

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

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

Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 12:00 noon

Audio access is available by calling: 1 (872) 240-3311, Access Code: 742-157-805

Presiding: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, President

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Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve

Meeting Minutes (February 22, 2023) -----President

Item #3: Public Comment

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

- A. Presentation and **ACTION** to Approve Grant from American Flood Coalition...(tabled 2/22/2023)..... Chase Kronzer
- B. **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee Action on Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Recommendation for LRGVDC's Acceptance of a Grant from the American Flood Coalition President
- C. **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee Action on Homeland Security Advisory Committee Priority Recommendations President

- D. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Updates to LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual Reflecting Changes to Utilize New Payroll and Human Resources Time Management SystemManuel Cruz
Executive Director
- E. Presentation from Rio Grande Valley Humane Society..... Mr. Luis Quintanilla
RGVHS Executive Director
- F. Executive Director Report..... Manuel Cruz
Executive Director
 - 1. Introduction of New Staff Members
 - 2. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Trainings, and Legislation

Item #5: Department Reports

**A. Community & Economic DevelopmentSarah Dierlam
Assistant Executive Director**

Program Action Items

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) Election of Officers for 2023
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution 2023 -01 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month and Supporting the Awareness of Fair Housing

Program Status Reports

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

**B. Health & Human ServicesMargarita Lopez
Director**

Program Status Reports

- Direct Consumer Services
- Senior Subrecipient and Senior Center Operations
- Special Services Report
- Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
- Housing Navigator Report
- Special Initiatives Report

C. Public Safety

Program Status Reports

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

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Action Item Rick Carrera
Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Procurement of Four (4) New Mobile Vehicle Lifts for Harlingen Maintenance Facility
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Amendment to Operating Policies and Procedures

Valley Metro Status Reports

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

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

Item #6: New or Unfinished Business

Item #7 Adjourn

REMINDER

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

12:00 noon

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

The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapters 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.075, Texas Government Code. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.

PUBLIC INPUT POLICY:

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

ITEM #2.

MINUTES

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

12:00 PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

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

PRESIDING: CHAIRMAN TROY ALLEN

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Many members of the Board were in Austin to attend RGV Day at the Capitol, roll call was taken and a quorum was attained. No Executive Committee members were in attendance in person to preside over the meeting, and it was the consensus of those members present that Mr. Troy Allen take the gavel. Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 12:17 pm.

Chairman Allen moved to item #2: Consideration and Action to Approve Meeting Minutes (January 25, 2023) ***Mr. Ron Mills made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023, Board of Directors meeting as presented. Commissioner Frank Morales seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes, Chairman Allen moved to Item 3: Public Comment and recognized Mr. Raul Gonzalez, Jr. from Communities Unlimited (CU). Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board about the opportunities CU provides with financing to help rural communities access State Revolving Funds (SRF) by financing pre-development expenses.

Mr. Michal Rivera, also from CU, was recognized next and informed the Board about low interest finance opportunities CU provides for home improvements.

Upon conclusion of Public Comments, Chairman Allen moved to item 4. Administration

- A. Consideration and Action to Allow LRGVDC Executive Director to Act on behalf of the LRGVDC Board of Directors to Accept the Assignment of and to Execute a Contract to Purchase Real Property for the Construction of a Multi-Modal Transportation Terminal and Related Services

Mr. Manuel Cruz, LRGVDC Executive Director was recognized and stated that as the Board is aware, LRGVDC has been in negotiations to purchase real property. As LRGVDC's lawyers do their due diligence, every step of the process needs to be accounted for. To date, a contract with the seller has been secured, and approval of this action would allow Mr. Cruz the authority to sign any contracts to transfer the property to the LRGVDC and move forward to build on the site. ***Mayor Alma Salinas made a motion to approve the LRGVDC Executive Director to act on behalf of the LRGVDC Board of Directors to accept the assignment of and execute a contract to purchase real property for the construction of a multi-modal transportation terminal and related services. Commissioner Jacob Howell seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

- B. Consideration and Action to Approve Grant from American Flood Coalition

Ms. Sarah Dierlam, Assistant Executive Director, was recognized and introduced Mr. Chase Kronzer, Texas

Director of the American Flood Coalition (AFC). Mr. Kronzer gave a presentation that includes a summary of the AFC including their members, their mission, what AFC offers, and the tools they use. This presentation is available for review at: <https://www.lrgvdc.org/meetings.html>. Upon conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Alma Salinas asked if their program is for a particular flood event. Mr. Kronzer clarified that the purpose of AFC is to put together partnerships and bring together programs and leaders from various agencies on how to address flooding. AFC does not address specific projects but brings to light solutions on how to seek funding for certain projects. ***Mayor Alma Salinas made a motion to approve the grant from the American Flood Coalition. Commissioner Jacob Howell seconded.***

Before a vote was called, Commissioner David Garza asked for clarification on how AFC will work with organizations that have flooding issues. Mr. Kronzer explained that the convening aspect is a big part of their work to create a network of flooding champions and finding a way to connect local leaders in this region. Commissioner Garza stated that the LRGVDC has been proactive regarding flooding for a number of years and their Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) does a lot of work regarding flood mitigation and resiliency.

Commissioner Garza asked Mr. Cruz how he sees the AFC helping with what is already being done. Mr. Cruz replied that he, Mr. Kronzer, and Ms. Dierlam went through the AFC grant details and can see that it could support what the LRGVDC is already doing by bringing other committees together to put flooding issues in the forefront since many areas of the RGV are prone to flooding. Having more opportunities to meet and discuss potential solutions and identify potential funding sources is a great idea. Commissioner Garza suggested presenting this information to the RWRAC so they can see how this grant fits into their mission and what is already being done. He added that he had never heard of the AFC but is interested in what they do and what end result they could offer. Mr. Kronzer stated that AFC has a team that is constantly reaching out to philanthropists seeking donations for their work, and they have a strong donor network throughout the country. He stated that their mission is simple, they aim to make sure that the issue on flooding and rising sea levels, is a priority for our elected officials and community leaders throughout Texas and the country.

Ms. Dierlam stated that she and Mr. Cruz had the same questions regarding the expectations for this grant award. \$31,000 will not help in terms of infrastructure, but it can plan a series of events between now and May 21, 2023, that will provide the opportunity to coordinate collectively, on a regional level, to ensure that our strategies are all of the same mindset regarding flooding issues. There has been significant flood mitigation work by our organizations and Valley cities; this grant would provide the opportunity to coordinate large events that includes every entity that has something to say about flooding and include them in the conversation. An opportunity like this would accomplish much to determine what our next steps should be as a region. Mr. Cruz agreed that presenting this information to the RWRAC next week at their March 1, 2023, meeting is a great idea. The members of the RWRAC are subject matter experts and the input will be valuable. Upon conclusion of discussion ***Mayor Alma Salinas withdrew her motion to approve; Commissioner David Garza seconded the withdrawal and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ron Mills then made a motion to table this item until after the RWRAC meeting of March 1, 2023. Commissioner Frank Morales seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Upon conclusion of Administration action, Chairman Allen moved to item 4. C. Executive Director Report and recognized Mr. Cruz to address the following:

1. Introduction of New Staff Member

Ms. Virginia Torres joined the Area Agency on Aging as a Contract Technician.

2. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Trainings, and Legislation

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that “The Wall that Heals”, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial &

Mobile Education Center, will be in Edinburg from April 20 – 23, 2023. It will be located at the Ebony Hills Golf Course and will be open 24 hours a day.

Next, Mr. Cruz congratulated the cities and county that received grant funds from the Texas GLO. On February 15, 2023, GLO Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. announced that the GLO approved \$12.5M in disaster recovery funds for infrastructure projects to help Texas communities recover from the 2018 South Texas Floods. Commissioner Buckingham stated she is hoping to announce grant awards for recovery from the 2019 flood events.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Director report, Chairman Allen moved to Item 5. Department Reports.

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

Ms. Sarah Dierlam, Assistant Executive Director was recognized and informed the Board that no action is required for Community & Economic Development Programs this month, and that the program status reports were available for review in the meeting packet.

B. Health & Human Services

Ms. Margarita Lopez, Director of Health & Human Services was recognized to address the following:

Program Action Items

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Citizen Advisory Council Membership

Ms. Lopez informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommends approving membership applications from Dr. John Gonzalez and Dr. Lin Jiang. ***Mr. Ron Mills made a motion to approve Dr. John Gonzalez and Dr. Lin Jiang as members of the Advisory Council. Councilmember Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration and Action to Approve Direct Purchased Services (DPS) Contractor Timeline for FY 2023-2024

Ms. Lopez informed the Board that the Area Agency on Aging's fiscal year begins on October 1, 2023. In order to have vendors in place to provide services to clients, at their February 14 meeting the Advisory Council approved the Contractor Solicitation Timeline detailed in the meeting packet. ***Councilman Johnny Garcia made a motion to approve the DPS Contractor Timeline for FY 2023-2024 as presented. Mayor Rick Guerra seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Program Status Reports

Ms. Lopez stated that the detailed program status reports are available for review in the meeting packet.

C. Public Safety

Program Status Reports

Mr. Rene Perez, CJD/HLS Program Supervisor was recognized and stated that no action was required for his programs this month. He announced that CJD and HLS grant applications closed on February 9 and 105 applications were submitted. However, some applicants did not complete the application process resulting

in a total of 98 applications being submitted; 68 to CJAC and 30 to HSAC. The detailed program status reports were available in the meeting packet for review.

Mr. Gilbert Luna, Regional Police Academy Assistant Director was recognized and stated that no action was required for the RPA this month and that the program status reports were in the meeting packet for review. He pointed out that the start date of the Hidalgo Night Academy has been delayed pending an update to the interlocal agreement.

Mr. Joe Garcia, RGV9-1-1 Assistant Director was recognized and stated that the detailed program status reports are in the meeting packet for review. He highlighted that the GIS Team has uploaded several public access maps to <https://www.rgv911.org/>. The Community Engagement team has attended several events in both Hidalgo and Willacy Counties including the RGV Police Canine Competition, the Willacy County Human Trafficking Awareness Event, and Career Day for McAllen ISD. He added that the IT Team has implemented proactive maintenance initiatives to ensure that all 9-1-1 equipment is maintained in all their managed facilities.

Mr. Cruz announced that the “9-1-1 Goes to Washington” event is scheduled for February 25 through March 2. The RGVECD will send a contingent to advocate for our 9-1-1 programs, provide valuable information and insight on the continued evolution of 9-1-1. The Cameron County Emergency Communication District has confirmed they will also send staff, so the RGV will be well represented in our nation’s capital.

D. Transportation

Mr. Rick Carrera, Director of Regional Transit was recognized to address this item.

Valley Metro Action Item

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Procurement of CradlePoint Routers, Antennas, and Associated Equipment for Valley Metro

Mr. Carrera informed the Board that staff requests approval to purchase CradlePoint routers, antennas, and associated equipment for Valley Metro’s Rural and Urban System. The purchase of this equipment will be made through RCN Technologies using TX DIR State Contract with 100% FTA and TxDOT funding along with Transportation Development Credits.

Company	RCN Technologies
Grants:	Correlation of FTA and TxDOT grants
Estimated Cost:	\$41,145.00
Description:	The CradlePoint routers, antennas, and associated equipment will replace outdated Pepwaves routers and will provide wireless connectivity on Transit Routes.
Quantity:	13 Urban, 10 Small Urban, 13 Rural.

Mr. Ron Mills made a motion to approve the purchase of CradlePoint routers, antennas, and associated equipment for Valley Metro as presented. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration and Action to Approve Procurement of Fuel Management System Upgrade and Associated Equipment for Valley Metro

Mr. Carrera stated that staff requests Board approval to purchase a fuel management system upgrade and associated equipment for Valley Metro’s maintenance and fueling system. The purchase of this equipment upgrade will be made with 100% FTA federal funds and Tx DOT Transportation Development Credits.

Grant: Tx-2020-126 FTA federal funding
Estimated Cost \$64,841.75
Description: Fuel Management System Upgrade for Valley Metro’s maintenance and fueling system.

Commissioner Omar Quintanilla made a motion to approve the procurement of the fuel management system upgrade and associated equipment for Valley Metro as presented. Commissioner Frank Morales seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Valley Metro Program Status Reports

Mr. Carrera summarized the ridership report and noted that the full program status reports are available in the meeting packet for review.

Mr. Cruz announced that as of January 23, 2023, Mr. Carrera has taken the reigns of Valley Metro and will be the Point of Contact for Transit. Mr. Cruz added that he and Ms. Dierlam will oversee Community & Economic Development for the foreseeable future.

RGVMPO Status Report

No report was available at this time.

Item 6. - New or Unfinished Business

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Allen called for a motion to adjourn. ***Mr. Ron Mills made a motion to adjourn; Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.***

Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

ITEM #4. A.

ADMINISTRATION

**AMERICAN FLOOD
COALITION GRANT**

TABLED 2/29/2023

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

March 29, 2023

Item #4: Administration

- A. Presentation and **ACTION** to Approve Grant from American Flood Coalition.....(tabled 2/22/2023).....Chase Kronzer
Texas Director

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GRANT AGREEMENT
between the
American Flood Coalition
and the
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Date of Agreement: February __, 2023

Purpose of Grant: To support the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council to host an event and follow-on activities for local elected officials and community leaders to help them better understand state and federal opportunities available to assist in their approach to building and implementing flood risk models, identifying and developing project possibilities, and financing solutions.

Total Amount of Grant: \$31,000.00

Award Date: February __, 2023

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OVERVIEW

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Payments: Payment will be provided within 30 business days of the Grantor receiving an invoice from the Organization referencing this Agreement and providing the documentation set forth below from the Organization. Provided that the Grantor has received an invoice and documentation, the Grantor shall issue full payment of the grant to the Organization at the commencement of the grant.

All payments are subject to this Agreement’s terms and conditions, including the specific required documentation detailed below. The following documentation for the Organization is required prior to the disbursement of the grant funds: W9 and Previous year’s annual report.

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Reporting: Please submit reports by email to the primary contact of the American Flood Coalition according to the schedule (“Reporting Schedule”) described below. The reporting guidelines included within this Agreement describe the requested content and format. Please be as concise and direct as possible. The Reporting Schedule consists of an interim update and a Final Report, as follows:

- Interim Update Report: **Thursday, April 6, 2023**
- Final Report: **Friday, May 19, 2023**

Bi-weekly planning coordination: On a bi-weekly (i.e., every other week) basis, please meet with the primary contact of the American Flood Coalition to discuss the progress on activities and deliverables within the project proposal, as well as any risks that may affect timing. These touch points should be brief and coordinate on ongoing and completed action items.

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OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Representations: The signer of the Agreement for the Organization represents that (a) the Organization continues to maintain its organizational status pursuant to the relevant State Law and/or Section of the Internal Revenue Code; (b) the information that the Organization has provided to the American Flood Coalition is accurate and complete and does not omit anything relevant to an informed decision to make this grant; (c) the grant, its proposed uses, and this Agreement do not conflict with any of the Organization’s obligations; (d) the individual signing this Agreement on behalf of the Organization is authorized to do so; and (e) these representations will remain accurate. Please notify us promptly of any changes to the contrary.

Election and Lobbying Activities: The Organization will not use the Grantor’s funds for political activities, including voter registration or any lobbying efforts.

Other Undertakings: The Organization will (a) use this grant solely as permitted by law; (b) provide the American Flood Coalition with accurate and complete information; (c) separately account for the American Flood Coalition’s funds, although it may commingle them with other assets; (d) invest the American Flood Coalition’s funds only in secure, liquid assets pending their expenditure; and (e) use any earnings on the American Flood Coalition’s funds only for the purposes of this grant.

Expectations: The American Flood Coalition expects that the Organization will comply with the terms of this Agreement, maintain its current tax-exempt status, organizational and project leadership, and ensure that its financial condition, operations, and programs remain stable. The Organization will notify the American Flood Coalition promptly of any material changes within 30 days. If these expectations are not met through the completion of the grant period, the American

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Flood Coalition may terminate the grant and seek the return of any funds that have been expended for purposes other than the activities specified in the final proposal and budget materials. The Organization will promptly return any grant funds not expended during the term of this grant for the purposes of the Agreement unless otherwise agreed.

Disclosure, Confidentiality, and Intellectual Property: The Organization shall disclose any outside activities or interests that may conflict with the best interests of the American Flood Coalition. Prompt disclosure is a requirement under this Agreement.

During the course of fulfilling this grant, the Organization and the American Flood Coalition may exchange confidential information and such information should be protected from improper disclosure. The Organization and the American Flood Coalition agree that each party will not divulge, disclose or communicate any confidential information without prior written consent of either party. Such confidentiality provision of this Agreement shall remain in effect after the grant period elapses.

The Organization will own all copyright interests in materials produced using this grant. However, the American Flood Coalition retains a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and otherwise use and to authorize others to use these materials for any purpose.

Publicity: The American Flood Coalition may include information about this grant in its public reports and on its website, which may include links to the Organization's website. The American Flood Coalition may also refer to the grant in a press release, in which case a copy would be sent to the Organization in advance. Please let us review any press release or similar announcement that mentions the American Flood Coalition before its publication.

Indemnification: The Organization agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the American Flood Coalition and its members, managers, directors, officers, employees, and affiliates from and against all taxes, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with, any negligent, reckless, or intentionally wrongful act of the Organization, its employees, or agents; any breach by the Organization or their employees or agents of any of the covenants contained in this Agreement; any failure of the Organization to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations; or any violation or claimed violation of a third party's rights resulting in whole or in part from the American Flood Coalition's use of the work product of the Organization under this Agreement.

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CONFIRMATION

An individual authorized to sign on behalf of the Organization should sign and return this Agreement to confirm that the Organization agrees to the grant terms and conditions.

Accepted & Agreed to:

AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Signature

Signature

Melissa Roberts, Executive Director

Manuel Cruz, Executive Director

Name & Title

Name & Title

Date

Date

ITEM #4. B.

ADMINISTRATION

**RATIFICATION OF
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE ACTION
ON AFC GRANT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

March 29, 2023

Item #4: Administration

- B. Consider **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee Action to Approve Recommendation from the Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) for LRGVDC's Acceptance of a Grant from the American Flood Coalition

As you may recall, this item was introduced at the February 22, 2023, LRGVDC Board of Directors Meeting by Mr. Chase Kronzer, Texas Director of the American Flood Coalition. After some discussion, the Board decided to table this item until the RWRAC could also hear it and make a recommendation.

On March 7, 2023, the RWRAC convened at their regular scheduled meeting and reviewed this potential action item for the LRGVDC to accept a \$31,000.00 grant from the American Flood Coalition.

The purpose of this award is to support the LRGVDC in hosting activities for elected officials and community leaders to assist in navigating state and federal opportunities, strategic approaches for building and implementing flood risk models, identifying projects and programs as well as financial solutions.

The RWRAC unanimously approved and agreed on capitalizing on this opportunity by strongly recommending that the LRGVDC coordinate in conjunction with the Stormwater Task Force to organize an event that may be hosted at the upcoming 25th Annual Water Quality Management & Planning Conference. In addition, the RWRAC recommends a speedy acceptance and execution of the award since the "Save The Date" for the conference has been set for May 21 - 25. The additional time will also allow the LRGVDC to coordinate a workshop by mid-March with the conference planning group and RWRAC to explore different training options for the pre-conference training and collaboration event.

Staff presented the RWRAC's recommendation to the Executive Committee and they unanimously approved and agreed on capitalizing on this opportunity.

Attached is the grant agreement for your review, please let us know if you have any questions.

This item is presented for ratification by the Board of Directors.

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Expectations: The American Flood Coalition expects that the Organization will comply with the terms of this Agreement, maintain its current tax-exempt status, organizational and project leadership, and ensure that its financial condition, operations, and programs remain stable. The Organization will notify the American Flood Coalition promptly of any material changes within 30 days. If these expectations are not met through the completion of the grant period, the American

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Flood Coalition may terminate the grant and seek the return of any funds that have been expended for purposes other than the activities specified in the final proposal and budget materials. The Organization will promptly return any grant funds not expended during the term of this grant for the purposes of the Agreement unless otherwise agreed.

Disclosure, Confidentiality, and Intellectual Property: The Organization shall disclose any outside activities or interests that may conflict with the best interests of the American Flood Coalition. Prompt disclosure is a requirement under this Agreement.

During the course of fulfilling this grant, the Organization and the American Flood Coalition may exchange confidential information and such information should be protected from improper disclosure. The Organization and the American Flood Coalition agree that each party will not divulge, disclose or communicate any confidential information without prior written consent of either party. Such confidentiality provision of this Agreement shall remain in effect after the grant period elapses.

The Organization will own all copyright interests in materials produced using this grant. However, the American Flood Coalition retains a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and otherwise use and to authorize others to use these materials for any purpose.

Publicity: The American Flood Coalition may include information about this grant in its public reports and on its website, which may include links to the Organization's website. The American Flood Coalition may also refer to the grant in a press release, in which case a copy would be sent to the Organization in advance. Please let us review any press release or similar announcement that mentions the American Flood Coalition before its publication.

Indemnification: The Organization agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the American Flood Coalition and its members, managers, directors, officers, employees, and affiliates from and against all taxes, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and other legal expenses, arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with, any negligent, reckless, or intentionally wrongful act of the Organization, its employees, or agents; any breach by the Organization or their employees or agents of any of the covenants contained in this Agreement; any failure of the Organization to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations; or any violation or claimed violation of a third party's rights resulting in whole or in part from the American Flood Coalition's use of the work product of the Organization under this Agreement.

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CONFIRMATION

An individual authorized to sign on behalf of the Organization should sign and return this Agreement to confirm that the Organization agrees to the grant terms and conditions.

Accepted & Agreed to:

AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Signature

Signature

Melissa Roberts, Executive Director

Manuel Cruz, Executive Director

Name & Title

Name & Title

Date

Date

ITEM #4. C.

ADMINISTRATION

**RATIFICATION OF
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ACTION ON HLS
PRIORITY LIST**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

March 29, 2023

Item #4: Administration

- C. Consider **RATIFICATION** of Executive Committee Action to Approve Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Prioritized List for FY2023-24 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Applications

The HSAC met on March 2, 2023, and recommends approval of the attached prioritization list for FY 2023-24 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Applications. As per the FY 2023 Interlocal Agreement, Homeland Security prioritizations are due 14 calendar days from the date they were batched out from the Public Safety Office (PSO). All applications were batched to everyone on March 6, 2023, and are to be turned into the PSO once the local governing body approved the prioritization list, no later than March 20, 2023.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the HSAC Prioritization List for FY 2023-24 Homeland Security Grants Division Regional Grant Applications.

This item is presented for ratification by the Board of Directors.



HSAC Recommendations
FY2023-24 Homeland Security Grant Program
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)

FY2023 Regional Allocation
Estimated Total: \$ 630,891.46
SHSP: \$ 410,079.45
LETPA: 35% \$ 220,812.01

Ranking	Scores	Grant Numbers	National Priority Areas	Project Title	Discipline	Request	Approved	Equipment Request <i>Approved equipment highlighted in red</i>	Recommended funding Members
2	68.42	4725001	Support of First Responder Capabilities	City of Harlingen Police FY24 - LETPA	LE	\$ 32,840.00	\$ 35,241.89	Fully fund project. Split remaining balance between top 3 LETPA Projects	Fully Funded Project
3	60.08	4756801	Support of First Responder Capabilities	City of Mission Core Tactical Camera	LE	\$ 56,142.35	\$ 58,544.24	Fully Fund project. Split remaining balance between top 3 LETPA Projects	Fully Funded Project
4	59.54	4707801	Addressing Emergent Threats	City of Donna, Anti-Terrorism Project	LE	\$ 124,624.00	\$ 127,025.89	Fully Fund project. Split remaining balance between top 3 LETPA Projects	Fully Funded Project
5	21.62	4797501	Support of First Responder Capabilities	LE Special Team Equipment - San Juan	LE	\$ 139,113.08	\$ -	This jurisdiction is on vendor hold due to financial status reports not submitted from previous year. The Committee decided not to fund project due to not being in compliance	City is out of Compliance due to financial status reports. Committee opted to split and fund the remaining balance to the top 3 LETPA projects, to meet the 35% Federal mandate.
						Total	\$ 352,719.43	\$ 220,812.01	
						Total Available for Projects		\$ 220,812.01	This amount is in accordance with Federal mandate of 35%, from the original minimum of \$ 220,812.01 for Law Enforcement.
						Balance		\$ -	



**HSAC Recommendations
 FY2023-24 Homeland Security Grant Program
 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)**

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1	88.83	2968009	Planning & Community Preparedness	LRGVDC	ALL	\$ 159,743.00	\$ 159,743.00	Fully fund project	Fully fund this project
6	72.67	3638106	Support of First Responder Capabilities	Regional Fire Academy Training Coordinator	ALL	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Fully fund project	Fully fund this project
7	71.82	4848001	Support of First Responder Capabilities	City of Mcallen PW Emg Response Team	PW	\$ 390,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	Partial Fund To purchase: 1 Message Board and 1 6" Pump	Committee recommends partial funding.
8	69.58	4818801	Support of First Responder Capabilities	Mission Fire Department Radiation Detector Equipment	FD	\$ 123,927.18	\$ 61,963.58	Partial funding to purchase 2 Radiation Detection Kits with required software, hardware, and supplies.	Committee recommends partial funding.
9	69.33	4736001	Support of First Responder Capabilities	Ambus Communication and Decontamination Equipment	FD	\$ 100,934.17	\$ 19,642.27	Partial funding to purchase 1 Base Radio System, 8 Radio Transmit UH DECT 7, and 1 air compressor or cascade system.	Committee recommends partial funding
10	67.75	4745601	Support of First Responder Capabilities	Rescue Task Force Ballistic Gear	PD	\$ 39,876.00	\$ 6,646.00	Partial funding to purchase: 4 - Torso 10x12 Level II, 2 - SRV - AXBIIA with Kwik Clip, 2 - Lower Back and Ab protection AXBIIIA, 2 - Quick Release Option, & 2 - Operator Elite Helmets.	Partial Funding, Members recommend to fully fund this project 1st if funding becomes available.
11	66.08	4861101	City of Mcallen Mobile Cascade System - SHSP	Mobile Cascade System City of Mcallen	FD	\$ 178,000.00	\$ -	Project is not scalable to partially fund.	Fully fund if funding becomes available.
12	59.38	4798401	Information & Intelligence Sharing / Cooperation	City of Sullivan LPR Project	PD	\$ 41,553.00	\$ -	Project is not scalable to partially fund.	Fully fund if funding becomes available.
13	59.00	4856801	Interoperable Emergency Communication	City of Palmview Radios Projects	PD	\$ 156,000.00	\$ -	Project is not scalable to partially fund.	Fully fund if funding becomes available.
14	50.62	4844401	Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places	Rio Hondo Critical Infrastructure Camera Systems	PW	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 22,084.60	Partial Fund the remaining balance	Fully fund if funding becomes available.
15	22.08	4847001	Support of First Responder Capabilities	City of La Feria SHSP Equipment Vendor Hold	FD	\$ 104,000.00	\$ -	City is on Vendor Hold members recommend not to fund this project at this time	
						Total	\$ 1,352,033.35	\$ 410,079.45	
								\$ 410,079.45	
								\$ -	

TOTALS: 15 Applications
 SHSP, Selected: 7
 LETPA, Selected: 3

ITEM #4. D.

ADMINISTRATION

**UPDATES TO
LRGVDC
PERSONNEL POLICY
MANUAL**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

March 29, 2023

Item #4: Administration

- D. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Updates to LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual Reflecting Changes to Utilize New Payroll and Human Resources Time Management System

As per guidance set forth by state and federal funding agencies, these updates are necessary to remain in compliance. The LRGVDC Payroll and Human Resources Policies will provide clear guidance and additional resources for LRGVDC employees as well as funding agencies on LRGVDC Payroll methods. Revisions were made to the following section:

6.02: Work Time Reporting

Attached is the manual's cover page and page 36 that contains Sect. 6.0: Work Time Standards for your view. A copy of the complete LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual is available for review on the LRGVDC website at: <http://www.lrgvdc.org>

If you should have any questions, please advise.

Lower Rio Grande Valley
Development Council



Personnel Policy Manual



6.0 WORK TIME STANDARDS

The following guidelines apply to LRGVDC standards of work time within provisions of Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) or applicable federal and state labor law. Violation of work time standards are subject to disciplinary action.

6.01 ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

It shall be the policy of LRGVDC to expect reliable attendance and punctuality for duty reporting and work assignments of all employees.

Other than justifiable emergencies, unforeseen circumstances, or unexpected illness, advanced notice must be provided for instances of absence or substantial tardiness. Notice must be provided prior to designated duty start time and in accordance with departmental procedures.

6.02 WORK TIME REPORTING

- The distribution of salaries and hourly wages in an established pay period shall be calculated utilizing agency-designated time sheet method and shall become official employee record. Time sheet method shall be utilized to accurately reflect salary and wage distribution across various programs or leave time.
- Each employee shall be responsible for certifying the accuracy of the recorded work hours and leave time to be true and complete. Deliberately or unintentionally providing inaccurate time reporting may be subject to disciplinary action.

6.03 TIME REPORTING WORK WEEK

- LRGVDC's time reporting 40-hour work week shall begin at 5p.m. on Friday and end at 5p.m. on the following Friday.

6.04 WORK SCHEDULE

- Full-time employees are required to work a minimum of 40-hours in a workweek.
- Each employee shall be provided a designated work schedule consistent with their job duty and function.
- Employees are expected to report to duty on-time as designated by employee work schedule.

6.05 SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

- Employees must obtain prior approval from their supervisor for all or any adjustments to their designated work schedule.

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- The distribution of salaries and hourly wages in an established pay period shall be calculated utilizing agency-designated [ADP Payroll & Human Resources Time Management System](#) method and shall become official employee record. ~~The~~ Time sheet method ~~will remain as backup and utilized if the ADP System fails or is not available. The ADP and/or Time Sheet methods~~ shall be utilized to accurately reflect salary and wage distribution across various programs or leave time.
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6.03 TIME REPORTING WORK WEEK

- LRGVDC's time reporting 40-hour work week shall begin at [12a.m. midnight on Saturday](#) and end at [11:59p.m.](#) on the following Friday.

6.04 WORK SCHEDULE

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ITEM #4. F.

ADMINISTRATION

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
REPORT**



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

Executive Directors Report

March 29, 2023

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

Executive Director Report

As of last week, 8,167 bills have been filed and 5,700 were referred to committees. Below is an update from TARC on some of the bills related to regional council programs. To see the bills and their movement through the legislative process, be sure to click on the bill(s) as hyperlinks have been imbedded for each.

[Senate Bill 30](#), supplemental appropriations bill, passed out of the Senate. The bill includes a provision to allow CSEC to continue spending the ARPA money appropriated in the 3rd special session as the Next Generation 9-1-1- Service Fund No 0195.

House Appropriations met on 03/16 and adopted recommendations from the article subcommittees for [HB 1](#).

Health & Human Services

On 3/14, the **House Human Services Committee** voted out [CSHB 54](#) by Rep. Senfronia Thompson (H-GAC). This bill proposes to increase the personal needs allowance from \$60 to \$85 for Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities and includes a biennial adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index.

The committee also heard testimony on [HB 728](#) by Rep. Toni Rose (NCTCOG), which would create a statewide interagency coordinating council to ensure a strategic statewide approach to interagency aging services. Currently, the members of the council include state agencies and universities. Bill is pending an awaiting substitute language. TARC is exploring opportunities to include regional or area agency on aging representation in the substitute or as the bill continues to move through the process.

Also being monitored alongside United Way of Texas is [HB 2473/SB 2115](#). [HB 2473](#) by Rep. John Bucy (CAPCOG)/[SB 2115](#) by Sen. Flores (AACOG, CAPCOG, CTCOG, CVCOG) would modernize the enabling statute for 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network (TIRN) ensuring Texas can fully maximize and leverage the system's technological functionalities and capabilities, such as texting (one way & two-way), enhanced screening & navigation for target populations, closed-looped referrals, and data transparency. The bill also codifies accreditation standards for 211 call centers, which is a current

requirement of HHSC ensuring the highest level of information and referral (I&R) services. These improvements will enable 211 TIRN to be a stronger front door, connector, navigator, and data resource to all communities. HB 2473 was referred to **House Human Services**.

[HB 2036](#) by Rep. Terry Meza (NCTCOG). This bill directs the commissioner to increase reimbursement rate ceiling to \$10 per meal subject to a requirement that ties the reimbursement rate ceiling for the home-delivered meal rate to the Consumer Price Index from previous year. It also directs HHSC to request a federal waiver if necessary for implementation. The bill was referred to **House Human Services**.

Emergency Communications

9-1-1 has quite a few bills. One is [HB 9](#), a priority bill for the Speaker, and it's compliment [HJR 125](#). Both bills are authored by Rep. Trent Ashby (DETCOG) and referred to **House State Affairs**.

The details of the bill are as follows:

- Creates the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund outside the state treasury which would be administered jointly by the Comptroller and Public Utilities Commission to determine use of funding.
- The allowable uses of the fund include broadband, Universal Service Fund, NG-911 under Chapter 771 of the Health & Safety Code, pole replacement, matching for the federal BEAD program, school programs and public safety telecom for school safety.
- The Comptroller is tasked with adopting rules.
- As first proposed, the bill would include the suspension of wireless fees by the Commission on State Emergency Communications in certain circumstances. However, after further collaboration and coordination between Rep. Ashby's office and 9-1-1 Alliance, CSEC and TARC it was agreed upon to remove the suspension language and fund 10 years at the delta of the fee increase.
- The proposed appropriation is \$5 billion.

Public Safety

[HB 588](#) by Rep. Richard Raymond creates a stateside disaster alert system and has been referred to **House Homeland Security & Public Safety**.

[HB 1487](#) by Rep. Stan Gerdes (BVCOG, CAPCOG, CTCOG) creates a rural law enforcement agency grant program bracketed for sheriff's or constables' office of county with population of less than 125,000. The grant would be funded using amounts appropriated (no new money) and administered by the Governor's Public Safety Office for personnel and equipment. The bill has been referred to **County Affairs**.

[HB 1530](#) is the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Sunset Bill filed by Rep. Craig Goldman (NCTCOG). It has been referred to **House Homeland Security and Public Safety**. As filed, the bill addresses mostly hiring protocols for law enforcement agencies but does allow for advisory committees. The companion is [SB 1445](#) by Sen. Angela Paxton (ETCOG, NCTCOG).

Environmental Quality

[HB 1505](#) is the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Sunset Bill filed by Rep. Keith Bell (ETCOG, NCTCOG) and referred to **House Environmental Regulation**. One interesting item is the enforcement diversion program for small businesses and local governments which provides resources to

assist with compliance and training. The program prevents enforcement actions from being taken against the enrolled participants unless there is a major violation or the entity was enrolled in the program two years prior. There is also an emphasis placed on virtual public meetings, electronic posting for permit applications and provision of notice to legislators in the permitting process in the bill. The companion is [SB 1397](#) by Sen. Charles Schwertner (BVCOG,CAPCOG, CTCOG, DETCOG, HOTCOG, H-GAC).

Transportation

[HB 2745](#) by Rep. Ed Thompson (HGAC), related to the appointment of members of certain MPOs, applies to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) that serves a county with a population over 4 million. The bill has been referred to **House Transportation**. The Senate companion is [SB 2338](#) by Sen. Mayes Middleton (H-HAC).

[HB 5156](#) by Rep. Penny Morales Shaw (HGAC), relating to the establishment of fair decision-making policies by MPOs, was filed on bill filing deadline. This bill would require MPOs to analyze and consider certain factors related to the representation and voting structure of the organization’s policy board and committees and submit a report no later than July 31, 2024, summarizing the policy developed as a result. Bill has not yet been referred to a committee.

Additional Bills of Interest

[SB 175](#) by Sen. Mayes Middleton (H-GAC), relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities, was heard Monday in **Senate State Affairs**. The bill was voted favorably as substituted out of committee on 3/16. The companion in the House is [HB 3538](#) by Rep. Ellen Troxclair (AACOG, CAPCOG), referred to **House State Affairs**.

[HB 2763](#) by Rep. Ryan Guillen (AACOG, CBCOG, MRGDC), relating to an exemption from motor fuel taxes for certain fuel used by a rural transit district to provide public transportation.

[HB 1565](#) by Rep. Terry Canales (LRGVDC), the Texas Water Development Board Sunset Bill.

[SB 1238](#) by Sen. Robert Nichols (ETCOG, DETCOG, H-GAC, SETRPC), relating to broadband development.

Texas GLO

Last week on Tuesday the GLO, CMR Dawn Buckingham, visited the RGV and announced more than \$13 MM in infrastructure projects in the RGV from the 2019 South Texas Floods. Congratulations to those jurisdictions.



REMINDER

The Wall That Heals – the traveling Vietnam Wall

On behalf of several veteran organization, UTRGV, & City of Edinburg, it my honor to announce this upcoming event. **The Wall That Heals – the traveling Vietnam Wall** will be coming to the RGV.

UTRGV & The City of Edinburg Present



THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER

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FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

Thursday - Sunday
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A three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington, D.C.
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Welcome Ceremony
April 20th | 10:00 AM

Colors & Taps
April 20th - 22nd
Colors | 7:30 AM · Taps | Sunset

Candlelight Vigil
April 22nd | 7:00 PM

Closing Ceremony
April 23rd | 1:30 PM Closes | 2:00 PM

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ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY
&
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

March 29, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) Election of Officers for 2023

As per the RSCC Bylaws, officers shall be elected annually and may be reappointed to multiple terms without term limits. At the March 9, 2023, RSCC meeting, the committee recommended the following members as officers:

Chair - Mayor Alma Salinas - Sullivan City

Vice Chair - Mayor Yvette Cabrera – City of Granjeno

Secretary - City Manager Celina Gonzalez – City of Primera

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

March 29, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution 2023-01 Proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month and Supporting the Awareness of Fair Housing.

The principles of fair housing are not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans. National Fair Housing Month in April provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

For Fair Housing information, resources, or assistance available, please visit our Fair Housing webpage at: <http://www.lrgvdc.org/fairhousing.html>



Regional Council of Governments & Economic Development District serving Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County

RESOLUTION 2023-01

PROCLAMING APRIL AS NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, the **Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council** (LRGVDC) finds that decent, safe, and affordable housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Rio Grande Valley residents;

WHEREAS, individuals in the Rio Grande Valley have the right to choose where to live without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, gender, familial status, marital status, national origin, and/or disability;

WHEREAS, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness;

WHEREAS, federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity;

WHEREAS, fair housing is a positive community good;

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities are improved by diversity and integration;

WHEREAS, stable, integrated, and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices that result in segregation of residents and opportunities in our region;

WHEREAS, the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez, President of LRGVDC do hereby proclaim the month of **April** as:

“NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

to establish an open and inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Adopted and approved by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors this 29th, day of March 2023.

Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez
LRGVDC Board President

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

March 29, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration

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

LRGVDC is happy to announce the opening of the eBridge: Center for Business and Commercialization facility. This project is EDA funded and administered by LRGVDC staff; as such, Mr. Manuel Cruz, LRGVDC Executive Director, was pleased to speak at the ribbon cutting. The eBridge is a state-of-the-art center that will serve as the beta launch pad for business innovation in technological entrepreneurial ventures. The LRGVDC looks forward to the future success that is anticipated to bring to the community.

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.

- Pandemic Response

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

The LRGVDC continues to be proactive as a liaison between various governmental levels and stakeholders. Staff have had discussions with area EDOs on further potential initiatives to help with resiliency efforts including the recruitment and marketing efforts needed for new investment in the area. Staff have also brought

together and coordinated efforts between governmental, workforce, higher education, and other entities to encourage collaboration on funding opportunities and other initiatives to address workforce needs and other facets of local economic development. Participation in local area economic development groups continue. Resiliency efforts for the regional tourism industry continues to be a focus also, utilizing Explore RGV as a springboard for marketing efforts. See the Explore RGV updates further in this report for details.

Staff continue with efforts in assisting the Texas General Land Office (GLO) with their economic development study that focuses on resiliency from natural disasters, which began earlier this year. Staff have advised and assisted the GLO on outreach efforts and will continue working with the GLO throughout the duration of the study and scope of work.

Please reach out! We are happy to provide any information, resources, or assistance available.

- Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC)

An (RSCC) meeting will be held in person on June 8, 2023, at 11:30 am at the City of Laguna Vista. Staff continues 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

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

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

Funding Opportunity Announcement:

2023-2024 Community Development Fund: The Regional Funding Priorities can be found on the LRGVDC Community Development webpage at, <http://www.lrgvdc.org/community.html>, under the TXCDBG Program 2023/2024 resource box.

Maximum grant amount: \$500,000
Updated Application Deadline: May 3, 2023

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

- Solid Waste Management Program

LRGVDC is pleased to announce the 2023 Road-to-Recycling Tire Collection Event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023. EARTH DAY! LRGVDC invites all counties and cities across the LRGV to participate and will continue to utilize the same process as in the past years. Each entity must register for participation to ensure proper planning and allocation of resources. The deadline to register is Friday, March 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. If your city or county would like to participate, please send an email to Valerie Ramos, vramos@lrgvdc.org. Due to funding constraints, it is imperative that you register on or before the deadline. Registrations received after the deadline will not be accepted.

April 22, 2023

"Road to Recycling"
Regional Tire Collection Project

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023

- 4 tires per person maximum
(no oversized or tractor tires)
- Proof of residency required
(driver's license, utility bill etc.)
- Must be resident of collection site location
- Most sites will be open 8 AM - 12 PM
(collection times may vary per location)

FREE Tire Collection

"Road-to-Recycling" is brought to you through a regional collaboration of RGV cities, counties and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council striving for a safer and cleaner environment!

For additional information, please visit www.lrgvdc.org or call (958) 682-3481.

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Staff conducted site visits at ongoing projects and were able to verify equipment purchases and progress of projects. City of Weslaco purchased one (1) 40 yd container and ten (10) 8 yd containers to collect and recycle cardboard from participating school campuses. The City of Harlingen purchased a woodchipper with the primary goal of recycling green waste from parks into mulch. The mulch has been used for landscaping city parks, government building grounds and other green spaces maintained by the city.

A virtual Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 16, 2023, at 10:00 am.

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

- Water Quality Program

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

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

Staff also continue to regularly communicate with representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as well as other entities involved in water quality initiatives to strengthen partnerships and generate further activities related to water quality and to highlight the importance of it to the region.

Visit our Water Resource webpage at: <https://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html>

- Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC)

The RWRAC met on March 7, 2023, at 2:00 pm to review the latest Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) progress from Research Applied Technology Engineering Services (RATES), along with status reports from the Region M water use group, Region 15 Flood Planning Group, and the Freshwater Flows project. A presentation from the American Flood Coalition was also provided to the committee for approval to proceed with this grant award; to support LRGVDC to host events and activities for local elected officials and community leaders to assist in navigating state and federal opportunities, strategic approaches for building and implementing flood risk models, identifying projects and programs, and financing

solutions.

The next RWRAC meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023, at 2:00 pm

Staff continue to support, provide technical assistance, outreach, and monitor some 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 Group met on March 1, 2023, and discussed municipal and non-municipal water demand projections to be used in the 2026 Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. The next Region M meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 9:30 am. These meetings are currently being conducted in person and online.

For more information on Region M, please visit website:

<http://riograndewaterplan.org>

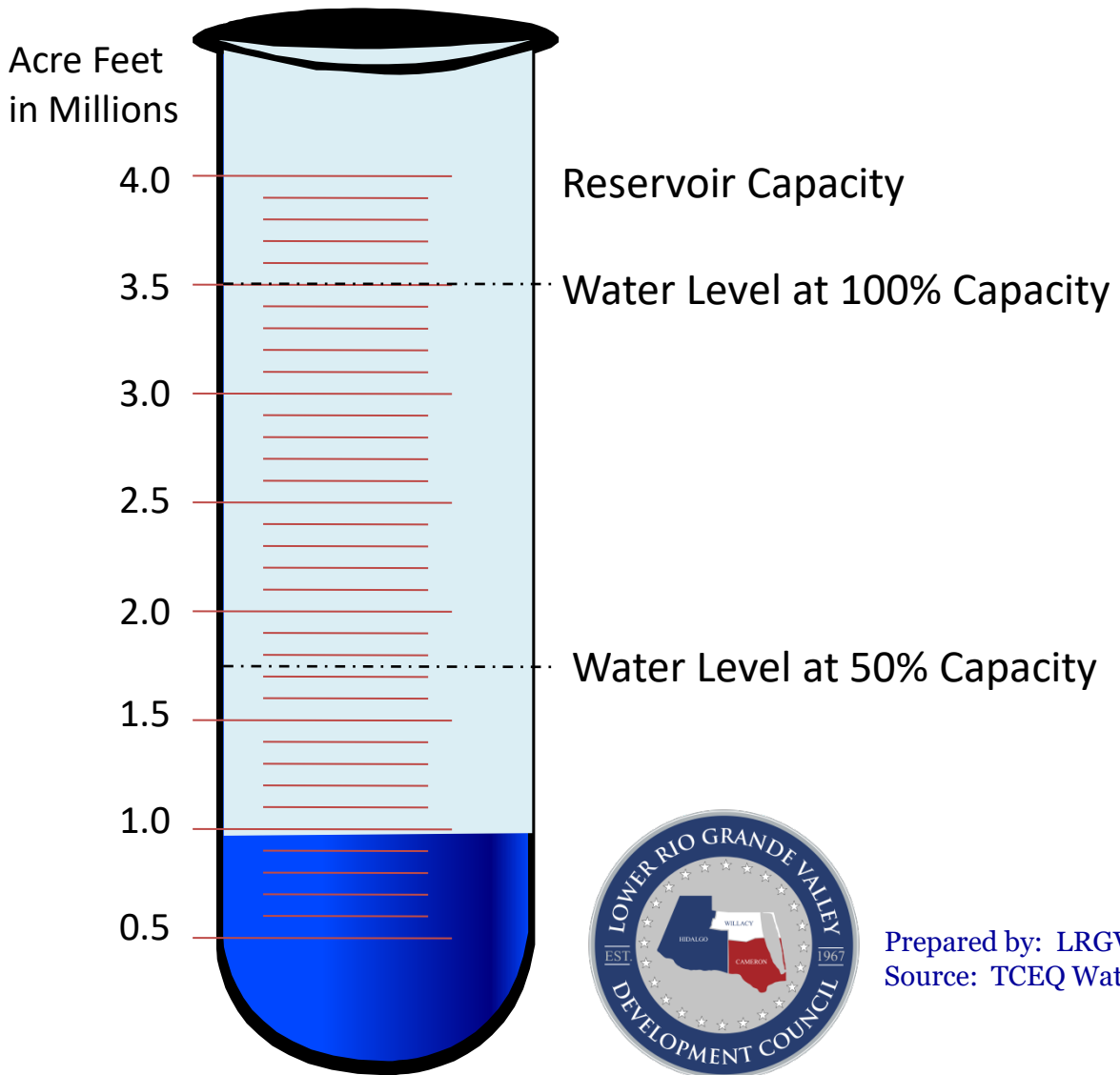
- Reservoir Levels

On March 18, 2023, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon stood at 28.37% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 962,249 acre-feet, down from 36.14% (1,225,877 AF) of normal conservation a year ago. Overall the system is holding 30.58% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,811,130 acre-feet with Amistad at 43.38% of conservation capacity, impounding 1,420,919 acre-feet and Falcon at 14.74% of conservation capacity, impounding 390,211 acre-feet. Mexico has 33.55% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 848,881 acre-feet at Amistad/Falcon.

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

3/18/2023, 28.37% of Capacity or 962,249 AF

Down from 1,225,877 AF of Normal Conservation a year ago



Prepared by: LRGVDC
Source: TCEQ Watermaster

**NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for
March 18, 2023: 30.58% (848,881) A.F.**

Rio Grande Watermaster Report

03/18/23

Amistad Reservoir

Normal Conservation Elevation	340.462 Meters	1,117.00 Feet	
Current Water Elevation	328.940 Meters	1,079.20 Feet	-37.80
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	4,040,325 TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
Current Total Combined Storage	1,752.685 MCM	1,420,919 Acre-Feet	43.38%
U.S. Share of Current Storage	961.252 MCM	779,297 Acre-Feet	54.84%
Mexico Share of Current Storage	791.433 MCM	641,623 Acre-Feet	45.16%
Total Releases (Average)	52.30 CMS	1,847 CFS	
U.S. Release (Average)	48.60 CMS	1,716 CFS	92.93%
Mexico Release (Average)	3.70 CMS	131 CFS	7.07%
Total Inflows (Average)	35.00 CMS	1,236 CFS	
U.S. Inflows (Average)	25.50 CMS	901 CFS	
Mexico Inflows (Average)	9.50 CMS	335 CFS	
Total Losses (Average)	9.35 CMS	330 CFS	
U.S. Reservoir Loss (Average)	5.15 CMS	182 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss (Average)	4.20 CMS	148 CFS	

Falcon Reservoir

Normal Conservation Elevation	91.805 Meters	301.20 Feet	
Current Water Elevation	78.570 Meters	257.78 Feet	-43.42
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	3,264,813 TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
Current Total Combined Storage	481.320 MCM	390,211 Acre-Feet	14.74%
U.S. Share of Current Storage	225.669 MCM	182,952 Acre-Feet	46.89%
Mexico Share of Current Storage	255.651 MCM	207,259 Acre-Feet	53.11%
Total Releases (Average)	102.00 CMS	3,602 CFS	
U.S. Release (Average)	54.30 CMS	1,918 CFS	53.24%
Mexico Release (Average)	47.70 CMS	1,685 CFS	46.76%
Total Inflows (Average)	42.50 CMS	1,501 CFS	
U.S. Inflows (Average)	41.70 CMS	1,473 CFS	
Mexico Inflows (Average)	0.80 CMS	28 CFS	
Total Losses (Average)	3.98 CMS	141 CFS	
U.S. Reservoir Loss (Average)	1.83 CMS	65 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss (Average)	2.15 CMS	76 CFS	

Overall Status

Amistad

Total Normal Conservation Capacity	4,040,325 TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
U.S. Share of Normal Conservation	2,270,663 TCM	1,840,849 Acre-Feet	
Current U.S. Share of Normal Conservation	961,252 TCM	779,297 Acre-Feet	42.33%
Mexico Share Normal Conservation	1,769,662 TCM	1,434,683 Acre-Feet	
Current Mexico Share of Normal Conservation	791,433 TCM	641,623 Acre-Feet	44.72%

Falcon

Total Normal Conservation Capacity	3,264,813 TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
U.S. Share of Normal Conservation	1,913,180 TCM	1,551,034 Acre-Feet	
Current U.S. Share of Normal Conservation	225,669 TCM	182,952 Acre-Feet	11.80%
Mexico Share of Normal Conservation	1,351,633 TCM	1,095,782 Acre-Feet	
Current Mexico Share of Normal Conservation	255,651 TCM	207,259 Acre-Feet	18.91%
Total Normal Capacity in Amistad/Falcon System	7,305,138 TCM	5,922,348 Acre-Feet	
Total Normal Conservation Capacity for the U.S.	4,183,843 TCM	3,391,883 Acre-Feet	57.27%
Total Normal Conservation Capacity for Mexico	3,121,295 TCM	2,530,465 Acre-Feet	42.73%
Current Combined Storage for the U.S.	1,186.921 MCM	962,249 Acre-Feet	28.37%
Current Combined Storage for Mexico	1,047.084 MCM	848,881 Acre-Feet	33.55%
Current Storage in the Amistad/Falcon System	2,234,005 TCM	1,811,130 Acre-Feet	
Percent of Storage Capacity			30.58%

ITEM #5. B.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN SERVICES**

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B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Status ReportMargarita Lopez, Director

2023 LIIFE Conference

On March 22, 2023, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) and Rio-Net Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) presented the inaugural Leadership, Inclusion/Independence, Family Support, and Empowerment (LIIFE) Conference.

The LRGVDC works to support all communities in the RGV, with particular attention to people of all ages, incomes, and disabilities. Through the Rio-Net ADRC staff are able to support the disabled and their caregivers with a full range of long-term services. It is crucial we create a network of resources for the disabled and for the people that provide daily care to them. Staff expected 40 conference attendees, and successfully welcomed 83!



- **Direct Consumer Services Report - February 2023**

Service Line	Clients Receiving Services for the First Time	Total Clients Serviced
Care Coordination Services	85	367
Health Maintenance Services Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.	27	33
Homemaker Services Temporary assistance with light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation.	30	75
Residential Repair Services Assistance with home modifications such as grab bars, ADA commodes, ramps, widening of doorways, and tub removals.	72	72
Transportation Services Assistance with transportation services to medical appointments, rehabilitation appointments, and Dialysis appointments.	1	1
Caregiver Support Services	40	173
Respite In-Home Services Assistance includes light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, meal preparation, bathing, grooming, and dressing.	24	84
Health Maintenance Services Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.	4	6
Community Development Block Grant	19	19
Health Maintenance Services Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.	13	16
Residential Repair Services Assistance with minor home modifications such as grab bars, ADA commodes, and widening of doorways.	3	3

CARE COORDINATION SERVICES INTEREST LIST	
Health Maintenance Services Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.	255
Homemaker Services Temporary assistance with light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation.	273
Residential Repair Services Assistance with minor home modifications such as ramps, grab bars, removal of tubs, and ADA commodes.	110
Transportation Services Assistance with transportation services to medical appointments, rehabilitation appointments, and Dialysis appointments.	30
CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES INTEREST LIST	
Respite In-Home Services Assistance includes light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, meal preparation, bathing, grooming, and dressing.	152
OVERALL TOTAL PENDING SERVICES	820

- **Senior Subrecipient - February 2023**

Meals Program	Total New Clients	Total Meals Served
Home Delivered Meals	97	40751
Congregate Meals	55	8115

- **Senior Center Operations - February 2023**

Senior Center Operations	Total New Clients	Total Meals Served
All Centers	116	18229

- **Special Services Report – February 2023**

Benefit Counselors, Care Transition and Ombudsman

Special Services	Total New Clients	Total Clients Served
Benefits Counselor	308	326
Care Transition Coaches	143	428

Special Service	Total Volunteer Hours	Total Activity Hours	Total Activities	Total Investigated Complaints	Total Cases
Ombudsman	50.41	158.33	105	110	40

- **Aging and Disabilities Resource Center – February 2023**

Information Referral & Assistance Report

Category	Total Interactions
1-800 AAA	21
1-855 ADRC	2
(956) 682-3481	113
(956) 412-0958	86
Walk-ins	7
E-mails	97
Fax	16
Follow ups	15

Consumer Age Group	Total Consumers
Consumers 60+	326
Consumer 59 and below	14

Consumer Demographics	Total Break Down by Demographic
Individuals with a Disability	109
Individuals who are Veterans	108

Unmet Needs	Total Unmet Needs
Total Consumers	1

Top Call Topics	Top Call Topics Total
Benefit Counseling	78
Homemaker Services	71
Respite Services	55
Residential Repairs	47
Health Maintenance	38

- **Housing Navigator Report**

Category	Total Flyers
Outreach Material Distribution Housing Flyers	200
Outreach Material Distribution AAA Flyers	200

Consumer Age Group	Total Consumers
Consumers 60+	92
Consumer 59 and below	8

Consumer Demographics	Total Break Down by Demographic
Individuals with a Disability	12
Individuals who are Veterans	1
Individuals with a Caregiver	5

Housing Navigator Intakes	Total Intakes
Cameron County	4
Hidalgo County	4
Willacy County	0

- **Special Initiatives Report**

Category	Totals
Outreach Material Distribution of Vaccine Flyers and AAA Flyers	296
Vaccines Distributed	25

Consumer Age Group	Total Consumers
Consumers 60+	135
Consumer 59 and below	133

Consumer Demographics	Total Break Down by Demographic
Individuals with a Disability	15
Individuals who are Veterans	53
Individuals with a Caregiver	5

Events	Total Events
Heath Fair (Tabling)	1
Community Event (Tabling)	1
Coalitions/Information Meetings	10

ITEM #5. C.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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C. Public SafetyRene Perez, Program Supervisor I

Criminal Justice Program

- Staff conducted a virtual grant scoring training for all Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) current and new members for FY2023-24 prioritization process on February 17, 2023.
- Staff hosted the CJAC meeting on March 8, 2023, in the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Board Room.

Homeland Security Program

- Staff attended a virtual meeting hosted by Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) for Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) Prioritization Panel & Discussion on February 16, 2023.
- Staff in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) division, virtually met on February 21, 2023. Commenced the planning phase to host a Management Workshop and Table Exercise.
- Staff attended virtual meeting conducted by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Critical Infrastructure Protection Task Force on February 22, 2023.
- Staff hosted RGV Emergency Training Alliance Board meeting in the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Boardroom on February 23, 2023.
- Staff hosted Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) virtual meeting on February 23, 2023.
- Staff hosted the Homeland Security Prioritization and Advisory meeting on March 2, 2023.
- Staff met with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the State Region Coordinator and Cybersecurity Advisor for Region 6 from the CISA division on March 3, 2023, for our upcoming Cyber Incident Management Workshop.
- Staff attended FY2023 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Application Workshop for grants virtually on March 7, 2023.

- Staff attended Regional Conference call for PSO updates for Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) on March 9, 2023.
- Staff attended a virtual webinar from TARC e-learning Grant Writing, Part 1 of three series on March 15, 2022.
- Staff attended the io rande alley ealth preparedness Coalition Meeting virtually on March 15, 2023.
- Staff submitted the Homeland Security Prioritization List of all LETPA and SHSP projects to the PSO office on March 16, 2023.

Cybersecurity Workshop Planning Team



Department of Public Safety (DPS) - Texas Critical Infrastructure Protection Task Force



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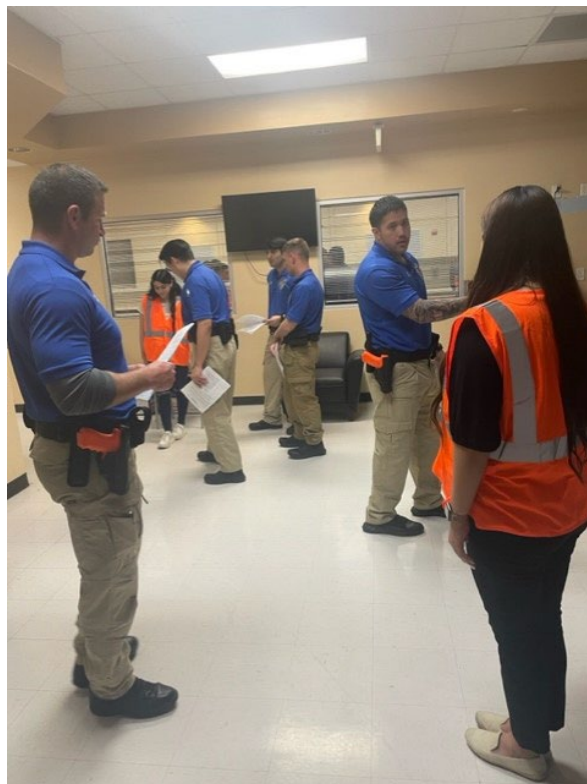
Regional Police Academy

- Monday, February 20, 2023, Project Management Specialist Monic Galvan successfully completed the Grant Development certification course.
- Thursday, March 2, 2023, Training Coordinator Gilbert Luna attended and successfully completed Glock Armorer School.
- As of Thursday, March 16, 2023, the 219th Mid-Valley Basic Peace Officer Course is in progress with a total of 18 cadets; they are currently entering Chapter 28 of 42.
- As of Friday, March 17, 2023, the 220th Mission Day Academy is in progress with a total of 24 cadets; they are currently entering Chapter 12 of 42.
- The tentative start date for the 221st Edinburg Day Academy is Monday, April 3, 2023. This academy will be held at Edinburg Police Department.
- The tentative start date for the 222nd Mid-Valley Night Academy is Monday, May 8, 2023. This academy will be held at LRGVDC's Ken Jones Executive Board Room.
- The Regional Police Academy continues to offer weekly testing up until the end of March 2023.
- The Regional Police Academy staff is currently working with interlocal agreements to establish a schedule for in-service training in person. Some courses that have already been scheduled are as follows:
 1. Trauma Informed Investigations at DHR on March 22, 2023
 2. Intermediate Arrest, Search, & Seizure at Mission PD from March 23 – 24, 2023
 3. Intermediate Crime Scene Investigation at Mission PD from March 27 – 31, 2023
 4. Canine Encounters and Interacting with Drivers who are Deaf at Alton PD on April 15, 2023
 5. Legislative Updates at Alton PD on April 17, 2023
 6. Culture Diversity at Mission PD on April 18, 2023
 7. Racial Profiling Legislative at Alton PD on April 19, 2023
 8. Special Investigative Topics at Mission PD on April 20, 2023

9. Special Investigative Topics at Alton PD on April 22, 2023
10. Racial Profiling Legislative at Alton PD on April 24, 2023
11. Legislative Updates at Alton PD on April 26, 2023
12. Legislative Updates at Mission PD on April 26, 2023
13. Culture Diversity at Alton PD on April 29, 2023
14. Crisis Intervention Training at Knapp Medical Center from May 1 – 5, 2023
15. Mental Health Peace Officer and CIT at Weslaco Public Works from May 22 – 26, 2023
16. SAFVIC at CEED in Mission, TX from May 24 – 26, 2023
17. TCIC Associate Trainer at Weslaco Public Works from June 5 – 8, 2023.
18. Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network at LRGVDC in Weslaco, TX from July 6 – 7, 2023

Pictured below are the 18 cadets from the 219th Mid-Valley Basic Peace Officer Course conducting Standard Field Sobriety Testing.





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C. Public Safety

Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Status Report

- GIS Division

The GIS team maintains the GeoMSAG; they have achieved 100% geocode matching on the GeoMSAG. This enables calls in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties to be routed to the relevant Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) using our GIS data as the router. Our GIS Data Hub is acting as our website and can be found by going to www.rgv911.org. The GIS team held a project kick-off meeting with ESRI to assess the software needed to install ArcGIS Workflow Manager. Workflow Manager will be the foundation of our new address ticketing solution.

- Community Engagement Division

February was an exciting month for RGV9-1-1. We participated in 2 events in February emphasizing educating the public on the importance of 9-1-1.

- Granjeno 16th Annual Friendship Festival on February 11, 2023. We participated in the parade and the festival and together with Cell Phone Sally we informed the community on how to text 911 and the benefits 911 offers.
- Rio Grande Valley Arc User Group (RGVAUG) GIS Training on February 28, 2023. Staff supported the RGVAUG for a two-day GIS training seminar by providing equipment, network connectivity, and the ARC GIS Pro platform software for participants. The I.T. Team provided the means for all participants to interact with presenters by using a hands-on GIS application learning experience.

February also marks the beginning of our preparations for Telecommunicators Week. Every year during the second week of April, the telecommunicators' personnel are honored. During this week the RGV9-1-1 celebrate and thank essential staff who keep our community safe. Preparations encompass coordination with PSAPs and vendors, placing orders for new inventory and receiving incentives for our telecommunicators.

Granjeno 16th Annual Friendship Festival



Pictured (above left) staff Maribel Alonzo, Ruby Garza as Cell Phone Sally, (above right) staff Maribel Alonzo, Honorable Mayor Yvette Cabrera, and staff Ruby Garza.

Granjeno 16th Annual Friendship Festival



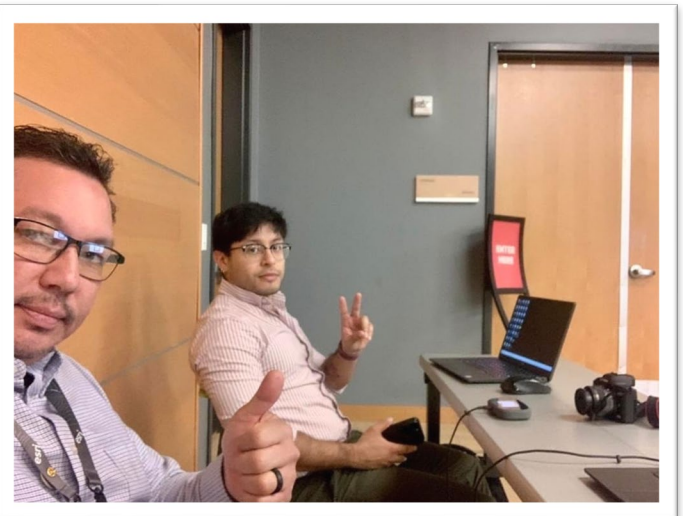
Pictured (above left) staff Maribel Alonzo and Ruby Garza, (above right) staff with the community.

Rio Grande Valley Arc User Group (RGVAUG) GIS Training



Pictured above are the participants and presenter.

Rio Grande Valley Arc User Group (RGVAUG) GIS Training



Pictured (above left) staff Ron Hall and Darrick Fuentes, (above right) participants and presenter.

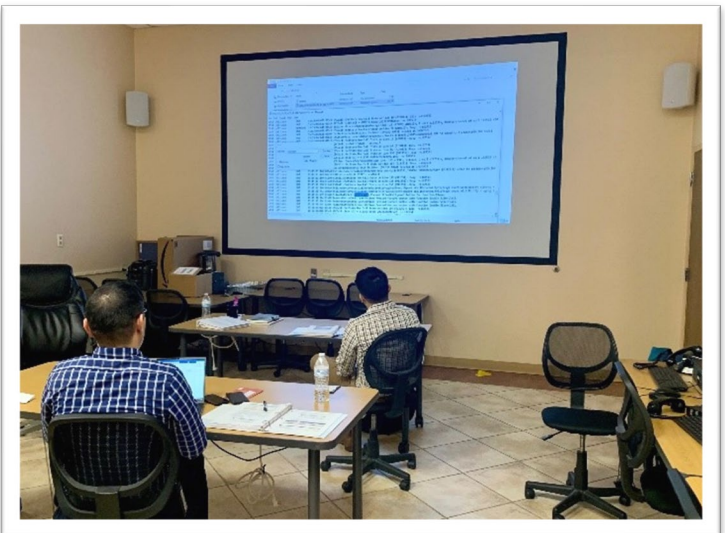
- 9-1-1 | Information Technology

The 9-1-1 | Information Technology Team participated in ongoing professional education during the week of March 6-10. This one-week training course included an in-depth look into VIPER 7 hardware/software infrastructure which included the following:

- Software/hardware installation procedures
- PMG (PSAP Management Console) configuration
- Administration and maintenance procedures
- Network installation and maintenance procedures
- Hardware redundancy
- Troubleshooting procedures

The RGV9-1-1 team will continue to ensure that our 9-1-1 call delivery focus is backed by knowledge and experience to serve the community better as we move into the future with NextGen 911.

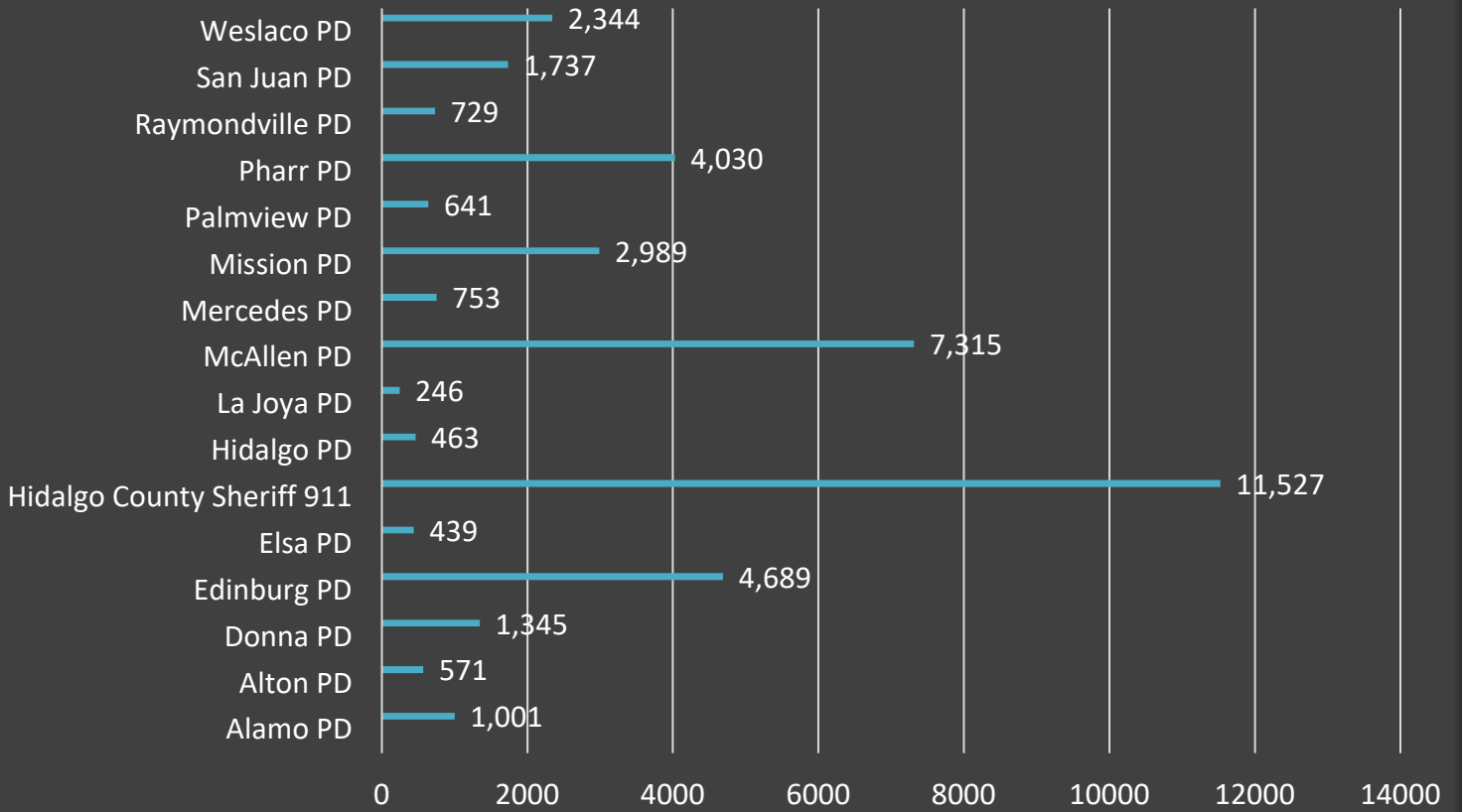
Maintenance and Configurations training for Viper 7 System



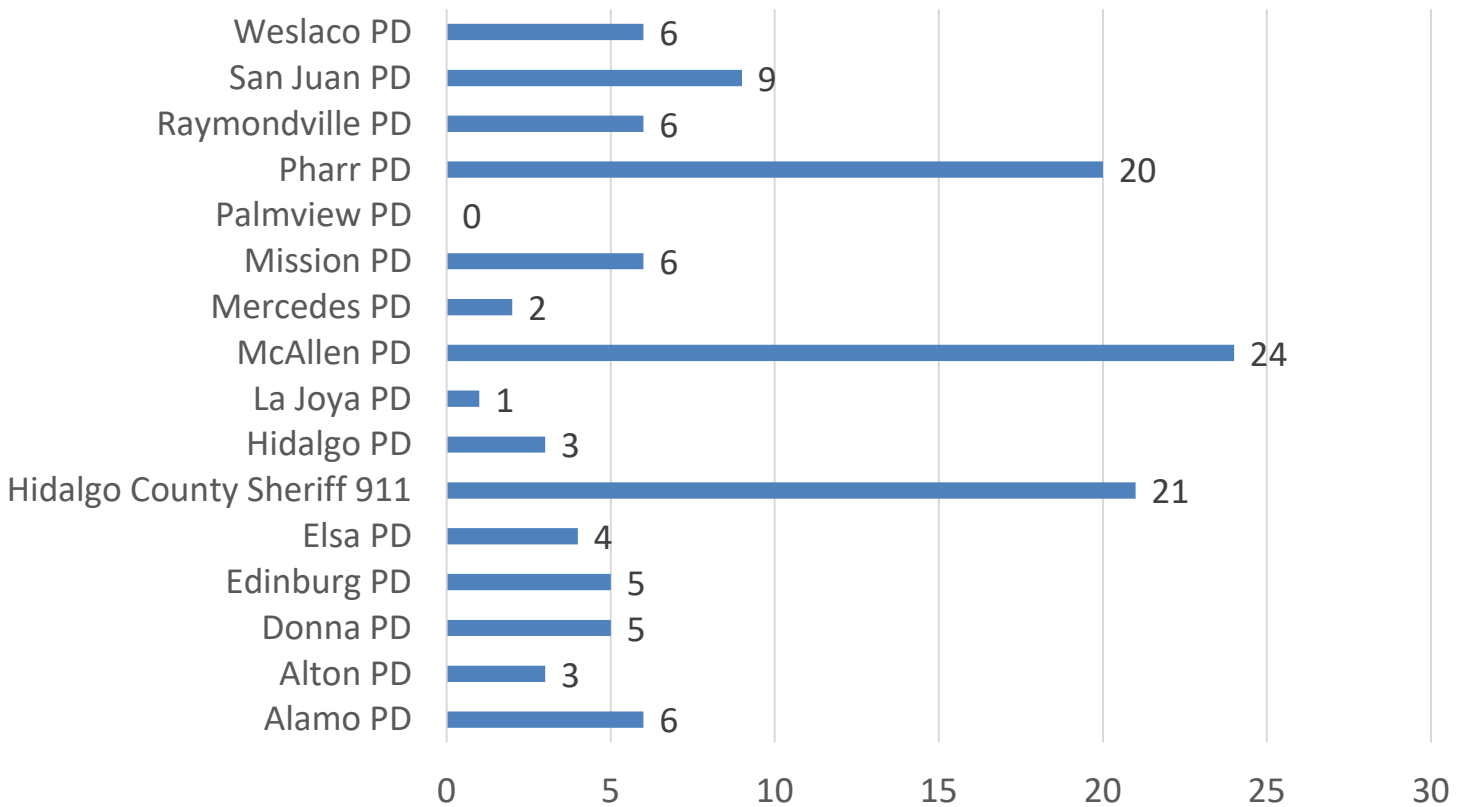
Pictured (below) staff Darrick Fuentes, Eddie Gil, Ron Hall, Intrado trainer Jason Fisk.



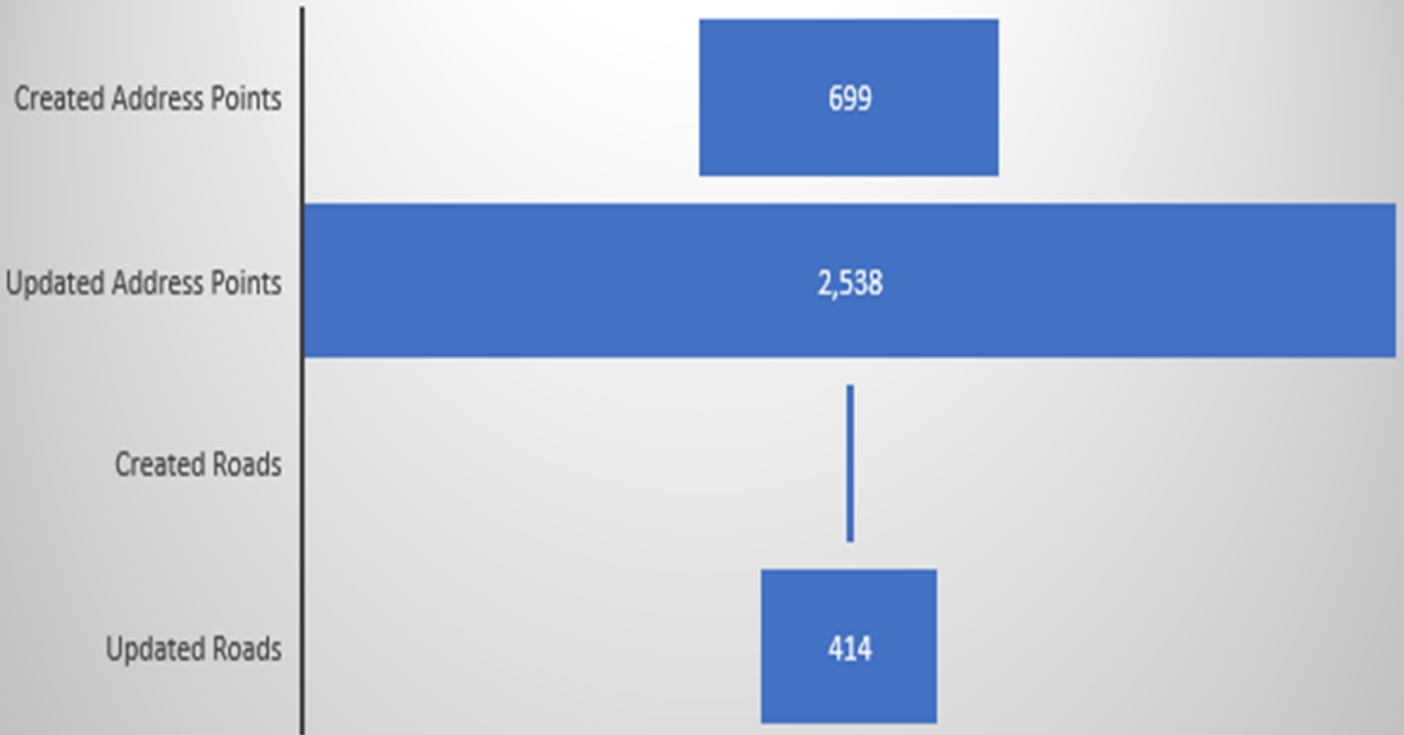
Call Summary February 2023



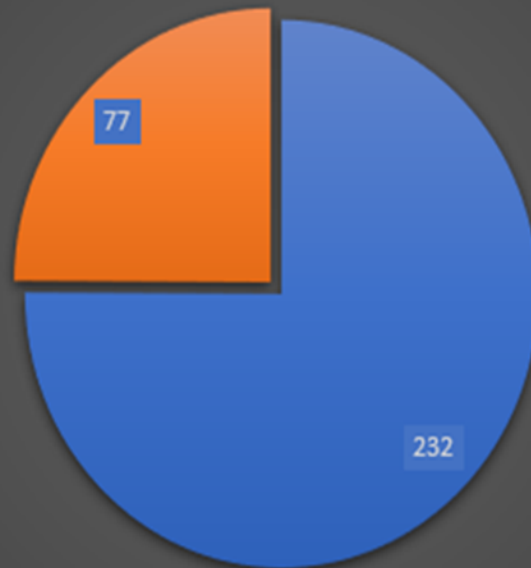
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January - February 2023 Mapping Features



Address Tickets from January to February 2023



Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

ITEM #5. D.

TRANSPORTATION

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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status ReportRick Carrera, Director of Regional Transit

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Procurement of Four (4) New Mobile Vehicle Lifts for Harlingen Maintenance Facility

Staff requests Board approval to purchase four (4) new mobile vehicle lifts for the Harlingen Maintenance Facility. Purchase will be made through a State of Texas Multiple Awards Schedule (TXMAS) Contract.

Grant:	TX-2020-152 FTA federal funding with TDCs
Estimated Cost:	\$63,015.64
Description:	Four new mobile vehicle lifts for the Harlingen Maintenance Facility.
TXMAS Contract	TXMAS-22-07501

MOHAWK LIFTS



For purchase of Mohawk equipment using:

Texas State Contract #

TXMAS-22-07501

Valid: 02/25/2022 - 04/13/2024

Vendor: **MOHAWK LIFTS LLC**
 PO Box 110, Amsterdam, NY 12010
 Phone: 800-833-2006 Fax: 518-842-1289
 Contact: Amber Fusco x 4000
 Email: amberf@mohawklifts.com

*All quoted equipment has been Competitively Bid and Awarded
 and is Guaranteed Best Government Pricing.
 Freight Included @ No Charge.*

CUSTOMER
Rick Carrera
Valley Metro/Regional Transit Services
510 S. Pleasantview Drive Weslaco, TX 78596
(956) 578-1724 - cell
aperezjr@lrgvdc.org

QUOTE NUMBER	QUOTE DATE
ValleyMetro.MP18.031523	3/15/2023
Freight Terms:	FOB Destination, Freight Prepaid
Payment Terms:	Net 30
Lead Time:	Model Dependent
Good Through:	March 30, 2023

Part Number	Description	Qty	List Price	Purchase Price	Total
MP-0180-A-0833	AC - MP-Series 18,000lb Capacity Mobile Column - 15" Forks - Mstr - 480V3P	2	\$ 18,520.00	\$ 15,753.91	\$ 31,507.82
MP-0180-A-1833	AC - MP-Series 18,000lb Capacity Mobile Column - 15" Forks - Slv - 480V3P	2	\$ 18,520.00	\$ 15,753.91	\$ 31,507.82

*After Receipt of Completed Order - When applicable, includes signed quote, data sheets and receipt of required payment			SUBTOTAL	\$ 63,015.64
NOTES:			Sales Tax (if applicable)	Add if Applic.
			Credit Card Fee**	
			TOTAL	\$ 63,015.64

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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status ReportRick Carrera, Director of Regional Transit

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Amendment to Operating Policies and Procedures

RGV Metro Express with Sunday service requires support staff to be available if needed. The On-Call policy will allow employees to receive proper compensation for the assignment when receiving that call on a weekend or Sunday.

Staff requests approval of an amendment to the Operating Policies and Procedures Section 2 – Employee Expectations and Conduct to include information pertaining to On-Call time and attendance.

Management should provide employees who, if needed, are required to be on-call with a schedule of the time and date that the employee must be on-call. In addition, the following guidelines apply:

- On-call pay shall only pertain to non-exempt employees.
- Unless otherwise advised, the employee is not required while on-call to remain on Valley Metro's premises. However, the employee must remain available by telephone, text, or pager while off site and respond to any message within fifteen (15) minutes.
- If an emergency requires the employee to return to a Valley Metro facility, he or she must do so within 1 hour of responding to the message.
- The employee is not required to restrict his or her activities while on-call, but the employee must remain free of the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. In addition, the employee should not take any prescription drug that adversely affects his or her ability to safely and effectively perform his or her job duties. If an employee has a medical condition and has concerns about complying with this requirement, the employee should consult with the Office of Human Resources.
- If the employee has a conflict and is unable to be on-call during his or her assigned time, it is the employee's obligation to pre-arrange with his or her immediate supervisor for a replacement to cover the employee's on-call shift.
- Employees who fail to respond when called and/or who fail to find a replacement are subject to disciplinary action.

On-Call Pay

- Employees will receive 30 minutes of on-call pay for each hour of on-call status.
- On-call pay shall not exceed 8 hours for each day of on-call status.
- If an employee is called to report to work while on-call, said employee shall be paid for actual hours worked in addition to on-call pay.
- Commuting time to a Valley Metro facility is not counted as hours worked if the employee is on-call and called back to work. Work time begins upon arrival to job site and ends upon clocking out and leaving job site.
- If the employee has an unplanned or emergency absence during his or her on-call shift immediately prior to the on-call duty, the employee will forfeit the 30 minute per hour of on-call pay for the shift of on-call status.
- However, it will reinstate the on-call pay if employee returns to on-call status. Pay shall begin at this point.

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Valley Metro Status ReportRick Carrera, 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 10:00 pm.

Breakdown of Ridership per system:

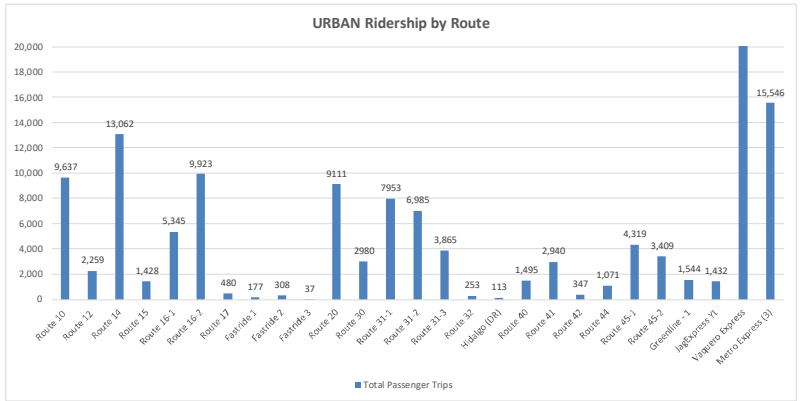
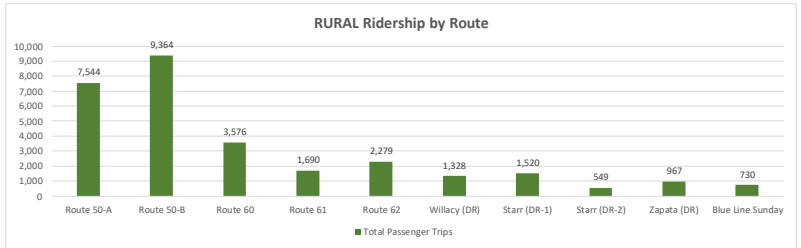
RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM							
Agency	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	%
VALLEY METRO	24,680	24,278	19,748	18,334	22,973	22,780	-1%
UTRGV	44,388	46,384	38,037	15,184	24,617	43,506	77%
STC	334	292	243	66	243	254	5%
TSTC	297	315	126	216	142	245	73%
Total	69,699	71,269	58,154	33,800	47,975	66,785	39%

Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity:

- Meetings of the RTAP and RTAP Subcommittee are scheduled bi-monthly to update members on the individual transportation agency’s efforts to better inform the public of the available transportation resources. This month’s meeting included a presentation by Ben Magallon of ATG for an overview of the RGVMPO Transportation Sustainability and Resilience Study they are performing.
- Valley Metro’s Planning Department staff held outreach events in Weslaco, Palmview, and Rio Grande City. The events highlighted the modes of transportation available to the public within their perspective city and region. Staff addresses any concerns, recommendations, or comments the public might have.

**RIDERSHIP COUNT
YEAR TO DATE FY 2023 (February)**

Route	Total Passenger Trips	Route Activity	Area(s) Served
Route 50-A	7,544	2%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
Route 50-B	9,364	3%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
Route 60	3,576	1%	Roma, Rio Grande City
Route 61	1,690	0%	Rio Grande City
Route 62	2,279	1%	Rio Grande City
Willacy (DR)	1,328	0%	Willacy County
Starr (DR-1)	1,520	0%	Starr County
Starr (DR-2)	549	0%	Starr County
Zapata (DR)	967	0%	Zapata County
Blue Line Sunday	730	0%	Brownsville, Port Isabel
Route 10	9,637	3%	Edinburg
Route 12	2,259	1%	Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg
Route 14	13,062	4%	Edinburg
Route 15	1,428	0%	Edinburg
Route 16-1	5,345	2%	Courthouse Circulator
Route 16-2	9,923	3%	Courthouse Circulator
Route 17	480	0%	Edinburg T-line
Fastride 1	177	0%	Edinburg
Fastride 2	308	0%	Hidalgo County
Fastride 3	37	0%	Cameron County
Route 20	9,111	3%	Mission
Route 30	2,980	1%	Pharr, San Juan
Route 31-1	7,953	2%	Cameron-Hidalgo County
Route 31-2	6,985	2%	Hidalgo-Cameron County
Route 31-3	3,865	1%	Cameron-Hidalgo County
Route 32	253	0%	Donna
Hidalgo (DR)	113	0%	City of Hidalgo
Route 40	1,495	0%	Harlingen
Route 41	2,940	1%	Harlingen
Route 42	347	0%	San Benito
Route 44	1,071	0%	Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa
Route 45-1	4,319	1%	Cameron County
Route 45-2	3,409	1%	Cameron County
Greenline - 1	1,544	0%	Rio Grande City
JagExpress YL	1,432	0%	Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen
Vaquero Express	212,116	61%	Edinburg
Metro Express (3)	15,546	4%	Rio Grande Valley
TOTAL	347,682	100%	**Total Ridership Count subject to change when finalized



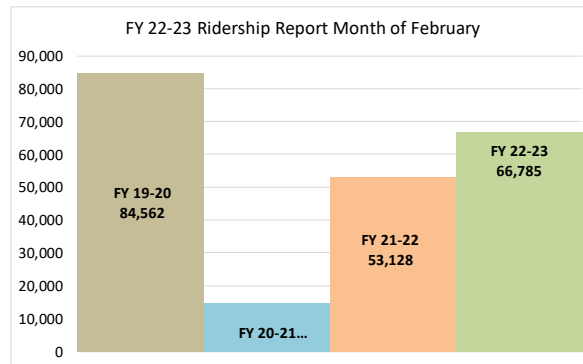
Active Routes	Rural	Urban	Total
Flex Routes	6	18	24
Demand Response	6	4	10
Fixed-Metro Express	0	3	3
	12	25	37

YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT

Year to Date -February 2023	Prior Year February 2022	DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE
347,682	222,341	125,341	56%

* 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	347,682	-82,802	-19%
Monthly Change from Previous FY	27,457	30,711	20,892	6,882	25,742	13,657	-45,400	-44,843	-28,314	-30,112	-35,091	-24,384	-82,802		
Percent Change	65%	76%	56%	26%	116%	26%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-19%		

FY 2022 VALLEY METRO RIDERSHIP REPORT

RIDERSHIP BY CITIES - PICK-UP LOCATION

CITY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Hidalgo	28	21	17	20	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113
Edinburg	7,420	7,093	5,812	3,726	5,936	7,208	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,195
UTRGV Edinburg	44,388	46,384	38,037	15,184	24,617	43,506	0	0	0	0	0	0	212,116
Pharr	902	948	676	640	931	929	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,026
Mission	730	677	523	706	752	620	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,008
McAllen	3,934	3,860	3,173	3,370	4,219	3,403	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,959
San Carlos	27	44	47	32	28	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	208
Elsa	50	42	43	52	54	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Edcouch	29	19	21	42	25	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	158
La Villa	26	28	23	34	44	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	176
San Juan	297	320	282	304	367	340	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,910
Alamo	275	289	260	301	337	268	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,730
Donna	269	240	191	279	467	370	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,816
Weslaco	807	746	603	485	800	695	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,136
Mercedes	178	178	207	279	209	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,224
La Feria	122	104	88	132	169	171	0	0	0	0	0	0	786
Harlingen	1,560	1,467	1,356	1,474	1,549	1,678	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,084
San Benito	172	134	151	272	216	310	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,255
Brownsville	3,836	3,899	2,921	3,037	3,219	2,949	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,861
Santa Rosa	45	17	51	54	64	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	318
Los Fresnos	338	333	255	251	282	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,729
Laguna Vista	184	216	138	173	235	218	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,164
Laguna Heights	207	199	127	216	205	163	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,117
Port Isabel	1,220	1,294	860	990	1,291	1,126	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,781
Rio Grande City	1,937	1,921	1,559	1,075	1,187	1,410	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,089
Willacy County	243	250	230	198	178	229	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,328
Starr County	315	384	362	297	364	347	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,069
Zapata County	155	159	141	164	175	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	967
Total	69,699	71,269	58,154	33,800	47,975	66,785	0	0	0	0	0	0	347,682

RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM

Agency	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
VALLEY METRO	24,680	24,278	19,748	18,334	22,973	22,780	0	0	0	0	0	0	132,793
UTRGV	44,388	46,384	38,037	15,184	24,617	43,506	0	0	0	0	0	0	212,116
STC	334	292	243	66	243	254	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,432
TSTC	297	315	126	216	142	245	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,341
Total	69,699	71,269	58,154	33,800	47,975	66,785	0	0	0	0	0	0	347,682

RURAL AND URBAN COUNT

AREA	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Rural	5,900	6,104	4,587	4,473	5,029	4,998	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,091
Urban	63,799	65,165	53,567	29,327	42,946	61,787	0	0	0	0	0	0	316,591
Total	69,699	71,269	58,154	33,800	47,975	66,785	0	0	0	0	0	0	347,682

RIDERSHIP BY COUNTY

COUNTY	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	TOTAL
Hidalgo County	59,365	60,892	49,915	25,460	38,819	57,644	0	0	0	0	0	0	292,095
Cameron County	7,684	7,663	5,947	6,606	7,252	6,982	0	0	0	0	0	0	42,134
Willacy County	243	250	230	198	178	229	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,328
Starr County	2,252	2,305	1,921	1,372	1,551	1,757	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,158
Zapata County	155	159	141	164	175	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	967
Total	69,699	71,269	58,154	33,800	47,975	66,785	0	0	0	0	0	0	347,682

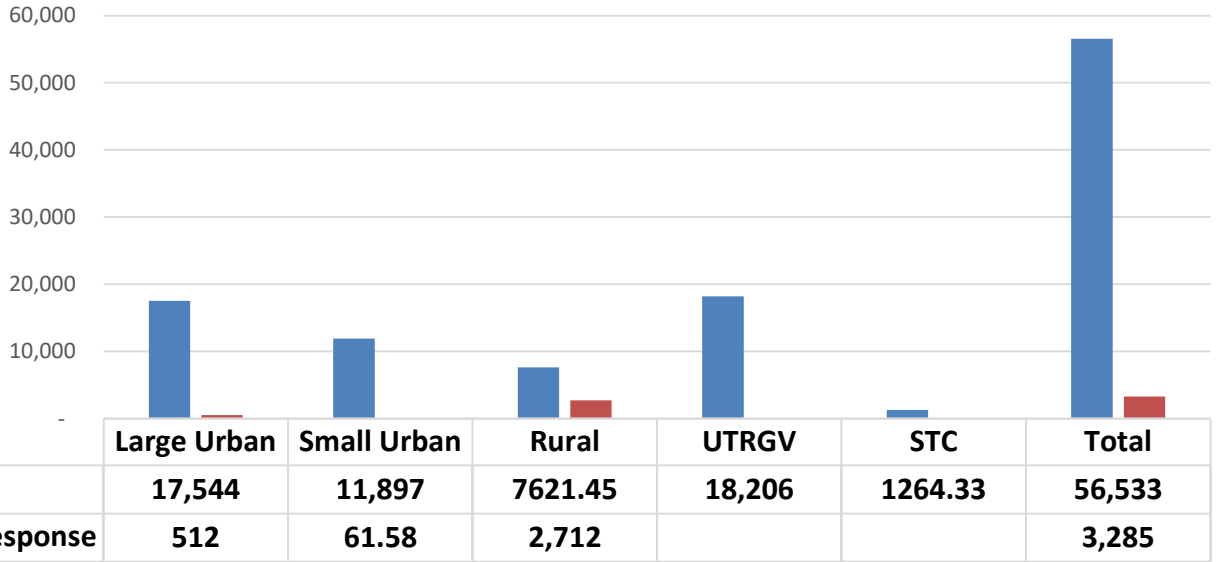
RIDERSHIP BY PRECINCTS

Year to Date 2022-2023

Distribution of Revenue Hours

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	17,544	11,897	7621.45	18,206	1264.33	56,533
Demand Response	512	61.58	2,712			3,285

FY 22-23 YTD Revenue Hours

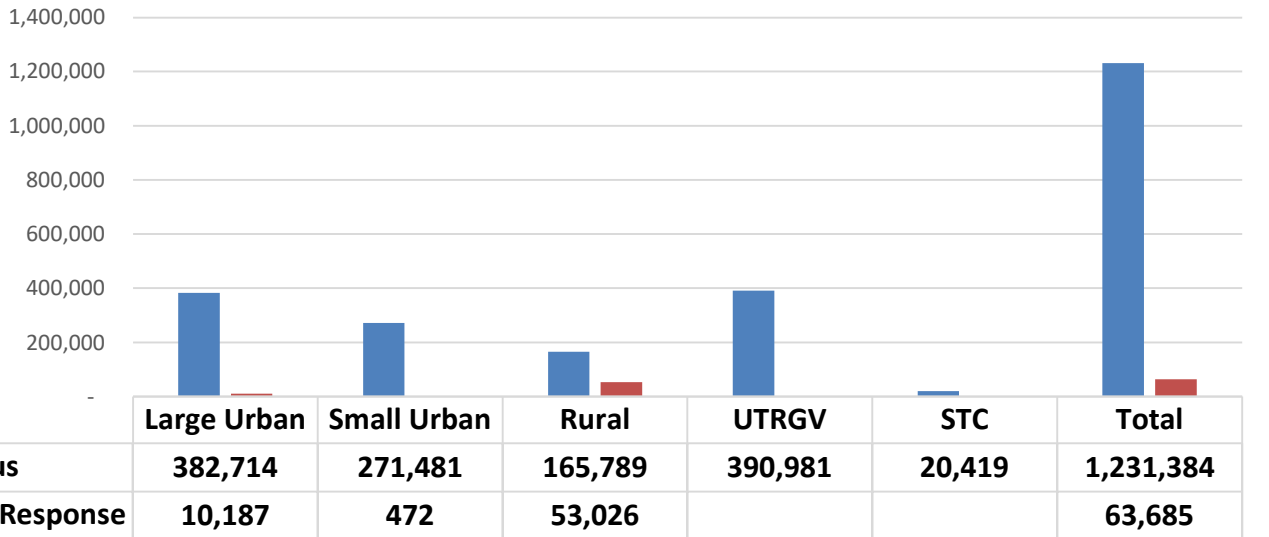


Year to Date 2022-2023

Distribution of Revenue Miles

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	382,714	271,481	165,789	390,981	20,419	1,231,384
Demand Response	10,187	472	53,026			63,685

FY 22-23 YTD Revenue Miles





FY 2022-2023 Valley Metro

TSTC MONTHLY PASSENGER COUNT

Routes	31-1	31-2	31-3	40	41	42	43	44	50-A	50-B	Fast Ride 3	Willacy	Direct RT 45-1	Direct RT 45-2	Total
September	0	0	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	179	64	297
October	0	0	0	4	19	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	255	35	315
November	0	0	0	12	19	12	0	1	0	0	0	11	66	5	126
December	0	0	0	5	9	118	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	18	216
January	0	0	0	1	28	57	0	0	0	2	0	3	46	5	142
February	0	0	0	0	23	160	0	5	0	14	0	0	41	2	245
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	23	113	347	0	9	0	16	37	18	649	129	1,341
FY 2021-2022	4	9	9	0	1	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	18	91	162
Change Over Previous FY	4	9	9	23	112	347	0	-20	-1	16	37	18	631	38	1,179

	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Direct Routes	243	290	350	71	80	51	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,128
Indirect Routes	54	25	280	55	136	91	202	0	0	0	0	0	0	843
Monthly Total	297	315	630	126	216	142	245	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,971

2022 - 2023 Valley Metro Routes TSTC Student Passenger Count

