

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



AGENDA

MEETING OF THE LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 12:00 noon

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Presiding: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, President

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Item #1: Call to Order

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

Item #2: Consideration and ACTION to Approve
Meeting Minutes (September 28, 2022) -----President

Item #3: Public Comment

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

- A. Consideration and **ACTION** to Adopt Resolution 2022-02
- B. Consideration and **ACTION** to Adopt Annual Investment Policy and
Accept Quarterly Investment Report Crystal Balboa
Finance Director
- C. Demonstration by Texas AgriLife Better Living for Texans Karen Cantu
County Extension Agent

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

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development Rick Carrera Director

Program Status Reports

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

B. Health & Human Services Margarita Lopez Director

Program Action Item(s)

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve New Contractor/Vendor Applications for FY 2023
2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Extend Sub-recipient Contracts
3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve New Member to Citizen Advisory Council

Program Status Reports

- Direct Services
- CDC Vaccine Outreach Project
- Past Events
- Upcoming Events
- Information Referral & Assistance
- Subrecipients and Senior Center Operations
- Benefit Counseling & Care Transition Coaches
- Ombudsman

C. Public Safety

Program Action Item(s)

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Revisions to Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Bylaws and Policies & Procedures for FY 2023-2024
- 2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation on Membership Renewals
- 3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation to Appoint Committee Chair

Program Status Reports

- Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program Status ReportsRene Perez
Program Supervisor
- Regional Police Academy Status ReportsManuel Cruz
Executive Director
- Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District
Status Reports..... Dennis Moreno
Assistant Director RGV911
 - GIS Division
 - Public Education Division
 - 9-1-1 | Information Technology

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Action Item Sarah Dierlam
Assistant Executive Director

- 1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Procurement of Transportation Vehicles

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: Executive Session

- A. Real Property Matter pursuant to Sec. 551.071 (attorney consultation) and Sec. 551.072 (purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property) regarding certain real property located on North Milanos Road in the West Tract Subdivision, Weslaco, Texas.**
- B. Reconvene into Open Session to Consider **ACTION**, if any, on Items Related to Executive Session as Described Above**

Item #7 - New or Unfinished Business

Item #8 - Adjourn

REMINDER

Next Meeting:

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022
12:00 noon**

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

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

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"At the beginning of each LRGVDC meeting, the LRGVDC will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour 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, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA GLOBAL GOTOMEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE PLATFORM
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PRESIDING: PRESIDENT AMBROSIO “AMOS” HERNANDEZ

- DRAFT -

President Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Roll call was taken, however, a quorum was not yet present. Staff was notified a quorum was en route and President Hernandez took item 6. – New and Unfinished Business out of order until they arrived. He next recognized U. S. Congressman Vicente Gonzalez who represents the 15th District of Texas and asked him to speak on legislative and district updates. Congressman Gonzalez stated they are wrapping up a productive congress that has passed and signed into law legislation that addresses some of the most pressing issues that impact South Texas. He stated that congress passed a bill that will bring prescription drug prices down, and they are also trying to lower inflation in the U.S. He stated that this July, President Biden signed into law the CHIPS and Science Act which provides \$52 billion in semiconductor manufacturing subsidies to incentivize companies to build, expand, or modernize domestic semiconductor facilities. It also has a 25% tax credit to encourage investments in semiconductor manufacturing. For military veterans, Congressman Gonzalez stated that congress recently passed an important law called Honoring Our Pact Act. It will expand access to Veterans Affairs (VA) health care services for veterans exposed to toxic substances during their military service. Another success that congress had recently is funding of over \$11.2 million for community projects across our district, and \$6.7 million came directly to the Rio Grande Valley. This funding is to improve drainage and water infrastructure. Congressman Gonzalez stated Congress passed a \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; and \$3.4 billion of that will be coming to the Rio Grande Valley. It will be impactful in terms of expanding our bridges, drainage systems, roads, highways, and Wi-Fi accessibility. Over \$1.6 billion in projects were announced on the last Unified Transportation Program (UTP) for our region for many projects that are aimed at relieving congestion and accommodating regional growth. Congressman Gonzalez encouraged Valley leaders to have their project plans shovel ready for when the funding becomes available. If they do not have a plan ready to go, they will not be able to receive the funds for their projects.

Congressman Gonzalez next spoke about specific bills that he has filed including the Repatriate Our Patriots Act. He and Congressman Don Young have re-introduced the Repatriate Our Patriots Act to stop the deportation of immigrant veterans and allow veterans who have already been deported to return to the U. S.

Congressman Gonzalez informed the Board that he has negotiated with the President of Guatemala recently to create “Safe Zones” which will provide a safe and legal process for migrants to seek asylum. The Safe Zones Act is a critical piece of immigration legislation that addresses the safety of migrants and the security of the U. S. by offering a streamlined asylum process. This legislation seeks to allow migrants to seek asylum in designated Safe Zones located in their home countries. 80-90% of migrants come from three (3) countries: Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, and the idea is for all migrants traveling to the southern border of the U. S. to check in at that Safe Zone and start the immigration process at that point. This would take the pressure off U. S. southern borders, allow border patrol and law enforcement to do their jobs and it would take the cartel element out of it.

In conclusion Mr. Gonzalez stated that they have spread earmarks throughout District 15 including a hike and

bike trail in Elsa, and some funding for the fire department. He encouraged community leaders to bring their projects that are under \$1 million for consideration of funding and that if they are not funded during the first round, that new appropriations bills are coming.

Upon conclusion of Congressman Gonzalez' remarks, President Hernandez thanked him for coming and elaborating on these issues. President Hernandez emphasized the importance of low-cost prescriptions and is pleased congress is attacking this issue, not only for the RGV, but for the nation. He noted that this Board is very involved with economic development and emphasized the fact that the RGV needs good paying jobs across the region. Regarding infrastructure, President Hernandez expressed how important it was for the three separate Valley MPOs to unit to form the Rio Grande Valley MPO and the significant increase in funding this merger has brought. He emphasized the need for a second causeway to South Padre Island and to complete the I-69E project. President Hernandez stressed the importance of Valley counties and cities working together as opposed to individually. Congressman Gonzalez agreed whole-heartedly and stated that in Washington DC, the Rio Grande Valley is seen as one region as a whole, and not necessarily as individual cities and counties. In conclusion, Congressman Gonzalez stated that his door is always open, and he welcomes input from the Rio Grande Valley.

At 12:12 pm a quorum was attained, and President Hernandez moved to item #2: Consideration and Action to Approve Meeting Minutes (August 31, 2022). ***Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve the August 31, 2022, Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Oscar Montoya seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes, President Hernandez moved to Item 3: Public Comment and recognized Mr. J. D. Key, District Director for Congresswoman Mayra Flores. Mr. Key introduced himself to the Board and informed them that a Military Academy Fair is scheduled in Brownsville this Saturday, October 1, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. This event is for high school students who would like to attend West Point, the Naval Academy, or the Air Force Academy. Information on this event can be found on website flores.house.gov.

Upon conclusion of public comments, President Hernandez moved to Item 4: Administration.

A. Presentation and Action to Approve Texas Gas Service Rio Grande Valley Energy Efficiency Program

President Hernandez recognized Ms. Naomi Perales, Texas Gas Service (TGS) Community Relations Manager for the Rio Grande Valley. Ms. Perales introduced Ms. Jasmine King-Bush, Energy Efficiency Programs Manager to give a brief presentation about the TGS Energy Efficiency Program. Ms. King-Bush gave a presentation that explained the four (4) programs under the RGV Energy Efficiency Program: Low-Income/Free Equipment, Residential New Construction, Commercial, and Residential Retrofit. She explained the three (3) ways to apply, the eligibility determinations and also the bill payment assistance TGS provides. The program runs on a 3-year cycle and the current cycle will conclude December 31, 2022. So, every three years they will come before the Board with a proposed budget for the next cycle's program plan. She explained that the program is funded by customers with a monthly contribution on each bill, and that there are no plans to increase contribution amounts for the next cycle. They do recommend moving funds earmarked for the residential retrofit and the residential new construction program to the low-income program. This decision is driven by the fact that there has been a need to increase funding for the low-income program. TGS staff is scheduled to file by October 15, 2022, and because there will be no budget increase for the coming cycle, no action is needed.

B. Executive Director Report

1. Introduction of New Staff Members

Mr. Cruz informed the Board that due to a full agenda in August, new staff members were not announced at that meeting, therefore he will include them in today's report. In August we welcomed

Ms. Liza Alfaro, Receptionist with the Administration Department, Mr. Jacob Salinas, GIS Program Specialist with the RGVECD, Mr. Humberto Guajardo, Vehicle Driver with Valley Metro, and Ms. Jessica Martinez, Research & Statistic Technician with the Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Programs. This month we welcomed Mr. Luis Avila, Mr. Eduardo Lopez, and Mr. Silvestre Mendoza to Valley Metro as Motor Vehicle Technicians.

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

Mr. Cruz provided a list of topics of interest in the meeting packet including a reminder about the Tx GLO-CDBG-MIT local mitigation plans program. The GLO has launched its Resilient Communities Program and has allocated \$100 million for CDBG-MIT funds for the development, adoption, and implementation of modern and resilient building codes and flood damage prevention ordinances to ensure that structures built within a community can withstand future hazards.

The GLO has allocated \$25 million in CDBG-MIT Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program for updating local hazard mitigation plans or to provide cost share for hazard mitigation planning activities funded through other federal sources. Mr. Cruz provided updates on the Texas Broadband Development Program and also informed the Board that in September, the Texas Universal Service Fund Surcharge will increase from 3.3% to 24% for a limited time. The Texas Public Utility Commission voted to implement that increase last month.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Director Report, President Hernandez then moved to item 5: Department Reports.

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

Mr. Rick Carrera, Director of Community & Economic Development was recognized and noted that his full status report is included in the meeting packet for review. He highlighted the following: status reports on the UTRGV Tx-STARS Roundtable Discussion – Technology for Disaster Resilience. He announced that the Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee has a vacancy in the higher education category, and that Region M has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow, September 29 at 9:30 am. Mr. Carrera gave the reservoir level report provided by TCEQ. He also reported on the new CHIP Act funding noting that it may be designed to go to underserved areas. He is hopeful that South Texas will be considered; however, on a national level, the underserved areas may be those that were one-time manufacturing hubs such as Ohio or Pennsylvania. He cautioned that the CHIP Act is still in its infancy, and we will need to wait and see what funding opportunities will be rolled out. He encouraged community leaders to start planning how they can be competitive for this funding.

B. Health & Human Services.

Program Status Reports

Ms. Margarita Lopez, Director of Area Agency on Aging, was recognized and informed the Board that the status reports are in the meeting packet for review. She highlighted the progress made in securing contractors for direct services and informed the Board about projects that have been completed. She announced that open enrollment for Medicare Part D begins October 15 and will go through December 7. She highlighted the Ombudsman Program, and the 1st Annual Vet Fest scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022. This event will be a resource fair for veterans and military families and will offer health screenings, COVID-19 vaccinations, and booster shots.

C. Public Safety

Program Status Reports

Mr. Rene Perez, Program Supervisor for the Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program gave a brief update that focused on the Computerized Criminal History requirements for each county and how important complete and accurate reporting is because it directly relates to potentially receiving grant funds. The complete report is available in the meeting packet for review.

Mr. Dennis Moreno, RGV9-1-1 Assistant Director highlighted the District's first anniversary celebration and announced that their GIS division has achieved 100% geofencing, and the events that their Public Education Department have attended.

Mr. Cruz added that RGV9-1-1 was contacted by and is currently engaged with Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) who asked for RGV9-1-1's assistance to coordinate with their Missing Migrant Program. The purpose of this program is to identify migrants that cross the border and wind up in the north-west; it is designed to mitigate the high number of migrant deaths. RGV9-1-1 will be assisting CBP to identify potential resources which may include providing them with data after CBP purchases their own equipment for their secondary PSAP. When a migrant in distress calls 9-1-1, police departments will have access to the caller's number, location, etc. This type of service currently exists in the form of a transfer button, which does not provide motor patrol the ability to see locations or GPS information.

D. Transportation

Valley Metro Action Item

1. Consideration and Action to Approve Procurement of Support Vehicles for Valley Metro

Ms. Sarah Dierlam, Assistant Executive Director was recognized and informed the Board that the requested support vehicles will be incorporated into the Valley Metro Fleet as replacements for vehicles that have met their useful vehicle life expectancy. Purchase of these vehicles will be made with 1005 FTA federal funding and TxDOT Transportation Development Credits. ***Mayor Oscar Montoya made a motion to approve the purchase of support vehicles for Valley Metro as presented. Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Valley Metro Program Status Reports

Mr. Cruz noted that the Valley Metro Status Reports were provided in the meeting packet.

RGVMPO Status Report

Ms. Eva Garcia, RGVMPO Bike-Ped Program Coordinator was recognized and gave a brief presentation on the RGVMPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASA). The presentation covered various trails, monthly traffic statistics for the trails, and funding status. Ms. Garcia also informed the Board that the TASA Program has several projects that amount to a total of \$4.5 million in federal funding. These funds must be obligated by next August, and there are some really great projects, and staff have been working with them all year to make sure these projects get funded and developed quickly enough to obligate those funds, and they have also been working with some newer projects. Last year the TASA was awarded about \$3 million in federal funds for six (6) projects, two (2) have executed their advanced funding agreements. Even though these funds were awarded a year ago, they have not yet executed their advance funding agreements. Ms. Garcia brought that up because next year there will be \$11 million coming for FY 2023-2024 TASA projects. Staff will be an opening a call for projects next year with a minimum of 10% for planning projects, which is still

\$1.1 million. Ms. Garcia emphasized that the shovel readiness that Congressman Gonzalez touched on and the need to have your work done.

Item 6. – New or Unfinished Business

New business was heard at the top of the agenda

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Hernandez called for a motion to adjourn. ***Mayor David Suarez made a motion for adjournment; Mayor Rick Salinas seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.***

Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

ITEM #4. B.

ADMINISTRATION

ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY & QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Mayor Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez, Pharr President
Mayor Trey Mendez, Brownsville 1st Vice President
Mayor David Suarez, Weslaco 2nd Vice President
Mr. Jim Darling, Member-at-Large Secretary
Mayor Norma Sepulveda, Harlingen Treasurer
Judge Aurelio “Keter” Guerra, Willacy County Immediate Past President

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Johnny Garcia
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Mayor, McAllen

Oscar D. Montoya
Mayor, Mercedes

Norie Garza
Mayor, Mission

Gus Olivarez
Mayor Rio Hondo

Edward Gonzales
Commissioner, Raymondville

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Mayor, San Benito

Marco “Markie” Villegas
Commissioner, San Juan

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Mayor, Sullivan City

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Lupita Sanchez Martinez
Grassroots Organizations

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Manuel “Manny” Cruz

MEMORANDUM

TO: LRGVDC Board of Directors

FROM: Crystal Balboa

SUBJ: LRGVDC Investment Policy

DATE: October 26, 2022

It is time again for LRGVDC’s annual consideration of our Investment Policy. Staff recommends readoption of our current policy.

Thank you for consideration of this item and please contact me or Manuel Cruz should there be any questions.

The LRGVDC Investment Policy is available in its entirety for review on the lrgvdc.org meetings web page at: <https://www.lrgvdc.org/meetings.html>.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Quarterly Investment Report

July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022

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

Recorded Interest Income for the quarter \$42,533.23

| | Beginning 07/01/22 | Ending 09/30/22 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Investments in TexPool Prime: | | |
| Water Plan | \$63,278.74 | \$63,628.92 |
| 9-1-1 | 1,079,705.92 | 80,622.60 |
| TCEQ | 233,930.06 | 363,459.88 |
| Transit | 94,817.91 | 95,342.62 |
| TWDB | 6,621.37 | 6,658.02 |
| GLO-Closing Cost | 99,483.81 | 100,034.40 |
| Kari's Law | 62,585.62 | 62,931.95 |
| Tire Project | 22,989.02 | 23,116.24 |
| RGV Explorer | 56,856.24 | 57,170.88 |
| Total | \$1,718,268.69 | \$ 852,965.51 |

TexPool Prime Rate as of September 30, 2022 – 3.1307%

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Quarterly Investment Report

July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022

| | Beginning 07/01/22 | Ending 09/30/22 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Investments in TexPool: | | |
| FIF – TWDB – Escrow Account | \$7,600,981.82 | \$7,119,230.68 |
| FIF – TWDB | 22,561.47 | 170,009.48 |
| Total | \$7,623,543.29 | \$7,289,240.16 |

TexPool Rate as of September 30, 2022 – 2.8465%

Crystal Balboa
Director of Finance

ITEM #4. D.

ADMINISTRATION

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
REPORT**



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

Executive Directors Report

October 26, 2022

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

Community & Economic Development

General Land Office Updates

COG Mitigation Methods of Distribution Video

The Texas General Land Office has shared a video on their website highlighting the work of the COGs involved in the regional mitigation method of distribution process. This is the video we couldn't quite get to work at the Board meeting. To check it out, click here:

<https://recovery.texas.gov/mitigation/programs/regional-mitigation/index.html>

Although the LRGVDC did not qualify for these funds this will provide you with an insight of how our neighboring COGs conducted their method of distribution and best practices in the event future funding is made available to our region as a result of a disaster.

Resilient Communities Program

The Resilient Communities Program will fund the development, adoption, and implementation of modern and resilient building codes and flood damage prevention ordinances to ensure that structures built within the community can withstand future hazards. Application intake began on **June 1, 2022** and will be processed for eligibility on a first come, first served basis until June 1, 2028 or until funding is exhausted, whichever is first.

Eligible activities include:

- Development, adoption, and implementation of Building Codes that meet or exceed the standards set forth in the International Residential Code 2012 (IRC 2012);
- Development, adoption, and implementation of a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance that meets CDBG-MIT requirements of at least 2 feet above base flood elevation.
- Development, adoption, and implementation of a Zoning Ordinance based upon a land use plan or comprehensive plan;

- Development, adoption, and implementation of forward -looking land use plans that integrate hazard mitigation plans;
- Development and adoption of forward-looking Comprehensive Plans that integrate hazard mitigation plans; or
- Public Service activities focused on education and outreach campaigns designed to alert communities and beneficiaries to opportunities to further mitigate identified risks through insurance, best practices, and other strategies. Public information activities leading to CRS credit accrual and CRS eligibility are eligible under this activity. Maximum Award Amount: \$300,000.00 per applicant

The maximum award amount is \$300,000 per applicant. For additional information, including which COGs, counties and cities are eligible, see the following:

- [Resilient Communities Program \(RCP\) Overview](#)
- [CDBG-MIT MID Counties Map](#)

Health & Human Services

Community Services Functional Organizational Chart

HHSC Community Services has developed a functional organizational chart for Community Services, the division that now houses the Office of Area Agencies on Aging (OAAA) and Office of Aging and Disability Resource Centers (OADRC). To review the chart, click the link below.

- [HHSC Community Services Org Chart](#)

Transportation

TxDOT Electric Vehicle Plan Resources

As required by the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program, TxDOT submitted its Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan to the federal Joint Office of Energy and Transportation. The submitted Plan can be found by clicking on the hyperlink below.

- [TxDOT Electric Vehicle Plan Website](#)

On September 29, 2022, at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Association of Regional Councils, Transportation Committee in Austin, Mr. Michael Chamberlin from TxDOT provide an overview and presentation on the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan. The presentation provided a detailed overview of the project expansion with the number of EV Charge Station sites and the funding that will be made available to the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for the initial implementation and 5-year operations and maintenance program. The hyperlink below will lead you to the online presentation.

- [TxDOT Presentation](#)

88th Legislative Session Objectives

For your situational awareness, the page that follows is the list of objectives for the upcoming 88th Leg Session. The list of objectives encompasses the 24 Councils of Government in Texas.

88th Legislative Session Objectives

Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement

1. Support the establishment of a dedicated funding stream to support regional law enforcement academies and trainings.
2. Support adequate continued funding for the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division through the full appropriation of Fund 421.
3. Support continued and expanded funding for regional roles in comprehensive criminal justice planning and supports.

Community and Economic Development

1. Support efforts to establish rural economic development programs utilizing regional councils as entities eligible to apply for and administer funds.
2. Support efforts to establish broadband programs utilizing regional councils as entities eligible to plan, apply for and administer funds.

Environmental Quality

1. Support maintaining the full appropriation of tipping fees to regional councils for local and regional waste reduction programs, as provided by statute.
2. Support efforts to utilize resources for regional programs related to tire clean-up and illegal dumping.
3. Support efforts to utilize regional councils for air quality-related planning and programs.
4. Support efforts to utilize regional councils for water-related planning and programs.

Emergency Communications

1. Support the full appropriation and disbursement of the total dedicated revenue generated under and in compliance with Chapter 771 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
2. Support efforts to allow regional councils the flexibility to use appropriations to meet local and regional needs as determined by the regional council board of directors.
3. Support efforts to enhance fee levels to meet program needs authorized under Chapter 771 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

Emergency Preparedness

1. Support efforts to enhance the recognition of the need for state involvement in regional interoperability.
2. Support efforts by the state to regionalize disaster recovery support functions including but not limited to natural disasters & pandemic response and recovery.
3. Support efforts to create and provide a mechanism for funding cybersecurity training awareness and hardening for local governments through existing regional structures.

Health and Human Services

1. Support the use of the State Planning Regions as designated by the Governor, pursuant to Chapter 391, Local Government Code, for more efficient regional decentralizations of public health and state health and human services programs.
2. Support legislation and appropriations to continue strengthening the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program through the 28 Area Agencies on Aging.
3. Support local and regional efforts to address unmet mental health needs.
4. Support legislation and appropriations to enhance Home Delivered Meals and other senior nutrition programs.

Transportation

1. Support the use of regional councils of governments to unify and coordinate urban and rural transportation planning.
2. Support state and federal initiatives to provide funding for regional councils of governments to actively provide transportation planning and coordination as Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs).
3. Support the implementation of multi-modal transportation initiatives that result in increased transportation options for all Texans and economic stimulus for the state.
4. Support the collaboration between Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Mobility Authorities (RMAs) to seek federal funding to address regional multi-modal transportation needs.



Texas Association
of Regional Councils

ITEM #5. A.

**COMMUNITY
&
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors Meeting

October 26, 2022

Item #5: Department Reports

A. Community & Economic Development

Program Status Reports

- Economic Development Administration

Staff continue to meet with regional EDOs concerning the planning of projects that will provide economic impact. Meetings have included site tours of potential projects in the area, getting first-hand views of project potential while meeting with all involved with potential project development. Technical assistance continues to be provided as well as beneficial workshops and outreach. Staff continue to monitor opportunities that will potentially be made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and will continue to disseminate that information as it becomes available. Staff also serve as the regional point of contact for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and will continue to disseminate information accordingly. Staff also continue to coordinate efforts with other governmental entities on their economic development related activities in order to maximize benefit of all projects and objectives for the region and avoid any duplication of efforts and resources. Several different entities are conducting economic development outreach efforts, including TWDB, TxDOT, Texas GLO, and others. Work towards an advisory committee for the economic development district continues, and discussions have been positive.

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

- Pandemic Response

On October 5, 2022, LRGVDC and consulting firm, Thomas P. Miller & Associates (TPMA) was invited to participate in TX-Stars Roundtable Discussion – Technology for Disaster Resilience, hosted by UTRGV that was held in the City of Harlingen, at the Clinical Education Building. This workshop allowed for staff to present the LRGVDC Economic Resiliency Plan results to a variety of area stakeholders. The information was overall generally well-received. Some feedback indicated that the study revealed some of what is well-known in the area, however it will stand as documented information which will help actionable plans. In this particular case, it has the potential to support proposal narrative and data for a National Science Foundation grant opportunity that is being pursued by a consortium of entities throughout South Texas to include UTEP, UTSA, and UTRGV. Staff continue working with the contractor to provide the finished draft.

The LRGVDC continues to be proactive as a liaison between various governmental levels and stakeholders. Staff have had discussions with area EDOs on further potential initiatives to help with resiliency efforts including the recruitment and marketing efforts needed for new investment in the area. Staff have also brought together and coordinated efforts between governmental, workforce, higher education, and other entities to encourage collaboration on funding opportunities and other initiatives to address workforce needs and other facets of local economic development. Participation in local area economic development groups continue as well to further provide regional efforts. Resiliency efforts for the regional tourism industry continues to be a focus also, utilizing Explore RGV as a springboard for marketing efforts. See the Explore RGV updates further in this report for details.

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

To better inform and keep our region up to date with COVID-19 and CARES Act resources the LRGVDC developed this webpage designed to provide the latest resources and information available. The LRGVDC's intent is to improve capacity in our region to recover quickly from difficulties from current and potential future adversities with grant opportunities and resources to sustain living situations.

Please reach out! We are happy to provide any information, resources, or assistance available. Visit our COVID-19 Resources webpage at: <http://www.lrgvdc.org/covid19.html>. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, contact Rick Carrera, rcarrera@lrgvdc.org

- Regional Small Cities Coalition

A Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC) in-person meeting will be held on December 8, 2022, at 11:30 am in the Ken Jones Executive Board Room (Building B) at 301 W. Railroad St., Weslaco TX. Staff continues to disseminate vital information to the small cities via email. If you have questions, you may contact Rick Carrera, rcarrera@lrgvdc.org

- Explore RGV

Explore RGV continues to progress very positively. Some pending operational items to re-launch the revised app and website officially are in final stages. The creative development has been completed and staff are waiting to approve final version. Staff are working on promotional development to conduct an event where the revised, improved, and effective project will be presented to the general public, stakeholders, and tourism industry. Staff also continue to work with different regional airlines that have incoming flights to the RGV from different parts of the county as well as international markets. The intention is to partner up with the airlines to promote the product/project onboard, as well as to blitz and package with them to the final consumer. Staff are working with Dallas and Houston CVB

to cross market destinations as staff feel the tourism markets are similar. Media outlets are also being contacted to ensure the launch event has exposure and coverage that creates additional massive awareness. Following these initiatives, the next steps will be to reach out to the commercial and private sector to attract the business community in association with Explore RGV. In addition, staff will incorporate as many travel industry participants as possible for a well-rounded, comprehensive, and complete travel reference.

- Community & Economic Development Assistance Fund

Visit our Community & Economic Development department webpage at <http://www.lrgvdc.org/community.html>. There you can find information and resources on the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) funding opportunities. Eligible applicants are non-entitlement general purpose units of local government including cities and counties that are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). Non-entitlement cities that are not participating in urban county programs through existing participation agreements are eligible applicants (unless the city's population is counted towards the urban county CDBG allocation). Staff have disseminated information on CDBG funding available to area communities and stakeholders and have been available for any questions related to the funding opportunities.

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

- Solid Waste Management Program

A virtual Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting will be held on November 29, 2022, at 10:00 am. Texas State University will be providing their final update on the tire study currently being conducted. The last meeting update included information on how other countries are dealing with illegally dumped tires, strategies other states are using, and a regional analysis of TCEQ data to understand tire volumes.

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 for September with the themes "Water and Agriculture". You can find educational social media postings on the LRGVDC Facebook page. Outreach efforts for this program include staff attending in-person events. Staff attended Hidalgo County and Willacy County National Night Out events, which allowed for great C&ED program promotion to the community. Informational reading material and promotional items on water quality were 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 are good.

An additional project is being pursued, which is part of a Coastal Management Plan opportunity available through the General Land Office. That project, still in proposal phase, will begin next year provided that proposals are approved, requirements are met, and the General Land Office provides funding.

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

A Regional Water Resource Advisory Committee (RWRAC) meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. The agenda will be provided once finalized.

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

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 last meeting of the Region M Group was held on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 9:30 am. That meeting included the consideration of adoption of the proposed amendment of the 2021 Region M Water Plan that would include beneficial reservoirs and improved drainage for Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1. The meeting included updates and discussion that occurs at quarterly meetings as well. These meetings are currently being conducted in person and online. For more information on Region M, please visit website: <http://riograndewaterplan.org>

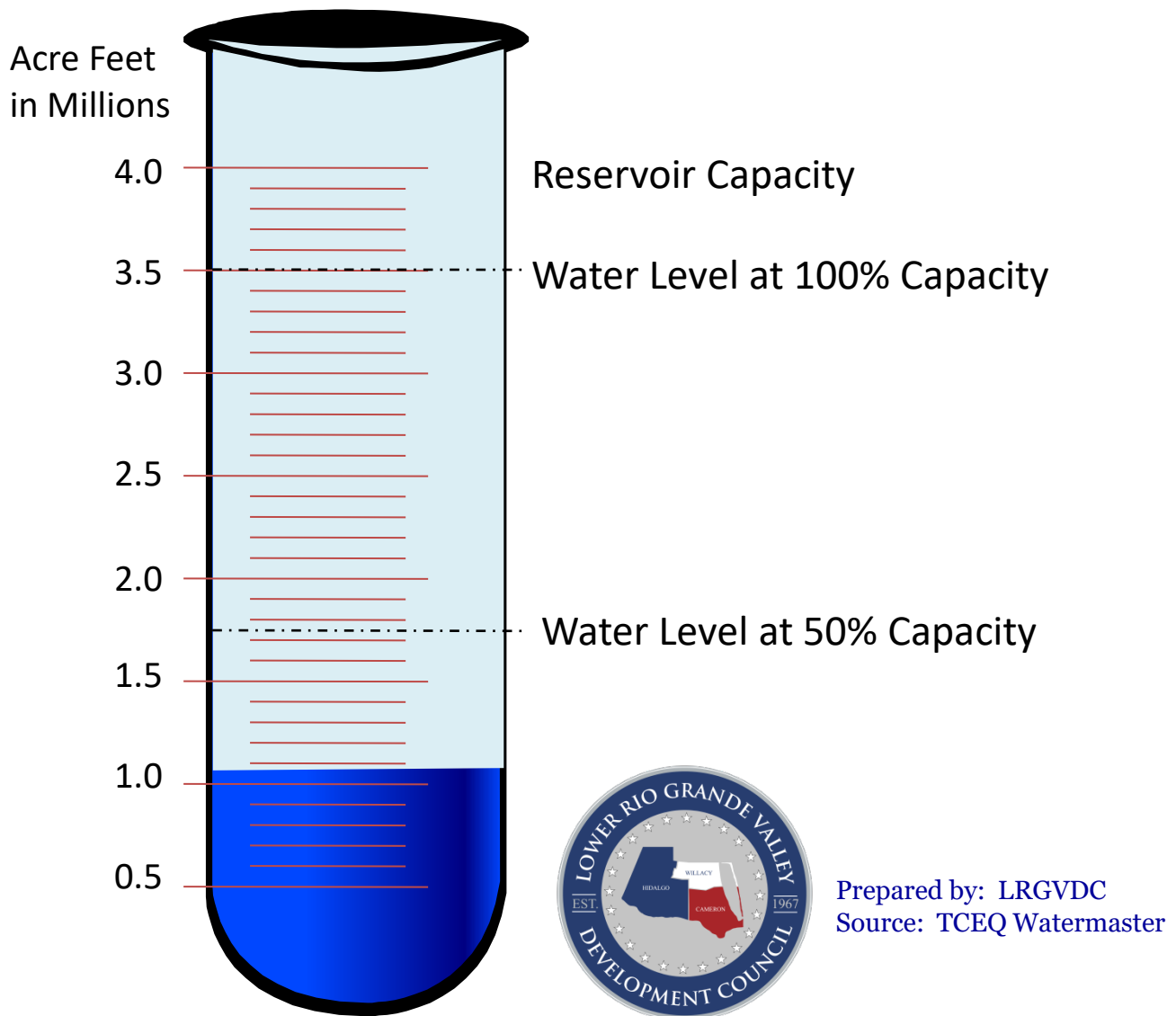
- Reservoir Levels

On October 1, 2022, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon On October 15, 2022, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon stood at 31.02% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,052,014 acre-feet, down from 37.35% (1,266,984 AF) of normal conservation a year ago. Overall the system is holding 31.41% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,860,086 acre-feet with Amistad at 42.05% of conservation capacity, impounding 1,377,382 acre-feet and Falcon at 18.24% of conservation capacity, impounding 482,704 acre-feet. Mexico has 31.93% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 808,072 acre-feet at Amistad/Falcon. acre-feet at Amistad/Falcon.

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

10/15/2022, 31.02% of Capacity or 1,052,014 AF

Down from 1,266,984 AF of Normal Conservation a year ago



**NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for
October 15, 2022: 31.93% (808,072) A.F.**

Rio Grande Watermaster Report

10/15/22

Amistad Reservoir

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|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------|
| Normal Conservation Elevation | 340.462 Meters | 1,117.00 Feet | |
| Current Water Elevation | 328.550 Meters | 1,077.92 Feet | -39.08 |
| Total Normal Conservation Capacity | 4,040,325 TCM | 3,275,532 Acre-Feet | |
| Current Total Combined Storage | 1,698.982 MCM | 1,377,382 Acre-Feet | 42.05% |
| U.S. Share of Current Storage | 1,009.199 MCM | 818,168 Acre-Feet | 59.40% |
| Mexico Share of Current Storage | 689.783 MCM | 559,214 Acre-Feet | 40.60% |
| Total Releases (Average) | 19.10 CMS | 675 CFS | |
| U.S. Release (Average) | 15.50 CMS | 547 CFS | 81.15% |
| Mexico Release (Average) | 3.60 CMS | 127 CFS | 18.85% |
| Total Inflows (Average) | 142.00 CMS | 5,015 CFS | |
| U.S. Inflows (Average) | 68.30 CMS | 2,412 CFS | |
| Mexico Inflows (Average) | 73.70 CMS | 2,603 CFS | |
| Total Losses (Average) | 10.20 CMS | 360 CFS | |
| U.S. Reservoir Loss (Average) | 6.07 CMS | 214 CFS | |
| Mexico Reservoir Loss (Average) | 4.13 CMS | 146 CFS | |

Falcon Reservoir

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|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------|
| Normal Conservation Elevation | 91.805 Meters | 301.20 Feet | |
| Current Water Elevation | 79.605 Meters | 261.17 Feet | -40.03 |
| Total Normal Conservation Capacity | 3,264,813 TCM | 2,646,817 Acre-Feet | |
| Current Total Combined Storage | 595.409 MCM | 482,704 Acre-Feet | 18.24% |
| U.S. Share of Current Storage | 288.446 MCM | 233,846 Acre-Feet | 48.45% |
| Mexico Share of Current Storage | 306.963 MCM | 248,858 Acre-Feet | 51.55% |
| Total Releases (Average) | 31.40 CMS | 1,109 CFS | |
| U.S. Release (Average) | 25.30 CMS | 893 CFS | 80.57% |
| Mexico Release (Average) | 6.10 CMS | 215 CFS | 19.43% |
| Total Inflows (Average) | 16.60 CMS | 586 CFS | |
| U.S. Inflows (Average) | 11.70 CMS | 413 CFS | |
| Mexico Inflows (Average) | 4.90 CMS | 173 CFS | |
| Total Losses (Average) | 5.84 CMS | 206 CFS | |
| U.S. Reservoir Loss (Average) | 2.85 CMS | 101 CFS | |
| Mexico Reservoir Loss (Average) | 2.99 CMS | 106 CFS | |

Overall Status

Amistad

| | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------------|--------|
| Total Normal Conservation Capacity | 4,040,325 TCM | 3,275,532 Acre-Feet | |
| U.S. Share of Normal Conservation | 2,270,663 TCM | 1,840,849 Acre-Feet | |
| Current U.S. Share of Normal Conservation | 1,009,199 TCM | 818,168 Acre-Feet | 44.45% |
| Mexico Share Normal Conservation | 1,769,662 TCM | 1,434,683 Acre-Feet | |
| Current Mexico Share of Normal Conservation | 689,783 TCM | 559,214 Acre-Feet | 38.98% |

Falcon

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|---|---------------|---------------------|--------|
| 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 | 288,446 TCM | 233,846 Acre-Feet | 15.08% |
| Mexico Share of Normal Conservation | 1,351,633 TCM | 1,095,782 Acre-Feet | |
| Current Mexico Share of Normal Conservation | 306,963 TCM | 248,858 Acre-Feet | 22.71% |
| 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. | 1,297.645 MCM | 1,052,014 Acre-Feet | 31.02% |
| Current Combined Storage for Mexico | 996.746 MCM | 808,072 Acre-Feet | 31.93% |
| Current Storage in the Amistad/Falcon System | 2,294,391 TCM | 1,860,086 Acre-Feet | |
| Percent of Storage Capacity | | | 31.41% |

Pictured here are Community & Economic Development Staff members Brenda Salinas and Vallery Ramos at the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office National Night Out event.



ITEM #5. B.

**HEALTH
&
HUMAN SERVICES**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Item #5: Department Reports

B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Action ItemMargarita Lopez, Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve New Contractor/Vendor Applications for FY 2023

The Advisory Council recommends approval of the new contractor/vendor applications for FY 2023. These services will be utilized to provide residential repairs, transportation, health maintenance, respite, and homemaker services to the clients in the three-county area.

RESIDENTIAL REPAIRS

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| 28th State Construction | Bryan Minjares Sanchez | 6603 Haddonfield St Edinburg, Texas 78542 |
| 3 General Construction, Inc | Joel Garza | 3200 E St Jude Ave Alton, Texas 78573 |
| Absolute Construction | Eddie Aguirre | 1011 Park Lane Mission, Texas 78572 |
| Adaptive Access Construction | Joel Adrian Aguirre | 4205 LorieMark Dr Palmhurst, Texas 78573 |
| Elite Access | Abigail Gonzalez | 1333 e Jasmine Ave suite 110 McAllen Tx 78501 |
| GGG General Construction | Jesus Socorro Garza | 1812 e, Honolulu Alton Tx 78573 |
| Globality LLC | Eduardo Nunez | 2763 Deer Trail Brownsville Tx 78521 |
| Greystar Healthcare Services, LLC | Miguel Leija Jr | 23329 FM 1847 Rio Hondo, Texas 78583 Mailing: 11631 Culebra Rd, Unit 499 San Antonio, Texas 78253 |
| Gudino Construction | Jose L Gudino | 1424 W Vinson Ave Harlingen, Texas 78550 |
| Las Fuentes Construction | Martina Garcia | 2814 Jake St, Edinburg, Texas 78542 |

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| Los Milagros Construction | Benito Garcia | 801 Bass Blvd, Edinburg, Texas 78542 |
| Stay Healthy Home Care, Inc | 1835 S Sam Houston San Benito, Texas 78586 | 956-361-4407 |

TRANSPORTATION

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|-------|------------------------------------|--|
| x-New | Globality LLC | Eduardo Nunez |
| x-New | Greystar Healthcare Services, LLC | 23329 FM 1847 Rio Hondo, Texas 78583 Mailing: 11631 Culebra Rd, Unit 499 San Antonio, Texas 78253 |
| x | Medex Transportation Services, Inc | 3002 S Jackson Rd, Ste J McAllen, Texas 78503 |
| x | MIA Transportation | 7104 Alamo St Pharr, Texas 78577 |

HEALTH MAINTENANCE

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| x | Brandon's DME | 2716 N Conway Ave Mission, Texas 78574 |
| x | Cantu's Pharmacy | 504 S. Closner Blvd Edinburg, Texas 78539 |
| x | Mission Plaza Pharmacy | 906 S Bryan Rd, Ste 101-A Mission, Texas 78572 Mailing: 1611 Heritage Lane Mission, Texas 78572 |
| x | Ochoa's Pharmacy Central | 1002 S 10th Ave, Ste A Edinburg, Texas 78539 |
| x | Pete's Pharmacy II | 5235 Southmost Rd, Ste C Brownsville, Texas 78521 |
| x | Pete's Pharmacy III | 721 W Harrison, Ste A Harlingen, Texas 78550 |
| x | Saenz Medical Pharmacy Lindberg | 212 Lindberg, McAllen, Tx 78501 |
| x | Saenz Medical Pharmacy Lonestar | 2121 E Griffin Pkwy, Ste 18 Mission, Texas 78572 |
| x | Saenz Medical Pharmacy Nolana | 801 E. Nolana, McAllen, Tx 78504 |
| x | Saenz Medical Pharmacy North McAllen | 6900 N 10th Ste 6, McAllen, Tx 78504 |
| x | Saenz Medical Pharmacy Peñitas | 1000 E Expressway 83, Ste 1 La Joya, Texas 78560 |

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| x | Saenz Medical Pharmacy Ridge | 1200 E Ridge Rd, Ste 13 McAllen, Texas 78503 |
| x | Salinas Pharmacy Harlingen | 1022 S "F" St Harlingen, Texas 78550 |
| x | Salinas Pharmacy San Benito | 500 N Sam Houston, Ste 1 San Benito, Texas 78586 |
| x | Santa Fe Durable Medical Equipment Corporation | 3465 Ruben Torres Blvd, Ste C Brownsville, Texas 78526 |
| x-new | Sentido Health | 27905 Commercial Park Rd, Ste 240, Tomball, Texas 77375 |

RESPIRE

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| x | Adorable Primary Home Care, Inc | 4002 Paredes Line Rd, Ste 28 Brownsville, Texas 78526 |
| x | Alameda Health Services, LLC | 30891 Leal Rd San Benito, Texas 78586 |
| x | All Generations Health Care | 4709 E Curry Road Edinburg, Texas 78542 |
| x | All Star Primary Home Care | 2513 E Griffin Parkway Mission, Texas 78572 |
| x | All Texas Healthcare, Inc | 302 E Tyler Ave, Ste 2 Harlingen, Texas 78550 |
| x | American Medical Home Health Services | 1409 N. Stuart Place Rd, Ste C, Harlingen, Tx 78552 |
| x | Arise Home Health Care, Inc | 215 Catholic War Veterans Blvd Mission, Texas 78572 |
| x | Bee First Primary Home Care | 2809 South Expressway 83 Harlingen, Texas 78550 |
| x | Con Amor Provider Services, LLC | 2041 Orchid Ave McAllen, TX 78504 |
| x-New | De Fe Provider Health Services LLC | 260 s Texas Blvd. suite 402 Weslaco tx 78596 |
| x-New | De Todo Corazon Primary Home Care | 3421 w Hwy 83 suite 3 McAllen Tx 78501 |
| x | D'Oro Home Health Services | 609 West Sixth St, Ste 2 Weslaco, Texas 78596 |

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| x- New | Greystar Healthcare Services | 23329 FM 1847 Rio Hondo, Texas 78583 Mailing: 11631 Culebra Rd, Unit 499 San Antonio, Texas 78253 |
| x | Health Care Unlimited | 1100 E Laurel Ave McAllen, Texas 78501 |
| x | Los Reyes Home Care | 5428 S Jackson Rd Edinburg, Texas 78539 |
| x-New | New Horizons Home Health Services | 5241 N 23rd St. McAllen Tx 78501 |
| x-New | Palm Valley Primary Home Care Inc | 209 e, Canton Rd. Ste. A, Edinburg Tx 78539 |
| x | Proton Providers at Home, LLC | 2325 E Bowie Ave Harlingen, Texas 78550 |
| x | Pure VIP Health Care, LLC | 1873 Apollo Ave Brownsville, Texas 78521 |
| x-New | Reyna Health Care Inc | 121 s 21st Edinburg Tx 78539 |
| x-NEW | Rock Bridge Home Health Agency Inc | 901 E. Redbud Ave Stew. 8-b, McAllen Texas 78504 |
| x | San Jose Health Care | 121 E Newcombe Park Ave Pharr, Texas 78577 |
| x | Santa Fe Primary Home Care Services | 3465 E Ruben Torres Blvd, Ste B Brownsville, Texas 78526 |
| x | Stay Healthy Home Care, Inc | 1835 S Sam Houston San Benito, Texas 78586 |
| x | Texas Visiting Nurses Service | 814 E Tyler Ave Harlingen, Texas 78550 |
| x | Vive Home & Health Services, LLC | 1284 Paredes Line Rd, Ste 2 Brownsville, Texas 78521 |

HOMEMAKER

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| x | Adorable Primary Home Care, Inc | 4002 Paredes Line Rd, Ste 28 Brownsville, Texas 78526 |
| x | Alameda Health Services, LLC | 30891 Leal Rd San Benito, Texas 78586 |
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| x | All Texas Healthcare, Inc | 302 E Tyler Ave, Ste 2 Harlingen, Texas 78550 |

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B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Action ItemMargarita Lopez, Director

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Extend Sub-recipient Contracts

The Advisory Council recommends approval to extend the sub-recipient contracts for one year, from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, for the following vendors

- WellMed
- Amigos Del Valle
- City of Rio Hondo
- City of La Joya
- City of Los Fresnos
- Mission Housing Authority

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C. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Program Action ItemMargarita Lopez, Director

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve New Member of Citizen Advisory Council

The Advisory Council recommends approval to add Ms. Debra Lachico as a new member to the Advisory Council.

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B. Health & Human Services

Area Agency on Aging Status Report

- Direct Services
September 2022, Care Coordination and Caregiver Support Services

| CARE COORDINATION SERVICES | September 2022 |
|--|--|
| Total Cases Opened Overall number of cases opened from all service lines for the month. | 44 |
| Total Clients Served Overall number of clients assisted from all service lines for the month. | 151 |
| Transportation Services Overall number of clients for transportation services to medical appointments, dialysis, and rehab services. | 3 24 One-ways |
| Residential Repair Services Overall number of clients for residential repair services which includes ramps, grab bars, removal of tubs, and ADA commodes. | 29 Grab Bars/Commodes- 10 Ramps-7 Tub Removals/Walk-in Showers- 12 |
| Health Maintenance Services Overall number of clients for health maintenance services which includes durable medical equipment, medications, and medical supplies. | 34 Medical Supplies- 10 Medications- 13 DME- 12 |
| Homemaker Services Overall number of clients for homemaker services which includes cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation. | 85 2,195 Hours |
| CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES | |
| Total Cases Opened Overall number of cases for caregiver support services for the month. | 50 |
| Total Clients Served Overall number of clients assisted for caregiver support services for the month. | 176 |
| Respite In-Home Services Overall number of clients for respite in-home services which includes personal grooming, feeding, bathing, cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation. | 163 7,243.29 Hours |

Health Maintenance Services

Overall number of clients for health maintenance services which includes durable medical equipment, medications, and medical supplies.

13
Medical Supplies- 13

- CDC Vaccine Outreach Project Status Report:

September 2022, Aging and Disabilities Resource Center

| Outreach Material Distribution | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| English Flyers | Spanish Flyers | English Brochures | Spanish Brochures |
| 150 | 0 | 150 | 0 |

| Consumer Numbers Impacted | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Consumers 60+ | Consumers 21-59 | Consumers 20 and below | Individuals with disability | Individuals who are Veterans | Individuals with a Caregiver |
| 83 | 60 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 13 |
| Total: 143 | | | | | |

| 1 st and 2 nd Shot | Booster Shot |
|--|--------------|
| | 20 |
| Homebound Vaccines: 4 | |
| Total: 24 | |

- Past Events:

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 9/1/2022 | UTRGV - Military & Veteran Resource Fair |
| 9/16/22 | RGV Coalition for Veterans |
| 9/21/22 | Meeting with UTRGV School of Occupational Therapy |
| 9/22/2022 | RGV Promotions Senior Community Health and Wellness Fair |
| 9/22/2022 | McAllen VA Outpatient Clinic Coalition |
| 9/28/2022 | Hidalgo Co. Community Health Fair and Vaccine Clinic |

- Upcoming Events:

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|------------|--|
| 10/1/2022 | Weslaco National Night Out |
| 10/04/2022 | Meeting with the VET Center |
| 10/04/2022 | Meeting with Chive Charities |
| 10/06/2022 | Under the Big Top Health and Wellness Fair in Mercedes |
| 10/06/2022 | Cameron County Veterans Coalition Meeting |
| 10/11/2022 | Donna National Night Out |
| 10/14/2022 | RGV Coalition for Veterans |
| 10/19/2022 | Elsa National Night Out |
| 10/21/2022 | Mission Health and Wellness Fair |
| 10/27/2022 | 6 th Annual Community Senior Health and Wellness Expo |

- Information Referral & Assistance

| Top Call topics | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Respite | 91 |
| Homemaker | 86 |
| Benefit Counseling | 85 |

- Subrecipient And Senior Center Operations

| Service | Unduplicated Clients | Units |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Senior Center | 104 | 17425 |
| Congregate meals | 36 | 6931 |
| Home Delivered Meals | 71 | 48238 |

- Benefit Counseling and Care Transition Coaches Report:

| September | Benefits Counselors | Care Transition Coaches |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Unduplicated (New Clients) | 44 | 153 |
| Units of service (New + Existing Clients) | 46 | 430 |
| Total | 90 | 583 |

- Ombudsman Quarterly Reports:

| 3rd Quarter – September 1-30, 2022 | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Volunteer In-Kind Hours | Activity Hours | Investigated Complaints | Cases |
| 84.08 | 98 | 88 | 32 |

National Night Out Events attended by Area Agency on Aging



Medicare Open Enrollment Event in Cameron County



ITEM #5. C.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Item #5: Department Reports

C. Public Safety

Program Action ItemRene Perez Program Supervisor I

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Revisions to Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Bylaws and Policies & Procedures for FY 2023-2024

As per Task CJ1.1 of the Statement of Work with the Public Safety Office's Criminal Justice Division, the CJAC and LRGVDC staff shall review the CJAC Bylaws and the Policies & Procedures on a yearly basis. After review, the CJAC determined that no changes were necessary for the Bylaws.

For the Policies & Procedures, the Conflict of Interest section was added, and revisions were made to the Prioritization Process section, the Local Appeals Process section, and the Final Review by CJD section. The changes are in red font and yellow highlight.



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Bylaws FY2023-2024



LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL COG-21

**Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the Committee shall be the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC).

ARTICLE II - AUTHORITY

The CJAC is hereby created by the LRGVDC under the authority of the LRGVDC Bylaws. The CJAC is a subcommittee of the LRGVDC Board of Directors. The CJAC shall furnish policy guidance to the LRGVDC Board of Directors and shall recommend programs to reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system throughout the region.

ARTICLE III - FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE

The CJAC shall carry out the following:

1. Advise the LRGVDC's Board of Directors on matters related to criminal justice.
2. Provide input on the LRGVDC's Regional Criminal Justice Strategic Plan.
3. The CJAC reviews and prioritizes grant applications submitted to CJD.

Funding sources under the CJAC Committee are:

- General Victim Assistance - Direct Services Programs
- Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects – Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking
- Criminal Justice Programs
- General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs
- Truancy Prevention
- Child Sex Trafficking
- Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Ready Facilities Program

ARTICLE IV - PROCEDURES, MEMBERSHIP, AND RECORDS

The following rules shall govern the procedures, membership, and records of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC).

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the CJAC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the CJAC may adopt.

Officers

The officers shall be a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Parliamentarian/Secretary. The election for the officers shall be conducted at a regularly scheduled CJAC meeting and approved by the LRGVDC Board of Directors biennially.

Officers will serve a two (2) year term which will begin November 1st. These officers shall constitute the CJAC Executive Committee. Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties shall each have a representative on this committee.

In the event of the Chairperson's vacancy, the Vice Chairperson will ascend to Chairperson and the Parliamentarian/Secretary will ascend to Vice Chairperson thus creating a vacancy of Parliamentarian/Secretary who will be nominated from the

corresponding county. In order to ascend officers must attend all meetings.

If neither the Vice Chairperson or the Parliamentarian/Secretary accept the automatic ascension to Chairperson, nominations of CJAC members who have served for two (2) or more years on the CJAC may be submitted and voted into office by members.

Membership

Total CJAC membership shall be twenty-eight (28) persons appointed for a term of two (2) years by the LRGVDC Board of Directors. A single group/discipline may not constitute more than one-third (1/3) of the CJAC and must be a representative of any the three (3) counties.

The CJAC membership must have a multi-disciplinary representation of members from the region. The CJAC's membership must include individuals from the following groups/disciplines:

- citizens or parents
- substance abuse prevention
- education
- juvenile justice
- law enforcement
- mental health
- nonprofit organizations
- prosecution or courts
- victim services
- municipalities/counties

The CJAC's members' terms will begin November 1st. Vacancies shall be filled by the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee to complete an unexpired term as a replacement from the same county, not to exceed the (1/3) membership rule. All persons nominated by the CJAC shall be submitted for approval to the LRGVDC Board of Directors. LRGVDC staff shall offer an annual CJAC training for members, new members and assigned alternate/proxy. An Ex-Officio Liaison will be appointed by the LRGVDC Board of Directors as a liaison to the CJAC with no voting powers. A signed Biennium Commitment Statement will be included as a requirement of all CJAC members before they can participate in any official proceedings. This acknowledgement will be signed biennially by all CJAC members and will explain the Two (2) Consecutive Absences rule.

Professional Conduct

CJAC members should maintain objectivity and professionalism when carrying out business of the CJAC. In the event a CJAC member acts in a manner which is not objective or professional, it shall be the responsibility of the LRGVDC Board of Directors to address the incident with the appointing member of the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

Vacancy

A vacancy occurs when:

1. A member's term expires, and the member is not reappointed.
2. A member resigns (resignations shall be in writing to the LRGVDC staff and the CJAC Chairperson.
3. A member may be removed upon recommendation of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the CJAC's quorum.
4. A member no longer meets the discipline requirements as listed under membership or attendance; or on the advice of the board of directors.
5. A member dies.

Alternates

- 1) CJAC Member shall name up to two alternates at the time they sign the Biennium Commitment Statement. An alternate cannot represent more than one member.
- 2) Alternates shall, insofar as possible, represent the same functional discipline as primary Criminal Justice Advisory Committee members subject to applicable regulations and guidelines outlined in Article III (Memberships) of these bylaws.
- 3) Only primary Criminal Justice Advisory Committee members or their designated alternates shall have voting privileges during any committee meeting.
- 4) Prior to any scheduled CJAC meetings, the primary member must provide training to their alternate(s).
- 5) During the grant priority process, alternates cannot have voting privileges unless the alternate(s) was present during the grant category that is being presented.

Voting

- 1) Each member of the CJAC or his/her alternate shall have one (1) vote.
- 2) Each member or his/her alternate must be present to cast a vote.
- 3) The Member or Alternate who is present at roll call shall be the only one authorized to vote on any action items for that meeting.
- 4) For the prioritization meeting(s), the Member or Alternate who is present at roll call shall be the only one authorized to vote on any action items for that category.

Officers Duties

- a. The Chairperson shall preside at CJAC meetings.
- b. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson, or in the event of the Chairperson's inability or refusal to act, shall have the powers of, and shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.
- c. In the absence of both Chairperson and Vice Chairperson the Parliamentarian/Secretary shall assume the duties of the Chairperson. The Parliamentarian/Secretary shall give advice on parliamentary procedures to officers and members of the CJAC.

Quorum for Business

The quorum for transaction of any business shall be fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting membership present.

Attendance

Consecutive Absence Rule. Members and/or alternates who fail to attend two (2) consecutive meetings shall be subject to removal from the CJAC. After the first absence, the LRGVDC staff will notify the CJAC member to advise him/her of the two (2) Consecutive Absence Rule.

On the second consecutive absence, the member will be notified by regular and electronic mail to inform him/her of the attendance provision.

After the second consecutive absence, a member will be subject to removal, and a letter, signed by the LRGVDC Executive Director will be sent to the member informing him/her of their possible removal.

The member will be allowed to appeal to the membership subcommittee their removal from the CJAC. The membership subcommittee will make a recommendation on the appeal to the CJAC at the next scheduled meeting. Throughout the entire process, the LRGVDC staff will keep the LRGVDC Board of Directors informed.

An absence from any subcommittee meeting is exempt from the Consecutive Meeting Absence rule.

Meetings

Regular meetings will be held to review and modify the bylaws, policy manual and membership for a new grant cycle, for a training session regarding scoring procedures prior to new grant cycle, and to prioritize grant applications. Special meetings will be called to orient new members about the function of the CJAC and to address other business that the CJAC deems necessary. The Chairperson shall announce the meeting and provide written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting via the LRGVDC staff. This notice shall be submitted at least (72) hours in advance of the meeting date, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. CJAC may conduct business via conference call and/or electronic transmission.

Minutes

Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded by the staff of the LRGVDC Criminal Justice Department.

Temporary Subcommittees

The Chairperson of the CJAC shall be responsible for the designation of the membership of any standing and temporary subcommittees. Subcommittees shall be created to improve the quality of service provided by the CJAC.

The subcommittees are comprised of the following categories:

Membership Subcommittee which will be assigned with:

- Reviewing and recommending new appointments to the CJAC;
- Review and recommend nominees to the Executive Board; and
- If a member appeals their removal from the CJAC based on the consecutive absence rule, the committee will consider the appeal and make the recommendation to the CJAC board.

Bylaws Subcommittee which will be assigned with reviewing and recommending any revisions of the bylaws on an annual basis.

Policies and Procedures Subcommittee which will be assigned with reviewing and recommending any revisions the policies and procedures on an annual basis.

ARTICLE V - ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF THESE BY-LAWS

The following rules shall govern the procedures for the adoption and amendments of the bylaws contained herein.

Adoption of Amendments

These bylaws may be adopted by the Board of Directors of the LRGVDC. An Amendment to these procedures may be proposed by a majority vote of the CJAC members present. A proposed amendment passed by the CJAC shall be submitted for approval to the LRGVDC Board of Directors one week prior to a regular monthly meeting of the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

Disclosure: Bylaws implemented at the local level can only be superseded by the State of Texas,



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Policies & Procedures for CJD Grant

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THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANTS DIVISION AND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Office of the Governor's (OOG) Criminal Justice Division (CJD) is the entity responsible for administering and awarding a number of grant programs across the State of Texas. The grant funding assists Texas jurisdictions to improve public safety and support victims of crime by filling system gaps and promoting innovative solutions to common challenges. The LRGVDC is one of twenty-four Councils of Government (COG) in the State of Texas and is the liaison between the OOG and local jurisdictions in the three county regions, which includes the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy.

POLICIES AUTHORITY

The following policies and procedures will govern the LRGVDC's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) application review and prioritization process for designated funding sources. In addition, these policies and procedures will govern the operation of LRGVDC's Criminal Justice planning as outlined in the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between CJD and the LRGVDC. These policies are reviewed annually to align with local, regional and state guidelines.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CJAC)

The CJAC is a volunteer committee comprised of a multi-disciplinary representation of members from the region as per CJD requirements. Members are appointed by the LRGVDC's Executive Committee. The responsibility of the CJAC is to advise the LRGVDC on matters related to criminal justice.

The discipline areas include:

- citizens or parents
- substance abuse prevention
- education, juvenile justice
- law enforcement
- mental health
- non-profit organizations
- prosecution or courts
- victim services
- municipalities/counties

No single group or discipline may constitute more than one-third (1/3) of the CJAC.

FUNDING SOURCES

The CJAC will review and prioritize the following CJD funding sources:

- General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program
- Violent Crimes Against Women Justice and Training Program
- Criminal Justice Programs
- Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention
- Child Sex Trafficking
- Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Ready Facilities Program

GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants regardless of funding status must meet ALL the requirements as set forth by the Office of the Governor/Public Safety Office's Criminal Justice Division's Request for Funding Announcement (RFA), no exceptions.

The LRGVDC's Criminal Justice staff and the CJAC shall ensure that the funding recommendations on applications are based on the following factors: the LRGVDC's Criminal Justice Strategic Plan, CJAC Policies, CJD requirements, reasonableness, and cost effectiveness.

MANDATORY GRANT WORKSHOP

All applicants are required to attend one grant workshop sponsored by the LRGVDC's Criminal Justice staff. Representatives can be one of the three grant designated officials, or a knowledgeable employee of the agency that is applying. Applicants who fail to attend a mandatory grant workshop shall be ineligible.

APPLICATIONS

All applications shall be submitted on CJD's online grant management system, egrants.gov.texas.gov. All submission deadlines are determined by the Office of the Governor/Public Safety Office's Criminal Justice Division.

EQUIPMENT ONLY FUNDING REQUESTS

Applicants requesting funding for equipment only and no programmatic services, will be considered a biennium only applicant.

INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

Duplicate applications submitted for more than one COG administered CJD funding source will be considered under one funding source only. Applicants will be responsible for deciding which funding source they will apply under.

The CJAC reserves the right to deny recommendation for funding on any application, ineligible activity or line item that is not permitted under the funding source. LRGVDC staff will notify the Criminal Justice Division of such decisions.

LRGVDC's CRIMINAL JUSTICE REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN

All eligible applications must address one or more of the priorities outlined in the regional strategic plan. The plan is available on the LRGVDC's website, www.lrgvdc.org.

The regional strategic plan describes the following:

- how local communities are engaged in the planning process
- how the data is used to support the plan
- stakeholders participating in the planning process
- gaps in resources for criminal justice needs
- criminal justice priorities identified during the planning process
- how the plan will be used by the CJAC during the prioritization process

PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

CJAC Members will be given a minimum of two-weeks to review and **prioritize** applications. Members will use a scoring instrument to record **and tabulate** application scoring. COG staff will **tabulate** scores **and compile a priority list**. The scoring instrument is reviewed annually and is updated as needed to reflect local, state, and federal guidelines. Once the scores are tabulated, the CJAC will hold a prioritization meeting to review rankings and determine budget allocations.

- **Tie Breaking Procedures**

The highest and lowest score will be removed and recalculated to obtain the new aggregated score and will not affect the overall rankings of all the other applicants.

Depending on ongoing health and safety factors, the prioritization meeting will be either online, or in person. Applicants will be notified of the prioritization meeting date and platform, but attendance is not mandatory.

The CJAC reserves the right to recommend an amount less than the requested amount based on the budget cost effectiveness, reasonableness, or previous performance under all funding sources.

COG staff will submit the CJAC's recommended priority lists for all the funding categories to the LRGVDC Board of Directors to review and approve. The LRGVDC Board of Directors reserves the right to endorse or disallow the CJAC's recommendations. Once approved, the COG will submit the approved priority lists of grant projects to CJD. All projects are conditionally approved until CJD makes the final determination.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The COG shall ensure that members of the COG's governing body, the CJAC, and COG staff abstain from scoring and voting on any grant application, other than a grant application submitted by a COG, during the prioritization process if the member or an individual related to the member within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity:

- is employed by the applicant agency and works for the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded;
- serves on any governing board that oversees the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded; or
- owns or controls any interest in a business entity or other non-governmental organization that benefits, directly or indirectly, from activities with the applicant agency; or
- receives any funds from the applicant agency as a result of the grant, if awarded; or
- receives any funds, or a substantial amount of tangible goods, or services, from the applicant agency as a result of the grant, if awarded.

If a CJAC member has a conflict of interest regarding a particular grant application, the member must abstain from voting, commenting, or otherwise influencing the prioritization process **from the entire fund source in that category**.

If any applicant, CJAC member, COG personnel or other individual has reason to believe that favoritism or inappropriate actions occurred during the scoring or prioritization of PSO/CJD projects, the COG shall ensure that concerns are shared with PSO/CJD as soon as possible.

NOTIFICATION OF PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

The COG shall notify all applicants of the approved prioritized lists within fourteen (14) calendar days of the LRGVDC's Board of Directors' approval.

LOCAL APPEALS PROCESS

Please note that appeals cannot be based on areas of discretion in the CJAC scoring criteria.

An applicant **may appeal based on the following**:

- Mathematical error (i.e. the score on any selection criteria is arrived at incorrectly by COG staff due to human or computer error)

The appeal must be submitted in writing to the LRGVDC Board of Directors Chair within ten (10) business working days from the date of the notification of prioritization results. All appeals must include the specific alleged procedural violation(s).

An applicant must base their appeal upon a verifiable error made during the prioritization of the review process and the applicant must show that the error actually caused the denial of the application (or a portion of the application). The applicant must submit written documentation supporting the appeal.

Appeals made regarding a CJAC decision will be handled by the COG only. If an applicant appeals to CJD, they will be requested to go back to their COG for resolution. The responsibility and decision to consider initially filed appeals lies solely with the LRGVDC Board of Directors. CJD does not accept or provide an appeals process.

The LRGVDC Board of Directors may take one of the following actions:

- Concur with the appeal and make the appropriate adjustments to the applicant's scores.
- Disagree with the appeal and provide the basis for rejecting the appeal to the applicant.

FINAL REVIEW BY CJD

The COG shall submit the priority list of applications to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. If **revisions on applications** are deemed necessary, CJD will notify grantees directly. Grantees will be expected to submit the **revisions** to CJD. All funding decisions made by the Criminal Justice Division are final. No appeals will be accepted by the Criminal Justice Division regarding their funding decisions.

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C. Public Safety

Program Action Item Rene Perez Program Supervisor I

2. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation on Membership Renewals

As per the CJAC Bylaws, a member's term is for two (2) years; the following members have opted to renew their membership and the CJAC recommends approval. The members whose terms are up for renewal are:

| | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Annie Romero | Aurelio Torres | Pablo Almaguer |
| Rose Gomez | Tom Hushen | Christina Sprawls |
| Eddie Guerra | Patricia (Cookie) Bader | Robert Lopez |
| Soila Garcia | Uvaldo Zamora | Monica H. Sanchez |

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Program Action Item Rene Perez Program Supervisor I

3. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation to Appoint Committee Chair

The CJAC convened on October 13, 2022, to consider appointment of Mr. Tom Hushen, Cameron County Emergency Manager as CJAC Chair. This item requires Board Approval.

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Criminal Justice Program

- Staff attended the Texas Association of Regional Council Bi-Annual Meeting in Austin, TX on September 28, 2022.
- Staff hosted the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Meeting on October 13, 2022, at the LRGVDC Ken Jones Executive Boardroom.
- Staff worked on updating the action items for Criminal Justice Advisory Committee the Bylaws & Policy & Procedures.

Homeland Security Program

- Staff hosted THIRA/SPR meeting with stakeholders on September 22, 2022, in KJEER.
- Staff attended Cybersecurity Tabletop Planning meeting virtual on September 23, 2022
- Staff attended Texas Association of Regional Council Bi-Annual Meeting in Austin, TX on September 26-30, 2022
- Staff attended the National Night Out for Hidalgo County on October 4, 2022, in Mission, TX.
- Staff attended the National Night Out for Willacy County on October 10, 2022, in Lyford, TX.
- Staff attended the National Night Out for Willacy County on October 11, 2022, in Lasara, TX.
- Staff attended the National Night Out for Willacy County on October 12, 2022, in Sebastian, TX.



CJD/HLS Staff Jessica Martinez, Mary Gonzalez, and Rene Perez attended the Hidalgo County National Night Out event at Juan de Dios Middle School in Mission.

The CJD/HLS Department conducted THIRA/SPR (Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment /Stakeholder Preparedness Review)



LRGVDC booths at National Night out event in Willacy County



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Regional Police Academy

- On Friday September 23, 2022, the remaining 3 cadets of the 218th Harlingen Day Academy consolidated into the 217th Edinburg Day Academy to complete the Basic Peace Officer Course on schedule.
- On Friday October 7, 2022, the 9 cadets of 215th Harlingen night Academy graduated. The enthralling ceremony was held at the El Tabernaculo Church in San Juan.
- The 214th Hidalgo Night Academy will be the final LRGVDC Academy to complete the 1000696 Basic Peace officer course. The 16 Cadet will graduate this Friday October 28, 2022, at the Hidalgo Payne Arena.
- The Regional Police Academy will be kick starting the Orientation for the 219th Mid-Valley Basic Peace Officer Course on Friday November 4, 2022. This academy will be held at the LRGVDC Transportation building located on Pleasantview in Weslaco.
- Recruiters from the following police departments: Stafford PD, League City PD, Manor PD, Dallas PD, Dallas Area Rapid Transit PD, Hidalgo County Precinct 3, Rio Grande City PD, and Roma PD have made presentation for LRGVDC RPA cadets. Civil service tests have been administered, and several job offers have been made.
- This week the Project Management Specialist Monic Galvan is attending the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement conference to comply with contractual obligations.
- The Regional Police Academy continues to offer weekly testing for upcoming Academy offerings.
- In-service training continues in person and for the time being is only being offered by Mission Police Department.

Pictured below are the 21 cadets from the 217th Edinburg Day Academy



The 214th Hidalgo Night Academy Firearms Course



214th Hidalgo Night Academy



The 215th Harlingen Night Academy Graduation



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Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District Status Report

- GIS Division

The GIS team continues to maintain the GeoMSAG and has achieved 100% geocode matching on the GeoMSAG. This enables calls in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties to route to the relevant Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) using our GIS data as the router. We have completed the data transfer from our old Portal to the 10.9.1 portal and will begin disassembling our old GIS servers. We have also reached a half-way point in our HUB creation and begun creating and new geo-enabled address ticketing system.

- Public Education Division

October has been an exciting and a busy month for the Public Education staff, it was the perfect opportunity to educate the communities that we serve.

On October 1st, staff attended the “Walk in their Shoes Silent Walk for Domestic Violence Victims” in the city of Raymondville, a wonderful event full of awareness and opportunity to give out informative material

On October 8th, staff attended the “Rio Grande Valley Firefighter’s, and Fire Marshal’s Association 2022 Fishing Tournament” in Arroyo City, RGVECD was able to provide amazing prizes to raffle at the event. Also, staff participated in the 2nd Annual Battle Against Breast Cancer 5K Run/Walk hosted by the Willacy County Sheriff’s Office.

On October 11th, our Public Education staff attend the Public Educators of Texas Quarterly Meeting in San Antonio, TX. These meetings are so valuable as they bring all PUB-ED coordinators from across Texas to embrace what it is to educate the public. It gives a wonderful opportunity to network and socialize with other coordinators to exchange ideas and work together toward the same goal, Educate the Public.

The National Night Outs that staff attended were rewarding as we get to engage with the community and educate the public in variety of services that the RGVECD has to offer. For example, we provide an information pamphlet on “How to Text 9-1-1”, it gives instructions on how to text 9-1-1 in case of an emergency. PUB-ED staff joined the following communities: Weslaco (Oct. 1st), Lyford (Oct. 10th), Alamo (Oct.13th), Palmhurst (Oct. 18th) and Mercedes (Oct. 29th) and Raymondville (Oct. 31st).

On October 26th-27th, RGVECD will be hosting a training available to the telecommunicators from the Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. This training will be the subject of “Professional Response to Domestic Violence.” It will educate on how to manage and respond to domestic violence calls.

- 9-1-1 | Information Technology

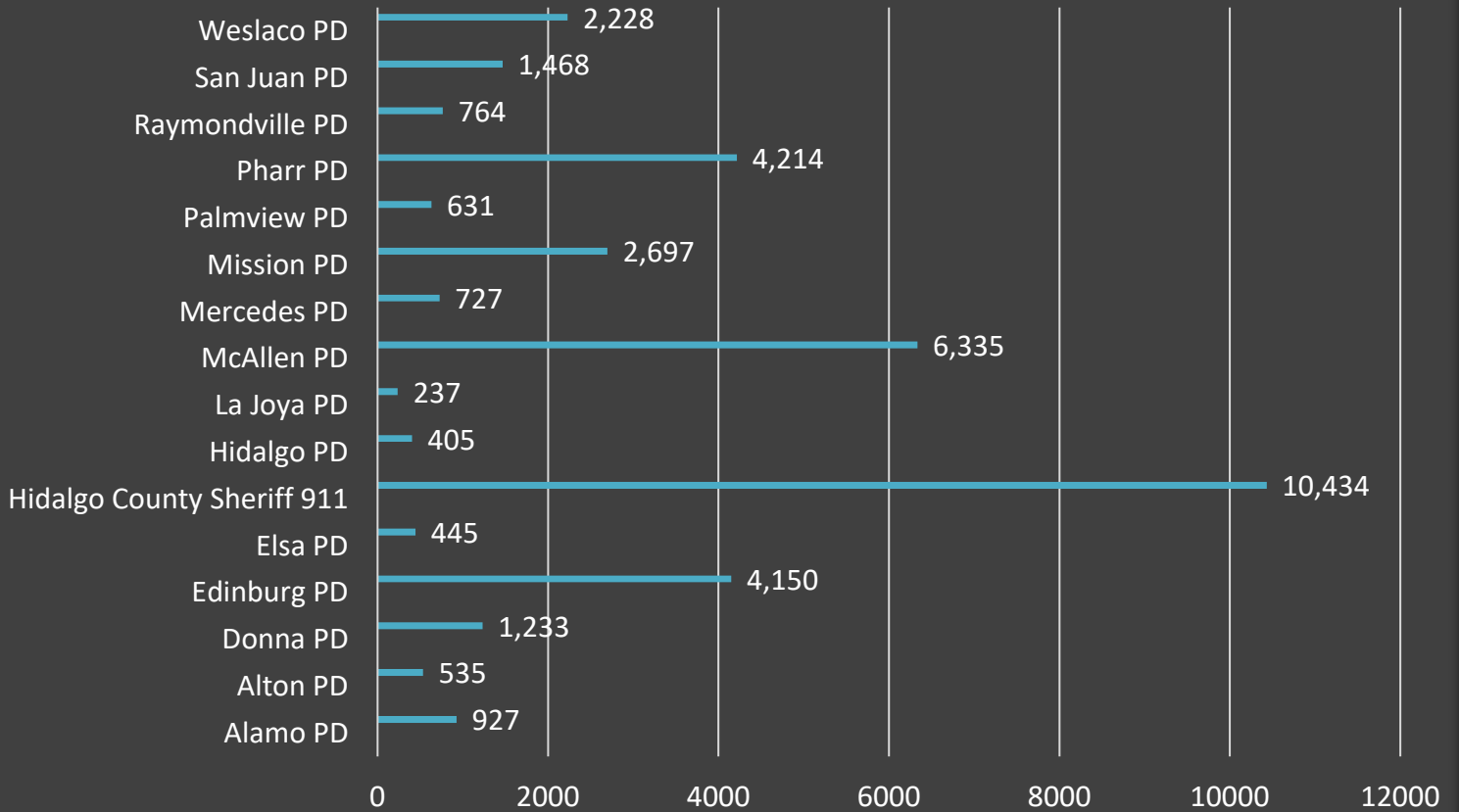
The 9-1-1 | Information Technology Team is currently conducting audits on all PSAPs, verifying that our Viper7 Migration was successful. During our audit review, our team has been ensuring call delivery, call recording, and network integrity is cleared and approved by 9-1-1 standards. In addition to our auditioning, our team inspects all generators to ensure we are optimal readiness. We are proud to continue our mission to better serve our community.

National Night Out Event in Palmhurst on October 18, 2022

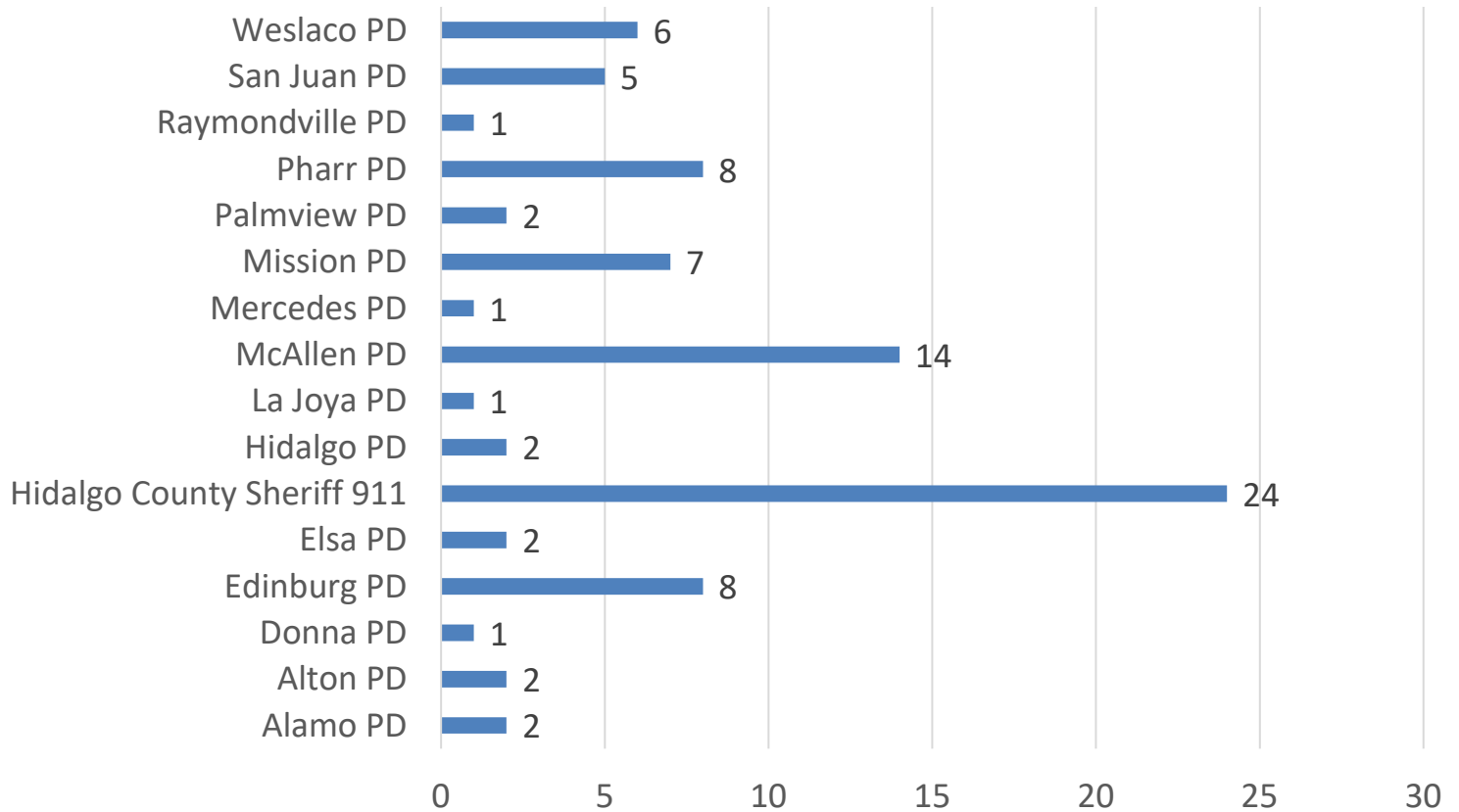


Pictured left, is Dennis Moreno, Ruby Garza, and Monica Estrada

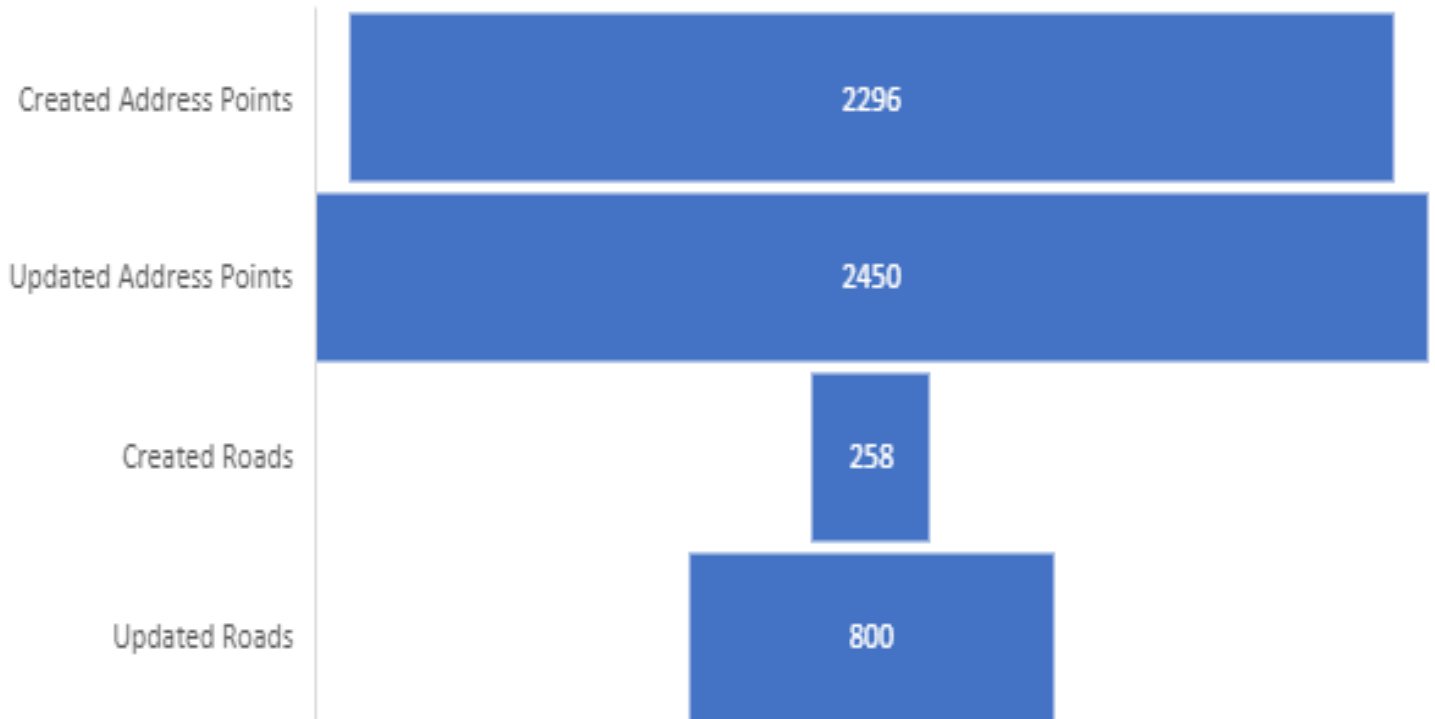
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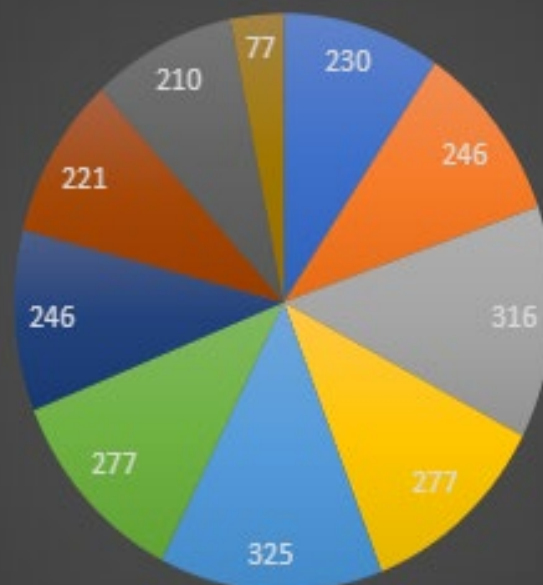
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September 2022 Mapping Features



Address Tickets from January - October 2022



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TRANSPORTATION

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D. Transportation

Valley Metro Status Report Sarah Dierlam, Assistant Executive Director

1. Consideration and **ACTION** to Approve Procurement of Vehicles for Valley Metro

Staff plans to incorporate these vehicles into the Valley Metro Fleet as service expansion and replacements for vehicles that have met their useful vehicle life expectancy. Purchase of these vehicles will be made under a state contract through Creative Bus Sales in the Dallas area using 100% TxDOT and FTA Federal Funding with Transportation Development Credits.

| Funding | Grant | Quantity | Vehicle Type | Amount | Vehicle Service |
|---------|--------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|--|
| TxDOT | 5339-D-2020-LRGVDC-00244 | 2 | Type III | \$360,000 | Replacement - Metro Express |
| TxDOT | 5310-2021-LRGVDC-00033 | 1 | Type II | \$150,000 | Expansion - Fast Ride System |
| FTA | TX-2019-080 | 1 | Type II | \$72,031 | Replacement - Harlingen |
| FTA | TX-2021-097 | 1 | Type XI ENC | \$581,655 | Replacement Unit 1108 |
| FTA | TX-2021-103 | 4 | Type III | \$547,264 | Replacement Units 1218, 1222, 1115, 71 |

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Valley Metro Status Report Sarah Dierlam, Assistant Executive Director

- Ridership Report

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

Breakdown of Ridership per system:

| Agency | | Sept |
|----------------|--|--------|
| VALLEY METRO | | 24,680 |
| UTRGV | | 44,388 |
| STC | | 334 |
| TSTC | | 297 |
| Total | | 69,699 |
| AREA | | Sept |
| Rural | | 5,900 |
| Urban | | 63,799 |
| Total | | 69,699 |
| COUNTY | | Sept |
| Hidalgo County | | 59,365 |
| Cameron County | | 7,684 |
| Willacy County | | 243 |
| Starr County | | 2,252 |
| Zapata County | | 155 |
| Total | | 69,699 |

- Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity
 - Meetings for RTAP and the Subcommittee are scheduled bi-monthly to update members on the individual transportation agency's efforts to better inform the public of the available transportation resources.
 - Valley Metro Planning Department staff has held community outreach events in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties. These events highlight the modes of transportation available to the public within their perspective city. Staff addresses any concerns, recommendations, or comments the public might have.

Public Outreach Events

| Date | Location | Event Name | Time |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 9/07/2022 9/14/2022 | Harlingen Harlingen | TSTC Student Resource Center TSTC Student Resource Center | 11:00am - 1:00 pm 11:00am - 1:00 pm |



VALLEY METRO 956-969-5761
PLANNING DEPARTMENT



Valley Metro and RGV9-1-1 Staff at
Willacy County Sheriff's Office
National Night Out in San Perlita

Follow Valley Metro

**VM Transit
Website**



Route Maps with locations



ValleyMetro Weslaco

**Ride
Systems**

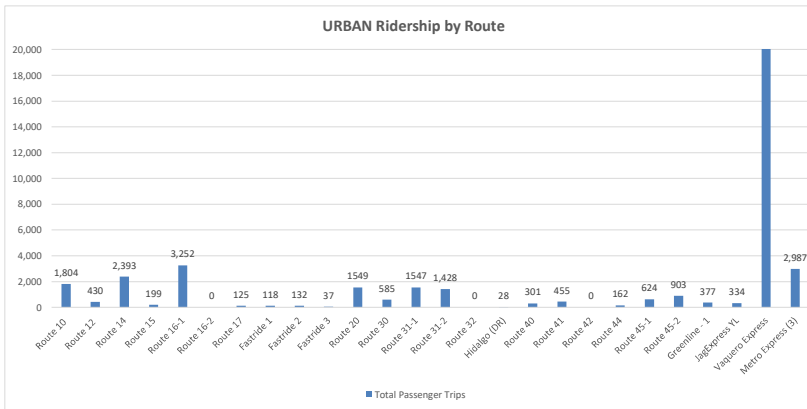
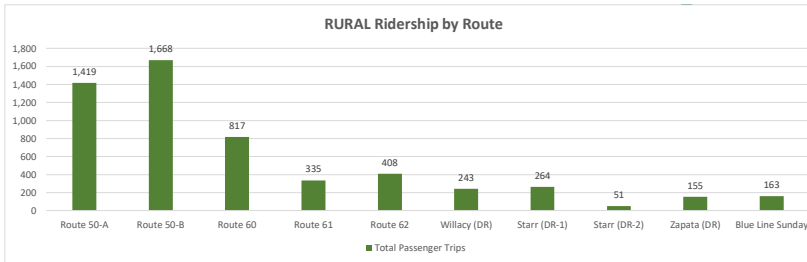


Track our buses in real time

VM Regional Call Center 1-800-574-8322

RIDERSHIP COUNT
YEAR TO DATE FY 2023 (September)

| | Route | Total Passenger Trips | Route Activity | Area(s) Served |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| RURAL | Route 50-A | 1,419 | 2% | Brownsville, Port Isabel |
| | Route 50-B | 1,668 | 2% | Brownsville, Port Isabel |
| | Route 60 | 817 | 1% | Roma, Rio Grande City |
| | Route 61 | 335 | 0% | Rio Grande City |
| | Route 62 | 408 | 1% | Rio Grande City |
| | Willacy (DR) | 243 | 0% | Willacy County |
| | Starr (DR-1) | 264 | 0% | Starr County |
| | Starr (DR-2) | 51 | 0% | Starr County |
| | Zapata (DR) | 155 | 0% | Zapata County |
| | Blue Line Sunday | 163 | 0% | Brownsville, Port Isabel |
| URBAN | Route 10 | 1,804 | 3% | Edinburg |
| | Route 12 | 430 | 1% | Edcouch, Elsa, Edinburg |
| | Route 14 | 2,393 | 3% | Edinburg |
| | Route 15 | 199 | 0% | Edinburg |
| | Route 16-1 | 3,252 | 5% | Courthouse Circulator |
| | Route 16-2 | 0 | 0% | Courthouse Circulator |
| | Route 17 | 125 | 0% | Edinburg T-line |
| | Fastride 1 | 118 | 0% | Edinburg |
| | Fastride 2 | 132 | 0% | Hidalgo County |
| | Fastride 3 | 37 | 0% | Cameron County |
| | Route 20 | 1549 | 0.02223 | Mission |
| | Route 30 | 585 | 0.0084 | Pharr, San Juan |
| | Route 31-1 | 1547 | 0.0222 | Cameron-Hidalgo County |
| | Route 31-2 | 1,428 | 2% | Hidalgo-Cameron County |
| | Route 32 | 0 | 0% | Donna |
| | Hidalgo (DR) | 28 | 0% | City of Hidalgo |
| | Route 40 | 301 | 0% | Harlingen |
| | Route 41 | 455 | 1% | Harlingen |
| | Route 42 | 0 | 0% | San Benito |
| | Route 44 | 162 | 0% | Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa |
| Route 45-1 | 624 | 1% | Cameron County | |
| Route 45-2 | 903 | 1% | Cameron County | |
| Greenline - 1 | 377 | 1% | Rio Grande City | |
| JagExpress YL | 334 | 0% | Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen | |
| Vaquero Express | 44,388 | 64% | Edinburg | |
| Metro Express (3) | 2,987 | 4% | Rio Grande Valley | |
| TOTAL | | 69,681 | 100% | **Total Ridership Count subject to change when final audit is complete |



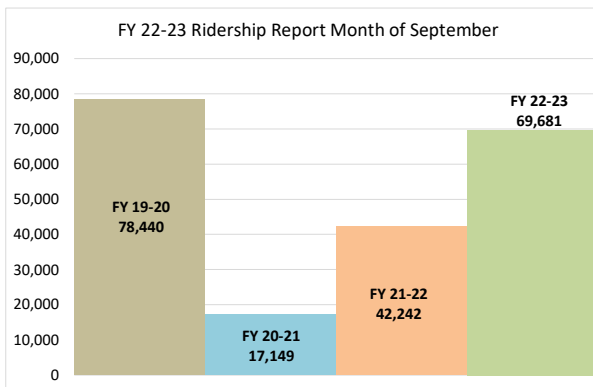
| Active Routes | Rural | Urban | Total |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Flex Routes | 6 | 19 | 25 |
| Demand Response | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| Fixed-Metro Express | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| | 12 | 26 | 38 |

YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT

| Year to Date - September 2023 | Prior Year Sept 2022 | DIFFERENCE | % DIFFERENCE |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| 69,681 | 42,242 | 27,439 | 65% |

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

* Urban service- service between or within urbanized areas

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RIDERSHIP BY CITIES - PICK-UP LOCATION

RIDERSHIP BY SYSTEM

RURAL AND URBAN COUNT

RIDERSHIP BY COUNTY

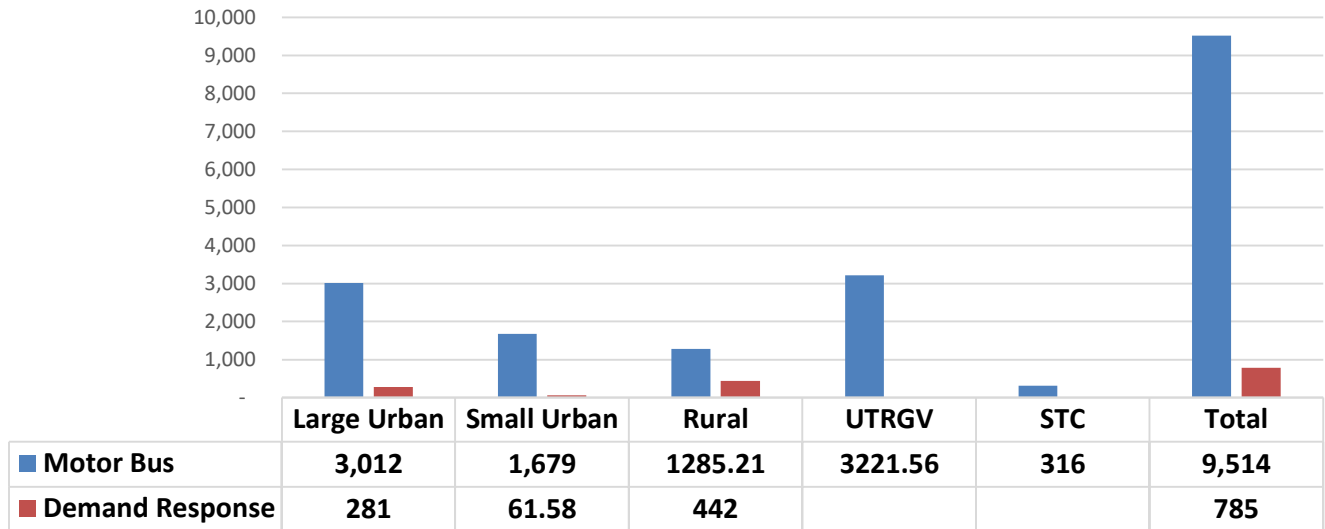
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Year to Date 2022-2023

Distribution of Revenue Hours

| | Large Urban | Small Urban | Rural | UTRGV | STC | Total |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----|-------|
| Motor Bus | 3,012 | 1,679 | 1285.21 | 3221.56 | 316 | 9,514 |
| Demand Response | 281 | 61.58 | 442 | | | 785 |

FY 22-23 YTD Revenue Hours

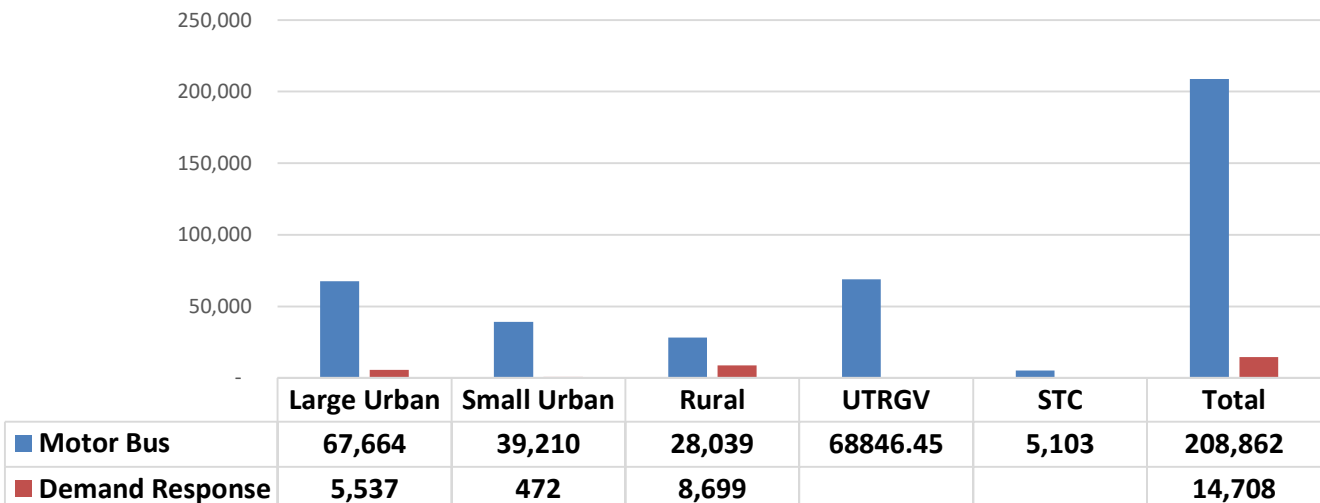


Year to Date 2022-2023

Distribution of Revenue Miles

| | Large Urban | Small Urban | Rural | UTRGV | STC | Total |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------|---------|
| Motor Bus | 67,664 | 39,210 | 28,039 | 68846.45 | 5,103 | 208,862 |
| Demand Response | 5,537 | 472 | 8,699 | | | 14,708 |

FY 22-23 YTD Revenue Miles





FY 2022-2023 Valley Metro

TSTC MONTHLY PASSENGER COUNT

| Routes | 31-1 | 31-2 | 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 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 1 | 179 | 64 | 297 |
| October | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| November | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| December | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| January | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| February | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| March | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| April | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 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 |
| July | 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 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 1 | 179 | 64 | 297 |
| FY 2021-2022 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 91 | 153 |
| Change Over Previous FY | 4 | 9 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 0 | -29 | -1 | 0 | 37 | 1 | 161 | -27 | 144 |

| | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug | Total |
|-----------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|
| Direct Routes | 243 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 243 |
| Indirect Routes | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| Monthly Total | 297 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 297 |

2022 - 2023 Valley Metro Routes TSTC Student Passenger Count

