

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 12:00 noon

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Presiding: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, President

Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve Meeting Minutes (March 29, 2023) -----President

Item #3: Public Comment

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

- A. Consideration and ACTION to Set Date and Format for 2023 Nominating Committee Meeting..... President
- B. Presentation and ACTION to Accept Quarterly Investment Report..... Crystal Balboa
Director of Finance

- C. Executive Director Report..... Manuel Cruz
Executive Director
1. Introduction of New Staff Members
 2. Updates on Regional News, Funding Opportunities, Trainings, and Legislation

Item #5: Department Reports

**A. Community & Economic Development Manuel Cruz
Executive Director**

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution in Support of Reappropriating CDBG-DR 2018 and 2019 Funds for Regional Drainage in South Texas

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 Services Margarita Lopez
Director**

Program Action Items

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Vendor Rate Increase Request from San Jose Health Care and D’Oro Primary Home Care Services
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Join “Making RGV Aging Friendly”

Program Status Reports

- Direct Consumer Services
- Congregate Meals
- Special Services Report
- Home Delivered Meals
- Senior Centers
- Special Services
- Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

**C. Public Safety..... Manuel Cruz
Executive Director**

Program Action Items

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for the FY 2023-2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Rankings and Resolution
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for the FY 2023-2024 State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund (SF) Program Rankings and Resolution
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for the FY 2023-2024 Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP) Program Rankings and Resolution
4. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for the FY 2023-2024 Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program (VA) Program Rankings and Resolution
5. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee’s (CJAC) Recommendation for the FY 2023-2024 Violence Against Women Formula Grant (WF) Program Rankings and Resolution

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..... Dennis Moreno
Assistant Director
 - 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 Updated LRGVDC Transit Service Department’s Background Check Policy

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 Meetings:
Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Annual Election Meeting 12:00

Board of Directors Meeting Immediately Following

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 during the 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

MINUTES

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

12:00 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 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: SECRETARY JIM DARLING

- DRAFT -

Chairman Jim Darling called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm. Roll Call was taken, and a quorum had not yet been attained. It was the consensus of those present to hear non-action items until more members were present.

Chairman Darling moved to Item 3. Public Comment, there being no public comments, Chairman Darling moved to Item 5. A. Community & Economic Development status report on the reservoir levels. Chairman Darling reported that the combined U.S. Ownership of Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs was 28.37% as of March 13, 2023, which does not include the recent rains the region has experienced. Chairman Darling cautioned municipalities to monitor the reservoir levels and to activate water conservation protocols if the level drops below 25%.

The record reflects the arrival of Mayor Rick Salinas and Commissioner Jacob Howell, with their presence, a quorum was attained, and Chairman Darling moved to Item 2. Consideration and Action to Approve Meeting Minutes (February 22, 2023). ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023, Board of Directors meeting as presented. Mr. Troy Allen seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes, Chairman Darling moved to Item 4. Administration and recognized Executive Director Manuel Cruz to address the following:

A. Consideration and Action to Approve Grant from American Flood Coalition (tabled 2/22/2023)

Mr. Eleazar Garcia, Jr. made a motion to remove this item from the table. Commissioner David Garza seconded and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Troy Allen then moved to take no action on the grant from the American Flood Coalition and to remove this item from the agenda. Commissioner David Garza seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Cruz reminded the Board that this item was introduced at the last meeting. After hearing the presentation and asking questions, the Board decided to table it, and refer it to the RWRAC for their recommendation. At their March 7, 2023, meeting the RWRAC heard the presentation and unanimously approved to capitalize on this opportunity. Their recommendation was that the LRGVDC conduct a pre-conference training/workshop at 10:00 am on Sunday, May 21, 2023, during the Stormwater Task Force Stormwater Planning & Management Conference scheduled for the week of May 21-26, 2023. Staff

requested Executive Committee approval in order to expedite the planning process for this event, and they unanimously approved the RWRAC recommendation. **Commissioner David Garza made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee Action on the RWRAC recommendation for the LRGVDC's acceptance of a grant from the American Flood Coalition. Mr. Eleazar Garcia Jr. seconded and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

C. Ratification of Executive Committee Action on Homeland Security Advisory Committee Priority Recommendations

Mr. Cruz stated that the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) met on March 2, 2023, and recommended approval of the 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 out on March 6, 2023, and were due to be turned into the PSO once the local governing body approved the prioritization lists no later than March 20, 2023. Action by the Executive Committee was necessary in order to meet this deadline and the Executive Committee unanimously approved the priority recommendation as presented. **Councilman Johnny Garcia made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee action. Mr. Troy Allen seconded, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that as per guidance set forth by state and federal funding agencies, the updates to the LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual reflect changes to utilize the newly installed payroll and human resources time management system. These changes are necessary for the LRGVDC to remain in compliance. The LRGVDC Payroll and Human Resources Policy will provide clear guidance and additional resources for LRGVDC employees as well as funding agencies on LRGVDC payroll methods. Revisions were made to section 6.02: Work Time Reporting which was provided for review as an attachment in the meeting packet. **Mr. Eleazar Garcia, Jr. made a motion to approve the updates to the LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual as presented. Mr. Troy Allen seconded, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

E. Presentation from Rio Grande Valley Humane Society

Mr. Cruz thanked Mayor Norma Sepulveda for recommending that the Board hear a presentation from the Rio Grande Valley Humane Society (RGVHS). He then recognized Mr. Luis Quintanilla, Executive Director of the RGVHS, who thanked the Board for the opportunity to talk about animals in the Valley. Mr. Quintanilla introduced Ms. Lillian Kim, the RGVHS Board President who accompanied him today. He informed the Board that for three years the RGVHS in partnership with the City of Harlingen has been the only no-kill shelter in the RGV and that their work is not possible without crucial partnerships. He stated that now they are partnered with two cities; the City of Mission partnered with the RGVHS in February. Their mission is to save as many animals as they possibly can, while serving as many people as possible. It is common knowledge that the RGV has a dog overpopulation problem that is exacerbated due to the region's lack of resources that larger markets have. The goal of the RGVHS is to unite the region and attract more investments and more veterinary care which the Valley sorely needs. In the past couple of years, the RGVHS has worked to unite as many cities as possible for one cause: to bring that investment down to the RGV because Valley citizens need and want it. Mr. Quintanilla was pleased to announce that this summer the RGVHS will have their first full-time veterinarian on staff to bring the much-needed low-cost resources to our communities. They will continue the spay/neuter work to slowly and steadily decrease the stray pet population, the call volume of the region's animal control officers, decrease the burden on city governments, and eventually the pet overpopulation issue will go down. They are working diligently with their city partners to resolve this issue and want to put the Rio Grande Valley on the Map for all the right reasons. Mr. Quintanilla feels this is possible through a regional, collaborative approach. The RGVHS

relies heavily on donations and Mr. Quintanilla invited the Board to attend their annual gala that is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2023, at the Harlingen Convention Center; there they plan to raise awareness and raise funds for the cause.

Mr. Cruz stated that the LRGVDC has been involved with regional animal care issues in the past. The Regional Animal Care Coalition was active most recently in 2019, but of course was curtailed when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Efforts to resume meetings and discussions on the critical matter of animals not receiving proper veterinary care and the related astronomical costs to cities and counties were the key factors that were brought up in 2019. Mr. Quintanilla stated that the solution may take time, but he is confident that the RGV can do it together. Upon conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Quintanilla thanked the Board for the opportunity to share the RGVHS message.

Upon conclusion of the RGVHS presentation, it was the consensus of the Board to hear all remaining action items next, and Chairman Darling moved to Item #5 Department Reports.

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Items

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

Ms. Sarah Dierlam, Assistant Executive Director was recognized and informed the Board that as per 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 Sullivan City Mayor Alma Salinas for Chair, Granjeno Mayor Yvette Cabrera for Vice Chair, and Primera City Manager Celina Gonzalez as Secretary. This recommendation requires Board approval. ***Mayor Rick Salinas made a motion to approve the slate of officers for 2023 as presented. Mr. Eleazar Garcia, Jr. seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

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

Ms. Dierlam stated that 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. ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve resolution 2023-01 as presented. Mr. Eleazar Garcia, Jr. seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Ms. Dierlam stated that there are a few programmatic updates she would like to share. She thanked the City of Alamo for their hospitality at the last Regional Small Cities Coalition meeting, and the next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023, in Laguna Vista. She announced that the 2023 Road-to-Recycling event is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023, and the deadline to submit an application to have a collection location is Friday, March 31, 2023. She informed the Board that the full status reports are available in the meeting packet for review.

Chairman Darling next moved to Transportation Department action items and recognized Director of Regional Transit Rick Carrera to address the following:

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Action Items

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

Mr. Carrera informed the Board that the requested mobile vehicle lifts will be used at the Harlingen Maintenance Facility and the purchase will be made through a State of Texas Multiple Awards Schedule (TXMAS contract) at the estimated cost of \$63,015.64. ***Commissioner David Garza made a motion to approve the procurement of four (4) new mobile vehicle lifts for the Harlingen Maintenance Facility as presented. Mr. Troy Allen seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consideration and Action to Approve Amendment to Operating Policies and Procedures

Mr. Carrera informed the Board that the 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 that includes information pertaining to On-Call time and attendance. ***Mayor Rick Salinas made a motion to approve the amendment to the Operating Policies and Procedures as requested. Mayor Rick Guerra seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Carrera stated that the full status report is available in the meeting packet for review.

Upon conclusion of action items, Chairman Darling moved to Item 4. F. Executive Director Report and recognized Mr. Cruz to address the following:

1. Introduction of New Staff Member

Mr. Jorge Zamora joined Valley Metro as a Vehicle Driver II, and Ms. Klarissa Gonzalez joined the RGVMPPO as a Planner I.

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

Mr. Cruz provided a written report in the meeting packet that has updates on several legislative bills that affect the LRGVDC. He encouraged the Board to become familiar with these bills and briefly summarized a few of the bills. He informed the Board that HB 1505 proposes the continuation of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for 12 more years. Senate Bill 271 is related to state agencies and local government security incident procedures. HB 2473 is on the horizon and would modernize the enabling statute for 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network. HB 101 relates to membership of the Texas Transportation Commission that will ensure people placed on this committee have the necessary credentials. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, there have been 68 commissioners appointed to the commission and only four (4) have been from the border. HB 3805 relates to program categories in the Unified Transportation Program; Mr. Cruz noted that these two bills do not impact the budget and there is no cost related to them. He stated that all these bills are being introduced and might affect councils of government in one way or another and he wanted the Board to be aware of them.

Upon conclusion of the Legislative Update, Mr. Cruz announced that next week, the second week of April, is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. He encouraged Board Members to visit their local PSAPs and thank the unsung heroes who are the first responders to the first responders. RGV9-1-1 staff will celebrate Telecommunicators Week by delivering care packages directly to the PSAP call takers.

B. Health & Human Services

Program Status Reports

Ms. Margarita Lopez, Director of Health & Human Services, was recognized and informed the Board that the detailed status reports were included in the meeting packet. She highlighted the 2023 LIIFE (Leadership – Inclusions & Independence Family Support - Empowerment Conference) that took place on March 22, 2023. The event was a success and had a larger than expected turnout, so much so that they will search for a larger venue for next year's event. Ms. Lopez also highlighted the Care Transition Intervention (CTI) program that provides coaches in hospitals that help patients aged 60 and above transition back home. The coaches help patients to get services like transportation to follow up appointments, to get their prescriptions, etc. so they can avoid going back to the hospital within 30 days. The Area Agency on Aging currently provides CTI Coaches at six hospitals and Ms. Lopez was happy to announce that they are working toward placing coaches to serve our local Veterans hospital.

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 and his detailed status report was in the meeting packet for review. He highlighted that his programs have partnered with the Department of Homeland Security for the upcoming Cyber Incident Management Workshop scheduled for April 20, 2023, and the Communications Interoperability Tabletop Exercise scheduled for April 27, 2023.

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 noted that the Edinburg Day Academy is scheduled to start next week, and another night academy is scheduled to start the second week of May. The Mission Day Academy and the Weslaco Night Academy are scheduled to graduate in July.

Mr. Joe Garcia, RGV9-1-1 Assistant Director was recognized and informed the Board that the detailed program status reports were 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. The IT Team attended a week-long Viper 7 hardware/software infrastructure training that covered all the skills necessary to maintain our 9-1-1 call delivery system and apps. He noted that the call volume report is in the meeting packet for review.

Upon conclusion of the Public Safety status reports, Chairman Darling moved to RGVMPD and recognized RGVMPD Assistant Director Luis Diaz. Mr. Diaz informed the Board that staff are currently conducting public involvement for the 25-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which is from 2020 to 2045. The MTP includes all the projects across the region that are transportation related within their Plan. Public involvement is for 30 days, from March 20 – April 20.

Item 6. - New or Unfinished Business

Commissioner David Garza was recognized and stated that last week Governor Abbott announced that he has appointed Mr. Alex Mead from Mission to the Texas Transportation Commission. Commissioner Garza stated it has been over 30 years since anyone from this area has served in that capacity. It took a lot of regional involvement to make this happen and Mr. Mead will be a great asset not only for the Rio Grande Valley but for

the South Texas region as a whole. Commissioner Garza knows that the consolidation of the three former MPOs into the united RGVMPPO, which is now the 5th largest metropolitan area, had a huge role in this appointment and hopes Mr. Mead will be able to come to an LRGVDC Board of Directors meeting to introduce himself.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Darling 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. B.

ADMINISTRATION

**QUARTERLY
INVESTMENT
REPORT**

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Quarterly Investment Report

January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023

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

Recorded Interest Income for the quarter \$90,017.86

	Beginning 01/01/23	Ending 03/31/23
Investments in TexPool Prime:		
Water Plan	\$64,240.73	\$64,985.34
9-1-1	81,397.83	82,341.34
TCEQ	366,954.76	206,677.00
Transit	96,259.40	97,375.14
TWDB	6,722.03	63,919.72
GLO-Closing Cost	100,996.29	102,167.02
Kari's Law	63,537.08	64,273.53
Tire Project	23,338.51	23,609.02
Tourism	285,829.37	289,142.43
RGV Explorer	57,720.61	58,389.66
Total	\$ 1,146,996.61	\$1,052,880.20

TexPool Prime Rate as of March 31, 2023 – 4.9989%

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Quarterly Investment Report

January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023

	Beginning 01/01/23	Ending 03/31/23
Investments in TexPool:		
FIF – TWDB – Escrow Account	\$7,103,652.52	\$6,885,409.58
FIF – TWDB	57,147.01	74,364.10
Total	\$7,160,799.53	\$6,959,773.68

TexPool Rate as of March 31, 2023 – 4.7920%

Crystal Balboa
Director of Finance

ITEM #4. C.

ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR

REPORT

ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY
&
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

April 26, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Action Item

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Resolution in Support of Reappropriating CDBG-DR 2018 and 2019 Funds for Regional Drainage in South Texas

Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, the Cameron County Commissioners' Court, the Board of Directors of Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1, the Board of Directors of Cameron County Drainage District No. 6, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council support the reallocation of CDBG-DR 2018 and 2019 funds to regional flood-control infrastructure in Hidalgo County and Cameron County, which will permanently safeguard housing in the State of Texas and the Rio Grande Valley. This will involve investing in a range of infrastructure projects designed to improve drainage and reduce the risk of flooding. By taking these steps, we can help safeguard the health and safety of our residents, support economic growth in our communities, and provide a brighter future for all who call the State of Texas home.



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

RESOLUTION 2023-02

DRAFT

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAPPROPRIATING CDBG-DR 2018 AND 2019 FUNDS FOR REGIONAL DRAINAGE IN SOUTH TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as the state designated regional council of governments serving Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties; and

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC recognizes its role to support bi-national water conservation measures and improve awareness and understanding of water quality and water quantity issues, and how these issues collectively relate to flood management, drainage infrastructure, water quality standards, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC is tasked to address flood management and drainage infrastructure strategies as a region by emphasizing collaboration and partnerships, especially when creating new and future projects; and

WHEREAS, chronic flooding has had a devastating impact on the residents and economy of the Lower Rio Grande Valley causing extensive property damage and posing a serious threat to public safety and housing; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County and Cameron County suffered devastating floods in 2018 and 2019 which resulted in Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocations of CDBG-DR funds; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of CDBG-DR funds in response to the 2018 and 2019 floods presents a unique opportunity to address these issues and invest in the long-term health and prosperity of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) is the legal entity responsible for managing such CDBG-DR funds; and

WHEREAS, the GLO has served as a leader in the creation of flood-control infrastructure in South Texas; and

WHEREAS, the GLO prepared an Action Plan for the CDBD-DR 2018 and 2019 funds, which was approved by HUD, allocating these monies for categories such as infrastructure, housing, and planning; and

WHEREAS, there is a far greater need for regional flood-control infrastructure and investing in regional flood-control infrastructure will be a direct investment in housing in Hidalgo County, Cameron County, and South Texas; and

WHEREAS, investing in regional flood-control infrastructure has been shown to provide numerous benefits, including increased safety, improved property values, enhanced community resilience, and potential economic growth opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County is the seventh (7th) largest county by population in the State of Texas with a population of approximately one million citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cameron County is the thirteenth (13th) largest county by population in the State of Texas with a population of approximately half a million citizens, and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County and Cameron County advocate the equitable distribution of the CDBG-DR funds for flood-control infrastructure throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County and Cameron County and pertinent stakeholders respectfully request GLO to reallocate CDBG-DR 2018 and 2019 funds from other categories toward the development of regional flood-control infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, drainage infrastructure projects are critical in providing community resilience and economic growth as well as in safeguarding the health and safety of citizens and ultimately investments in flood-control infrastructure directly and permanently benefit housing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LRGVDC Board of Directors supports the reallocation of CDGB-DR 2018 and 2019 funds to regional flood-control infrastructure in Hidalgo County and Cameron County, which will permanently safeguard housing in the State of Texas and the Rio Grande Valley. This will involve investing in a range of infrastructure projects designed to improve drainage and reduce the risk of flooding. By taking these steps we can help safeguard the health and safety of our residents, support economic growth in our communities, and provide a brighter future for all who call the State of Texas home.

ADOPTED this 26th day of April 2023.

Mayor Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez
Board President

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

April 26, 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, and the Economic Development District is currently providing grant administrative services for two projects. 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 to maximize benefits of all projects and objectives for the region and avoid any duplication of efforts and resources.

EDA has published a new Fiscal Year 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive. Supported activities under EDA's EAA program include construction and non-construction such as construction or upgrading of public infrastructure, sectoral partnerships for workforce training, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF). There are no application submission deadlines and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Visit the following links for more information on this funding opportunity, [Public Works](#), [Economic Adjustment Assistance](#).

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.

- Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC)

An RSCC meeting will be held in person on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in the City of Laguna Vista. Staff continue to disseminate vital information to small cities via email. If you have questions, you may contact Brenda Salinas bsalinas@lrgvdc.org

- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund

The Community Development Fund is the largest fund category in the Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. 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

[Allocate 2023 CD funds among the 24 regions](#)

On Saturday, April 15, 2023, staff attended the City of Mission Spring Rally that promoted CDBG week and Fair Housing. Staff promoted April as fair housing month and distributed fair housing brochures and promo items. LRGVDC finds that decent, safe, and affordable housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Rio Grande Valley residents.

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 took place on Saturday, April 22, 2023. EARTH DAY! LRGVDC would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all cities and counties for their willingness to participate in the **7th annual tire collection event!** LRGVDC invited all counties and cities across the LRGV to participate. A total of 33 entities are registered and participate and 40 collection sites were available to receive old tires. Below is the list of sites and entities that participated in this year's event. Staff is currently compiling data for the number of tires collected for this event. Stay tuned!

Road to Recycling Tire Drop-off Sites Saturday, April 22, 2023

HIDALGO		
City/County:	Site Address:	Hours of Operation:
City of Alamo	413 S. 9 th St., Alamo, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of Alton	401 W. Dawes Ave., Alton, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of Donna	1304 Silver Ave., Donna, TX	7:00 am - 3:00 pm
City of Edinburg	8601 N. Jasman Rd., Edinburg, TX 2202 W. Sprague St., Edinburg, TX 3102 S. Business 281, Edinburg, TX	7:30 am - 1:30 pm
City of Elsa	500 N. Fannin. St., Elsa, TX	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of McAllen	4101 N. Bentsen Rd., McAllen, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of Mission	1400 S. Conway, Mission, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of Palmhurst	4400 N. Bryan Rd., Palmhurst, TX	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
City of Palmview	400 W. Veterans Blvd., Palmview, TX	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
City of Penitas	850 Liberty Blvd., Penitas, TX	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
City of Pharr	1015 E. Ferguson, Pharr, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of Progreso	810 N. FM 1015, Progreso, TX	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sullivan City	500 Cenizo Dr., Sullivan City, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of San Juan	600 W. 1st St., San Juan, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of Weslaco	1912 Joe Stephens Ave., Weslaco, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Hidalgo County Precinct #1	4 1/2 North East FM-493, Donna, TX Mile 5 1/2 West Road & Mile 21 North, Monte Alto, TX Mile 1 East and Mile 6 North, Mercedes, TX Mile 11 North and Mile 1 1/2 West, Weslaco, TX	7:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hidalgo County Precinct #2	119 El Gato Rd., Alamo, TX	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Hidalgo County Precinct #3	6 3/4 Mile North or 1/4 Mile South Hwy 107 Los Ebanos Rd., Alton, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Hidalgo County Precinct #4	1124 N. M. Rd., Edinburg, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm

CAMERON		
City/County:	Site Address:	Hours of Operation:
City of Brownsville	9000 Ruben M Torres, Brownsville, TX 34 Tony Gonzalez Dr., Brownsville, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of Combes	21626 Hand Rd., Combes, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of Harlingen	1006 S. Commerce, Harlingen, TX 3700 E. Harrison, Harlingen, TX	7:30 am - 1:00 pm
City of La Feria	717 W. 1st. St., La Feria, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of Los Fresnos	900 N. Arroyo Blvd., Los Fresnos, TX	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
City of Primera	23204 S. Stuart Place Rd., Primera, TX	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
City of Rio Hondo	1401 N. Reynolds St., Rio Hondo, TX	7:30 am - 2:00 pm
Cameron County Precinct #1	9091 N. Oklahoma Ave., Brownsville, TX	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cameron County Precinct #2	2100 Gregory Ave., Brownsville, TX	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cameron County Precinct #3	26945 FM 510, San Benito, TX	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cameron County Precinct #4	26641 White Ranch Rd., La Feria, TX	8:00 am - 2:00 pm

WILLACY		
City/County:	Site Address:	Hours of Operation:
City of Lyford	13550 Main Ave., Lyford, TX	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
City of Raymondville	777 N. 5th St., Raymondville, TX	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Willacy County	3740 Spence Rd., Sebastian, TX	9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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 “Rainwater Harvesting” for the month of April. 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 provide 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 is 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 LRGVDC held a preliminary meeting with the RWRAC to discuss details for a workshop on Regional Strategic Approaches to Flooding. This meeting would be an interactive workshop that will provide information, resources, best practices, and more. The tentative meeting dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, May 23, 2023 – An evening welcoming reception
- Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – workshop/luncheon

More details regarding this workshop are to come!

The next RWRAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

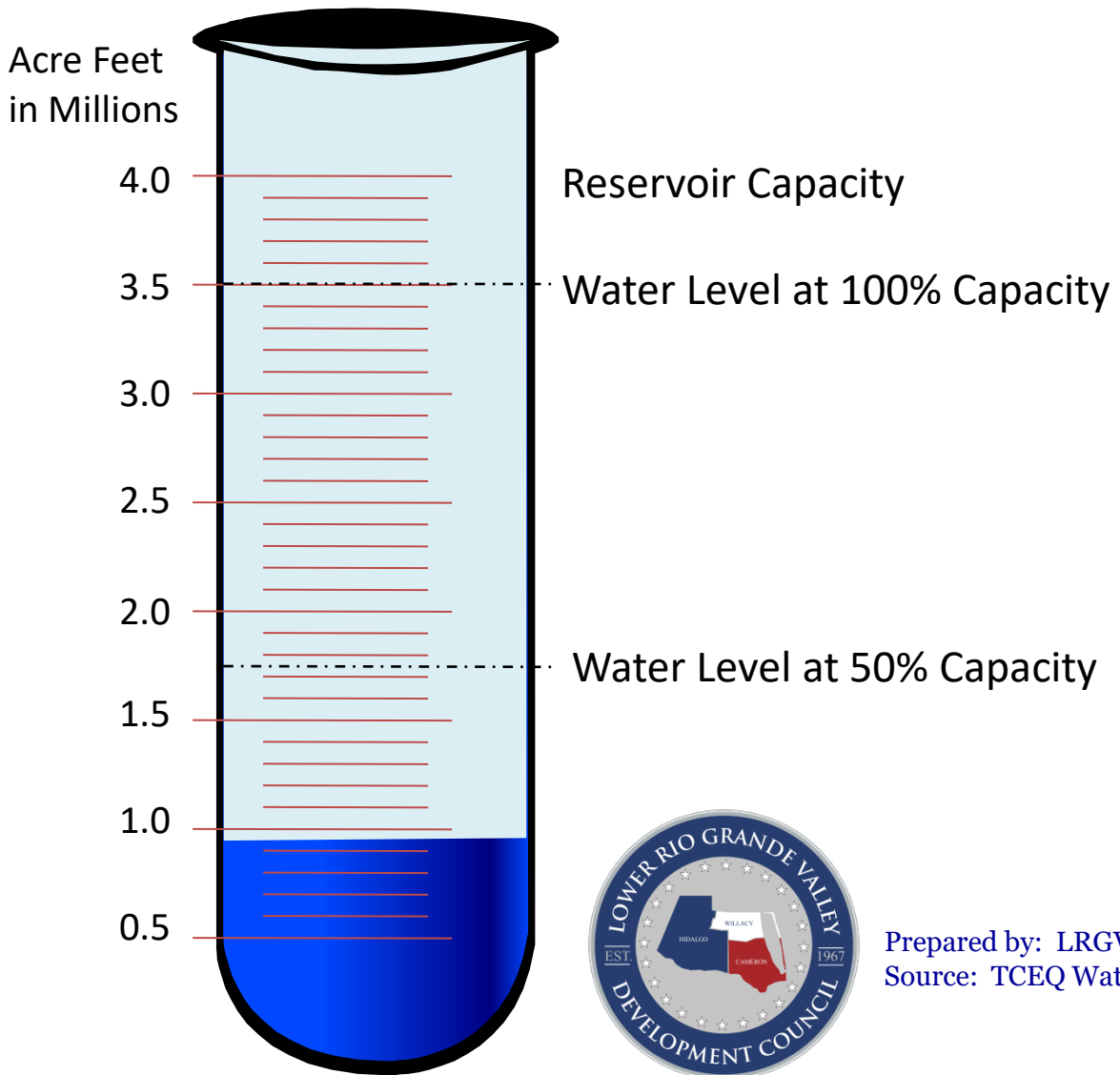
Staff continue to support, provide technical assistance, outreach, and monitor some water projects. Information about water resources is available at <https://www.lrgvdc.org/water.html>

- Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (Region M)
The next meeting of the Region M Group is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, at 9:30 am. Meetings are currently being conducted in person and on line for more information on Region M, please visit website: <http://www.riograndewaterplan.org>
- Reservoir Levels
On April 15, 2023, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon stood at 27.76% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 941,704 acre-feet, down from 32.67% (1,108,098 AF) of normal conservation a year ago. Overall the system is holding 26.43% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,565,242 acre-feet with Amistad at 34.07% of conservation capacity, impounding 1,115,845 acre-feet and Falcon at 16.98% of conservation capacity, impounding 449,397 acre-feet. Mexico has 24.64% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 623,538 acre-feet at Amistad/Falcon.

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

4/15/2023, 27.76% of Capacity or 941,704 AF

Down from 1,108,098 AF of Normal Conservation a year ago



Prepared by: LRGVDC
Source: TCEQ Watermaster

**NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for
April 15, 2023: 24.64% (623,538) A.F.**

Rio Grande Watermaster Report

04/15/23

Amistad Reservoir

Normal Conservation Elevation	340.462 Meters	1,117.00 Feet	
Current Water Elevation	325.960 Meters	1,069.42 Feet	-47.58
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	4,040,325 TCM	3,275,532 Acre-Feet	
Current Total Combined Storage	1,376.380 MCM	1,115,845 Acre-Feet	34.07%
U.S. Share of Current Storage	812.621 MCM	658,800 Acre-Feet	59.04%
Mexico Share of Current Storage	563.759 MCM	457,045 Acre-Feet	40.96%
Total Releases (Average)	228.00 CMS	8,052 CFS	
U.S. Release (Average)	86.50 CMS	3,055 CFS	37.94%
Mexico Release (Average)	141.50 CMS	4,997 CFS	62.06%
Total Inflows (Average)	44.20 CMS	1,561 CFS	
U.S. Inflows (Average)	33.10 CMS	1,169 CFS	
Mexico Inflows (Average)	11.10 CMS	392 CFS	
Total Losses (Average)	10.70 CMS	378 CFS	
U.S. Reservoir Loss (Average)	6.20 CMS	219 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss (Average)	4.50 CMS	159 CFS	

Falcon Reservoir

Normal Conservation Elevation	91.805 Meters	301.20 Feet	
Current Water Elevation	79.260 Meters	260.04 Feet	-41.16
Total Normal Conservation Capacity	3,264,813 TCM	2,646,817 Acre-Feet	
Current Total Combined Storage	554.325 MCM	449,397 Acre-Feet	16.98%
U.S. Share of Current Storage	348.958 MCM	282,904 Acre-Feet	62.95%
Mexico Share of Current Storage	205.367 MCM	166,493 Acre-Feet	37.05%
Total Releases (Average)	49.00 CMS	1,730 CFS	
U.S. Release (Average)	2.00 CMS	71 CFS	4.08%
Mexico Release (Average)	47.00 CMS	1,660 CFS	95.92%
Total Inflows (Average)	236.00 CMS	8,334 CFS	
U.S. Inflows (Average)	97.30 CMS	3,436 CFS	
Mexico Inflows (Average)	138.70 CMS	4,898 CFS	
Total Losses (Average)	4.56 CMS	161 CFS	
U.S. Reservoir Loss (Average)	2.94 CMS	104 CFS	
Mexico Reservoir Loss (Average)	1.62 CMS	57 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	812,621 TCM	658,800 Acre-Feet	35.79%
Mexico Share Normal Conservation	1,769,662 TCM	1,434,683 Acre-Feet	
Current Mexico Share of Normal Conservation	563,759 TCM	457,045 Acre-Feet	31.86%

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	348,958 TCM	282,904 Acre-Feet	18.24%
Mexico Share of Normal Conservation	1,351,633 TCM	1,095,782 Acre-Feet	
Current Mexico Share of Normal Conservation	205,367 TCM	166,493 Acre-Feet	15.19%
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.	1,161.579 MCM	941,704 Acre-Feet	27.76%
Current Combined Storage for Mexico	769.126 MCM	623,538 Acre-Feet	24.64%
Current Storage in the Amistad/Falcon System	1,930,705 TCM	1,565,242 Acre-Feet	
Percent of Storage Capacity			26.43%

ITEM #5. B.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN SERVICES**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

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B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Action ItemMargarita Lopez, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Vendor Rate Increase Request from San Jose Health Care and D'Oro Primary Home Care Services

The Advisory Council recommends approving the service rate requested by San Jose Health Care from \$9.00 to \$13.00 per hour. San Jose Health Care staff initially made an error on their contract by entering the incorrect rate. They continued to provide services at their contractual rate but now are looking to amend the error.

D'Oro Primary Home Care Services is requesting a rate increase from \$13.00 to \$13.75.

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B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Action ItemMargarita Lopez, Director

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Join “Making RGV Aging Friendly”

The Advisory Council recommends approval to join the Making RGV Aging Friendly initiative in collaboration with UTRGV. This initiative focuses on having/providing better services and will allow cities to apply for grants to support programs geared for the aging population.

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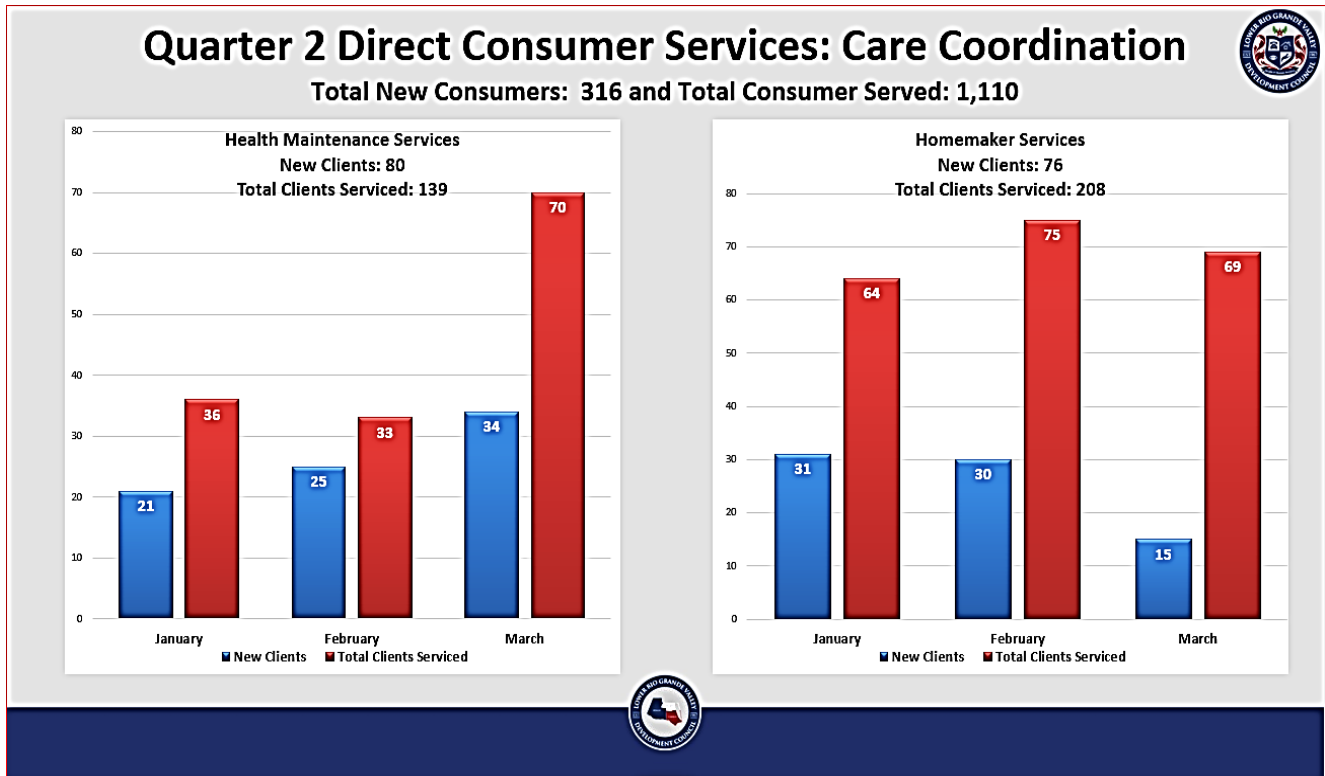
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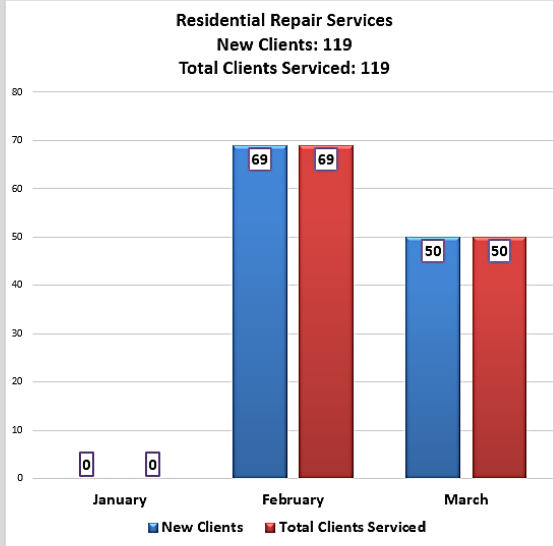
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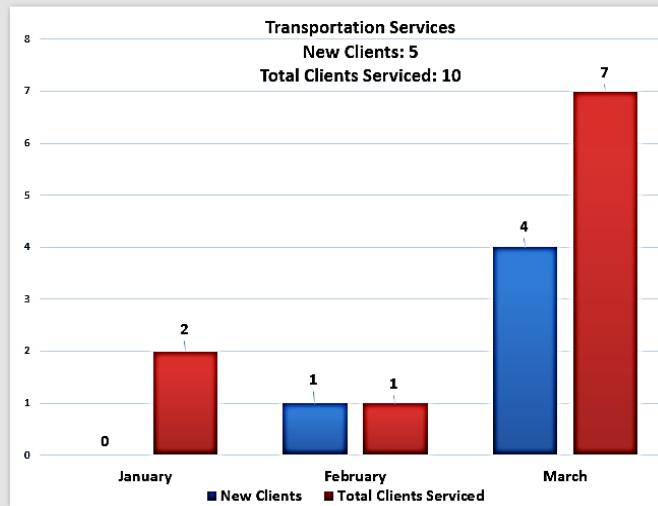
• Direct Consumer Services Report - March 2023



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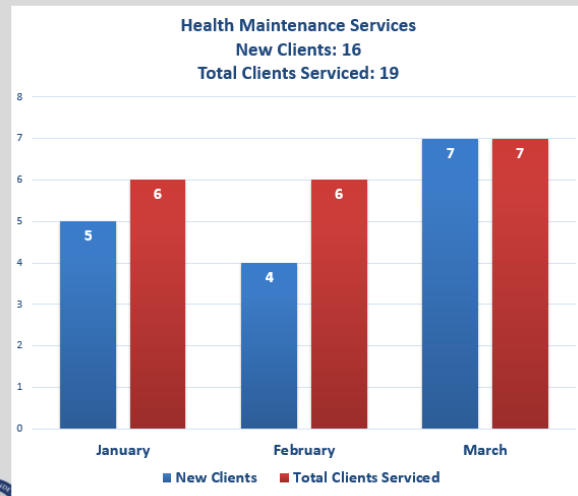
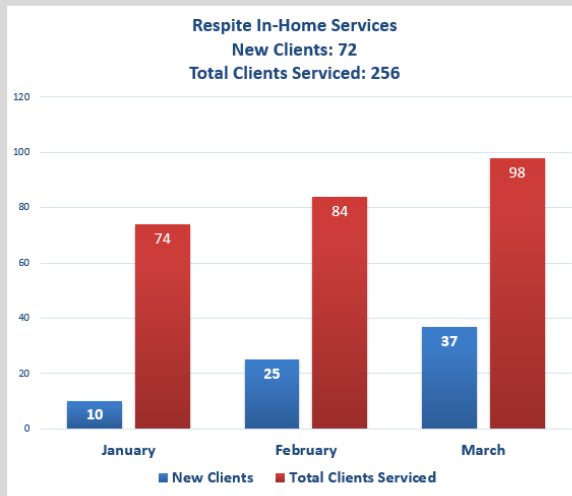


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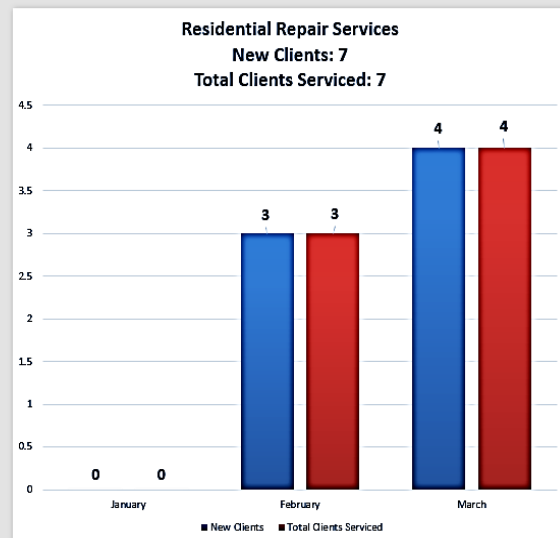
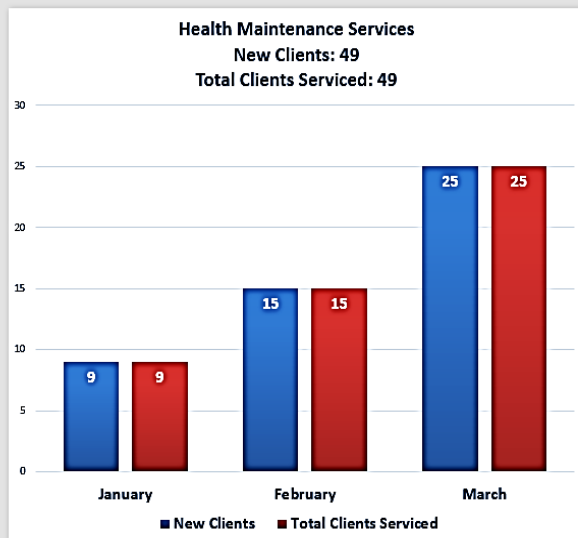


Quarter 2 Direct Consumer Services: Caregiver Support Services

Total New Consumers: 111 and Total Consumer Served: 546



Community Development Block Grant Program (CBDG)



Interest List for Direct Consumer Services

916



Care Coordination Services	
Health Maintenance Services Assistance paying for medication, durable medical equipment, and other medical supplies.	271
Homemaker Services Temporary assistance with light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation.	314
Residential Repair Services Assistance with minor home modifications such as ramps, grab bars, removal of tubs, and ADA commodes.	147
Transportation Services Assistance with transportation services to medical appointments, rehabilitation appointments, and Dialysis appointments.	33
TOTAL	765

CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES	
Respite In-Home Services Assistance includes light housekeeping duties such as cleaning, laundry, meal preparation, bathing, grooming, and dressing.	151



Area Agency on Aging

Home Delivered Meals

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Area Agency on Aging

Senior Centers



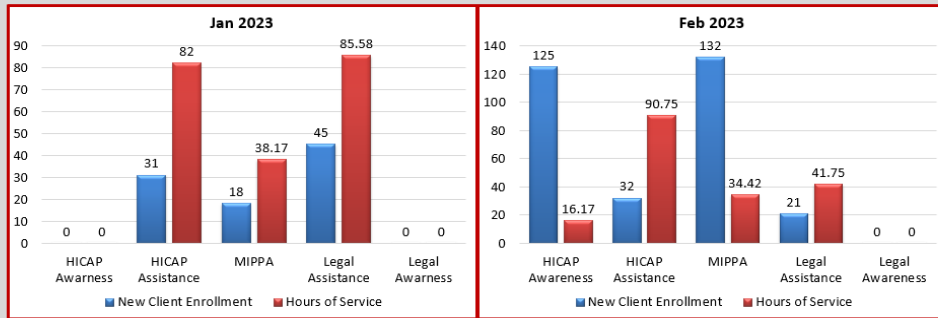
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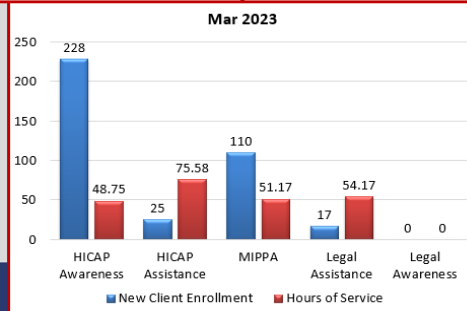
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Benefit Counselors, Care Transition and Ombudsman

Special Services: Benefits Counselors

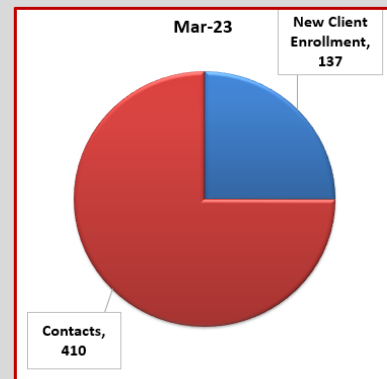
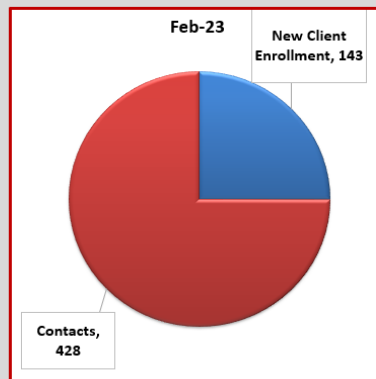
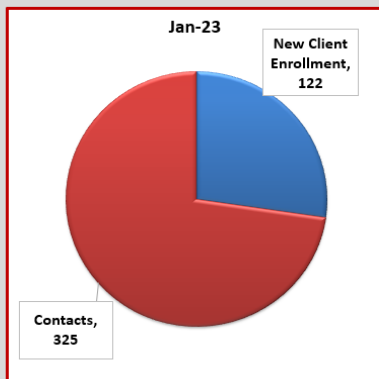


January 2023 generated no HICAP Awareness activity due to Benefits Counselors auditing client files



Quarter 2 FY 23 Totals:
 • New Client Enrollment: 784
 • Hours of Service: 618.51

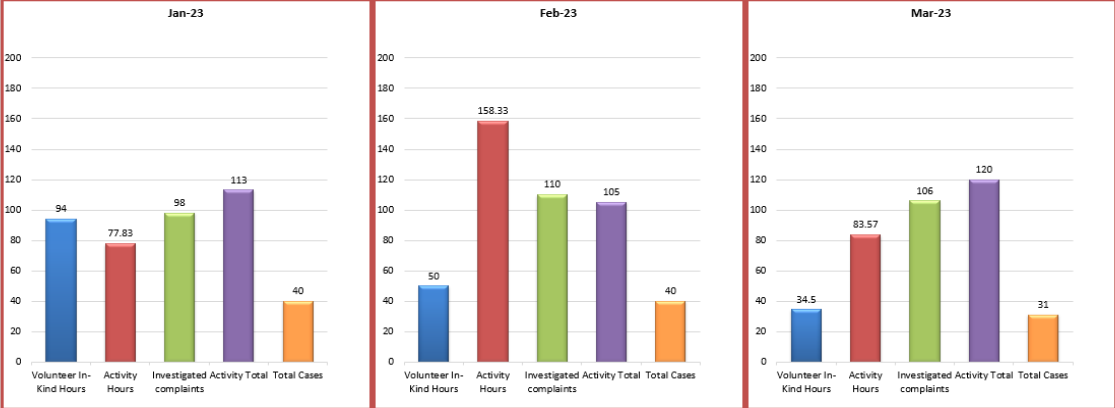
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Quarter 2 FY 23 Totals:
 • New Client Enrollment: 402
 • Total Contacts: 1163



Special Services: Ombudsman



- Quarter 2 FY 23 Totals:
- Volunteer In-Kind Hours-178.5
 - Activity Hours-319.73
 - Investigated Complaints-314
 - Activity Total-338
 - Cases-111



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

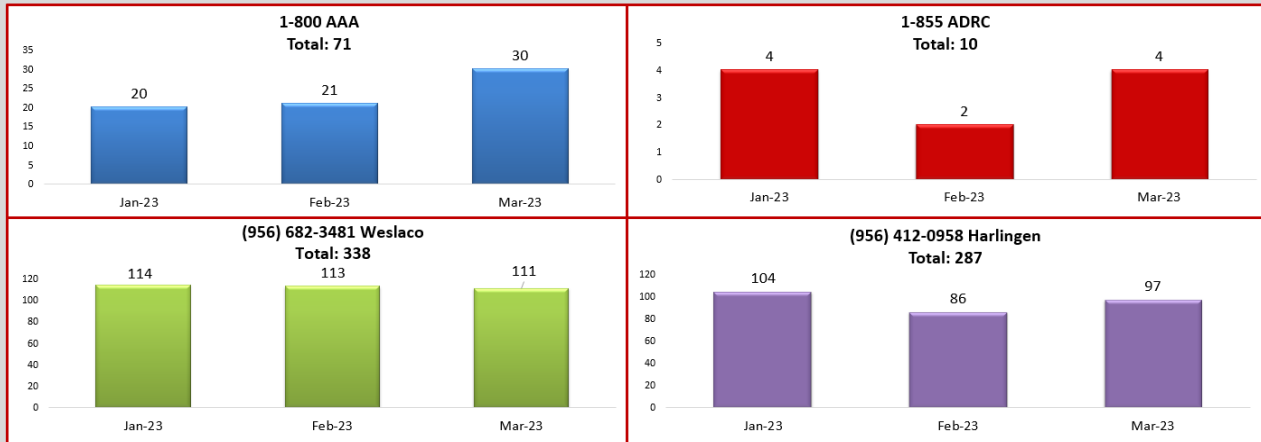
Information Referral & Assistance Report

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Information Referral & Assistance:

2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023 January 2023 – March 2023

Total Interactions: 1,524

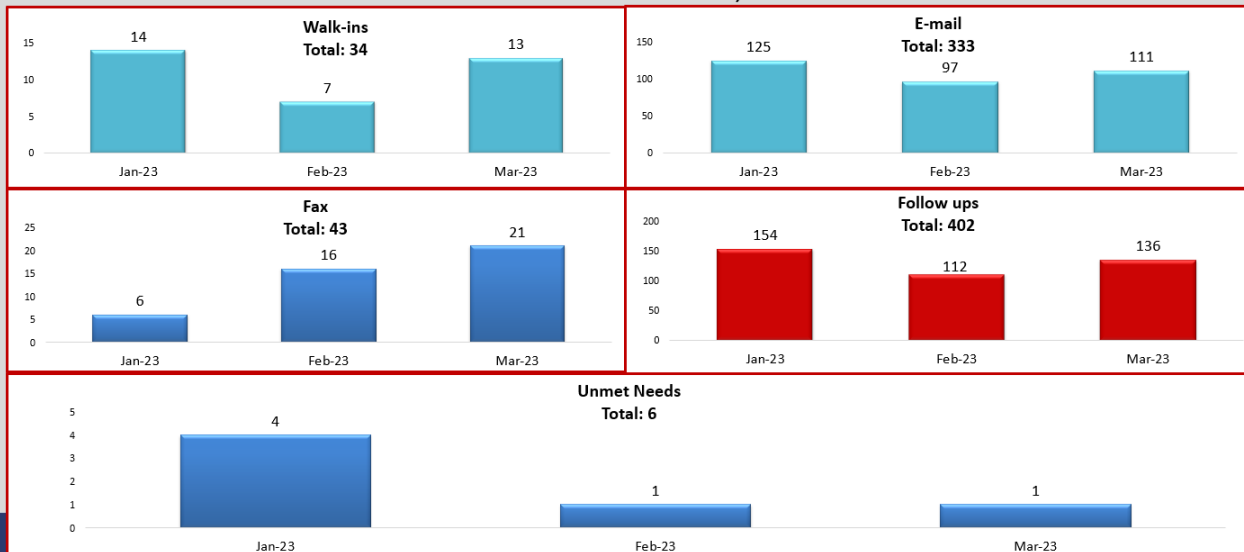


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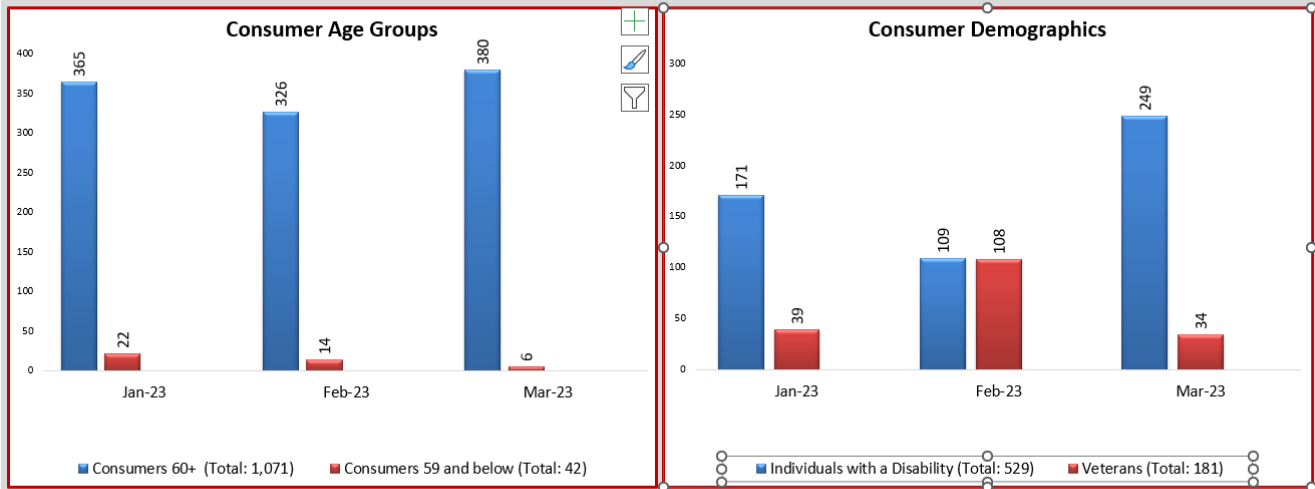
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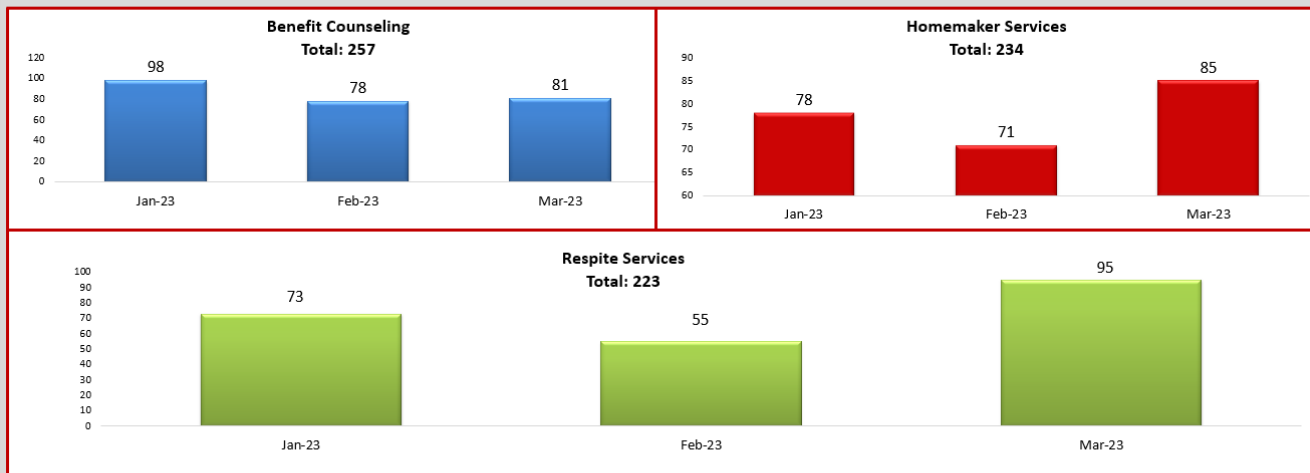
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Information Referral & Assistance: Top Call Topics

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- **Housing Navigator Report**

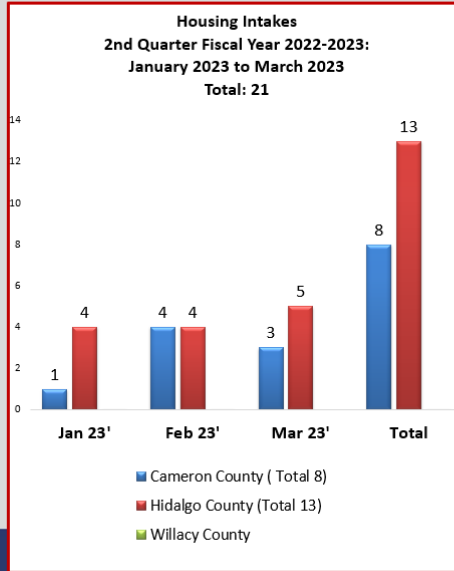
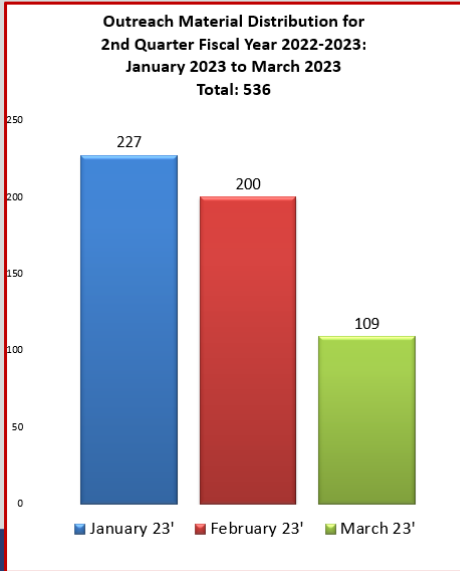
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Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)



Housing Navigator Report

2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023: January 2023 to March 2023



<p>Total Events: 12</p> <p>January: 6 February: 1 March: 5</p>
<p>Outreach Events: 6</p>
<p>Coalitions/Information Meetings: 6</p>

- **Special Initiatives Report**

2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023

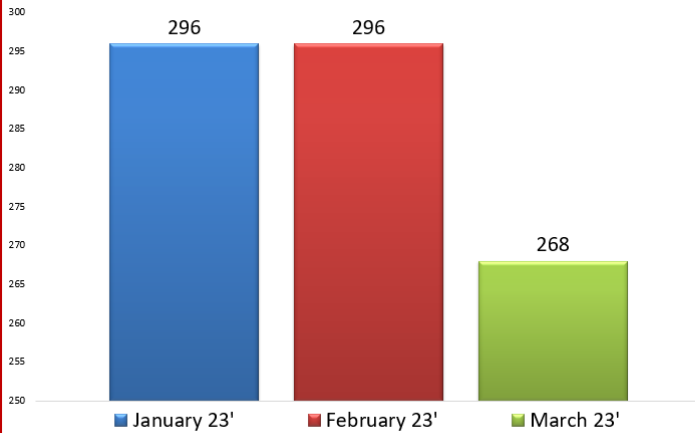
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Special Initiatives Report

2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023: January 2023 to March 2023

Bilingual Vaccine Flyers
Outreach Material Distribution for
2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023: January 2023 to March 2023
Total: 860



Total Number of Vaccines Distributed: 55

Total Events: 31

January: 9
 February: 12
 March: 10

Outreach Events: 9

Coalitions/Information Meetings: 22

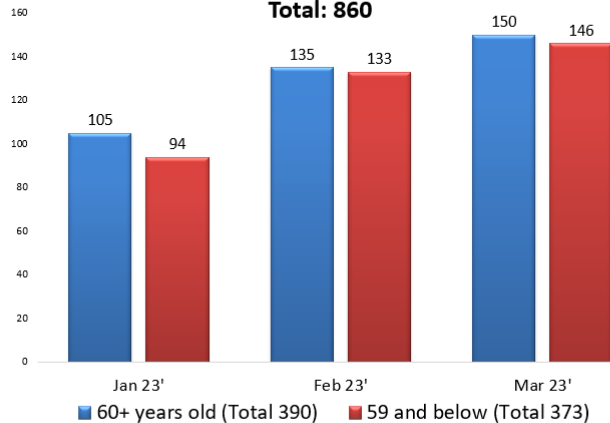
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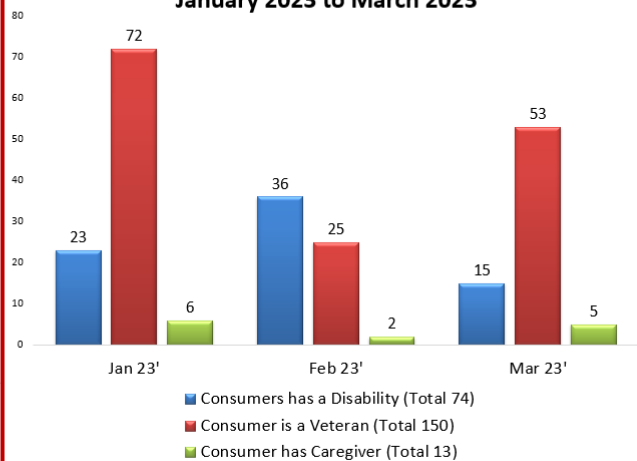
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Consumer Interactions
2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023:
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Total: 860



Consumer Demographics
2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023:
January 2023 to March 2023



ITEM #5. C.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Program Action Item Rene Perez, Program Supervisor I

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for the FY 2023-2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Rankings and Resolution

The CJAC was given two weeks to review and score grant applications. On April 12, 2023, the CJAC convened at the Valley Metro Training facility to review the rankings and amounts for the JAG grant applications. The committee recommends approval of the attached resolution, rankings, and conditionally approved amounts.



CJAC Recommendations for Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) FY 2023-2024

Rankings	Score	Grant #	Applicant	Project Title	Requested Orig. Amount	Requested	CJAC Recommendations	CJAC Comments
1	86.65	4772201	City of Raymondville	Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Investigator	\$ 66,007.00	\$ 66,007.00	\$ 66,007.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
2	86.55	3596506	Hidalgo County	Domestic Violence Unit	\$ 86,755.68	\$ 86,755.68	\$ 86,755.68	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
3	85.40	3853005	City of Raymondville	Drug Enforcement Investigator	\$ 67,103.00	\$ 67,103.00	\$ 67,103.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
4	83.75	4724001	City of Harlingen	Harlingen PD FY24 JAG	\$ 67,016.96	\$ 67,016.96	\$ 67,016.96	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
5	82.75	4842601	City of Rio Hondo	Rio Hondo Mobile Radio Replacement Project	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
6	80.55	4867301	City of Hidalgo	Force on Force Training Program	\$ 33,009.70	\$ 33,009.70	\$ 33,009.70	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
7	80.25	4796601	City of Palmview	Surveillance Trailers	\$ 77,619.08	\$ 77,619.08	\$ 77,619.08	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
8	79.10	4725401	City of Edinburg	Handheld Narcotic Analytical Instruments	\$ 51,500.00	\$ 51,500.00	\$ 51,500.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
9	78.95	4724801	City of Donna	Laptop Program for Patrol Division	\$ 116,944.00	\$ 116,944.00	\$ 116,944.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
10	78.25	4785201	City of Brownsville	Intelligence Based Investigations/Policing	\$ 92,585.94	\$ 92,585.94	\$ 92,585.94	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
11	77.65	4083703	Cameron County	Direct File Case System	\$ 137,500.00	\$ 137,500.00	\$ 6,534.10	Due to the shortfall of available funding, this application may be awarded the remaining amount of \$6,534.10. However, if additional funding becomes available the CJAC and LRGVDC Board request CJDs consideration to fund this project 100%
12	77.35 / 69.8	4798301	Sullivan City,	Criminal Justice Program 2023	\$ 114,732.00	\$ 114,732.00	\$0.00	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
13	77.35 /69.6	4723901	City of Alton	Technology Enhancement Project	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$0.00	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
14	76.30	4771501	Willacy County	WCSO Equipment Project	\$ 77,529.38	\$ 77,529.38	\$0.00	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
15	75.85	4787601	Willacy County	Records Management Software	\$ 39,477.61	\$ 39,477.61	\$0.00	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
16	74.60	4809001	McAllen ISD	Body-Worn Camera Project	\$ 53,808.00	\$ 53,808.00	\$0.00	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
17	70.25	4798001	City of San Juan	Justice Assistance Program	\$ 207,630.00	\$ 207,630.00	\$0.00	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
18	69.75	4830401	RGV-Families & Friends of Murdered Children	Developing A RGV-Project Cold Cases Protocol & Database	\$ 60,765.00	\$ 60,765.00	\$0.00	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
19	68.60	4826901	Cameron County	Criminal Justice Grant Program- Sheriff Department	\$ 551,056.00	\$ 551,056.00	\$0.00	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.

Total: \$ 2,001,039.35 \$ 2,001,039.35

Total Applications	19
\$ 698,541.36	Fully funded applications Ranked # 1- 10
\$ 6,534.10	Funded Application with remaining amount #11

Requests:	\$ 705,075.46	Projected Amount
Available:	\$ 705,075.46	\$ 705,075.46
Remaining	\$ 0.00	

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING FY 2023-2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Programs To the Criminal Justice Division

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the JAG Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors has recommended this list of priorities for available funds in the area of JAG Programs; and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as follows:

SECTION 1: The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY2023-2024 Budget for the JAG Programs.

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

SECTION 3: The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is authorized to submit this priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Adopted and approved this 26th day of April 2023

HONORABLE MAYOR AMBROSIO "AMOS" HERNANDEZ
LRGVDC Board of Directors, President

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Program Action Item Rene Perez, Program Supervisor I

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for the FY 2023-2024 State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund (SF) Program Rankings and Resolution

The CJAC was given two weeks to review and score grant applications. On April 12, 2023, the CJAC convened at the Valley Metro Training facility to review the rankings and amounts for the SF grant applications. The committee recommends approval of the attached resolution, rankings, and conditionally approved amounts.



CJAC Recommendations for State Criminal Justice Plan (SF) FY2023-2024

Rankings	Score	Grant #	Applicant	Project Title	Requested Orig. Amount	Requested	CJAC Recommendations	CJAC Comments
1	91.08	3878805	Cameron County	Community-Based Treatment Services	\$ 61,161.73	\$ 61,161.73	\$ 61,161.73	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
2	86.60	4778901	Cameron County	484th District Court Specialized Treatment Services	\$ 34,980.00	\$ 34,980.00	\$ 34,980.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
3	78.68	4857401	Nueva Luz Foundation	Student Stress Reduction Initiative	\$ 134,432.34	\$ 133,049.34	\$ 109,791.05	Due to the shortfall of available funding, this application may be awarded the remaining amount of \$109,791.05. However, if additional funding becomes available the CJAC and LRGVDC Board request CJDs consideration to fund this project 100%
4	74.08	4730501	Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone Corp	Race Against The Time-R.A.T.T.	\$ 158,190.01	\$ 158,190.01	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.

Total: \$ 388,764.08 \$ 387,381.08

Total Applications		4
\$ 96,141.73	Fully funded applications ranked # 1 & 2	
\$ 109,791.05	Funded Application with remaining amount #3	

Requests:	\$ 205,932.78	Projected Amount
Available:	\$ 205,932.78	\$ 205,932.78
Remaining	\$ 0.00	

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING FY 2023-2024 State Criminal Justice Planning (SF) 421 Program To the Criminal Justice Division

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the State Criminal Justice Planning (SF) 421 Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors has recommended this list of priorities for available funds in the area of SF Programs; and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as follows:

- SECTION 1:** The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY2023-2024 Budget for the SF Programs.
- SECTION 2:** The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirement and strong recommendation for funding.
- SECTION 3:** The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is authorized to submit this priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Adopted and approved this 26th day of April 2023

HONORABLE MAYOR AMBROSIO "AMOS" HERNANDEZ
LRGVDC Board of Directors, President

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Program Action Item Rene Perez, Program Supervisor I

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for the FY 2023-2024 Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP) Program Rankings and Resolution

The CJAC was given two weeks to review and score grant applications. On April 12, 2023, the CJAC convened at the Valley Metro Training facility to review the rankings and amounts for the TP grant applications. The committee recommends approval of the attached resolution, rankings, and conditionally approved amounts.

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CJAC Recommendations for Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP) FY2023-2024

Rankings	Score	Grant #	Applicant	Project Title	Requested Orig. Amount	Requested	CJAC Recommendations	CJAC Comments
1	86.44	4003404	City of Weslaco	Weslaco First Offender Program	\$ 100,575.93	\$ 100,575.93	\$ 100,575.93	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.

Total:	\$ 100,575.93	\$ 100,575.93
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Total Applications	1
\$ 100,575.93	Fully funded application Ranked #1

Requests:	\$ 100,575.93	Projected Amount
Available:	\$ 140,515.93	\$ 140,515.93
Remaining	\$ (39,940.00)	

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING
FY 2023-2024 Truancy Prevention Grant Program Fund (TP) Grant
To the Criminal Justice Division**

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the Truancy Prevention Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors has recommended this list of priorities for available funds in the area of Truancy Prevention Program; and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as follows:

- SECTION 1:** The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY 2023-2024 for the Truancy Prevention Grant Program Fund.
- SECTION 2:** The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirement and strong recommendation for funding.
- SECTION 3:** The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is authorized to submit this priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.
- SECTION 4:** For CJD to consider unused funds in the TP category to be made available, if allowable, to existing applicants in TP categories and to accept consideration of additional applicants in an effort to utilize LRGVDC's full allocation of funds.

Adopted and approved this 26th day of April 2023

HONORABLE MAYOR AMBROSIO "AMOS" HERNANDEZ
LRGVDC Board of Directors, President

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Program Action Item Rene Perez, Program Supervisor I

4. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for the FY 2023-2024 Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program (VA) Program Rankings and Resolution

The CJAC was given two weeks to review and score grant applications. On April 12, 2023, the CJAC convened at the Valley Metro Training facility to review the rankings and amounts for the VA grant applications. The committee recommends approval of the attached resolution, rankings, and conditionally approved amounts.



CJAC Recommendations for Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program (VA) FY2023-2024

Rankings	Score	Grant #	Applicant	Project Title	Requested Orig. Amount	Requested	CJAC Recommendations	CJAC Comments
1	91.64	1913515	Cameron County	Victims Assistance for Families of Sexual Abuse/Assault	\$ 70,158.00	\$ 77,173.80	\$ 77,173.80	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
2	89.57	2430512	Pharr, City of	Human Trafficking Liaison	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 46,500.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
3	89.50	4499302	Willacy County	Crime Victim Liaison	\$ 54,265.00	\$ 54,265.00	\$ 54,265.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
4	89.43	2106414	Willacy County	DA Victims Assistance Unit	\$ 215,570.00	\$ 215,810.00	\$ 215,810.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
5	89.21	4218503	Hidalgo County	Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program	\$ 77,101.25	\$ 77,850.25	\$ 77,850.25	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
6	89.07	3372607	Raymondville, City of	Victims of Crime Program	\$ 43,592.00	\$ 43,592.00	\$ 43,592.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
7	88.71	4429502	Edinburg, City of	City of Edinburg General Victim Assistance Grant - Crime Victim Liaison	\$ 67,031.00	\$ 67,031.00	\$ 67,031.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
8	88.64	1674119	Cameron County	Victim Assistance Program (VOCA)	\$ 633,209.85	\$ 696,530.84	\$ 696,530.84	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
9	88.50	4314003	La Joya, City of	Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program	\$ 61,099.64	\$ 61,099.64	\$ 61,099.64	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
10	88.21	2987307	Pharr, City of	Crime Victims Liaison Project	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 93,000.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
11	87.43	3814605	Weslaco, City of	Weslaco Crime Victim Coordinator	\$ 126,965.23	\$ 126,965.23	\$ 126,965.23	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
12	87.36	2555209	Harlingen, City of	Crime Victim Liaison	\$ 54,069.36	\$ 54,069.36	\$ 54,069.36	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
13	87.14	3056906	Penitas, City of	Penitas Crime Victims Liaison	\$ 42,640.00	\$ 42,640.00	\$ 42,640.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
14	87.07	3801605	Donna, City of	Crime Victims Liaison	\$ 52,682.84	\$ 53,358.79	\$ 53,358.79	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
15	85.50	4831101	Mission, City of	Victim's Assistance Services	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
16	85.14	1365123	Friendship of Women	Victims' Advocacy & Intervention	\$ 429,589.00	\$ 429,589.00	\$ 429,589.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
17	84.43	4196603	Alton, City of	Crime Victims Liaison Program	\$ 45,475.00	\$ 45,475.00	\$ 45,475.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
18	83.43	4766301	La Joya ISD	Crime Victim Advocacy and Support Program	\$ 115,667.00	\$ 115,667.00	\$ 115,667.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
19	83.21	3057406	Sullivan City, City of	Sullivan City Crime Victims Liaison	\$ 43,410.00	\$ 43,410.00	\$ 43,410.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
20	82.36	1363023	Family Crisis Center	Victim Assistance Program	\$ 192,346.00	\$ 192,346.00	\$ 192,346.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
21	80.79	2924306	Hidalgo County	Hidalgo County DA's Office-Victim Assistance Program	\$ 1,314,333.03	\$ 1,314,333.03	\$ 1,314,333.03	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
22	80.29	2873507	RGV-Families & Friends of Murdered Children	Living in the Face of Trauma (Lift) Survivors of Homicide Project	\$ 127,616.80	\$ 127,616.80	\$ 127,616.80	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
23	78.57	1377823	Women Together Foundation	Crime Victims Advocacy Project	\$ 497,081.00	\$ 497,081.00	\$ 497,081.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
24	76.50	4795901	Children's Bereavement Center of the RGV	Beyond Violence Rio Grande Valley	\$ 89,283.00	\$ 89,283.00	\$ 89,283.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
25	74.21	4231503	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	South Texas Advocacy Project	\$ 393,832.00	\$ 393,832.00	\$ 15,094.83	Due to the shortfall of available funding, this application may be awarded the remaining amount of \$15,094.83. However, if additional funding becomes available the CJAC and LRGVDC Board request CJDs consideration to fund this project 100%
26	73.71	4432202	Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone Corp	Victim Services Unit	\$ 300,503.40	\$ 300,503.40	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
27	71.07	4710901	Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners	Expanding Excellence: Providing Comprehensive Victim Services in the Rio Grande Valley	\$ 348,752.72	\$ 347,679.20	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
28	69.57	4860201	Angels of Love	Legal Services for Victims of Family Violence	\$ 357,763.07	\$ 357,763.07	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
29	65.21	4784701	Therapaints INC	Equine Facilitated Mental Health Counseling for Crime Victims	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -	If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.

Total: \$ 6,693,536.19 \$ 6,764,464.41

Total Applications	29
\$ 4,614,686.74	Fully funded applications Ranked # 1- 24
\$ 15,094.83	Funded application with remaining amount #25

Requests:	\$ 4,629,781.57	Projected Amount
Available:	\$ 4,629,781.57	\$ 4,629,781.57
Remaining	\$ -	

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING
FY 2023-2024 Victims of Crime Act Formula Fund (VA) Grant
To the Criminal Justice Division**

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors has recommended this list of priorities for available funds in the area of Victims of Crime Act Projects; and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as follows:

- SECTION 1:** The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY 2023-2024 for the Victims of Crime Act Formula Fund Grant Program.
- SECTION 2:** The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirement and strong recommendation for funding.
- SECTION 3:** The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is authorized to submit this priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.
- SECTION 4:** For CJD to consider unused funds in the VA category to be made available, if allowable, to existing applicants in VA categories and to accept consideration of additional applicants in an effort to utilize LRGVDC's full allocation of funds.

Adopted and approved this 26th day of April 2023

HONORABLE MAYOR AMBROSIO "AMOS" HERNANDEZ
LRGVDC Board of Directors, President

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Program Action Item Rene Perez, Program Supervisor I

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Recommendation for the FY 2023-2024 Violence Against Women Formula Grant (WF) Program Rankings and Resolution

The CJAC was given two weeks to review and score grant applications. On April 12, 2023, the CJAC convened at the Valley Metro Training facility to review the rankings and amounts for the WF grant applications. The committee recommends approval of the attached resolution, rankings, and conditionally approved amounts.



CJAC Recommendation for Violence Against Women Formula Grants (WF) FY 2023-2024

Rankings	Score	Grant #	Applicant	Project Title	Requested Orig. Amount	Requested	CJAC Recommendations	CJAC Comments
1	87.05	2931309	Hidalgo County	Domestic Violence Specialty Prosecutor	\$ 69,359.59	\$ 69,359.59	\$ 69,359.59	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
2	85.35	2106515	Willacy County	DA Domestic Violence Unit	\$ 72,870.00	\$ 79,100.00	\$ 79,100.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
3	81.4	4735401	City of Edinburg	City of Edinburg RAD Training	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 16,800.00	CJAC Recommends 100% funding.
4	80.70	4723301	City of Alton	Sex Crimes Investigator Project	\$ 42,640.00	\$ 42,640.00	\$ -	Project is not scaleable. However If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration to fund this project at 100%.
5	80.10	1844918	Cameron County	Domestic Violence Unit - (VAWA)	\$ 472,824.48	\$ 472,824.48	\$ 14,996.25	Due to the shortfall of available funding, this application may be awarded the remaining amount of \$14,996.25. However, if additional funding becomes available the CJAC and LRGVDC Board request CJDs consideration to fund this project 100%
6	75.75	4507602	City of Weslaco	Weslaco Violence Against Women Justice and Training	\$ 21,408.20	\$ 21,408.20		If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration
7	73.75	4835601	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	South Texas Crimes Against Women Training Project	\$ 148,333.00	\$ 148,333.00		If additional funding is made available, the CJAC and LRGVDC requests CJDs consideration

Total:	\$ 844,235.27	\$ 850,465.27
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Total Applications		7
\$	165,259.59	Fully funded applications Ranked # 1-3
\$	14,996.25	Funded application with remaining amount # 5

Requests:	\$	180,255.84	Projected Amount
Available:	\$	180,255.84	\$ 180,255.84
Remaining	\$	-	

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING
FY 2023-2024 Violence Against Women Formula (WF) Grants
To the Criminal Justice Division**

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office of the State of Texas received a budget allocation for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the Violence Against Women Formula Grants; and,

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors has recommended this list of priorities for available funds in the area of Violence Against Women Formula Grants; and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council as follows:

- SECTION 1:** The list of priorities is adopted as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council FY 2023-2024 for the Violence Against Women Formula Grants.
- SECTION 2:** The attached list by applicant and title has received favorable review under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee requirement and strong recommendation for funding.
- SECTION 3:** The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is authorized to submit this priority list to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Adopted and approved this 26th day of April 2023

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Criminal Justice Program

- Staff assisted stakeholders with grant applications through the month of April 2023.
- Staff hosted the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Grant Prioritization Meeting FY 2023-2024 on April 12, 2023, at the Valley Metro Training Room.

Homeland Security Program

- Staff received feedback on March 15, 2023, from the 2022 Council of Governments Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholders Preparedness Review (SPR), and THSSP Implementation Plan (IP) with a total score of 43.5 out of 45 possible points.
- Staff attended the 9th Annual South Texas All Hazard's Conference in McAllen Convention Center on March 22-23, 2023.
- Staff attended a virtual meeting for LRGVDC Communications TTX Final Sync Call on March 28, 2023.
- Staff attended the Hidalgo County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Tabletop workshop on March 30, 2023.
- Staff attended a virtual webinar for Innovations in Inclusive Emergency Management FEMA/NACDD Webinar on March 30, 2023.
- Staff hosted Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) virtual meeting on April 6, 2023.
- Staff attended a virtual webinar for e-learning Grant Writing Part 2, from Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) on April 12, 2023.
- Staff attended a conference call for Public Safety Office (PSO) updates for Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD) April 13, 2023.

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Regional Police Academy

- On Monday, April 3, 2023, the Regional Police Academy successfully conducted the orientation for the 221st Edinburg Day Basic Peace Officer Course with a total of 30 cadets all of which are currently entering Chapter 7 of 42.
- As of Friday, April 14, 2023, the 219th Mid-Valley Basic Peace Officer Course is in progress with a total of 18 cadets; they are currently entering Chapter 31 of 42.
- As of Friday, April 14, 2023, the 220th Mission Day Academy is in progress with a total of 24 cadets; they are currently entering Chapter 22 of 42.
- The tentative start date for the 222nd Mid-Valley Night Academy is Friday, May 5, 2023. This academy will be held at LRGVDC's Main Campus in the Ken Jones Executive Board Room.
- The Regional Police Academy continues to offer weekly testing up until the end of April 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. Canine Encounters and Interacting with Drivers who are Deaf course held at Alton PD on April 15, 2023
 2. Legislative Updates at Alton PD on April 17, 2023
 3. Culture Diversity at Mission PD on April 18, 2023
 4. Racial Profiling Legislative at Alton PD on April 19, 2023
 5. Special Investigative Topics at Mission PD on April 20, 2023
 6. Special Investigative Topics at Alton PD on April 22, 2023
 7. Racial Profiling Legislative at Alton PD on April 24, 2023
 8. Legislative Updates at Alton PD on April 26, 2023
 9. Legislative Updates at Mission PD on April 26, 2023
 10. Culture Diversity at Alton PD on April 29, 2023
 11. Crisis Intervention Training at Knapp Medical Center from May 1–5, 2023
 12. Firearms Instructor Course at La Joya shooting range May 8–12, 2023
 13. TCIC Associate Trainer at Weslaco Public Works from June 5–8, 2023
 14. Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network at LRGVDC in Weslaco, TX from July 6–7, 2023

Pictured below are the 30 cadets from the 221st Edinburg Day Academy Orientation.



Pictured below are the 18 cadets from the 219th Mid-Valley Basic Peace Officer Course studying.



Pictured below are the 18 cadets from the 219th Mid-Valley Basic Peace Officer Course conducting uniform inspections.



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Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Status Report

- GIS Division

Our GIS Data Hub is now our primary website and can be found at www.rgv911.org. The GIS team has uploaded several informational maps that other public entities and the public can readily download. This data has streamlined our general information request process. We have also created an address lookup map. GIS Team member Jacob Salinas has made a custom composite geocoder that can be used to search through our 9-1-1 GIS data. In March, in collaboration with our I.T. team, we met with our ESRI reps to hold a project kick-off meeting to assess the server setup needed to install ArcGIS Workflow Manager. This Workflow Manager software will be the foundation of our new address ticketing solution. Three of our team members attended ArcGIS Pro: Essential Workflows 3-day training.

- Community Engagement Division

During March, we were delighted to participate in numerous events throughout the counties of Hidalgo and Willacy, from career days to International Women's Day events, with the main goal of informing and educating the community about the important benefits 9-1-1 has to offer. March is also the month we prepare and organize for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 9 -15 to show our appreciation to all 9-1-1 telecommunicators. Staff organizes the incentives for 17 PSAPs and prepares a delivery schedule that will take place in the second week of April.

On March 8, 2023, we participated in the ARISE International Women's Day in Las Milpas (South Pharr region). We spoke to the community about the importance of registering their addresses with RGV9-1-1 and the proper use of 9-1-1 to obtain help in an emergency.

On March 9, 2023, we participated in Career Day hosted by Lyford ISD. The GIS division team and the 9-1-1 IT Department engaged with 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students and Lyford High School Seniors. They communicated the importance of exploring possible career choices after high school. The materials and equipment that our departments showcased provided information to help students make decisions about what they would like to do in the future. This event was a great experience for both the students and RGV9-1-1.

On March 15, 2023, the RGV9-1-1 Department was invited by Hidalgo County Precinct 3 in Sullivan City to participate in their Spring Health Fair. We talked to other organizations about attending future events to keep communities informed about the benefits 9-1-1 has to offer.

On March 22-23, 2023, the City of McAllen held their annual South Texas All Hazard Conference. We were thrilled to contribute to an amazing event, and we included fun games and activities to keep everyone energized as we shared our information with them.

ARISE International Women's Day, March 8 in Las Milpas



Pictured (above left) are participants of the event and (above right) staff Diana Castillo.

Lyford ISD Career Day on March 9



Pictured (above left) staff Maribel Alonzo engaging with students, (above right) Lyford students modeling their bags.

Hidalgo County Precinct 3 Spring Health Fair March 15 in Sullivan City



Pictured (above left) staff Maribel Alonzo and Ruby Garza, (above right) staff Ruby Garza informing the community about how to use 9-1-1.

2023 South Texas All Hazard Conference (STAHC) March 22–23 in McAllen



Pictured (above left) staff engaging with attendees, (above right) staff Maribel Alonzo, Ron Hall, Ruby Garza, Jacob Salinas, and Darrick Fuentes.

2023 South Texas All Hazard Conference (STAHC)



Pictured (above left) staff Maribel Alonzo and Dennis Moreno, (above right) staff Darrick Fuentes, Dennis Moreno, Eddie Gil, and Ron Hall.

- 9-1-1 | Information Technology

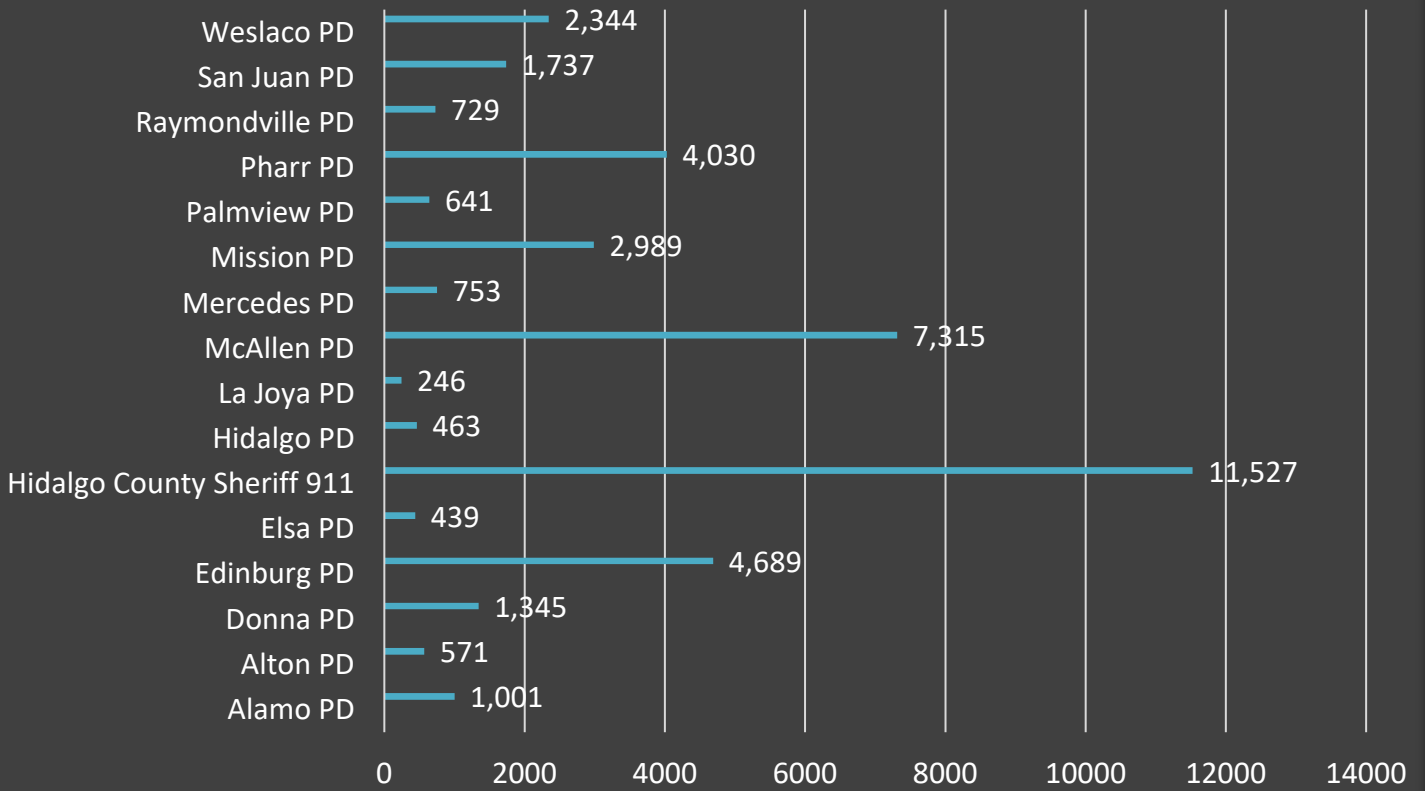
The 9-1-1 | Information Technology team held an invitation-only seminar, “Power 911 v.7.0 Basic/Advanced Functionality and Graphical User Interface” at the South Texas All Hazards Conference. Our I.T. team’s continued efforts to educate our extended public safety partners included displaying the new Viper 7 “look and feel”. In addition, we showcased our new mobile PSAP position hardware that can be deployed at a moment’s notice during a disaster that requires the relocation of assets and personnel.

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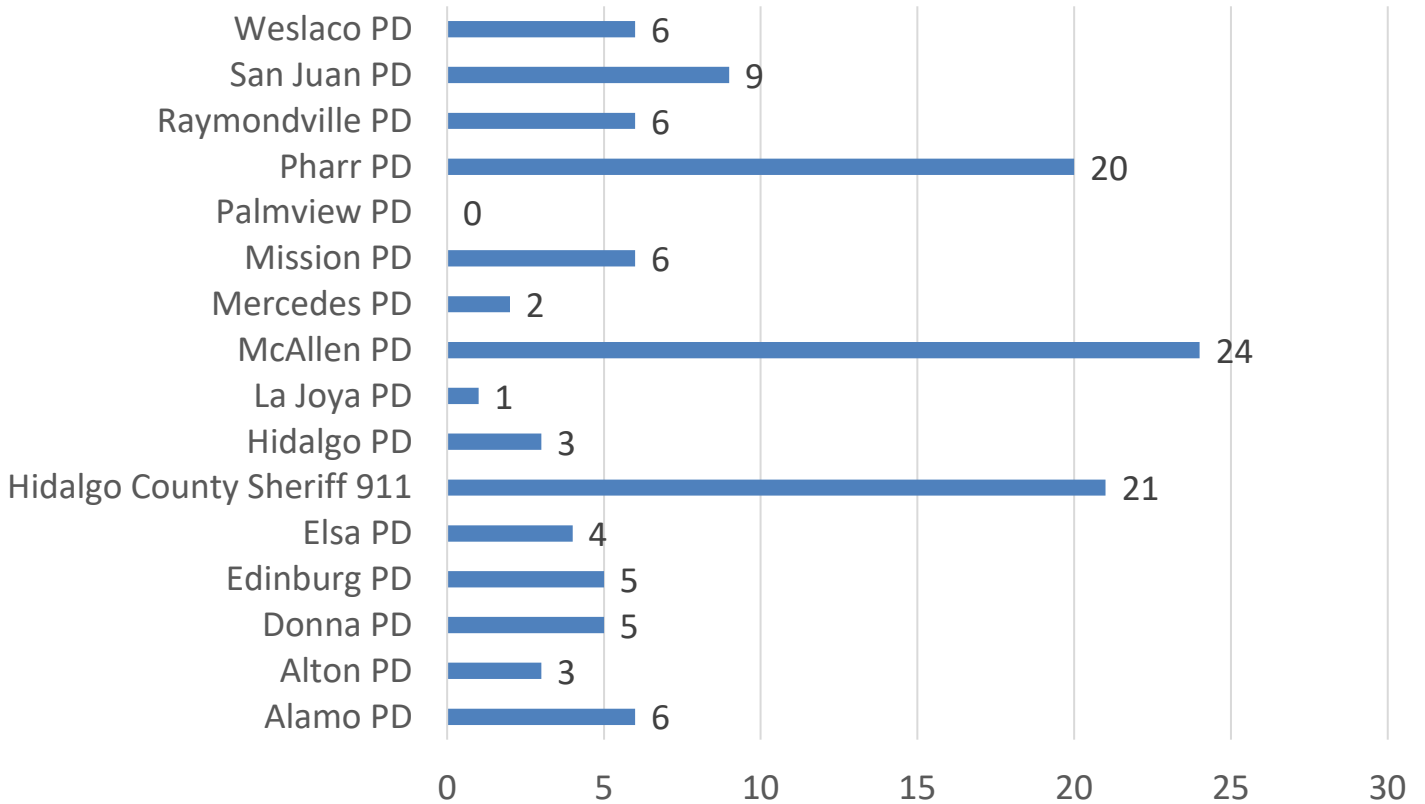


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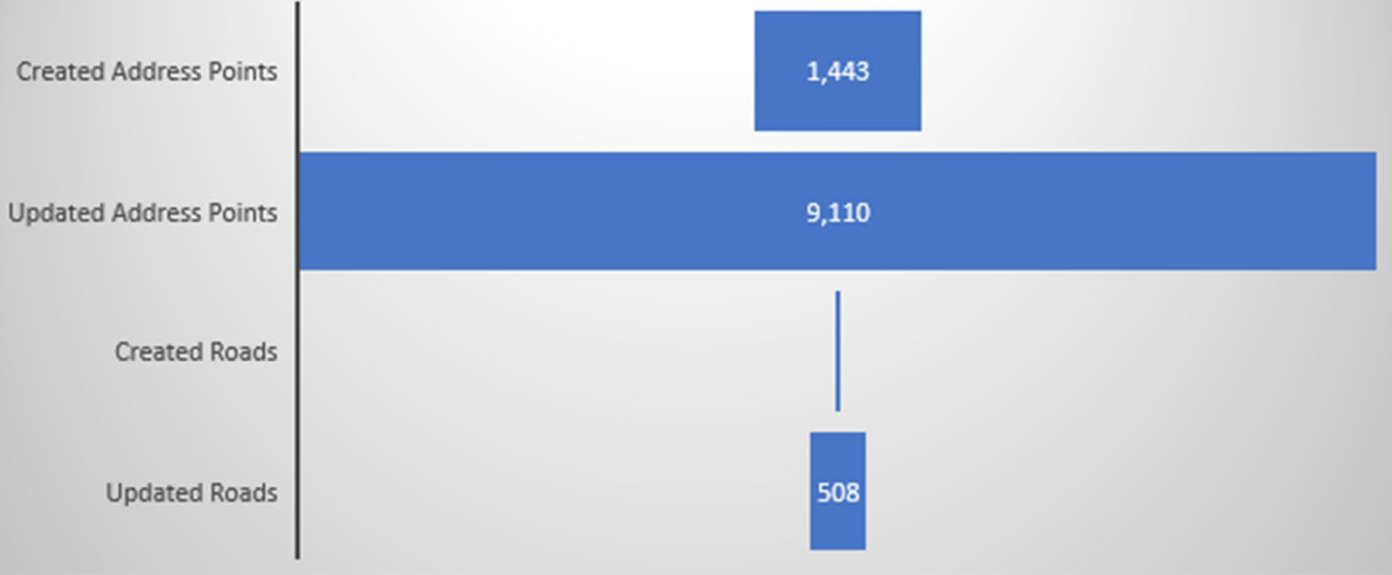
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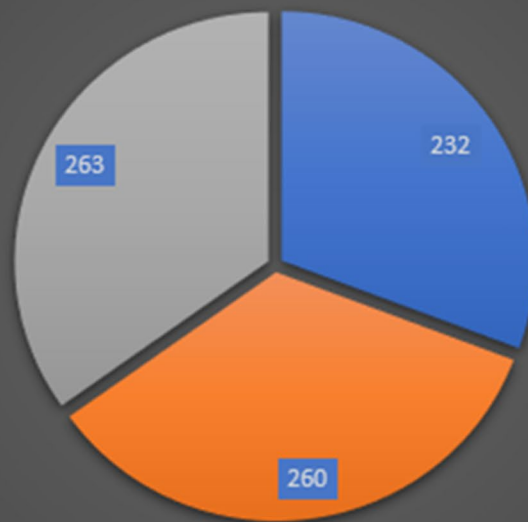
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January - March 2023 Mapping Features



Address Tickets from January to March 2023



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ITEM #5. D.

TRANSPORTATION

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status ReportRick Carrera, Director of Regional Transit

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Updated LRGVDC Transit Service Department's Background Check Policy.

- Valley Metro Transit Service Department's Background Check Policy implements a background Check policy application to all current and future employees, regardless of employment status, such as a temporary employee.
- Policy updates are needed to comply with state and federal regulations and have been made to the following:
 - a. Page 1 Logo
 - b. Page 2 Table of Contents
 - c. Section II Current Transit Employee Background Checks
 - d. Section III Review Committee
 - e. Page 12 Background Check log form.

LRGVDC

Transit Services Department

Background Check Policy



Approved by
LRGVDC Board of Directors
January 26, 2012
April 26, 2023

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LRGVDC – Transit Background Check Policy

I. Background Check Policy

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) Transit Department hereby implements a background Check policy application to all current and future employees, regardless of employment status: such as a temporary employee.

The primary purpose of the background check policy is to screen current and future employees for any criminal history data or information that may exist at a local, state, or federal level.

A satisfactory background check is defined as the total absence of a criminal history record. This will include reports from national, state, and local levels.

The Executive Director has the final authority to determine suitability for employment or action required relating to LRGVDC employees.

The content of a background check will be treated as sensitive information relating to personnel matters, and the LRGVDC will take reasonable steps to restrict access to any such information to those official within the organization on a need-to-know basis for purposes of personnel management issues. Further, the LRGVDC will take reasonable steps to protect the confidentiality of any such information to the extent allowed by law and legal process.

II. Current Transit Employee Background Checks

With the implementation of this policy, the LRGVDC will now also require a criminal history background check on all existing transit employees as a condition of continued employment with the LRGVDC. Background checks may be conducted at any time while transit employees are employed, which may include more than one per year. (Rev. 01/26/12)

Current transit employees must complete a "~~Background Check Authorization~~" "**Application Certification and Disclosure Agreement Form**" and submit to a background check as a condition of continued employment. A current transit employee may be terminated for refusing to submit to a criminal background check.

Information included in both the authorization and the results must be treated confidential. Current transit employees who have been arrested or charged with a

criminal complaint are required to inform their immediate supervisor of the arrest/criminal complaint.

If a background check reveals information which bears on the employee's suitability to perform the required duties and responsibilities of his/her current position, the Review Committee will be notified for purposes of assessment.

If it is determined a current transit employee falsified employment application materials, their employment may be terminated, subject to a review of circumstances by the Review Committee.

III. Review Committee

The Review Committee is comprised of the Executive Director, Transit Department Director, Human Resources Director, or their designee.

The affected employee will be provided a copy of the background check report, and will be given an opportunity to confine, deny, or provide an explanation for the contents of the report.

If a transit employee disputes the accuracy of any information obtained in a background check, he/she will be referred to the agency that provided the information.

1. A current transit employee disputing the accuracy of information will allow a reasonable time under the circumstances to respond to and explain or refute the accuracy of the information obtained in a background check.

The Review Committee will be responsible for assessing and evaluating all criminal background checks that contain criminal history content, including but not limited to arrests, indictments, convictions, deferred adjudication, and any other criminal proceedings, which may bear on the employees' suitability for continued and prospective employment with the LRGVDC.

Consideration will be given to the specific duties of the position, the content of the background check information, any mitigation factors, and whether the criminal history information was previously disclosed to the LRGVDC at any time during the initial application process or during the existence of the employment position.

Transit employees with criminal history related to theft, embezzlement, identity theft or fraud or other such charges bearing on honesty and truthfulness shall be precluded from holding any position with fiduciary responsibilities.

Transit employees with a Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) criminal history that occurred within 8 years of initial employment with the LRGVDC shall be precluded from employment in positions that require that employee to operate an LRGVDC commercial vehicle that carries passengers as a primary job duty.

A statement form will be provided to Program Specialist II – Risk & Compliance to ensure that the process is closed/finished, and filed accordingly within 14 days of the notification.

IV. Subsequent Criminal Convictions

In the event that an employee subject to this policy receives a criminal conviction after successful completion of the initial background check, that transit employee must inform his/her supervisor within (5) days of the incident or event given rise to the criminal process.

The Supervisor would notify the Review committee and the committee would determine whether or not the conviction is relevant to his/her job under this policy. If the conviction is not relevant, no adverse action will be taken.

If the criminal history bears on the employee's job duties, meaning it relates to the assigned work duties and/or job description, and it is determined that the transit employee is no longer suitable to perform the required duties and responsibilities of position, employment may be terminated or the employee may resign.

Failing to report a criminal conviction, regardless of the nature, may be ground for disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

Applicant Certification and Disclosure Agreement

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY-Authorization to Release Information)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, notice is given that a consumer report or an investigative consumer report may be made in connection with this application for employment with LRGVDC – Valley Metro. In the event an investigative report is requested, I am entitled to know and am hereby advised that the nature and scope of the investigation will involve a pre-employment investigation to obtain applicable information from personal interviews with previous employers concerning my work habits, actions and performance. Other sources of information may be obtained from individuals, residential management agents, criminal justices' agencies, credit bureaus, departments of motor vehicles, collection agencies, retail business establishments, social media and other Consumer Reporting Agencies (CRA). If I am denied employment, either wholly or partly, because of information contained in a consumer report, a disclosure will be made to me of the name and address of the consumer reporting agency making such report. I further understand that Information Discovery Services (IDS) has been retained to perform the pre-employment investigation to determine my suitability for employment and I authorize IDS to have access to any records concerning my education or employment background and I hereby authorize any person or entity having such information to release the same to IDS or person(s) acting on their behalf. I also understand that the pre-employment may include contacting any previous employers, and I hereby authorize any such previous employers to release information regarding my employment to IDS. By signing below, I am authorizing IDS to obtain this information now, and at any point during any period of employment, without limitation.

I further authorize any and all present and former employers, school administrators, financial institutions and any other custodians of records pertaining to me to release such information upon request of a duly authorized representative of IDS. I acknowledge that IDS is not responsible for the content of information obtained from public and private repositories and hereby waive all liability against IDS.

I understand the information I am providing concerning my date of birth will not be used as a basis to determine hiring or contract eligibility. I authorize IDS to obtain information regarding my previous employment, residency, credit, education, motor vehicle and criminal history, to include publicly accessible social media sites.

IDS is hereby authorized to disclose all information obtained through its investigations to the requesting entity, LRGVDC – Valley Metro, for the purpose of making a determination as to my fitness for employment or retention as an employee.

I agree that a facsimile ("fax"), electronic or photocopy of this Agreement shall be as valid as the original and direct the recipient to disclose the above-described information about me as though it were the original.

I have read and fully understand the above agreement. By signing below, I also acknowledge that LRGVDC – Valley Metro has provided me with a summary of my rights under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Full Name (Please Print) _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Other Names Used _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Current Address
Number and Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ *Social Security Number:* _____

Driver's License Number: _____ *State:* _____

Telephone Numbers:
Day: _____ *Evening:* _____ *Cell:* _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

New York applicants: By signing above you also acknowledge receipt of Article 23-A of the New York Correction Law.

- Minnesota and Oklahoma applicants:** Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company.

- California applicants:** By signing above, you also acknowledge receipt of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW. Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report or consumer credit report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company whenever you have a right to receive such a copy under California law.

Washington State applicants: You also have the right to request from the consumer reporting agency a written summary of your rights and remedies under the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Para información en español, visite www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore o escriba a la Consumir Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N. W., Washington, DC 20006.

A Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20006.**

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment - or to take another adverse action against you - must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your "file disclosure"). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
 - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report.
 - you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file.
 - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud.
 - you are on public assistance.
 - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore for additional information.

- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.

- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need - usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.
- **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report. Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.**
- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:

TYPE OF BUSINESS:

- a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates,
- b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the Bureau:

To the extent not included in items above:

- a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks
- b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and insured state branches of foreign banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act
- c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations
- d. Federal Credit Unions

3. Air carriers

4. Creditors Subject to Surface Transportation Board

5. Creditors Subject to Packers and Stockyards Act

6. Small Business Investment Companies

7. Brokers and Dealers

8. Federal Land Banks, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations

9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above

CONTACT:

- a. Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20006
- b. Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center-FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357
- a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group 1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450 Houston, TX 77010-9050
- b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center, P.O. Box 1200 Minneapolis, MN 55480
- c. FDIC Consumer Response Center, 1100 Walnut Street, Box #11, Kansas City, MO 64106
- d. National Credit Union Administration Office of Consumer Protection (OCP)

Division of Consumer Compliance and Outreach (DCCO)
1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20590

Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board
Department of Transportation,
1925 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20423

Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor

Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access
United States Small Business Administration
406 Third Street, SW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20416

Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F St NE, Washington, DC 20549

Farm Credit Administration
1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, VA 22102-5090

FTC Regional Office for region in which the creditor operates or Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center - FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357

Background Check Log



Pre employment or Annual Background Check	Name of employee	Position	Date reported	Violation	Violation date	Determination and date
Example:						
Annual Background Check	John Doe	Driver	4-2-2023	DUI	3-27-2021	Review Committee terminated on 4-10-2023

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Item #5: Department Reports

D. Transportation

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 9:00 pm.

Breakdown of Ridership per system:

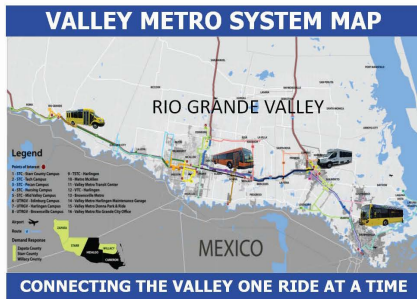
RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM								
Agency	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
VALLEY METRO	24,680	24,278	19,748	18,334	22,973	22,780	26,580	159,373
UTRGV	44,388	46,384	38,037	15,184	24,617	43,506	35,837	247,953
STC	334	292	243	66	243	254	180	1,612
TSTC	297	315	126	216	142	245	231	1,572
Total	69,699	71,269	58,154	33,800	47,975	66,785	62,828	410,510

- 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, McAllen, Harlingen, Palmview, Rio Grande City, and Palmview. The events highlighted the modes of transportation available to the public within their perspective city and region. Staff address any concerns, recommendations, or comments the public might have.



VALLEY METRO - REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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



Serving the RGV's Five-County Region:

- Cameron
- Hidalgo
- Starr
- Willacy
- Zapata

Proudly serving:

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

Types of Systems Provided

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



VALLEY METRO TRANSIT TERMINAL LOCATIONS

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

Valley Metro Fares:

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

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

VM Transit Website



Route Maps with locations



ValleyMetro Weslaco

Ride Systems



Track our buses in real time



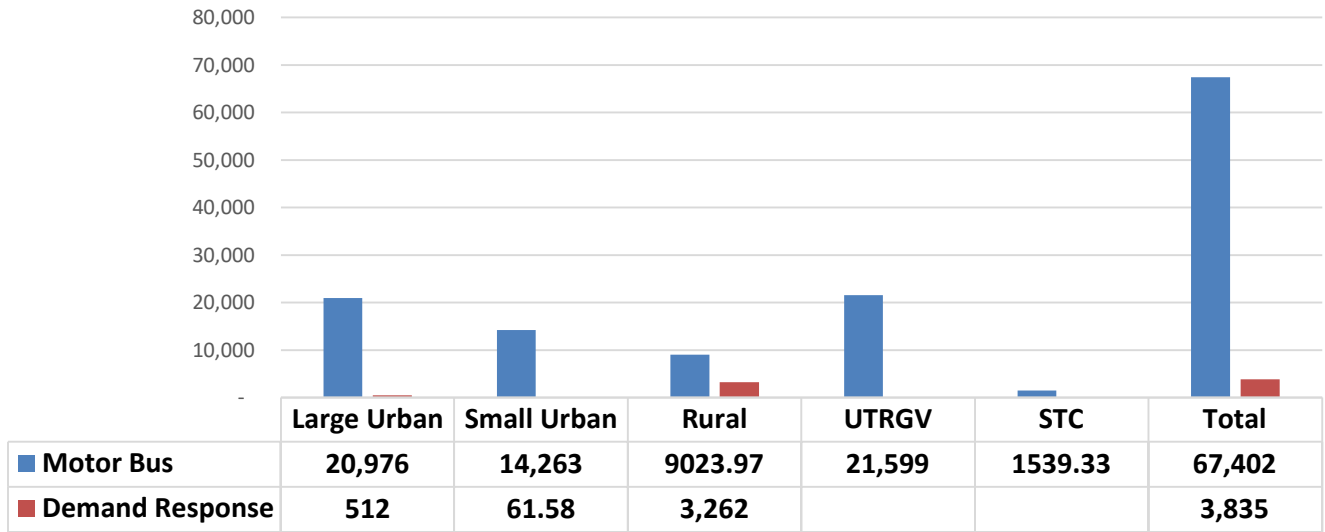
VM Regional Call Center 1-800-574-8322

Year to Date 2022-2023

Distribution of Revenue Hours

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	20,976	14,263	9023.97	21,599	1539.33	67,402
Demand Response	512	61.58	3,262			3,835

FY 22-23 YTD Revenue Hours

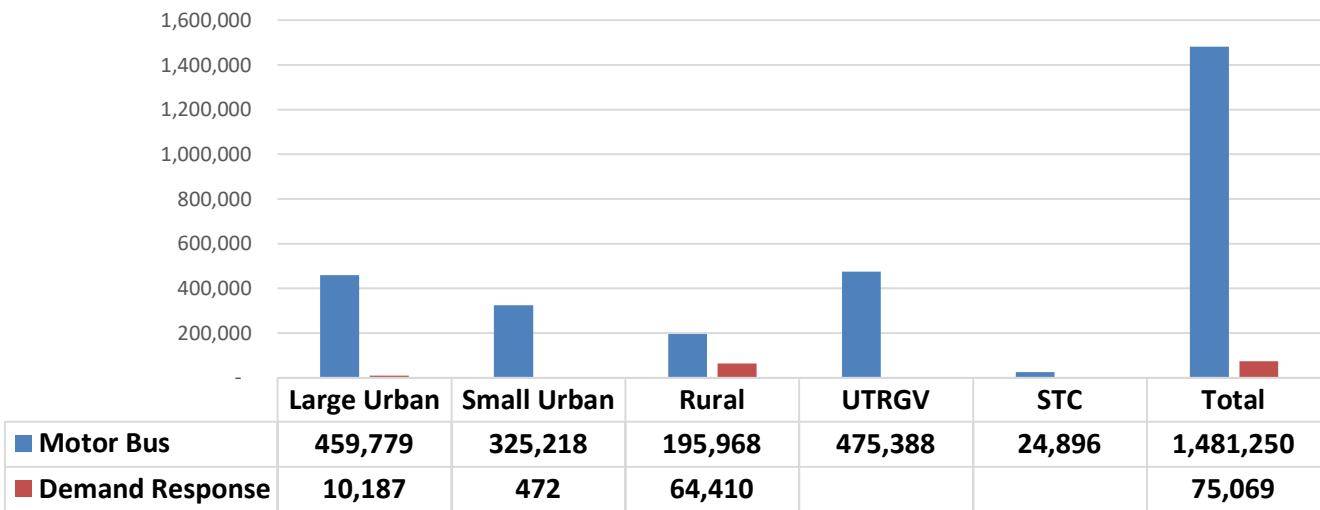


Year to Date 2022-2023

Distribution of Revenue Miles

	Large Urban	Small Urban	Rural	UTRGV	STC	Total
Motor Bus	459,779	325,218	195,968	475,388	24,896	1,481,250
Demand Response	10,187	472	64,410			75,069

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	4	6	41	151	0	4	0	5	0	5	13	2	231
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	4	29	154	498	0	13	0	21	37	23	662	131	1,572
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	29	153	498	0	-16	-1	21	37	23	644	40	1,410

	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Direct Routes	243	290	350	71	80	51	43	15	0	0	0	0	0	1,143
Indirect Routes	54	25	280	55	136	91	202	216	0	0	0	0	0	1,059
Monthly Total	297	315	630	126	216	142	245	231	0	0	0	0	0	2,202

2022 - 2023 Valley Metro Routes TSTC Student Passenger Count

