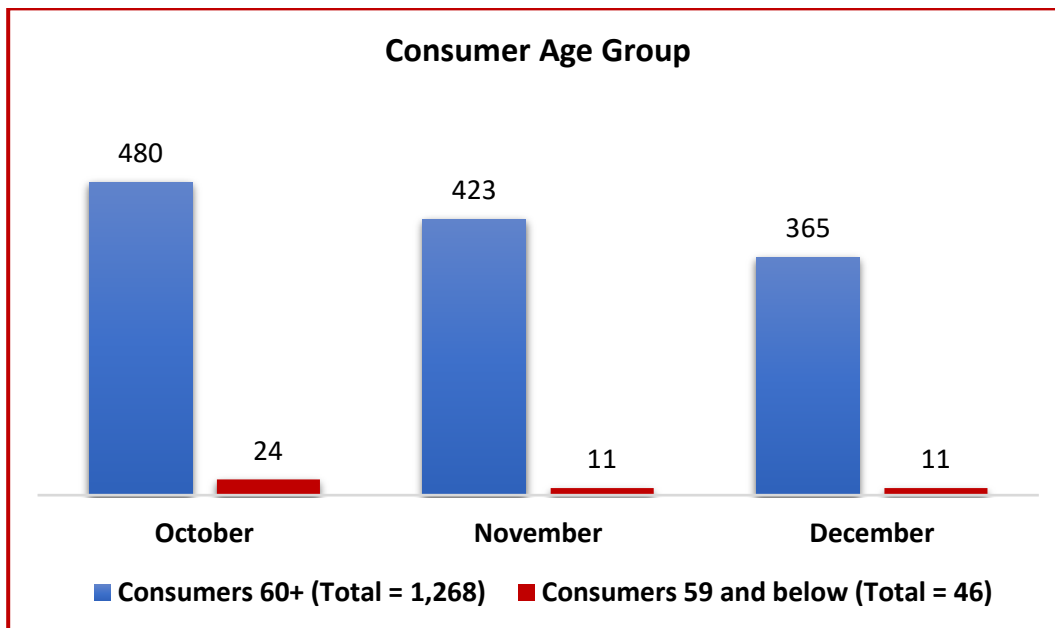




- **Information Referral and Assistance**

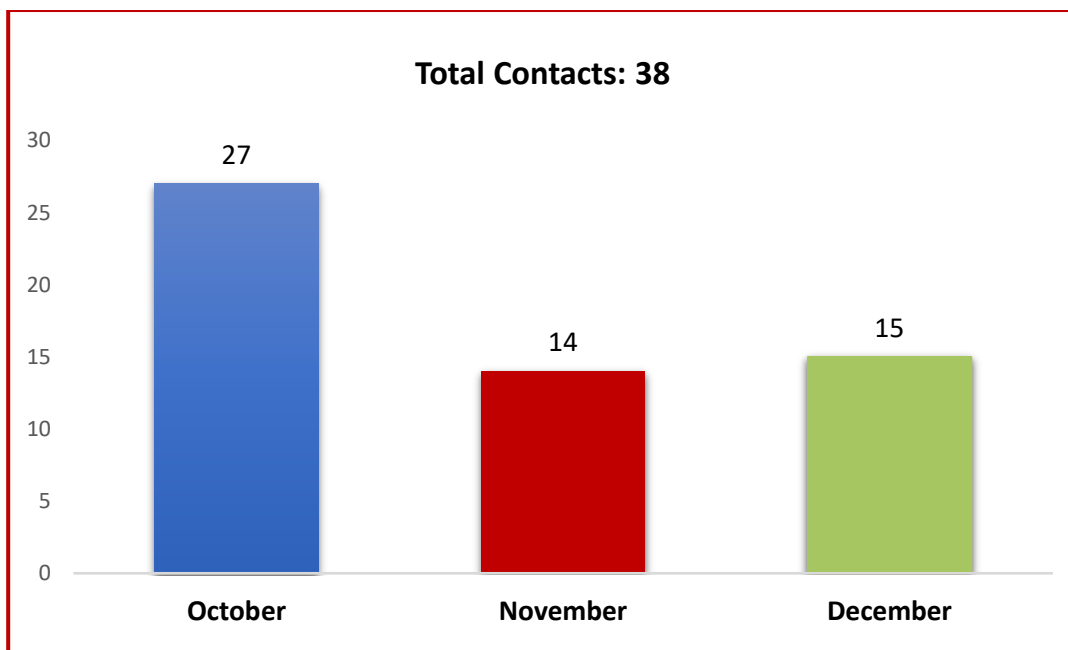
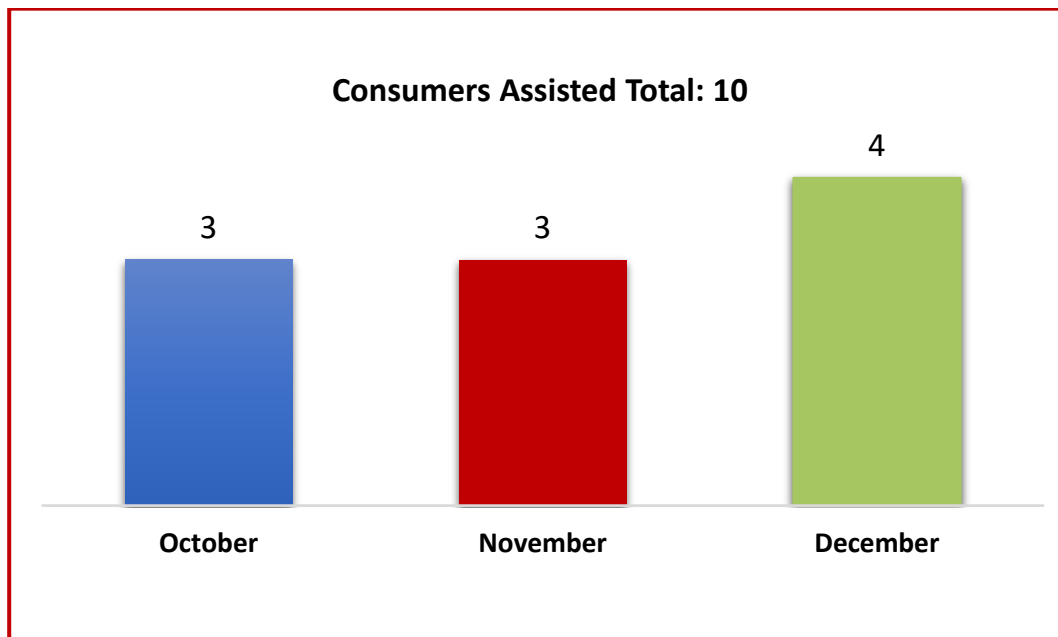
- The intake team had a total of 1,528 interactions via phone lines, walk-ins, emails, and faxes.





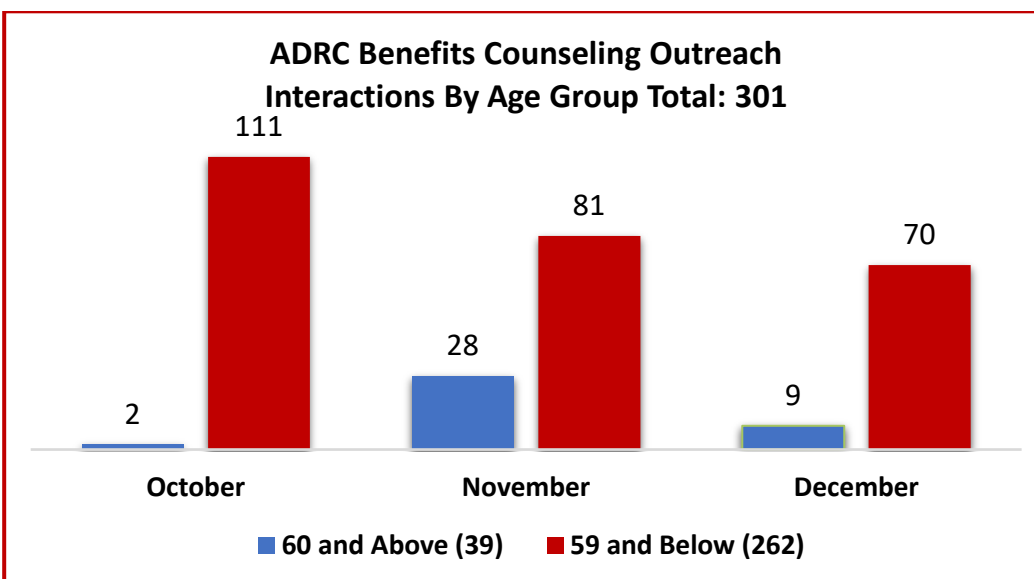
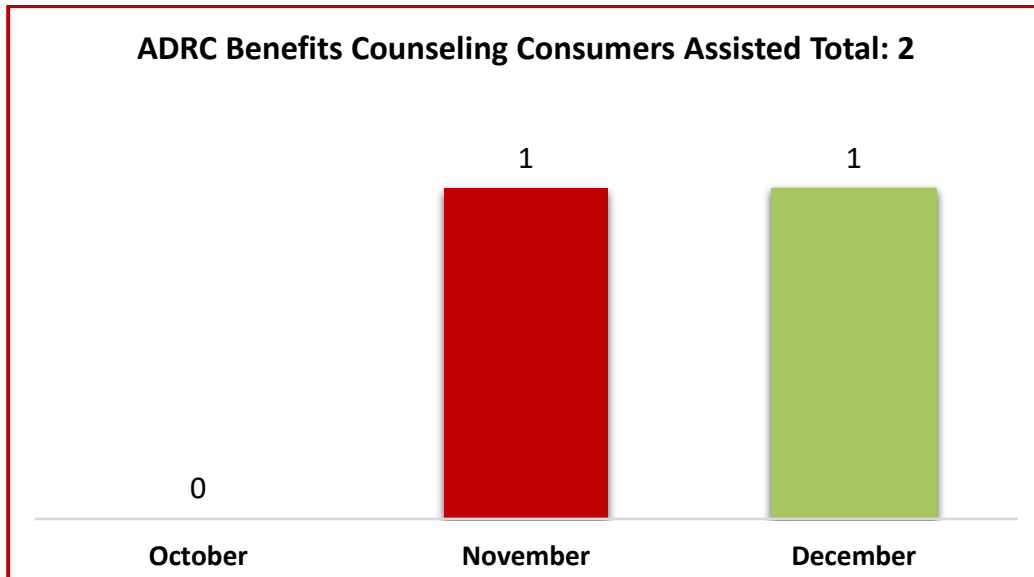
- **Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) Care Consultant Report**

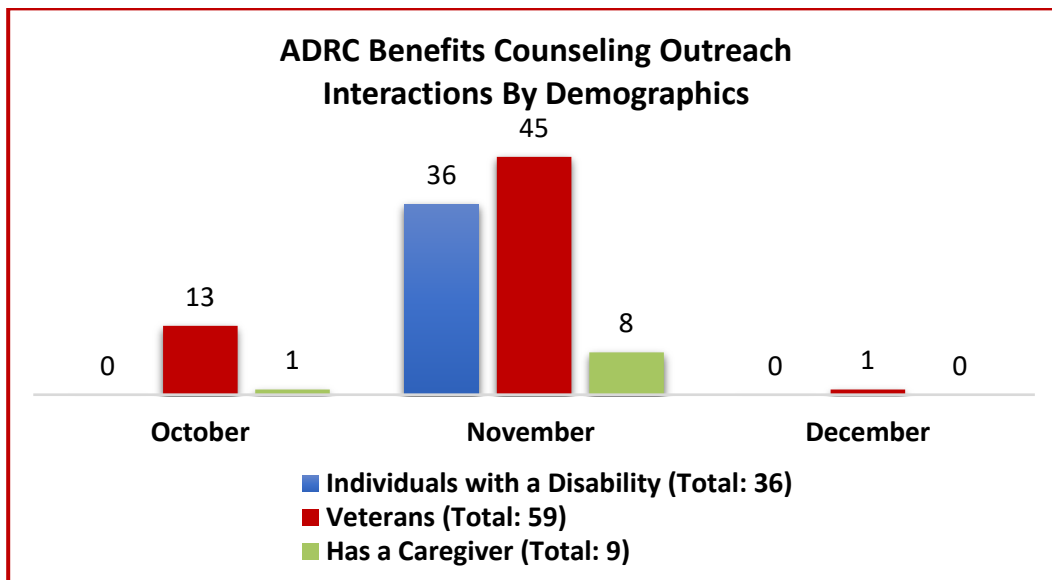
- The Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) Care Consultants successfully enrolled 10 new clients and 38 contacts across the tri-county area.



- **ADRC Report – Benefits Counseling**

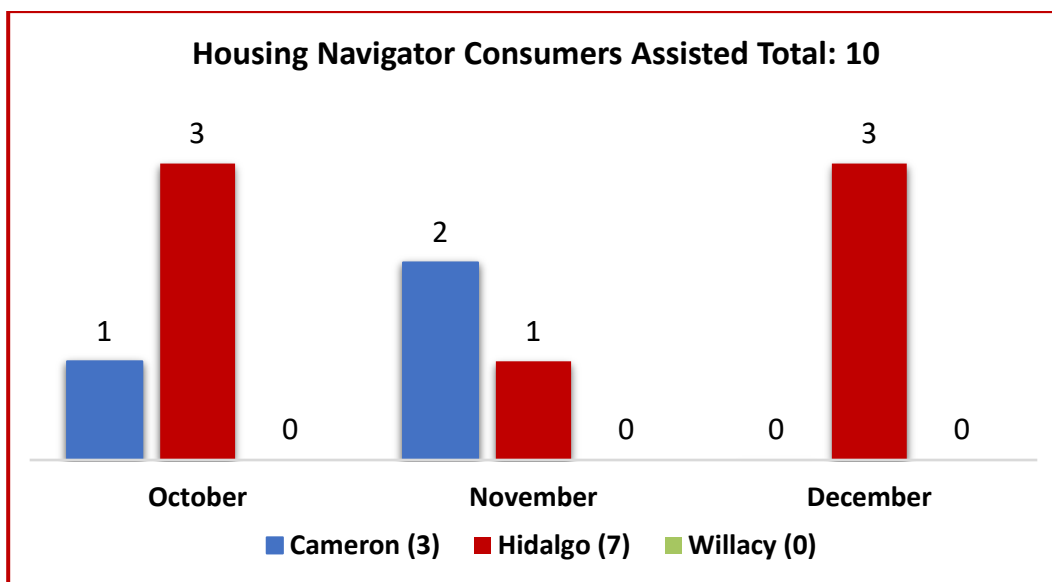
- Assisted 2 consumers by helping with MIPPA.
- Engaged with 301 individuals during outreach activities, 39 individuals were 60 years of age and above, 262 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
- Interacted with 36 individuals with a disability, 59 Veterans, and 9 individuals with a Caregiver.



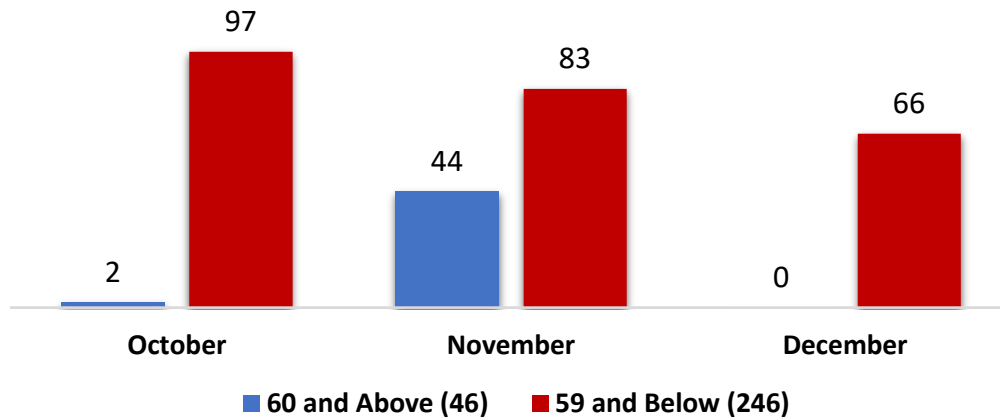


○ **ADRC Report – Housing Navigator**

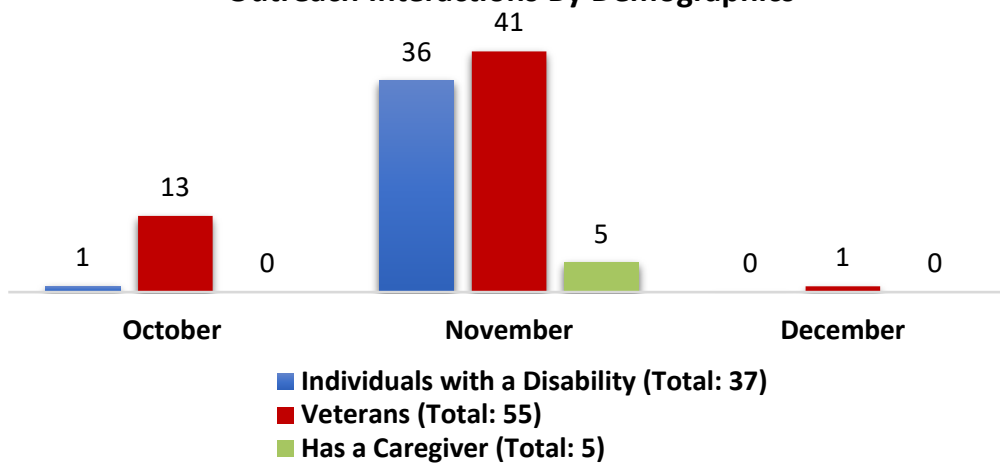
- Provided support to 10 consumers with housing inquiries.
- Interacted with a total of 292 individuals, comprising of 46 individuals aged 60 years and above, and 246 individuals aged 59 years and below.
- Engaged with 71 individuals with a disability, 15 veterans, and 20 individuals with a caregiver.



**ADRC Housing Navigator Outreach
Interactions By Age Group Total: 292**

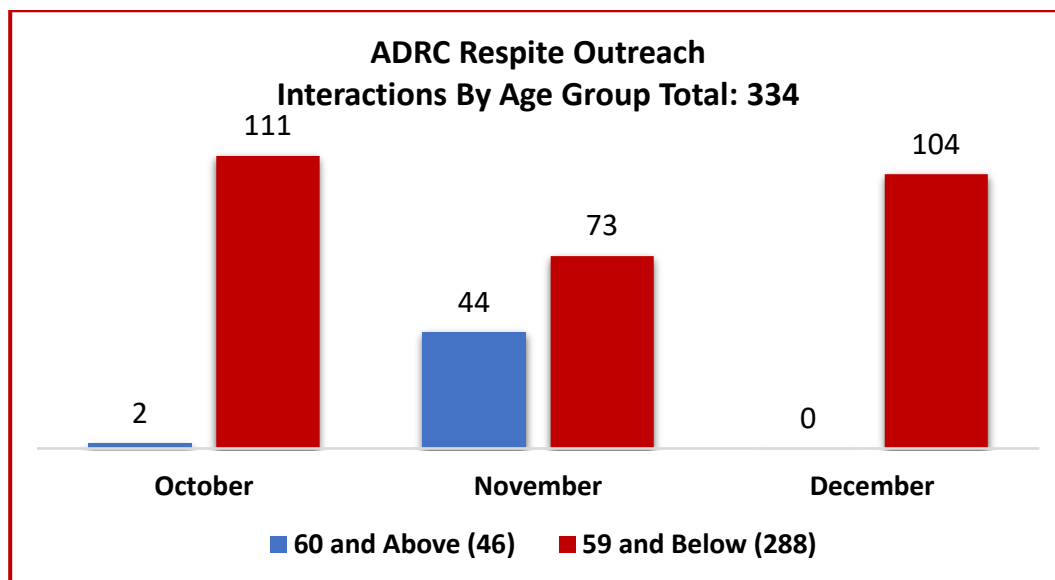
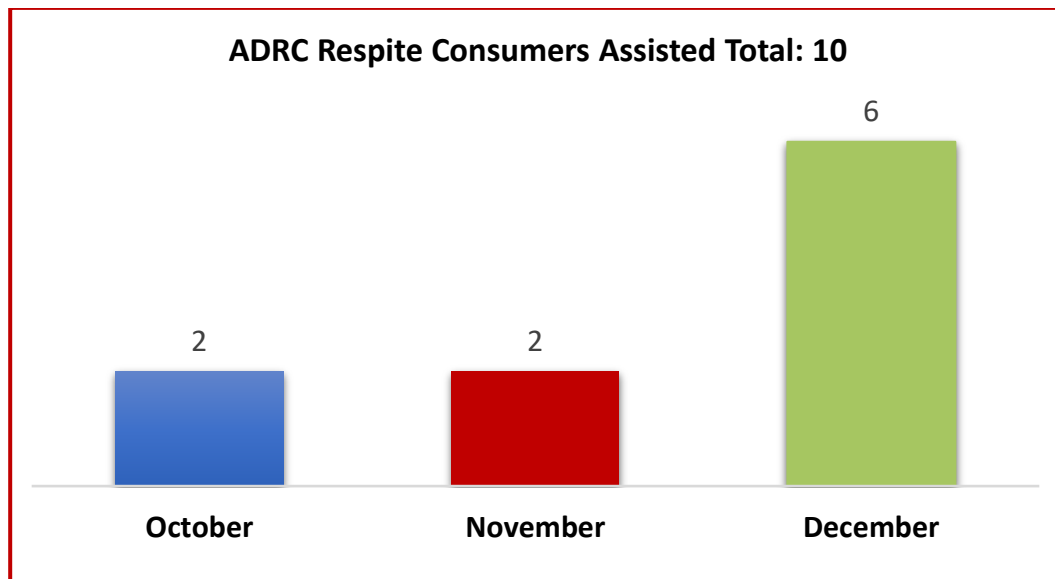


**ADRC Housing Navigator
Outreach Interactions By Demographics**

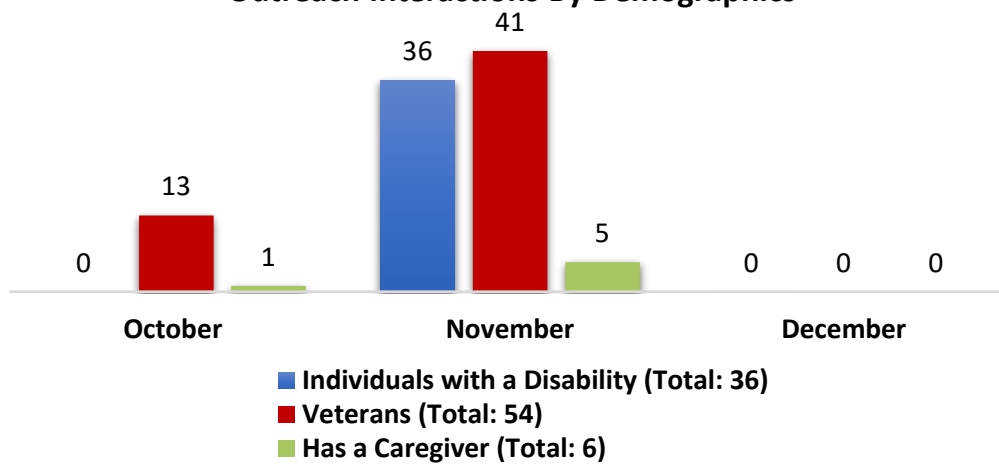


- **ADRC Report – Respite Services**

- Assisted 10 consumers seeking respite assistance.
- Interacted with a total of 334 individuals during outreach activities, 46 individuals were 60 years of age and above, 288 individuals were 59 years of age and below.
- Engaged with 36 individuals with a disability, 54 Veterans, and 6 individuals with a Caregiver.



**ADRC Respite
Outreach Interactions By Demographics**



Outreach Activities:

October 2024

- 10-15-24 Lasara National Night Out



- 10-16-24 Sebastian National Night Out



- 10-30-24 Cameron County National Night Out



November 2024:

- 11-20-24 LRGVDC 3rd Annual Veterans Festival



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THE LRGVDC AND THE AGING & DISABILITY
RESOURCE CENTER PRESENTS:

MILITARY CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING

Join us for this training designed to help individuals better understand the unique experiences and challenges faced by veterans. This training is open to the public - perfect for professionals, caregivers, and anyone interested in supporting veterans.

TRAINING TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

- Gain a deeper understanding of military values, traditions, and experiences.
- Learn best practices for supporting military-connected individuals.

**REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED DUE TO
LIMITED SLOTS**

SCAN ME



DATE AND PLACE

02.19.2025

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**1501 N. 28TH ST., SUITE A-2
HARLINGEN, TX 78550**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Please contact
Vianney Pena via email at
vpena@lrgvdc.org
or (956) 412 - 0958
Ext. 406





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SCAN ME



APRIL 23
9:30AM - 12:00PM

**301 W. RAILROAD ST.,
WESLACO, TEXAS 78596**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ACCOMODATIONS

Please contact Vianney Pena via email at vpena@lrgvdc.org or (956) 412-0958 ext 406



2025 LIFE CONFERENCE



LEADERSHIP - INCLUSION - INDEPENDENCE
FAMILY SUPPORT - EMPOWERMENT

Wednesday
March 5th

9:00 am to
3:30 pm

301 W Railroad St.
Weslaco, Tx 78596
Building "B"

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**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety.....Cesar Merla, Assistant Director

Homeland Security Program

- Staff hosted the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Meeting on December 5, 2024, at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Board in Weslaco, TX
- Staff participated on December 11, 2024, the Texas Integrated Flooding Framework meeting in order to provide regional knowledge on flooding hazards within service jurisdiction.
- Staff attended a webinar on December 11, 2024, Texas Association of Regional Council (TARC) eLearning: State Homeland Security Program Grant "Peer-to-Peer" Discussion.
- Staff participated on December 12, 2024, on the monthly Texas Association of Regional Council (TARC) Preparedness Call in order to prepare for the upcoming grant application cycle and Public Safety Office updates.
- Staff participated on December 13, 2024, with the United Irrigation District in Mission, TX and LRGVDC-Community & Economic Development in order to increase knowledge on water needs and critical infrastructure hazards in the service area.
- On December 20, 2024, Staff hosted a combined grant webinar detailing the instructions for the Governor's Public Safety Office for the Homeland Security funding opportunities.
- Staff hosted the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Meeting on January 2, 2025, at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Board in Weslaco, TX
- Staff hosted and participated on January 3, 2025, on a Cyber Disruption Casualty Management planning session for an upcoming workshop on February 27, 2025.

- Staff participated in a webinar call on January 7, 2025, with the Federal Transit Administration 5310 Program to increase knowledge of transportation security efforts for at-risk populations to include the elderly and people with disabilities.
- Staff attended the inaugural LRGVDC State of the COG on January 9, 2025, and provided emergency planning information and updates to all attendees.
- Staff participated in the TARC Preparedness call on January 9, 2025, to increase knowledge on the Governor's Public Safety Office grant cycle information and safety efforts.
- Staff attended on January 16, 2025, Hidalgo County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting in McAllen Fire Department Station.
- Staff participated and received training on January 14-15, 2025, from Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) regarding the Sports and Special Events TEEX MGT 412 Course.
- Staff members participated in the virtual meeting hosted by the on January 16, 2025, FBI's InfraGard program on EMP Hardening of the Elements of the Critical Infrastructure.
- Staff hosted the on January 22, 2025, the quarterly Regional Response Group meeting in the LRGVDC Small Boardroom option of hybrid setting.
- Staff member hosted a virtual meeting on January 23, 2025, with the regional communications representatives and the three county emergency management officials to discuss a communication survey.
- Staff participated on January 29, 2025, on the first series of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings sponsored by Hidalgo County Health Department.



FEMA

Cyber Disruption Consequence Management Workshop Series

Save The Date:

February 27, 2025 301 W. Railroad St, Weslaco, Texas 78596 Bldg B

Large-scale cyber disruptions can result from a myriad of natural disasters, accidents, and intentional acts. Time and time again, the consequences of these events are widespread for long periods of time. Ransomware attacks dominate news cycles with cities like Baltimore and Atlanta demonstrating the immense cost that can result. Solarwinds and Colonial Pipeline emphasize that even downstream consequences from a cyber-attack can be just as costly. With our nation's reliance on cyber-based systems continuing to grow and considering the aging state of our cyber-related infrastructure, it is critical that jurisdictions take a multi-disciplinary and integrated approach to understanding the consequences of a large-scale cyber disruption and building resilient solutions.

The **Cyber Disruption Consequence Management Workshop** (CDCM Workshop) is a one-day, interactive workshop designed to help a jurisdiction identify resilient solutions for managing the consequences of a cyber disruption affecting critical systems and services by facilitating peer to peer information sharing and multi-agency coordination and planning. It is designed to:

- Focus discussions on critical infrastructure continuity and consequence management,
- Foster a whole community approach to cyber disruption resiliency, and
- Highlight interdependencies between Information Technology, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, and the private sector.

Who should attend?

30-50 key stakeholders representing core government services, public safety and emergency management, information technology and radio services, and critical infrastructure and the private sector. These individuals should represent a cross-section of their respective departments including senior leadership and operational subject matter experts who would be involved in managing the consequences of a major disruption.

What is the format for the Workshop?

A majority of the day is spent in facilitated peer groups and plenary discussions around the scenario presented. Groups engage in small exercises to define the scope of the problem, identify gaps, define success, and brainstorm resilient solutions. The workshop also includes briefings from national subject matter experts on appropriate topics. These presentations are meant to reinforce key concepts discussed in the workshop.

What is the expected outcome?

The host receives a key findings report approximately eight weeks after workshop conduct that identifies specific gaps in current plans and policies as well as broader coordination issues that may require additional attention. The report also contains potential solutions offered by participants for further use in planning as well as resources that may be of benefit to the jurisdiction.

What are the responsibilities of the host?

The host will:

- Identify approximately 8-10 stakeholders for the planning team who represent the agencies with a significant role in managing an disruption;
- Identify and approve the list of attendees;
- Provide local input for scenario development;
- Secure a facility to accommodate the needs of the workshop; and
- Provide refreshments as desired.

What are FEMA's responsibilities?

FEMA will:

- Manage all workshop administration and planning, including planning meetings and participant registration;
- Develop all workshop content, including but not limited to: scenario, and participant materials;
- Provide staff to facilitate plenary and breakout groups; and
- Deliver a key findings briefing to the jurisdiction, post-workshop.

Through this workshop, participants will discuss in detail the potential consequences of a cyber disruption to their organization with peers. The privacy of these conversations affords leaders the opportunity to be honest in sharing concerns and to learn more about the networks and systems that facilitate their daily operations. As many agencies have a critical role to play in the event of cyber disruption, open discussion ensures that everyone shares the same vision of how to manage consequences, maintain continuity of government services, and in some cases, meet the needs of a criminal investigation

SENIOR OFFICIALS WORKSHOP FOR ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS

MGT-312

February 20, 2025 9am-3pm Save the Date

301 W. Railroad, St, Weslaco, Texas 78596 BLDG B

Register here: [https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?](https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT312&S=653)

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DHS/FEMA-funded course





SENIOR OFFICIALS WORKSHOP FOR ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS

MGT-312

This workshop provides an interactive forum to understand the roles and responsibilities of senior leadership as related to all-hazard disaster preparedness, to share proven strategies and best practices, and to enhance coordination among whole of community partners.

The class will provide a basic understanding of planning, operational coordination and public information and warning through lecture and group discussions. The participant will have the opportunity to work through a customized tabletop exercise focused on the strategic objectives faced by senior leaders. The final outcome of the class is the development of an action plan to improve the preparedness posture of the community/organization.

Topics

- A tabletop exercise tailored for the jurisdiction(s) as the catalyst to generate discussion of policy and emergency operations center activities required to support the incident commander's and state/federal government requirements related to an all-hazard, catastrophic incident
- Roles and responsibilities and preparedness challenges
- Domestic preparedness resources and how to leverage them for your community
- Homeland Security Strategic Planning as it relates to risk and needs assessment and the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for your jurisdiction
- Executive-level incident response and recovery considerations, including medical/public health, situational appraisal, incident management (ICS), mutual aid agreements, media relations, recovery and restoration processes, federal assistance, and business/economic recovery

Prerequisites

FEMA / SID Number

A FEMA SID is required to register for and participate in any training provided by FEMA. The FEMA SID will serve as your unique identifier and be used to maintain the record of FEMA trainings you attended.

Register for a FEMA SID at: cdp.dhs.gov/femasid

Course Length

1 Day (6 hours)

Venue

Jurisdiction

Class Size

30 Participants

CE Credits

IACET - 0.6 CEUs

Participants

The course is designed for senior elected, appointed, and whole of community leaders, including but not limited to:

- Elected officials (city, county, state, and tribal)
- City and county managers
- Emergency management directors/coordinators
- Directors of local response agencies
- Chiefs/departments heads
- Local business partners
- Public Information Officers
- Hospital Administration
- Airport and port facility managers
- School and university administrators and security
- Public and private sector executives (e.g., Communications, Transportation, Utilities)
- Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) (e.g., Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Department of Defense (DoD) installation commanders and representatives
- Stadium and sports facility managers and directors of security
- Resident federal agency representatives (e.g., FBI, ATF, Secret service, FEMA, TSA)

For more information, contact:

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TEEX ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:



IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A TEEX TRAINING ACCOUNT:

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Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday January 29, 2025

Public Safety

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACADEMY

Program Action Items Javier Solis Asst. Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve a Resolution for Fiscal Years 2025 – 2027 for the LRGV Regional Law Enforcement Academy Project.

Action Item Background:

The LRGV Academy is seeking funding from the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas for fiscal years 2025-2027. The filing of a resolution before the Executive Board of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is required to satisfy the requirements established under the project's grant.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

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Program Action Items Javier Solis Asst. Director

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the County of Hidalgo, Texas for the purpose of reporting training hours to TCOLE for Texas Peace Officers attending the South Texas All Hazards Conference, and with the authority for LRGVDC Executive Director, Manuel Cruz, to sign and finalize the agreement.

Action Item Background:

The County of Hidalgo's Department of Emergency Management Office hosts the annual South Texas All Hazards Conference in McAllen, Texas. The conference is attended by hundreds of first responders and various emergency management individuals every year.

The Hidalgo County Emergency Management Department has requested the assistance of the LRGV Academy to serve as the premier Law Enforcement Educational Provider for this conference. Under the Interlocal Agreement, the LRGV Academy will ensure that all training offered to Texas Peace Officers during the conference is within Texas Commission on Law Enforcement compliance and shall also report all training hours for said officers to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
AND HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

THIS Agreement is made on this the _____ day of _____, 2025 between the **LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (the “LRGVDC”)** by and through the **LRGV ACADEMY** and the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS**, by and through its Department of Health and Human Services, hereinafter referred to as the “County”, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County is a “Local Government” and a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC is a regional council of government and political subdivisions of the State of Texas and the County of Hidalgo;

WHEREAS, the LRGV ACADEMY represents that it is authorized and in good standing to provide Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) in-service training hours to those individuals eligible to receive such hours.

WHEREAS, the County hosts the annual South Texas All Hazards Conference for public health personnel, emergency response managers, first-line supervisors and administrators who will function as incident commanders, emergency management coordinators, public utility workers, local stakeholders at all levels of government, public health, non-profit organizations, and any other entity who respond and provide services during emergencies involving potential public calamities primarily in mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the County and LRGVDC desire to enter into this Agreement in an effort to coordinate the issuance of TCOLE in-service training hours to eligible participants of the South Texas All Hazards Conference and make the most efficient use of their resources for necessary training, networking, and professional development as stated herein in the most practicable and efficient manner possible; and

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC and County are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code 791.001 et seq., (the “Act”) which authorizes local governments to contract with each other to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of the Act;

NOW THEREFORE, the LRGVDC and County, in consideration of the mutual covenants expressed hereinafter, agree as follows:

1. The County agrees to provide participants' admission to the South Texas All Hazards Conference ("Conference") at no cost to participants.
2. LRGV ACADEMY agrees to provide TCOLE in- service training hours to eligible Conference participants at no cost to the County or to Conference participants. LRGV ACADEMY agrees to be solely responsible for and abide by all TCOLE in-service training hour issuance and reporting requirements.
3. LRGV ACADEMY reserves the right to withhold reporting of TCOLE in -service training hours for any person or persons due to any and all violations of the rules and provisions set forth under Title 37 of the Texas Administrative Code.
4. The Conference will be conducted on March 27 & 28, 2025 and is tentatively scheduled to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. The County will advise LRGV Academy of all conference classes and speakers. The LRGV Academy shall determine which classes are eligible for TCOLE in-service training hour credit as well as the amount of credit attributed to each and advise the County of the same at least forty-five (45) days prior to the commencement of the conference. The County and LRGV Academy shall work cooperatively to address any modifications as needed.
5. LRGV ACADEMY will provide, whenever staffing availability permits, two representatives to monitor class deliveries and/or assist with onsite registration, if applicable.
6. LRGV ACADEMY will provide a sign-in sheet or similar process to document participant attendance.
7. The County will provide hardwired internet connections, tables and chairs for onsite TCOLE registration, if applicable.
8. The County will make available a "quiet room/office" with electric outlets with tables and chairs for LRGV ACADEMY personnel.
9. The County will provide general conference registration through online platform.
10. The County will print participant name badges and provide area for participant badge pick up onsite.
11. The County will provide LRGV ACADEMY representative with the training course information/data for TCOLE in-service training hours, to include complete required forms and paperwork for TCOLE submission.

12. The County will provide LRGV ACADEMY with instructor qualification documents at least 30 days prior to conference date.
13. **Insurance:** LRGVDC is self-insured. Each entity shall carry sufficient liability insurance at statutorily required limits, pursuant to the Texas Tort Claims Act.
14. **Term & Termination.** Either party may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the non-terminating party for any reason or no reason at all. This Agreement shall commence as of the day and year first written above and remain in effect for one (1) year.
15. **Conflict with Applicable Law.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of the Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such even the affected provision or provision of this Agreement shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirement and only during the time such conflicts exists.
16. **No Waiver:** No waiver by any party hereto of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.
17. **Entire Agreement:** The Agreement contains the entire contact among the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that no other party has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representation or agreements in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by the Parties, and not otherwise.
18. **Liabilities:** This Agreement is not intended to extend the liability of the Parties beyond that provided by law. Neither Party waives, nor shall be deemed to have hereby waived, any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising from third parties.
19. **Indemnification:** **Without waiving its sovereign immunity, and if and to the extent allowed by law, each party shall indemnify and hold harmless each other, its officers, officials, and employees from and against all claims and liabilities of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses for or on account of any claims, damages, losses, or expenses of any character whatsoever resulting in whole or in part from the negligent performance or omission of either party's employees or representatives connected with the activities described herein.**
20. **Notice:** Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all notices, demands, requests or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by commercial courier with delivery

signature required, and addresses to the parties at the addresses set forth below or at such other addresses as may be theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to LRGVDC Weslaco, Texas: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Manuel "Manny" Cruz, Executive Director
301 West Railroad
Weslaco, TX 78596
(956) 682-3481

If to the County: County of Hidalgo
Richard Cortez, County Judge
100 East Cano
Edinburg, TX 78539
(956)-318-2600

With copy to : Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department
Attention: Director
1304 S. 25th Ave.
Edinburg, TX 78539

Each notice, demand, request, or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given or all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addressee or, if sent by way of commercial courier, at such time as it is delivered to the commercial courier.

21. **Additional Documents:** The parties hereto warrant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of the Agreement.
22. **Assignment:** This Agreement shall not be assignable.
23. **Headings:** The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are solely for convenient reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision or paragraph hereof.
24. **Authority to Execute:** The execution and performance of this Agreement by each of the parties have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolution, ordinances or government body action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of the parties hereto in accordance with its terms.
25. **Governmental Purpose:** Each party hereto is entering into this Agreement for the purpose of providing governmental services or functions and will pay for such services out of current revenues available to the paying party as herein provided.

26. **Severability:** Should any phrase, clause, sentence or section of this Agreement be judicially declared to be invalid, unenforceable or void, such decision will not have the effect of invalidating or voiding the remainder of the Agreement, and such part of the Agreement will be deemed to have been stricken hereto from and the remainder of the Agreement will have the same force and effect as if such part or parts had never been included herein.
27. **Controlling Law.** This agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.
28. **Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.
29. **Gender and Number.** All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neutral gender, and singular shall include the plural whenever and so often as may be appropriate.
30. **Non-Discrimination.** The Agreement and all related activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not discriminate against any person on a basis prohibited by applicable law or County and City policy, including without limitation race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.
31. **Commitment of Current Revenues.** In the event that during the term hereof, the governing body of any party does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of such party under this Agreement, then any party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. Each of the parties hereto agrees to use its best efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of each party hereto.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

WITNESS THE HANDS OF THE PARTIES effective as of the day and year first written above.

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

Hidalgo County Judge, Richard Cortez

Date

ATTEST:

By: _____

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office
Toribio "Terry" Palacios

By: _____

**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Printed Name

Title

Date

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday January 29, 2025

Public Safety

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACADEMY

Program Action Items Javier Solis Asst. Director

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the City of Rio Grande City, Texas for the purposes of utilizing the Rio Grande City Municipal Airport as a training site for the LRGV Academy Basic Peace Officer Course and with the authority for LRGVDC Executive Director, Manuel Cruz, to sign and finalize the agreement.

Action Item Background:

The LRGV Academy operates a Basic Peace Officer Course by and through the Rio Grande City Police Department in the City of Rio Grande City, Texas. The LRGV Academy has identified a need for a training facility in the Rio Grande City, Texas area which can accommodate training for the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course.

The City of Rio Grande City, Texas owns, operates, and manages the Rio Grande City Municipal Airport. The airport is of sufficient size and surface area to accommodate such training. The interlocal agreement would establish a mutual agreement between the LRGV Academy and the City of Rio Grande City, Texas for the utilization of the Rio Grande City Municipal Airport as a training site for law enforcement emergency vehicle driving training.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

&

CITY OF RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

**FOR TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT (TCOLE) TRAINING SITE AND
FACILITIES**

This Interlocal Agreement (the “Agreement”) is entered into by and between the LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (“LRGVDC”), a regional council of government and political subdivision of the State and the CITY OF **Rio Grande City, Texas** (“CITY”), for the purpose of utilizing the **Rio Grande City Municipal Airport** as a training site and facility for the implementation of law enforcement training, education, and continuing education under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code, as the same may be amended from time to time, to be effective as of the date on which the last Party signs this Agreement (the “Effective Date”). The City or County and the LRGVDC are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties” and are each a “Party”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, titled Interlocal Cooperation Contracts, authorizes contracts between political subdivisions for the performance of governmental functions and services; and

WHEREAS the Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy (“LRGV Academy”) operating as a division of the LRGVDC, has been entrusted with the responsibility of representing the Rio Grande Valley and providing essential support to law enforcement agencies. With nearly 50 years of experience administering training resources and programs for the development of qualified law enforcement officers throughout the region; and

WHEREAS the LRGV Academy utilizes a wide variety of satellite training locations to accomplish the course goals, lesson learning objectives, and overall delivery of high-quality law enforcement training curriculums; and

WHEREAS the LRGVDC, through its LRGV ACADEMY, holds a Law Enforcement Academy TCOLE Agency Number for the purpose of conducting law enforcement functions, specifically in relation to (TCOLE REPORTING); and law enforcement training, to include the administration of the TCOLE Basic Peace Officer Course and

WHEREAS the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement requires the LRGV Academy to maintain a law enforcement emergency vehicle driving facility or have access to a facility that provides adequate space and surface area to provide law enforcement emergency vehicle driving training, and

WHEREAS the City of Rio Grande City, Texas owns, operates, and manages a municipal airport, specifically to wit, the Rio Grande City Municipal Airport, located at F.M. 3167 in Rio Grande City, Texas and

WHEREAS the Rio Grande City Municipal Airport provides safe and sufficient space and surface area along with adequate facilities to conduct law enforcement emergency vehicle driving training to include the emergency vehicle operations course required as part of the curriculum to the TCOLE Basic Peace Officer Course and

WHEREAS the LRGVDC operates a police academy inside the incorporated city limits of the City of Rio Grande City, Texas and administers law enforcement training to include the TCOLE Basic Peace Officer Course by, and for the city's Rio Grande City Police Department and

WHEREAS the City of Rio Grande City, Texas has identified a need for law enforcement training and TCOLE REPORTING, for the Rio Grande City Police Department and other area law enforcement agencies and

WHEREAS LRGVDC and the City of Rio Grande City, Texas have agreed to cooperate with each other for the performance of governmental functions and provide law enforcement training, including in-service law enforcement training for the many law enforcement agencies in the region to include the City of Rio Grande City's Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, to enhance cooperation amongst local law enforcement agencies, express their mutual commitment to the service of law enforcement purposes and the provisions of the mentioned training programs, the LRGVDC and City of Rio Grande City, Texas hereby agree as follows:

1. USAGE OF FACILITIES AND TRAINING SITE AGREEMENT:

This "Facilities and or Training Site Agreement" is made and entered into between the City of Rio Grande City, Texas and the LRGVDC and LRGV Academy.

Whereas the City of Rio Grande City, Texas owns, manages, and operates the Rio Grande City Municipal Airport located at F.M. 3167 Rio Grande City, Texas and whereas the LRGVDC and LRGV Academy request permission to use the Rio Grande City Municipal Airport for the following purpose:

Purpose of use - To be utilized by the LRGV Academy as a training site for the delivery of law enforcement emergency vehicle driving training for the Rio Grande City Police Department and other law enforcement agencies within the region.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- (1.1) The **City of Rio Grande City, Texas** agrees to allow the LRGV Academy to utilize the above-mentioned facility or training site when advanced notice has been requested from the City of Rio Grande City, Texas or from the City's designee and only when availability permits.
- (1.2) The **City of Rio Grande City, Texas** agrees to allow the LRGV Academy to utilize the above-mentioned facility or training site at no cost.
- (1.3) The LRGV Academy agrees that it will not use the premises for any unlawful purposes, and will obey all laws, rules and regulations of all governmental authorities while using the above-mentioned facility or training site.
- (1.4) The LRGV Academy agrees to be responsible for preparing for use and returning to pre-use conditions all areas of the premises which may be utilized and agrees to provide to the City of Rio Grande City, Texas or the City's designee, a list of names of all persons who will be granted access to the facility whenever a particular training hosted by the LRGV Academy is taking place on site.
- (1.5) The LRGV Academy acknowledges that the facility is an operational airport and that delays or disruptions in training may occur due to priority of incoming flights. The LRGV Academy further acknowledges it shall be responsible to coordinate with the City of Rio Grande City or the City's designee to see when such training can reconvene.
- (1.6) The LRGVDC and LRGV Academy agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the **City of Rio Grande City, Texas** including its' agents, employees, and representatives from all liability of injury or damage including but not limited to illness, bodily injury, personal injury, serious bodily injury, property damage or death arising from the use of the training site or facility.

2. Findings

2.1 The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein for all purposes and are found by the Parties to be true and correct. It is further found and determined that the Parties have authorized and approved this Agreement by their respective entities, and that this Agreement will be in full force and effect when executed by all Parties.

3. Binding Effect; Benefiting Parties

3.1 This Agreement shall bind and benefit the respective Parties and their legal successors, but shall not otherwise be assignable, in whole or in part, by either Party without first obtaining the written consent of the other Party.

3.2 This Agreement inures to the benefit of and obligates only the Parties. No term or provision of this Agreement shall benefit or obligate any person or entity not a Party to the Agreement. The Parties shall cooperate fully in opposing any attempt by any third person or entity to claim any benefit, protection, release, or other consideration under this Agreement.

4. Governmental Functions; Liability; No Waiver of Immunity or Defenses

4.1 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, this Agreement is a contract for and with respect to the performance of governmental functions by governmental entities.

4.2 The services provided for herein are governmental functions, and the LRGVDC and City of Rio Grande City, Texas shall be engaged in the conduct of a governmental function while providing and/or performing any service pursuant to this Agreement.

4.3 The relationship of the LRGVDC and the City of Rio Grande City, Texas shall, with respect to that part of any service or function undertaken because of or pursuant to this Agreement, be that of independent contractors.

4.4 Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed by the Parties, or by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partners, joint ventures', or any other similar such relationship between the Parties.

4.5 Each Party reserves and does not waive any defense available to it at law or in equity as to any claim or cause of action whatsoever that may arise or result from or in connection with this Agreement. This Agreement shall not be interpreted nor construed to give to any third party the right to any claim or cause of action, and neither the City of Rio Grande City, Texas nor the LRGVDC shall be held legally liable for any claim or cause of action arising pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement except as specifically provided herein or by law.

4.6 Neither Party waives or relinquishes any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its trustees, councilmembers, officers, employees, and agents as a result of the execution of this Agreement and the performance of the covenants and agreements contained herein.

4.7 The LRGVDC agrees to hold the City of Rio Grande City, Texas harmless from all claims arising out of acts or omissions of the LRGVDC during any Basic Peace Officer Academy or law enforcement in service training classes and activities.

4.8 The City of Rio Grande City, Texas agrees to hold the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council harmless from all claims arising out of acts or omissions by the City of Rio Grande City, Texas.

4.9 This section does not apply to, nor has any effect in, Workers Compensation claims filed against either party by that party's personnel, resulting out of acts or omissions during any Basic Peace Officer Academy or law enforcement in service training classes and activities.

5. Notices

5.1 All correspondence and communications concerning this Agreement shall be directed to:

LRGVDC: (_____)
LRGVDC Executive Director
301 W. Railroad Street
Weslaco, TX 78596

(_____): _____
Address
City, TX Zip Code

Notices required hereunder shall be hand-delivered or sent by prepaid certified mail, return receipt requested.

6. Severability

6.1 If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof, but rather this entire Agreement will be construed as if not containing the particular invalid or unenforceable provision(s), and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be construed and enforced in accordance therewith. The Parties acknowledge that if any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it is their desire and intention that such provision be reformed and construed in such a manner that it will, to the maximum extent practicable, give effect to the intent of this Agreement and be deemed to be validated and enforceable.

6.2 LRGVDC may immediately suspend operation of contract with City of Rio Grande City, Texas for noncompliance with the terms of the contract or any TCOLE rule or law. Operation of

the contract may be suspended for a period of time, including a period pending outcome of an investigation or until remedial compliance with applicable standards has been met. The suspension is considered effective when City of Rio Grande City, Texas is notified in writing.

7. Entire Agreement

7.1 This Agreement is the entire agreement between the City of Rio Grande City, Texas and the LRGVDC as to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral agreement relative to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument duly approved and executed by both Parties in accordance with the formalities of this Agreement.

8. Governing Law; Venue

8.1 All Parties agree that this Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas, and obligations under the Agreement shall be performed in Hidalgo County, Texas. Should the need for dispute resolution arise, venue shall be in Hidalgo County, Texas.

9. Term and Termination

9.1 This Agreement shall be for an initial term of two (2) years and will automatically be renewed for subsequent one-year terms unless terminated as herein provided and subject to any necessary funding being appropriated by the governing bodies of the Parties.

9.2 Either party may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part hereto whenever such termination is found to be in the best interest of either party. Termination shall be in effect by the conveyance of a written notification thereof to the other party at least ninety (90) days in advance of the effective date of the termination.

9.3 Either party may terminate this contract upon ten days' written notice.

10. Current Revenues

10.1 Pursuant to Section 791.001(d)(3), Texas Government Code, each party paying for the performance of governmental functions or services will make those payments from current revenues available to the paying party.

11. General Terms

11.1 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall be considered fully executed as of the date first written above, when all Parties have executed an identical counterpart, notwithstanding that all signatures may not appear on the same counterpart.

11.2 Effective Date. The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the date last executed by a Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement by their authorized representatives as of the dates noted below.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

LRGVDC

By: _____

(LRGVDC Executive Director)

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Legal Counsel

(_____)

By: _____

Rio Grande City, City Mayor

Date: _____

(_____)

By: _____

Rio Grande City, City Manager

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM
DONNA CITY ATTORNEY

(_____)_____
Rio Grande City, City Attorney

ATTEST:

(_____)_____
Rio Grande City, City Secretary

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMENDMENTS

The parties agree that this agreement is given and accepted upon the expressed condition that it cannot, in any manner, be changed, altered, varied, or modified unless such modification, change, or alteration shall be in writing and executed by both parties.

This agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of both parties and terminated by either party giving not less than thirty (30) days written notice prior to the proposed effective date of the proposed amendment or termination.

In the event of actions which may include, but not limited to, actions that are illegal, unsafe instructional practices, unethical, or not in the best interest of either party, this agreement can be immediately terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement by their authorized representatives as of the dates noted below.

The effective start date of this agreement is the _____ day of _____ 20 ____

NAME

Executive Director

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Rio Grande City, City Mayor

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

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LRGV Academy Department Reports:

- Graduation
- Officers Certified
- Courses Taught
- Contact Hours

On Friday January 3rd, 2025, the Mission 228th Academy commenced with a total enrollment of 25 cadets.

On Monday January 6th, 2025, the Edinburg 227th Academy had their graduation ceremony. 18 out of 20 cadets went on to successfully pass their state licensing exam. The class finished with a 90% pass rate.

On Wednesday January 15th, 2025, the LRGV Academy attended a joint press conference with the Rio Grande City Police Department to announce the historic creation of the first ever police academy to be hosted in Starr County.

On Wednesday January 22, 2025, the LRGV Academy conducted entrance exam testing in Rio Grande for the first ever Rio Grande City Police Department Academy.

On Friday January 24th, 2025, the 229th Weslaco LRGV Academy commenced with a total enrollment of 24 cadets.

On Monday January 27th, 2025, the LRGV Academy kicked off a TCOLE instructor course which is currently taking place at the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council's main campus.

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Item #5: Department Reports

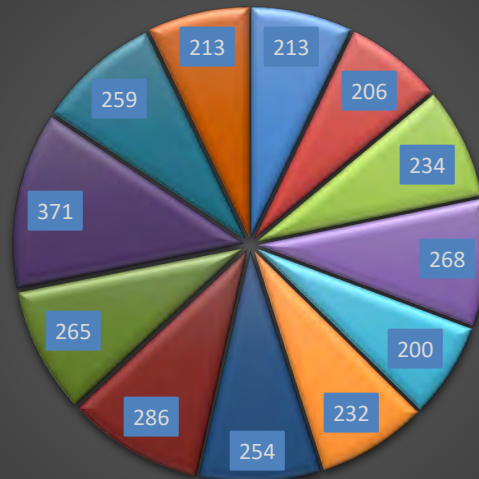
C. Public Safety

Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Status Report

- GIS Division

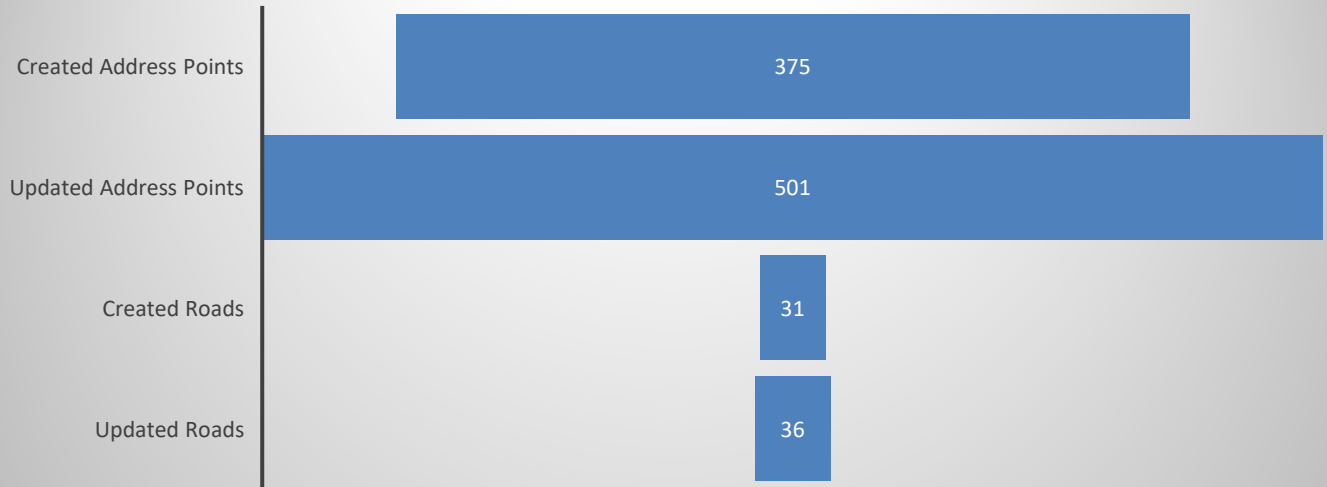
The GIS Data Hub has transitioned to www.rgv911.org, providing improved access to downloadable maps and streamlined data request handling, with updates ensuring ADA compliance. The Rubicon Dashboard has been completed, allowing efficient querying of ticket data, and historical address tickets have been migrated for continued access. The GIS team enhanced its capabilities through training on ArcGIS tools and insights gained from attending key conferences in 2024, boosting operational efficiency. Increased engagement with the Hub site is reflected in 64,029 page views in 2024, highlighting its growing utility. Preparations are underway for the ArcGIS Enterprise 11.3.1 update, using a cross department team and a detailed project timeline ensuring compatibility and a seamless transition from our current version.

2024 Address Tickets Totals

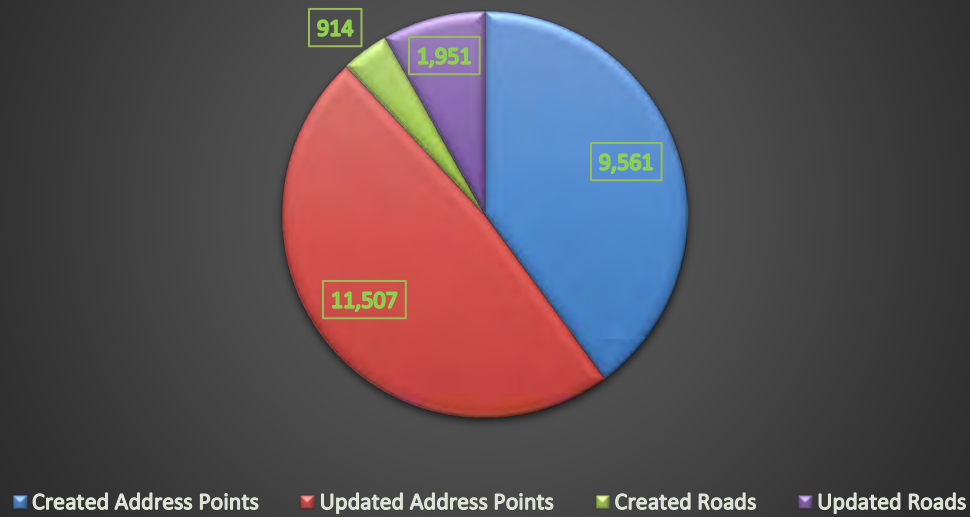


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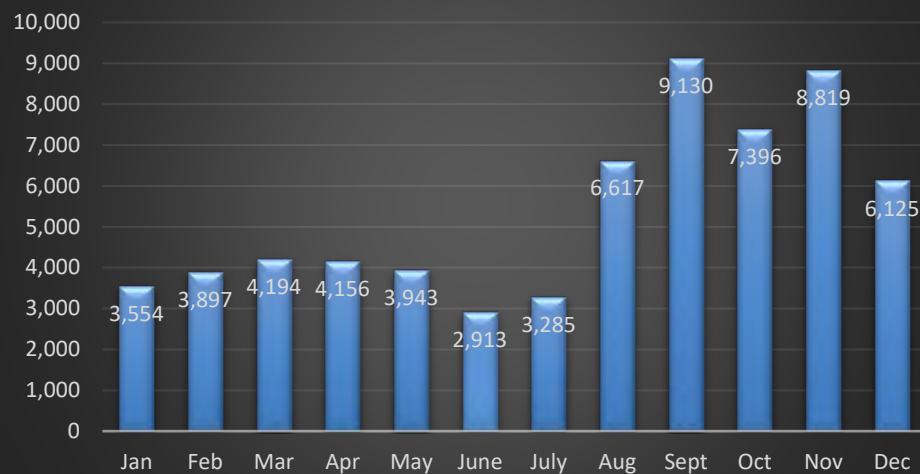
January 2025 Mapping Features



2024 Year End Total Production : GIS



RGV911.org 2024 Total Page Views

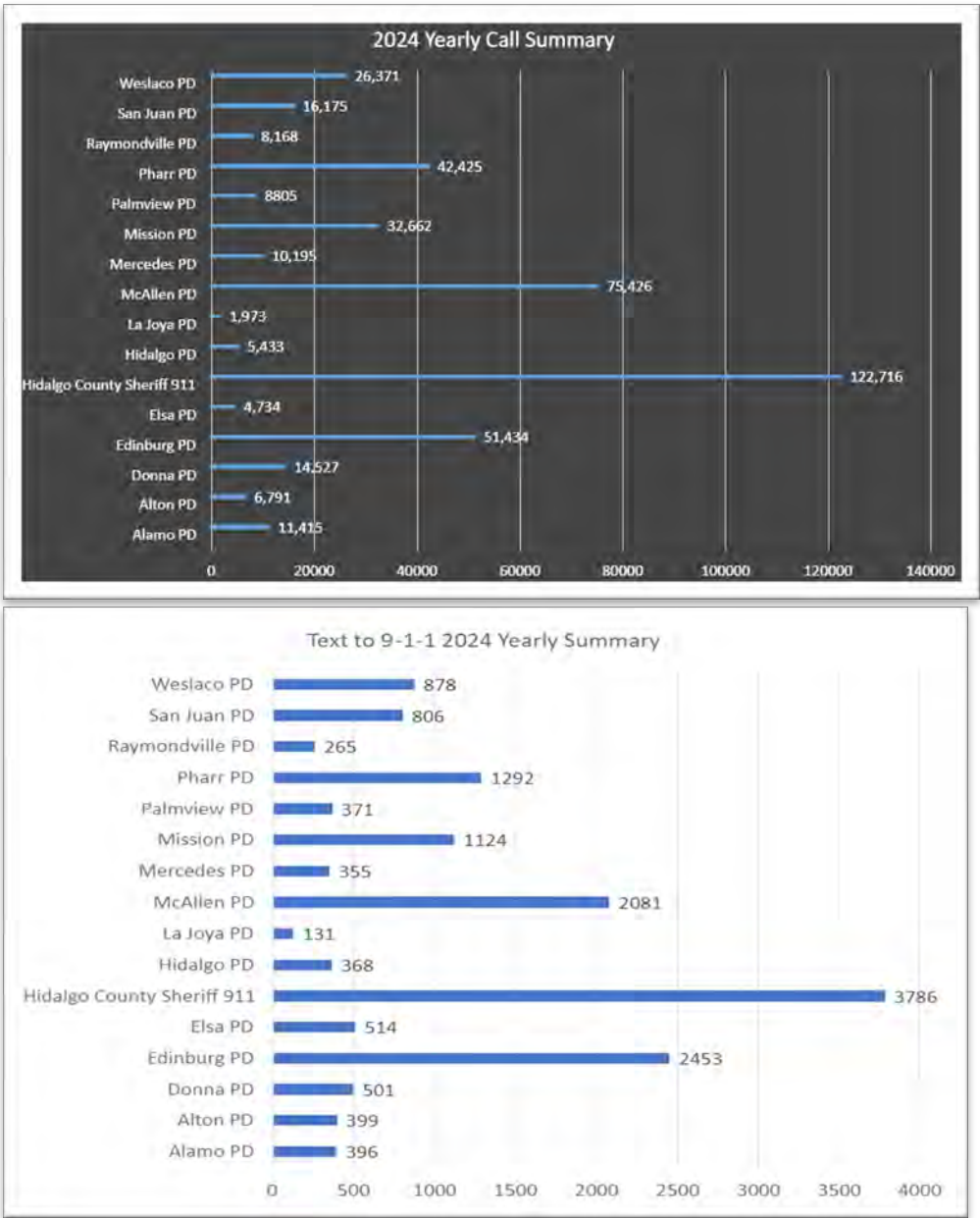


- 9-1-1 | Information Technology

The 9-1-1 | Information Technology Department concluded 2024 on a strong note. The team successfully completed audits for 33 PSAPs and hosted 12 Power 911/MapFlex training sessions. These sessions provided both new and experienced telecommunicators with critical training on the latest call delivery features, GIS mapping system updates, and industry best practices, ensuring they remain equipped to handle evolving demands in public safety.

Looking ahead, the District is preparing to host two APCO training courses: Active Shooter Training and Crisis Negotiation Training. These advanced courses address some of the most high-risk scenarios telecommunicators may face, enhancing their readiness and effectiveness in critical incidents. The goal is to empower telecommunicators to play a pivotal role in mitigating the impact of these critical events.

Our ongoing goal is to ensure that our 9-1-1 call delivery systems and GIS mapping technologies are working seamlessly together, maintaining 99.9% operational efficiency to serve our public safety partners and the community.



- **Community Engagement Division**

In November and December, the RGV911 Public Education team focused on expanding community engagement and enhancing accessibility for all. They continued developing informational materials tailored to individuals with disabilities and furthered their American Sign Language (ASL) training to improve communication inclusivity. Holiday outreach events provided opportunities to connect with families, emphasizing the importance of teaching children how and when to call 911. Collaborations with local organizations and schools helped strengthen awareness about 911 services and reinforced public safety education efforts. The team's dedication to building relationships with diverse community groups laid the groundwork for a strong start in the upcoming year.

Dia de Los Muertos event in the City of Granjeno, November 2, 2024.

Mayor Yvette Cabrera invited the RGV9-1-1 GIS team to help the community verify if their addresses were registered with the district. This event in Granjeno was a wonderful opportunity for residents to start the process of registering their addresses or simply updating their information with the district.

Dia-Beat-It Community Health Fair, November 12, 2024. This free community health fair provided a wonderful service to our community, offering essential health screenings like vision, oral, BMI, blood pressure, glucose, and liver check-ups for everyone. Our RGV911 team was on-site, sharing valuable information on the simple steps to calling 911 in case of an emergency. Thanks to everyone who came by to learn, connect, and take charge of their health! Together, we're making a difference for a safer, healthier community.

NENA (National Emergency Number Association) Telecommunicator Training "Enhanced Caller Management". November 15, 2024. NENA training focused on enhancing call management for 911 dispatchers. It was a powerful experience, filled with practical skills and new techniques to handle emergency calls more effectively. Our goal is always to serve our communities better, and this training brings us closer to that.

2nd Annual Success in Transition Fair, November 16, 2024. RGV911 was honored to participate in the 2nd Annual Success in Transition Fair today in the city of McAllen, connecting with students with disabilities and their families. We shared important 911 information, empowering attendees to feel confident in knowing when and how to call for help in emergencies. It's always a privilege to support events that build awareness and inclusion within our community.

City of Granjeno Thanksgiving Luncheon, November 16, 2024. The Granjeno Thanksgiving Festival was a fantastic event! It was wonderful to see the community come together for great food and fun activities. We loved offering educational games and sharing important 911 information with everyone.

LRGVDC 3rd Annual Veterans Fest, November 20, 2024. We had an amazing time at the Vet Fest, honoring our incredible veterans for their service and sacrifice. The event was filled with fun games, exciting prizes, and raffles that brought everyone together for a night to remember. The RGV911 staff truly enjoyed the evening, connecting with our community and celebrating our heroes.

Pharr Public Safety Communications Halloween Door Contest Pizza Party, November 21, 2024. Pharr Communications won the Halloween door contest, and the 911 dispatchers enjoyed a well-deserved pizza party sponsored by Stefanos' Pizza Express.

Candy Land Christmas with CASA of Hidalgo, December 8, 2024. It was a wonderful event filled with joy and holiday cheer. Events like this truly make the season brighter for everyone involved. Cell Phone Sally and Keith had a fantastic time dancing, chatting, and teaching the children about 911 safety at the event. Their energy and enthusiasm made learning fun and engaging for everyone. It was heartwarming to see the kids excited to interact while gaining important safety knowledge.

The Weslaco Christmas Parade, December 14, 2024. The RGV9-1-1 team, along with Cell Phone Sally and Keith, had an amazing time dancing and interacting with the crowd. It was a joy to see so many happy faces and the holiday spirit in full swing. We're grateful to be part of such a festive and vibrant community.

Grinchmas at Buckner Family Hope Center in Mission, December 17, 2024. It was a joy to help the children learn how to stay safe during their Christmas vacation, and the Grinch even had a change of heart seeing everyone so ready to help their community.

Precinct 2 Christmas Celebration in the city of Alamo, December 23, 2024. During this Christmas Celebration, we shared important 911 safety tips, including how to Text 911 and the importance of knowing your location. The children were eager to learn, and it was such a joy to see their smiles as they received Christmas presents! This festive event was the perfect way to end the year, combining fun and education to keep our community safe.



City of Granjeno
Dia De Los Muertos
Celebration



Dia-A-Beat Health
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in the City of
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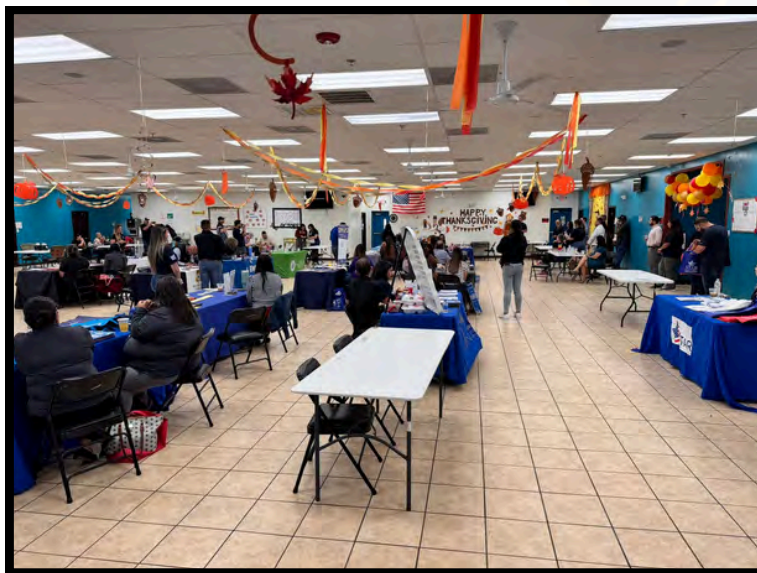
2nd Annual Success
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City of Granjeno
Thanksgiving Festival



LRGVDC
3rd Annual Vet Fest



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Pharr Public Safety Communications PSAP Halloween Door Contest



Candy Land Christmas with CASA of Hidalgo



Weslaco Christmas Parade



Buckner Family Hope Center GRINCHMAS



Precinct 2 Christmas Celebration

ITEM #5. D.

TRANSPORTATION

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Item #5 Action Item

D. Transportation - Valley Metro

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Acquisition of Vehicles under State approved Grant for LRGVDC Valley Metro. Staff is seeking the Board's approval for the Acquisition of Vehicles under State approved Grant essential for the operations of the transit agency, encompassing any forthcoming vehicle related to the awarded State "TXDOT" funding listed below, as long as funding remains available and necessary for acquisition, maintenance, and operational needs. The acquisition will adhere to LRGVDC procurement guidelines. State Grant:

Source	Grant #	Award Balance
1. TXDOT	5310-2024-LRGVDC-00139	\$260,000

- Funds will go toward the acquisition of one (1) ADA equipped vehicle with color scheme, camera system, bike rack, two-way radio, bus wrapping, and destination signs and related items.

The LRGVDC Valley Metro has identified a need to acquire vehicles and to ensure the efficient and reliable operation of its transit services. These efforts are part of a broader strategy to enhance service quality, meet increasing demand, and maintain compliance with safety and environmental standards. Funding for these activities is available through state approved grants.

Benefits and Impact:

- Expected improvements in service reliability, safety, and operational efficiency.
- Increased service capacity and reliability
- Long-term cost savings from overhauls compared to new vehicle purchases.
- Extends the life of existing assets with familiar operations
- Access to modern technology and improved environmental compliance
- Environmentally friendly and customizable to current needs

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Directors

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Item #5 Action Item

D. Transportation - Valley Metro

2. Discussion and **ACTION** on approval of Resolution # 2025-01 Authorizing Adoption of the Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan. "Hidalgo County Active Plan"



TO: Nancy Sanchez, Program Supervisor II, Manuel Cruz, Executive Director
FROM: Ylida Capriccioso, Project Manager
DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: **Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan**

We are pleased to deliver the final report for the Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan. The Halff team, and its collaborators – B2Z Engineering and Toole Design Group – are happy to have worked on this critical project and extends our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed.

Included in the packet is a sample resolution for the Hidalgo County and all Hidalgo County communities to use, with the support of LRGVDC and RGV MPO staff, to approve the Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan.

FINAL REPORT LINK: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:ee2e9b48-2be1-4121-9616-b4ad7a550764>

Executive Summary

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council engaged Halff Associates to develop a Regional Trail Plan for Hidalgo County over a 12-month period. Halff collaborated with B2Z Engineering and Toole Design Group to address cost analysis and the active tourism potential of the plan. The process was guided by a steering committee of regional representatives from municipalities, tourism, health, and transportation sectors. A robust community engagement process included interviews with staff and stakeholders, as well as a bilingual online survey in English and Spanish.

Plan Structure

The plan consists of seven chapters, each addressing key components of active transportation and tourism in Hidalgo County:

1. Introduction
2. Community Assets and Existing Conditions
3. Active Transportation Network
4. Active Transportation Framework
5. Active Tourism
6. Implementation
7. Appendix

Key Highlights

1. **Introduction**
This chapter outlines the plan's purpose, guiding principles, vision, and planning process. It emphasizes the interplay of active transportation and tourism, exploring economic, cultural, environmental, and health benefits. Key guiding principles include connectivity, safety, accessibility, sustainability, community pride, tourism enhancement, and economic impact.
2. **Community Assets and Existing Conditions**
This section analyzes community demographics, health trends, and existing transportation networks, while highlighting the tourism impact of nearly 100 destinations. It also reviews municipal trail plans and recently constructed projects, offering a snapshot of the region's current assets.



3. **Active Transportation Network**

The proposed 278-mile trail system integrates on- and off-street facilities, connecting diverse communities and key destinations. The chapter includes route selection criteria, population density comparisons, and descriptions of nine trail segments, ranging from 5 to 100 miles. Maps illustrate existing and planned networks, while challenges and coordination needs are addressed.

4. **Active Transportation Framework**

This chapter provides design recommendations, trailhead amenities, branding, wayfinding elements, and funding strategies. Visualizations of potential roadway transformations highlight the impact of design improvements. Funding strategies range from local and federal sources to philanthropic opportunities.

5. **Active Tourism**

Strategies to attract visitors focus on trail tourism, water trails, birding, and cultural experiences. The chapter identifies target audiences, hub towns, and case studies of successful trail-oriented projects. It also details the active tourism framework, including amenities such as lodging, transportation, and events.

6. **Implementation**

The implementation chapter outlines roles for municipalities, counties, and regional agencies, supported by case studies from similar efforts in Texas. It identifies four high-impact trail segments near Mission, McAllen, Elsa, Edinburg, and Weslaco, evaluated for connectivity and feasibility. A five-year action matrix aligns goals, actions, timelines, and lead partners to guide next steps.

Conclusion

The Hidalgo County Active Transportation Plan and Active Tourism Master Plan establishes a bold vision for a countywide trail network that connects communities, fosters active living, and enhances regional tourism. Through strategic planning, community engagement, and coordinated efforts, Hidalgo County is poised to become a model for active transportation and tourism in the Rio Grande Valley.

RESOLUTION NO.____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
[COUNCIL/COMMISSION] OF [ENTER
CITY/COUNTY NAME] TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT
THE HIDALGO COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
AND ACTIVE TOURISM PLAN, "THE ACTIVE PLAN."

Whereas, the LRGVDC, Hidalgo County, and the RGV MPO have collaborated to develop and promote active transportation through the Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan (the "Active Plan");

Whereas, the Active Plan includes organizational strategies and opportunities for regional development;

Whereas, implementing this plan will attract visitors to Hidalgo County and enhance amenities for permanent residents through region-wide active transportation investments;

Whereas, Chapter 213 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes municipalities to adopt comprehensive plans for long-range development, which may:

1. Include provisions for land use, transportation, and public facilities;
2. Consist of a single plan or a coordinated set of plans organized by subject or geographic area; and
3. Be used to guide and coordinate the establishment of development regulations;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

Part 1: The [ENTER CITY/COUNTY NAME] hereby adopts the Hidalgo County Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan, attached as **Exhibit A**, as part of its city comprehensive plan.

Part 2: The [ENTER CITY/COUNTY NAME] will utilize the Active Plan as a resource for guidance in planning and development efforts.

Adopted by the [ENTER CITY/COUNTY NAME] on this [day] of January 2025.

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Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Tom Logan, Director of Regional Transit

- 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 9:00 pm.

Breakdown of Ridership per system:

RIDERSHIP COUNT SEPT 2024 - AUG 2025					
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM					
Agency	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
VALLEY METRO	28,526	32,847	28,157	24,893	114,423
UTRGV	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	224,135
STC	692	969	466	199	2,326
TSTC	113	142	135	109	499
Total	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	341,383
RURAL AND URBAN COUNT					
AREA	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Rural	5,837	6,672	5,366	4,948	22,823
Urban	93,771	106,474	79,968	38,347	318,560
Total	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	341,383
RIDERSHIP BY COUNTY					
COUNTY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Hidalgo County	88,309	99,912	73,305	32,251	293,777
Cameron County	8,757	10,472	9,989	9,209	38,427
Willacy County	134	262	232	265	893
Starr County	2,250	2,318	1,669	1,458	7,695
Zapata County	158	182	139	112	591
Total	99,608	113,146	85,334	43,295	341,383

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

RTAP Sub-Committee held a virtual meeting on November 26, 2024, and discussed the following:

1. Project Updates and Transparency Enhancements
 - Overview of completed projects and recommendations for Valley Metro.
 - Sharing access to SharePoint for project collaboration and updates.
 - Discussion on the upcoming bi-monthly meetings and expectations for progress.
2. Transit Data Mapping and Upcoming Roundtable Discussion
3. Progress Report and Recommendations Discussion
4. Transportation Planning and Route Adjustments
 - Addressing transportation issues and potential new routes in collaboration with local cities.
5. Project Updates and Future Planning

Valley Metro – Small Urban Vehicle under TXDOT funding



Valley Metro is excited to announce the addition of a new transportation vehicle to its fleet, made possible through funding from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This latest acquisition underscores Valley Metro's commitment to enhancing public transit services for the community, offering greater accessibility, comfort, and reliability. The new vehicle is equipped with state-of-the-art features designed to ensure a safe and pleasant experience for all riders. Thanks to the generous support from TxDOT, Valley Metro continues to strive for excellence in providing top-tier transportation solutions that meet the evolving needs of the community.

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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



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Ride Systems



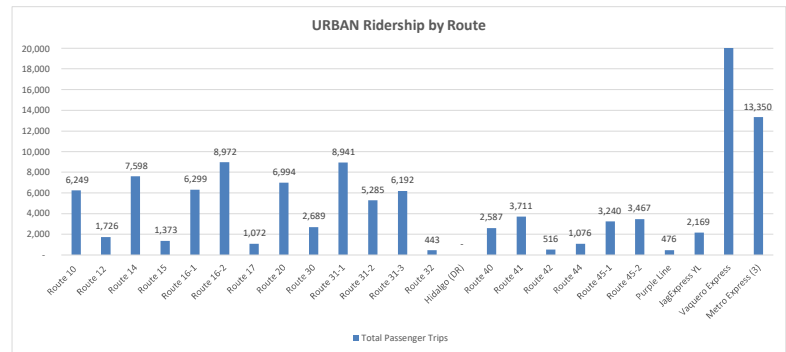
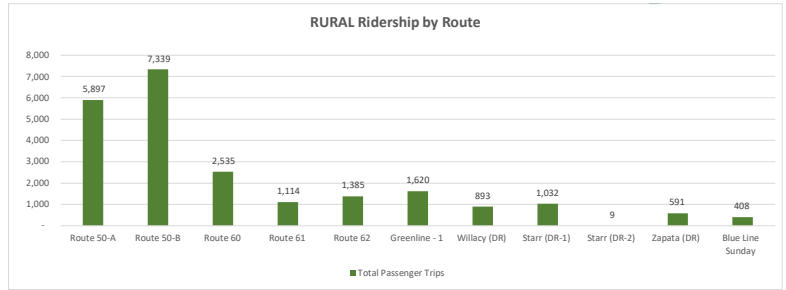
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RIDERSHIP COUNT
YEAR TO DATE FY 2024 (December)

	Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
1	Route 50-A	5,897	2% Brownsville, Port Isabel	
2	Route 50-B	7,339	2% Brownsville, Port Isabel	
3	Route 60	2,535	1% Roma, Rio Grande City	
4	Route 61	1,114	0% Rio Grande City	
5	Route 62	1,385	0% Rio Grande City	
6	Greenline - 1	1,620	0% Rio Grande City	
7	Willacy (DR)	893	0% Willacy County	
8	Starr (DR-1)	1,032	0% Starr County	
9	Starr (DR-2)	9	0% Starr County	
10	Zapata (DR)	591	0% Zapata County	
11	Blue Line Sunday	408	0% Brownsville, Port Isabel	
12	Route 10	6,249	2% Edinburg	
13	Route 12	1,726	1% Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg	
14	Route 14	7,598	2% Edinburg	
15	Route 15	1,373	0% Edinburg	
16	Route 16-1	6,299	2% Courthouse Circulator	
17	Route 16-2	8,972	3% Courthouse Circulator	
18	Route 17	1,072	0% Edinburg T-line	
19	Route 20	6,994	2% Mission	
20	Route 30	2,689	1% Pharr, San Juan	
21	Route 31-1	8,941	3% Hidalgo-Cameron	
22	Route 31-2	5,285	2% Cameron-Hidalgo	
23	Route 31-3	6,192	2% Hidalgo-Cameron	
24	Route 32	443	0% Donna	
25	Hidalgo (DR)	-	0% City of Hidalgo	
26	Route 40	2,587	1% Harlingen	
27	Route 41	3,711	1% Harlingen	
28	Route 42	516	0% San Benito	
29	Route 44	1,076	0% Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa	
30	Route 45-1	3,240	1% Cameron County	
31	Route 45-2	3,467	1% Cameron County	
32	Purple Line	476	0% Weslaco, Pharr	
33	JagExpress YL	2,169	1% Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen	
34	Vaquero Express	224,135	66% Edinburg	
35	Metro Express (3)	13,350	4% Rio Grande Valley	
	TOTAL	341,383	100%	***Total Ridership Count subject to change when finalized

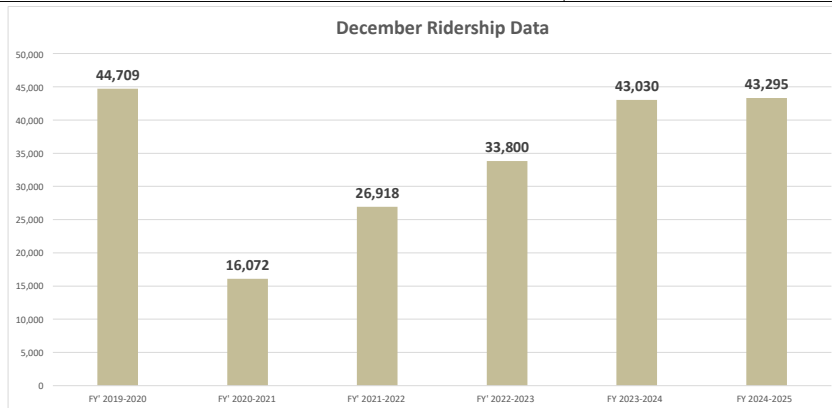


Active Routes	Rural	Urban	Total
Flex Routes	7	21	28
Demand Response	4	0	4
	11	21	32

YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT			
Year to Date - December 2024	Year to date December 2023	DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE
341,383	232,922	108,461	47%

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

* Urban service- service between or within urbanized areas



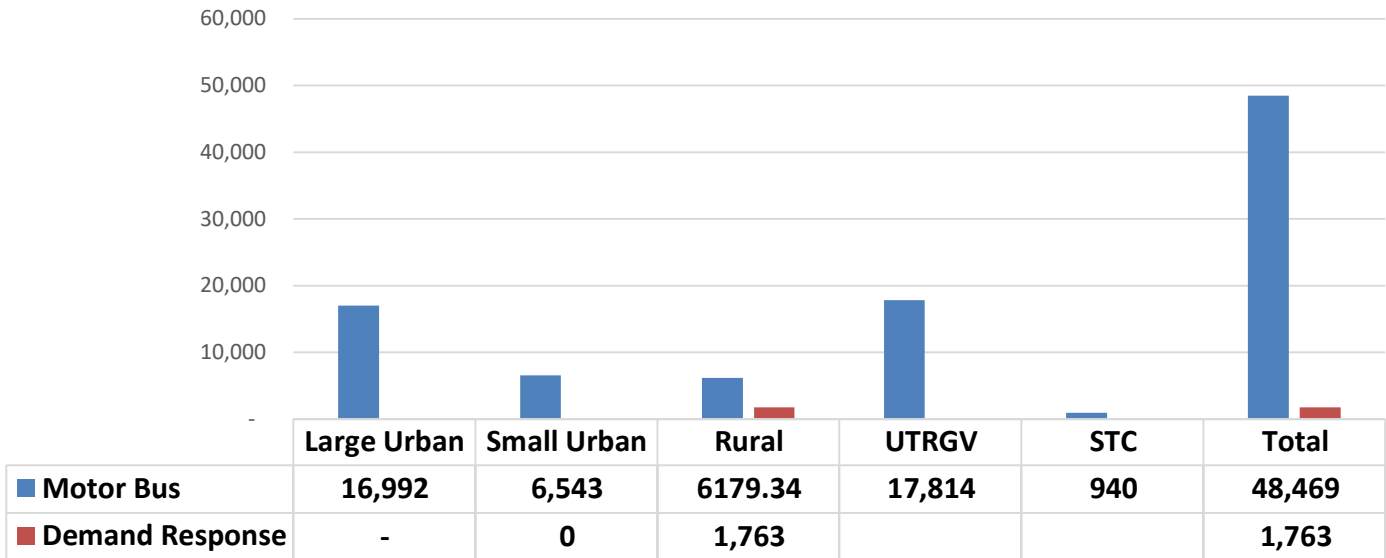
Fiscal Year	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Total	Difference	%Change
FY' 2019-2020	78,440	91,930	74,137	44,709	72,199	84,562	75,604	85,670	50,318	56,330	56,234	64,773	834,906	145,243	21%
FY' 2020-2021	17,149	19,332	16,190	16,072	16,620	14,611	19,300	18,169	18,080	19,842	19,774	31,381	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	341,383	-455,556	-57%
Monthly Change from Previous FY	29,909	41,877	27,180	9,495	-47,975	-66,785	-62,828	-63,687	-36,978	-34,870	-33,997	-50,988	-289,647	-656,102	-1
Percent Change	43%	59%	47%	28%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-46%	-327%	-223%

Year to Date 2024-2025

Distribution of Revenue Hours

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	16,992	6,543	6179.34	17,814	940	48,469
Demand Response	-	0	1,763			1,763

FY 24-25 YTD Revenue Hours

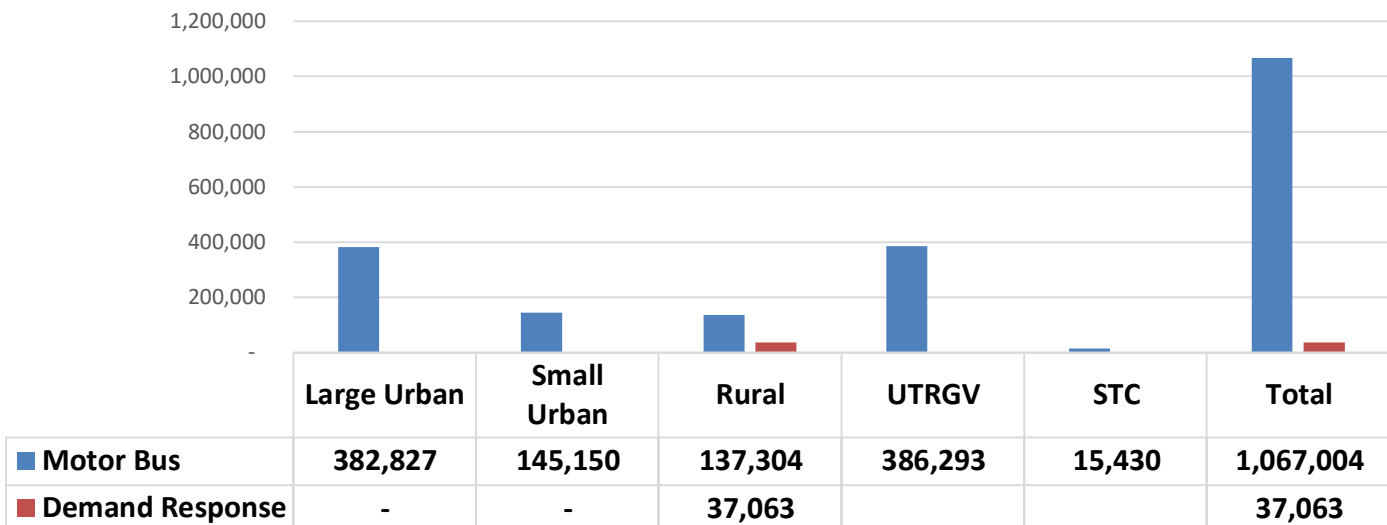


Year to Date 2024-2025

Distribution of Revenue Miles

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	382,827	145,150	137,304	386,293	15,430	1,067,004
Demand Response	-	-	37,063			37,063

FY 24-25 YTD Revenue Miles



RIDERSHIP BY CITIES - PICK-UP LOCATION

Agency	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
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AREA	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
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COUNTY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
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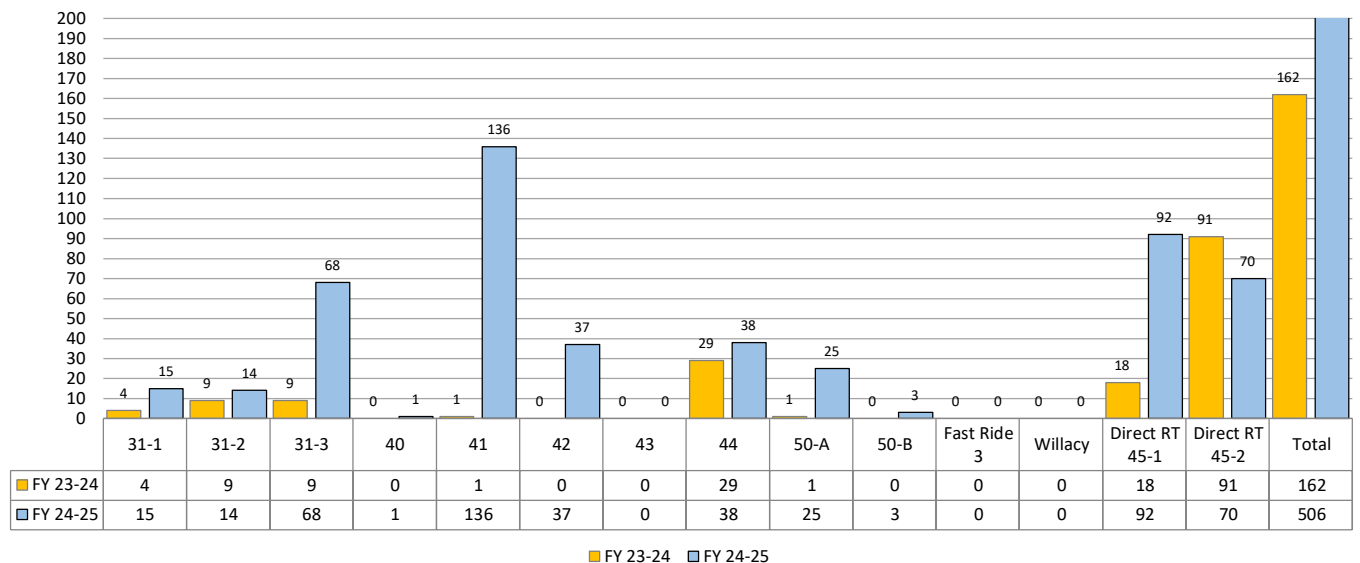
FY 2024-2025 Valley Metro

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	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	15	14	68	1	136	37	0	38	25	3	0	0	92	70	506
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	1	135	37	0	9	24	3	0	0	74	-21	344

	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Direct Routes	39	44	161	42	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	323
Indirect Routes	74	98	98	93	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	435
Monthly Total	113	142	259	135	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	758

2023 - 2024 Valley Metro Routes TSTC Student Passenger Count





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	0	524
January	0	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	0
March	0	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	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	26	26
Total	17	81	0	54	94	68	186	1	441	1435	1652	49	41	3	52	4174

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2169
Park & Ride													0
Total	692	812	466	199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2169

Grand Total	2086	2131	1377	723	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	6343
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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	81	870	1645	1726
Route 31-1 Business 83	94	128	8847	8941
Route 31-2 Business 83	68	18	5217	5285
Route 31-3 Business 83	186	18	6006	6192
Yellow Line	2169	0	0	2169
Purple Line	441	3	35	476
Green Line	1435	0	185	1620
Route 60 Greenline Roma	1652	0	883	2535
Route 61 RGC West	49	0	1065	1114
Route 62 RGC East	41	0	1344	1385
DR-1 RGC	3	0	1029	1032
DR-2 RGC	3	0	6	9
Zapata	52	0	539	591
Vaquero Express	0	70277	224135	224135
Total	6,274	71,314	257,210	257,210

Routes	Connecti	STC	UTRGV	General Public	Total
Route 10 Edinburg - McAllen	12, 31	17	873	5,359	6,249
Route 14 UTRGV VABL	12	0	7,141	457	7,598
Route 15 Edinburg	12	1	172	1,027	1,200
Route 20 Mission - McAllen	31	54	718	6,222	6,994
Route 30 Pharr San Juan - Edinburg	31	0	41	2,648	2,689
Route 32 Donna International Bridge	31	1	0	442	443
Route 40 Harlingen Medical	31	0	24	2,539	2,563
Route 41 Harlingen Retail	31	7	7	3,683	3,697
Route 42 San Benito Harlingen	31	5	104	298	407
Route 44 La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera	31	6	106	852	964
Route 45-1 Cameron Career Connection	31	19	218	3,003	3,240
Route 45-2 Cameron Career Connection	31	13	284	3,157	3,454
Total		123	9,688	39,375	39,498

Total Service

TOTALS				
	STC		General Public	Total
Grand Total	6,397	81,002	296,585	383,984

FY 2024-2025 Valley Metro - UTRGV Student Passenger Counts

Routes	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Totals
10 direct	256	281	252	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	873
12 direct	278	278	220	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	870
14 direct	2,699	2,161	1,596	685	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,141
RL 3 direct	325	328	292	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,020
45-1 direct	84	83	41	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	218
45-2 direct	62	102	76	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	284
15 indirect	67	32	30	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172
16-1 indirect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16-2 indirect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 indirect	0	26	44	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
20 indirect	248	280	136	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	718
21 inactive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 indirect	14	15	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
RL 1 indirect	29	21	17	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104
RL 2 indirect	9	20	27	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106
50-A indirect	42	63	42	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167
50-B indirect	111	119	102	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	359
Vaquero Express	70,277	79,188	56,576	18,094	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	224,135
FY 2024-2025	74,513	83,052	59,527	19,390	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236,482
FY 2023-2024	22,394	20,172	18,508	6,343	4,579	27,634	19,744	22,967	7,609	9,187	24,716	8,378	192,231
Change Over Previous FY	52,119	62,880	41,019	13,047	-4,579	-27,634	-19,744	-22,967	-7,609	-9,187	-24,716	-8,378	44,251

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Combined Total	74,513	83,052	59,527	19,390	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236,482
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