



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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# **General Government**

# Office of the Governor State Grants Team

[www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/stategrants](http://www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/stategrants)

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The State Grants Team functions as a state clearinghouse for information about state, federal, and private grants.

The Grants Team posts information on its website about current funding opportunities and remains informed about new and continued federal and state funding opportunities.

The Grants Team also provides the following services: proposal writing workshops, grant writing assistance and review of grant applications prior to submittal.

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# Office of the Attorney General

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## **Access and Visitation Program**

This grant is to provide non-custodial parents access to and visitation with their children. Grant funds are awarded to courts, local public entities and private, non-profit organizations in compliance with Section 391 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA). Eligible activities for funding include mediation, counseling, education, development of parenting plans, visitation enforcement including monitoring, supervision and neutral drop-off and pick-up and development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements.

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## **Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program**

This program issues contracts with local sexual assault programs and supports special projects. In order to receive funding, a local program must offer the following services:

- 24-hour access
- crisis intervention
- accompaniment to medical facilities and law enforcement and prosecutor offices
- public education
- professional training
- volunteer training
- advocacy

The grant funds can support salary, fringe benefits, contractual services, travel and training, equipment, supplies and indirect costs. Applicants must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization or governmental entity that offers the required services for at least nine months prior to receiving funding.

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## **Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Program**

This program provides funding for Victim Assistance Coordinators in local prosecutor's offices and Victim Liaisons in local law enforcement agencies. These positions are mandated by law to provide certain information and assistance to crime victims. The grant funds can support salary, fringe benefits, contractual services, travel and training, equipment, supplies and indirect costs.

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### **Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG) Program**

This program provides grants, on a competitive basis, to programs that address the unmet needs of victims of violent crime. Eligible activities fall into four main areas:

- direct victim services
- training on victim services
- public awareness on victim services
- emergency funds for victims

The grant funds can support salary, fringe benefits, contractual services, travel and training, equipment, supplies, and indirect costs. Cities, counties and other local units of government as well as nonprofit groups with 501(c)(3) status and state agencies are eligible to apply.

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### **Statewide Victim Notification System (a.k.a. Texas VINE)**

This program provides grants to county governments to implement a statewide automated system that informs and notifies victims of crime of changes in offender status and scheduled court events.

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# Texas Historical Commission

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## **Certified Local Government Grants**

Certified Local Government (CLG) grants provide funding to enable local communities to develop quality programs and fully participate in the state's preservation process. CLG grants require a cash or in-kind service match from the community. Eligible grant projects include, but are not limited to:

- Training for local preservation commissions
- Completing or updating surveys of historic resources
- Producing historical walking or driving tour brochures, videos or other educational materials
- Preparing preservation plans
- Preparing National Register of Historic Places nominations

## **Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives**

A federal tax credit worth 20 percent of the eligible rehabilitation costs is available for buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A building needs to be eligible for listing at the beginning of the rehabilitation project, but need not be officially listed until the tax credit is claimed by the owner. The work undertaken as part of the project must meet *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. The tax credit is available only for income-producing properties. For example, office, retail, hotel and apartments are eligible. Owner-occupied residential properties are NOT eligible for the credit. The credit is also limited to buildings only; structures such as bridges and silos do not qualify.

The tax credit is designed for substantial rehabilitation projects, not small remodeling projects. The eligible project costs generally must exceed the value of the building itself (not including the land) at the beginning of the project. Most rehabilitation costs are eligible for the credit, such as structural work, building repairs, electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, roof work and painting. Some specific costs are NOT eligible for the credit, such as acquisition, new additions, furniture and landscaping.

## **Heritage Tourism Grants**

Government and nonprofit organizations in counties within an active Texas Heritage Trails Program region can apply for matching grants when funds are available. Grants are used for heritage tourism-oriented projects such as interpretation, signage, communications materials, cultural heritage events and exhibits and training. Grants are one-to-one with in-kind and/or cash matches.

## **Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program**

The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program provides partial matching grants to Texas counties for the restoration of their historic county courthouses.

### **Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grants**

The Texas Preservation Trust Fund is an interest-earning pool of public and private monies. The earned interest and designated gifts are distributed yearly as matching grants to public and private owners of eligible historic properties and archeological sites.

### **History Museum Grants**

History museum grants provide Texas history museums with assistance in preserving their collections and developing educational programs.

# Texas Commission on the Arts Grants

<http://www.arts.state.tx.us>  
(512)936-6565

## **Administrative and Project Support-1**

This program provides project assistance grants on a one-year basis and may include administrative costs directly related to the project. This program is designed for Texas-based, non-profit organizations with an operating budget under \$1,000,000 that are not ethnically-specific organizations. Grants will not exceed 25% of the organization's previous year's operating revenues.

## **Administrative and Project Support-2**

This program provides project assistance grants on a one-year basis and may include administrative costs directly related to the project. This program is designed for Texas-based, ethnically-specific, non-profit organizations with an operating budget under \$1,000,000. Grants will not exceed 25% of the organization's previous year's operating revenues.

## **Administrative and Project Support-3**

This program provides project assistance grants on a one-year basis and may include administrative costs directly related to the project. This program is designed for Texas-based non-profit organizations with an operating budget between \$1 and \$5 million.

## **Administrative and Project Support-4**

This program provides project assistance grants on a one-year basis and may include administrative costs directly related to the project. This program is designed for Texas-based non-profit organizations with an operating budget over \$5 million.

## **Administrative and Project Support-Decen**

This program provides project assistance grants on a one-year basis and may include administrative costs directly related to the project. This program is open to local arts agencies participating in the Commission on the Arts decentralization program

## **Administrative and Project Support-LAA**

This program provides project assistance grants on a one-year basis and may include administrative costs directly related to the project. This program is designed for Texas-based local arts agencies. Grants will not exceed 25% of the organization's previous year's operating revenues.

## **Administrative and Project Support-SSO**

This program provides project assistance grants on a one-year basis and may include administrative costs directly related to the project. This program is open to service organizations participating in the Commission on the Arts statewide services program. Grants will not exceed 25% of the organization's previous year's operating revenues.

### **Artist in Education - Residency Roster**

This program places professional artists, crafts persons and arts educators in educational and community residencies for periods ranging from one week to twelve months. Texas artists apply to be included in the roster. Approved artists are then eligible to participate in residencies in the coming years. The fact that an artist is approved to the roster does not imply or guarantee that the artist will receive a residency in the coming year. Selection of an artist to participate in a residency is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization.

### **Artist in Education - Sponsor Program**

This program places professional artists, crafts persons and arts educators in educational or community residencies for periods ranging from one week to twelve months. Sponsors apply for funding to bring in an artist from the roster to do a residency program.

### **Arts Basic Awards**

This program solicits annual nominations for awards to school districts and/or arts education service providers and in unique instances to key individuals, for best practices in the field of arts education. Winners will receive an award of \$1,500.

### **Arts Basic Education Resource Catalog**

The Arts Basic Education Resource Catalogue is designed to make it easy for schools and educators to identify and secure quality educational resources. Arts and cultural organizations propose programs and educational offerings to be included in the Arts Basic Resource Catalogue such as: demonstrations and workshops, performances and exhibitions, hands-on activities, videos, slides, posters and curriculum and teacher in-services.

### **Arts Basic Schools**

School Districts may apply to this program for the development and implementation of a comprehensive long-range plan to make the arts basic in their curriculum.

### **Arts Education Project-1**

Applications should be directed towards arts education curriculum, student achievement, hands on activities, teacher training and/or assessment. Performances for youth and/or adults without these components will not be accepted as an Arts Education Project. This program is open to all Texas non-profit organizations with an operating budget under \$1,000,000. Grants will not exceed 25% of the organization's previous year's operating revenues.

### **Arts Education Project-2**

Applications should be directed towards arts education curriculum, student achievement, hands on activities, teacher training and/or assessment. Performances for youth and/or adults without these components will not be accepted as an Arts Education Project. This program is open to all Texas local arts agencies. Grants will not exceed 25% of the organization's previous year's operating revenues.

### **Arts Education Project-3**

Applications should be directed towards arts education curriculum, student achievement, hands on activities, teacher training and/or assessment. Performances for youth and/or adults without these components will not be accepted as an Arts Education Project. This program is open to all Texas non-profit organizations with an operating budget over \$1,000,000. Grants will not exceed 25% of the organization's previous year's operating revenues.

### **Arts Education Project-4**

Applications should be directed towards arts education curriculum, student achievement, hands on activities, teacher training and/or assessment. Performances for youth and/or adults without these components will not be accepted as an Arts Education Project. This program is open to all statewide service organizations. Grants will not exceed 25% of the organization's previous year's operating revenues.

### **Arts in Education - Mini-Residency**

This year-round funding program provides funding from one day to two-week short-term residencies. Artists must be selected from the Artist in Education Artist Profiles Roster.

### **Arts in Education - Team Building**

This year-round funding program is intended to support the establishment and continuation of a comprehensive plan by school districts to include the arts as a basic part of their curriculum. The program provides funding for "Team Building" activities such as: staff development (i.e., in-services), curriculum development, consultant assistance and travel and conference registration subsidies.

### **County Arts Expansion Program**

Nonprofit organizations, government entities, and school districts in counties with populations below 50,000 are eligible to apply to this program. Contact the Commission office for a list of eligible counties, as different counties will be targeted each year for inclusion in this program. Organizations in counties where regular grantees reside will be directed to apply for assistance through other Commission programs.

### **Cultural Connections - Consultant**

This year-round program provides opportunities for professional training, organizational assessment and development. Support is provided through the use of consultant's fee subsidies.

### **Cultural Connections - Performance Support**

This year-round program provides support to schools, libraries and non-profit organizations for hiring an artist to do a performance. Priority is given to presenters in rural and under-served areas.

### **Cultural Connections - Travel**

This year-round program provides opportunities for professional training, organizational assessment and development. Support is provided through the use of travel/registration subsidies related to conferences and appropriate meetings.

### **Cultural Connections - Visual/Media Arts Touring**

This year-round program provides funding for organizations to present an art exhibition, film series, documentary films, radio programs or other media series curated by an outside organization.

### **Decentralization Program**

This program provides per capita funding to professionally staffed “designated” Local Arts Agencies (LAA) for redistribution in their community or service area. This program is open by invitation only.

### **Developmental Assistance to Minority Organizations**

This program provides funding to ethnically-specific/minority organizations that provide direct services to ethnically-specific/minority neighborhoods and communities. Priority is given to projects that use arts activities as a vehicle for developing and strengthening the economic infrastructure of ethnically-specific/minority neighborhoods and communities. Organizations may make one multi-year application in this category for a two-year period. Multi-Year Grant applications are only accepted on December 1 of EVEN-numbered years.

### **Exhibit Preparation**

This program supports Texas-based institutions in preparing exhibitions to tour to other sites in Texas and across the country.

### **Exhibition Support**

This program provides funding for organizations to present art exhibitions, film series, documentary films, radio programs, or other media series curated by an outside organization.

### **Statewide Services**

This program provides project assistance grants on a two-year basis for the provision of statewide services. Applicants should fill out the application for ONE YEAR. Applicants in this category must conduct a biennial assessment of their needs of their field. This program is open by invitation only. Multi-Year Grant applications are only accepted on December 1 of EVEN-numbered years. Grants will not exceed 25% of the organization’s previous year’s operating revenues.

### **Sub-granting**

The sub-granting program allows professionally-staffed local arts agencies to re-grant funds to arts and other service organizations in their communities. Sub-grant applicants to the Commission on the Arts must have an existing panel review system to evaluate local proposals. Organizations may make one multi-year application in this category for a two-year period. Multi-Year Grant applications are only accepted on December 1 of EVEN-numbered years. Up to 10% of the requested funds can be for administrative costs of the program.

### **Texas Apprenticeship Program**

This program provides the opportunity for Texas arts and cultural organizations to offer training opportunities for individuals pursuing careers in the arts or arts administration. A mentoring relationship is required. The program may not be used to fund clerical or non-professional activities.

### **Texas Touring Presenters**

Through this program, presenting organizations may apply for up to 50% artistic fee support for one or more companies or artists included on the Texas Touring Arts Program Company/Artist Roster. There is no limit to the number of artists that can be included in the application. Companies and artists must be over 30 miles away from presenting facility in order to be eligible.

### **Touring Company and Artist Roster**

Through this program, Texas artists and companies apply to be included in the roster of approved performing artists. To be considered for inclusion in the Texas Touring Arts Program Company/Artist Roster, companies or artists must have a history of touring, maintain a reasonable fee range and present performances at least 30 miles outside of their city of residence. The fact that an artist or company is approved to the roster does not imply or guarantee that they will receive bookings.

### **Young Masters**

This program is open to Texas 8th to 12th grade students (or home-schooled students who have achieved a comparable status towards high school graduation) who are U.S. citizens and Texas residents. Students must be participating in a school based arts program, summer institute or a specialized course of study or who are receiving private lessons from a qualified instructor. The thirteen most talented young artists will receive the title of Young Master and will be granted scholarships of up to \$2,500 per year to further their studies in their chosen arts disciplines. This scholarship is NOT for college. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to three years, but not beyond their senior year and they must reapply annually.

# **Governor's Criminal Justice Division Federal Programs**

<http://www.governor.state.tx.us/>  
(512)463-2000

## **Byrne Formula Grant Program**

Funds may be used to address violent crime and reduce illegal narcotics trafficking and abuse. Twenty-eight purpose areas are statutorily defined for development of anti-crime programs.

## **Local Law Enforcement Block Grant**

Funds are distributed from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) directly to units of government based on crime rates. The lowest direct award to a unit of government is \$10,000. Funds not distributed to local governments are awarded to states. Per federal guidelines, units of government that received a direct award from BJA are not eligible to receive funds from the state.

## **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment**

The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program is administered by BJA. Funds are used to provide individual and group treatment activities for offenders in residential facilities operated by the state or local correctional agencies. Offenders must participate in the program for at least six months and no more than 12 months.

## **Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program**

This is a new program administered by the National Institute of Justice. Funds can be used for improvements to forensic science laboratories or to assist laboratories with becoming accredited through the ASCLD-LAB or NAME.

## **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act 42 U.S.C. 5601 et seq. Formula Grant**

The Formula Grant under the JJDP Act is administered by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and provides funds to Texas to assist in compliance with core requirements of the Act, including deinstitutionalization of status offenders, removal of juveniles from jails and lockups and disproportionate minority representation in the juvenile justice system.

## **Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant**

The Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) fund is administered by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and is the single largest federal juvenile justice related grant program provided to Texas. Federal guidelines require that 75% of the funds are distributed to cities and counties based on a formula. The state retains 25% of the funds for local and statewide discretionary and competitive projects.

### **Victim of Crime Act Funds**

The Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant Funds (VOCA) support services to victims of crime. Federal VOCA funding is supported by court fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of federal crimes; therefore, funding is not stable and varies from year to year.

### **STOP Violence Against Women Act Formula Grant**

The STOP Violence against Women Act Formula Grant (VAWA), administered by the Violence Against Women Office, provides funds to develop and implement effective victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution and court strategies that address violence against women and develop and enhance victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. Funds support States in the restructuring and strengthening of the criminal justice system response to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

# **Health and Human Services**

# Texas Department of Health

<http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/>  
(512)458-7111

## **Healthy Border 2010**

The *Healthy Border 2010* initiative's goal is to establish and strengthen health education, disease prevention and monitoring functions of public health in Texas-Mexico border counties. For proposals meeting *Healthy Border 2010* criteria, funding has been provided for training of promotoras, sister-city binational councils, birth defects prevention, tuberculosis, health education conferences, etc.

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## **Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism**

Eligible recipients (local health departments with the capacity to provide six of the 10 essential public health services) are required to conduct activities relating to the critical capacities and critical benchmarks in the following focus areas:

- Preparedness Planning and Readiness Assessment
- Surveillance and Epidemiology Capacity
- Laboratory Capacity-Biologic Agent
- Laboratory Capacity-Chemical Agents
- Health Alert Network/Communications and Information Technology
- Communicating Health Risks and Health Information Dissemination
- Education and Training

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## **Local Health Department Triple "0" Grants**

Grants to local health departments to improve or strengthen local public health infrastructure by evaluating and improving the essential public health services provided with these funds. For the purpose of these grant funds, the assessment/evaluation activities must include a national, state, or local standard specific to the essential public health services provided. Acceptable standards include the *National Public Health Performance Standards* approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Performance Standards* developed by the Texas Association of Local Health Officials, *Healthy People 2010* and any federal, state or local law or regulation governing the delivery of essential public health services. Recipients of these funds will also be required to develop an improvement plan for improving the effectiveness of the services provided based on the results of the assessment/evaluation.

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### **Title V Maternal/Child Health Services**

Provides funding for accessible direct health care, as well as educational and social services for eligible infants, children, adolescents and women and their families in the areas of preventive well-child, child/adolescent health care, dental care for children, prenatal care, family planning, and dysplasia services. Eligibility is based on being a Texas resident, at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines, not eligible for another source of funding for the same services, infants through age 21, women of child-bearing age, or males requesting sterilization.

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### **Title V Population-Based Services**

Program addresses local health needs, builds local public health infrastructure and improves the health status of women, children and families through funding of awards to provide population-based and/or infrastructure-building services within local communities. Services differ from community to community based on local needs and resources.

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### **Primary Health Care/Community Medical Care Services**

This program provides funds to communities to identify, design and implement interventions to increase access to direct care primary health services for the medically indigent population.

Eligibility for the program is based on being a Texas resident, income at or below 150% federal poverty guidelines and not eligible for other programs that provide the same services.

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### **Abstinence Education**

This program provides primarily federal funding to community-based organizations whose abstinence education activities promote abstinence from sexual activity for individuals that are most likely to bear children out of wedlock. The program provides funding and technical assistance to community organizations that contract with TDH to perform abstinence education activities. It also monitors activities to determine that they are in compliance with federal definitions of abstinence. Activities can include abstinence education classes, mentoring, counseling and adult supervised initiatives. Publication of a new request-for-proposals is not anticipated until fiscal year 2007.

**Contact:** Mike Messinger, Program Director

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### **Family Planning**

The Family Planning Division awards funds to public or private non-profit agencies to provide family planning services to eligible men, women and adolescents. The medical services provided by contractors includes comprehensive health assessment, history and physical exams, routine and problem-related medical follow-up visits and contraceptive supply visits, laboratory testing, provision of Federal Drug Administration approved contraception, treatment of STDs and common genitourinary infections and educational, outreach and counseling services. The services are provided according to program eligibility guidelines and reimbursed on a fee for service schedule.

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### **Epilepsy**

Eligible entities include community-based organizations, local health departments, not-for-profit organizations and other health-related or governmental entities that provide comprehensive outpatient epilepsy specialty care (medical, non-medical, and support activities).

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### **Anatomical Gift Education**

Eligible applicants include any private or non-profit organizations, governmental entities and/or state controlled institutions of higher learning. The program provides organ donation education to the general public, schools, universities, community and civic groups and minority populations by using multiple strategies including, but not limited to, promotional campaigns, coordinated partnerships and collegiate summits, while incorporating the use of existing resources.

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### **Breast and Cervical Cancer**

This program awards funds to public and private non-profit agencies to provide breast cancer screenings, including clinical breast examinations and mammograms and cervical cancer screenings, including Pap tests, to all eligible women. The program also provides diagnostic services for breast and cervical cancer screenings. The program's eligible population consists of low income, underserved, uninsured women. Priority is given to women age 50-64 for breast cancer and re-screening and women 18-64 that have not been screened for cervical cancer within the past five years.

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### **Fluoridation**

This program awards grants to assist communities with the cost of fluoridation projects in public drinking water systems. These projects range from upgrades of existing fluoridation equipment to the installation of new fluoridation equipment. TDH annually awards fluoridation grants.

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### **Commissioner's Extraordinary Emergency Fund**

Each fiscal year, funding from the EMS and Trauma Care System Account (911 funds) is set aside to support the emergent, unexpected needs of EMS providers or TDH-approved organizations. Eligible applicants include licensed EMS providers, licensed hospitals and TDH registered first responder organizations experiencing an event that threatens disruption of their ability to provide patient care. All applicants must be Regional Advisory Council (RAC) members. Proposals are evaluated based on impact to the regional or statewide EMS/Trauma System. Input from TDH Regional EMS personnel is strongly considered. Applications must be submitted, in writing, to the Chief of the Bureau of Emergency Management, 1100 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78756-3199.

**Contact:** Greg Wilburn  
**Phone:** (512) 834-6675

### **EMS Local Projects Grants**

The purpose of this program is to support and improve the development of the Texas Emergency Health Care System. This program provides money and technical assistance to licensed EMS providers, TDH First Responder Organizations and other TDH-approved organizations (Regional Advisory Councils, EMS education organizations and pre-hospital injury prevention organizations) once a year through a request-for-proposal process.

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### **Emergency Care Attendant Training**

This program is designed to increase the availability of certified EMS personnel in rural and underserved areas of Texas where training is not available locally. Eligible applicants consist of governmental entities or non-governmental organizations located in rural or underserved areas directly or indirectly responsible for providing emergency medical services. Classes must contain at least three students committed to working with local EMS providers or First Responder Organizations for at least a year following certification. Classes are free to students at times/places convenient to them.

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### **EMS Allotment**

EMS allotment is available to Licensed EMS providers meeting certain requirements as set forth in statute. A licensed EMS provider may use funds allocated from the EMS allotment for supplies, operational expenses, education and training, equipment, vehicles and communications systems. The EMS allotment is distributed through an allocation process. TDH's Bureau of Emergency Management determines which licensed EMS providers are eligible in each county. The money is distributed to eligible providers through the appropriate Regional Advisory Council (RAC). Each county's portion is allocated by a statutory formula based on the geographic size of a county, population of the county and on the number of emergency healthcare runs performed by eligible recipients in the county.

**Contact:** Greg Wilburn  
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### **Immunization**

The TDH Immunization Division provides funding to prevent and control the transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases in children and adults, with emphasis on accelerating interventions to improve the immunization coverage of children less than 36 months old. The purpose of this funding is to support efforts to plan, develop and maintain a public health infrastructure that addresses immunization and assures an effective statewide immunization system. Funds may be used to support activities that focus on increasing immunization levels and reducing vaccine preventable disease morbidity among persons of all ages. Activities are funded in the following core component areas: program management; immunization registries; vaccine management, accounting and distribution; provider quality assurance; service delivery (administering vaccines); consumer information (educating the public and health professionals on the importance of vaccines); surveillance on vaccine-preventable diseases and vaccine adverse event reporting and population assessment.

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### **Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention**

This program screens children who are potentially exposed to lead and provides complete case management and follow up care for children who are identified with elevated blood lead levels. Sites are predetermined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). No locations not designated by CDC may receive funding.

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### **Prevention Counseling and Partner Elicitation Training**

Program funds are for the purpose of providing statewide prevention counseling and partner elicitation training to HIV Prevention Counselors. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs.

**Contact:** Jay Todd  
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### **Prevention Counseling and Partner Elicitation Services**

Program funds must be used to provide HIV prevention counseling and partner elicitation-prevention case management continuum and/or intensive, evidence-based interventions related to HIV prevention to clients. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs.

**Contact:** Tasha Clifton  
**Phone:** (512) 490-2505

### **Early Access to Clinical and Preventive Services for Persons with HIV Disease**

Program funds are for the purpose of providing ambulatory medical and preventive clinical services, critical social services, resources for obtaining HIV medications, as appropriate and for the costs of providing outreach to persons with diagnosed HIV disease who are not currently included in activities undertaken by TDH. Program activities performed under the contract must include primary and/or HIV-related ambulatory medical care and/or clinical case management services and/or psychosocial case management services. At least 50 percent of the proposed budget must directly support one or more of these services. All contractors must also either directly provide or provide referral to screening, treatment as needed and follow-up for sexually transmitted diseases. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs.

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### **Prevention Services for HIV Infected Persons**

Program funds must be used to provide effective prevention services to people who have multiple and complex needs, such as mental illness and substance abuse, that interfere with their ability to adopt and sustain behaviors with reduced risk for disease transmission. The priority target populations for these services are: (1) young men who have sex with men, especially men of color, (2) intravenous drug users, and (3) sex and needle sharing partners of priority target populations 1 and 2. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts, and indirect costs.

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### **HIV/STD Surveillance**

Program funds are awarded for the purpose of maintaining surveillance of HIV infections and AIDS cases in Texas, to investigate reported cases as necessary and to implement and maintain medical record extraction activities for collection of data on the spectrum of HIV-related illnesses. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs.

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### **Hepatitis C Prevention**

Program funds must be used to provide screening for hepatitis C, prevention counseling and referral to medical evaluation and treatment services for those testing positive. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs. Although TDH has applied for funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund Hepatitis C Prevention activities beginning January of 2004, the availability of federal funds is not assured at this time.

**Contact:** Tasha Clifton  
**Phone:** (512) 490-2505

### **Ryan White Administrative Agencies**

Program funds are for the purpose of providing administrative support to TDH in administering Title II of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (C.A.R.E.) Act of 2000, the HIV State Health and Social Services program and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). Awardees must provide administrative services related to administration of funds and support for Area Planning Bodies. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs.

**Contact:** Michelle Porter  
**Phone:** (512) 490-2505, ext. 2619

### **Ryan White /Title II HIV Services Project for Underserved and Emerging Populations**

Program funds are for the purpose of reducing barriers and improving access to HIV health and social services for underserved and emerging populations. Underserved and emerging populations may be racial or ethnic minorities, women, youth, substance abusers, pregnant women, homeless, mentally ill and multi-diagnosed individuals. Contractors must identify and reduce barriers to health care access for subject populations; increase enrollment and retention in clinical care, substance abuse treatment and supportive services of subject populations; and improve the availability and coordination of local HIV services for subject populations. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs.

**Contact:** Michelle Porter  
**Phone:** (512) 490-2505, ext. 2619

### **Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Prevention Services**

Program funds must be used to provide sexually transmitted disease intervention services. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs. Funds may not be used to provide STD clinical services.

**Contact:** Susan I. Aulds  
**Phone:** (512) 490-2505, ext. 2611

### **Prevention of STD-Related Infertility**

Program funds are for the purpose of providing project coordination and data management for the Texas Infertility Prevention Project. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs.

**Contact:** Susan I. Aulds

**Phone:** (512) 490-2505, ext. 2611

### **Prevention Training Center: Part III**

Program funds are for the purpose of providing project coordination and training of health care workers in sexually transmitted disease intervention skills in states of the Southern Quadrant of the United States. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs.

**Contact:** Susan I. Aulds

**Phone:** (512) 490-2505, ext. 2611

### **Texas HIV Medication: Minority AIDS Initiative**

Program funds are for the purpose of creating intensive case management systems to establish and maintain participation by minorities with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease in the Texas HIV Medication Program, primary medical care and other related treatment services. The target populations to be served are African Americans, Hispanics and others with HIV in Harris and Dallas counties, the state's highest morbidity counties, who are: (1) incarcerated in federal, state or local adult and juvenile institutions or (2) recently released back into Harris or Dallas counties. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts and indirect costs.

**Contact:** Michelle Porter

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### **Tobacco Education and Enforcement**

Interest earnings from an endowment support activities to prevent tobacco use and promote cessation in Texas. Research has shown that effective, comprehensive tobacco prevention and control programs have the following components: school and community interventions, cessation interventions, enforcement of current tobacco laws, intensive media campaigns and surveillance and evaluation and a statewide infrastructure. In addition, each component addresses the needs of special and diverse populations. This comprehensive program is being funded in select counties in Southeast Texas: Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery and Jefferson.

**Contact:** Philip Huang, M.D.

**Phone:** (512) 458-7200

### **Tobacco Prevention and Control**

Funding provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires local communities to work on policy change issues that will reduce the health and economic toll tobacco places on the citizens of Texas. Using recommendations from CDC's *Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs*, activities include educating the public on the dangers of secondhand smoke, participating in local health-oriented coalitions to ensure tobacco prevention issues are addressed, providing technical assistance to work sites on providing smoke-free workplaces and cessation resources for employees and working to eliminate tobacco-related disparities among diverse and special populations.

**Contact:** AJ Mitchell  
**Phone:** (512) 458-7402

### **Arthritis**

This program receives funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for awards to entities to implement evidence-based secondary prevention arthritis services such as Persons with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE), Arthritis Self-Help Courses and the Arthritis Foundation Aquatics Program (AFAP). Funding will be available competitively in fiscal year 2004.

**Contact:** Jennifer Smith  
**Phone:** (512) 458-7670

### **Diabetes**

Community diabetes projects are awarded competitively for multi-year community-to-regional level programs to support population-based interventions in communities to achieve objectives (i.e., *Healthy People 2010*) related to diabetes. The focus is to help high-risk persons with diabetes manage the condition to prevent complications and/or groups at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes. The projects require use of a community coalition model called Diabetes Today/Comunidad en Accion that is based on partnerships to address social and environmental policies, community-based diabetes education for self-management and health care systems to improve access to and the quality of diabetes (chronic disease) care delivered.

**Contact:** Jan Ozias, Director  
**Phone:** (512) 458-7490

### **Zoonosis Control**

Funds are to provide grants to eligible organizations that sterilize dogs and cats owned by the general public at no or minimal cost.

**Contact:** Debbie Speicher or Pamela Baty  
**Phone:** (512) 458-7255

### **Tuberculosis Elimination**

This program supports basic services for tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control. It also funds expanded outreach services to individuals of identified sub-groups who have TB or who are at high risk of developing TB throughout a contractor's defined service area.

**Contact:** Charles Wallace  
**Phone:** (512) 458-7447

### **Hansen's Disease**

The Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) program provides outpatient services to persons with Hansen's Disease. Early identification and proper treatment is important for the prevention of severe, often life long disability and the interruption of transmission. Funds are used to pay for diagnostic studies for definitive diagnosis, referral services for complications of the disease, medication, laboratory monitoring for side effects of drugs and patient transportation.

**Contact:** Charles E. Wallace, Ph.D., M.P.H.

**Phone:** (512) 458-7447

### **Refugee Health Screening**

This program provides comprehensive culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach, health assessment, health education and referral services to newly arriving official refugees and other eligible clients.

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# Education

# Texas Education Agency

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## **Adult Education**

Assist adults to become literate, employable and self-sufficient, assist parents to become partners in the educational development of their children and assist adults in completion of a secondary school education.

**Contact:** Joyce Russell

## **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**

Provide adult basic education or job training in order to move TANF recipients into self-supporting employment and reduce the number of welfare recipients.

**Contact:** Joyce Russell

## **Engineering/Science Recruitment**

The purpose of this program is to allocate funds to eligible organizations to establish or operate educational programs that will support the recruitment of women and members of ethnic minority groups to assist them in preparing for, or participating in, programs leading to an undergraduate degree in engineering or science from an institution of higher education.

**Contact:** Walter Tillman

## **Student Success Initiative-Teacher Training**

This program funds teacher training and allocations to schools for the purpose of implementation of scientific, research-based programs for students who have been identified as unlikely to achieve the third grade TAKS reading standard by the end of third grade, including those students with dyslexia and related disorders and/or students unlikely to achieve the TAKS reading or math standards by the end of the fifth grade.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

## **Schools Needing Improvement in Reading**

This program funds intensive reading instruction programs for schools that have failed to improve student performance in reading.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

## **Head Start/Ready to Read**

Grants provide an educational component to existing Head Start or similar government funded early child care and education program that serves a minimum of 75% low income students to ensure that every child completing the program enters school ready to learn.

**Contact:** Cory Green

### **Texas Reading, Math & Science Initiative**

This program funds reading diagnostic instruments, the implementation of scientific, research-based reading and mathematics programs, training materials, professional development institutes and online activities. The Commissioner shall also distribute these funds for the creation of the master science teacher certification, the implementation of scientific and research-based science programs.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

### **Diagnostic Reading Instrument**

Develop recommendations for school districts to administer reading instruments to diagnose student reading development and comprehension. These results shall be applied to the instructional program.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

### **Phonics Materials**

Use funds to purchase non-consumable materials to be used with any or all state adopted basal reading programs to enhance the systematic instruction of phonics reading (K-3).

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

### **Integrated Physics & Chemistry**

This program provides funds for the purchase of non-consumable materials appropriate for use in class time dedicated to lab investigations to be used in teaching Integrated Physics and Chemistry in high schools.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

### **State Marine Science Center-Palacios**

The purpose is designed to compliment classroom curriculum, while providing students the opportunity to go into the field to study marine life. Teachers and students from schools throughout Texas utilize the curriculum, which is provided in an applied hands-on manner. Teachers participate in professional development workshops focusing on the importance of the natural environment.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

### **Evaluation of Reading & Math**

The purpose of these funds is to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of teacher training activities to evaluate the effectiveness of these programs in furthering student achievement and their efficiency in using allocated funds.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

### **Texas Advanced Placement**

Funds are used for partial exam fee payment on all AP/IB tests, campus awards and teacher training reimbursements.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

**Texas Advanced Placement - Education Service Center**

For evaluation of programs related to the AP/IB Incentive.

**Contact:** Rhonda McCullough

**Texas Performance Standards Project**

Funds are used to pilot grades 4/8 exit performance standards and to develop professional development materials for full implementation and for regional and state reviewers for use during 2004-05.

**Contact:** Rhonda McCullough

**Driver's Education -Teacher Training**

State fee funds expended as required match against Federal Highway Safety Pass-thru Grant Programs.

**Contact:** Lauralea Bauer

**Remediation Study Guides**

Development and distribution of summer Remediation Study Guides.

**Contact:** Lauralea Bauer

**Foundation School Program-Gifted & Talented-Special Projects**

To contract with teachers to develop tasks for use in performance standards projects during 2004-05.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**Gifted & Talented Education Service Center Basic Services**

Education Service Center Gifted & Talented contacts attend three update meetings and disseminate information in regions

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**Region XIII Education Service Centers**

To fund product reflecting task force recommendations that provides equity in access to gifted and advanced services. To contract for materials to be developed and disseminated based on recommendations of task force on equity in advanced and gifted services.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**Education Service Center 14**

Provides funding to examine and report on successful gifted and talented programs in rural areas and for the final year of a study on serving gifted students in rural areas.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**Investment Capital Fund**

A competitive grant program that funds campus-level sub grants up to \$50,000 for combinations of professional development, parent and community partnership and involvement and student performance activities for improving student performance and holding schools accountable for high academic performance.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

### **Services for Students with Visual Impairments**

Funds sent to the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide technical assistance to Education Service Centers and Local Education Agencies regarding services to students with visually impairments.

**Contact:** Ellsworth Schave

### **Services for Students with Visual Impairments Education Service Centers**

Direct Services to students with visual impairments including visually impaired instruction and orientation/mobility instruction.

**Contact:** Gene Lenz

### **MATHCOUNTS Program**

Disseminates funds to MATHCOUNTS for professional development.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

### **AVANCE-Family Support Program**

AVANCE provides training and education opportunity for families and adults in ten urban and rural communities in Texas.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

### **Head Start/Ready to Read**

Grants provide an educational component to existing Head Start or similar government funded early child care and education program that serves a minimum of 75% low income students to ensure that every child completing the program enters school ready to learn.

**Contact:** Ellsworth Schave

### **Foundation School Program Assessment**

Used to implement statewide assessment of student achievement.

**Contact:** Cory Green

### **Communities in Schools**

Communities In Schools (CIS) is a stay-in-school program that uses a case management model to prevent dropouts, help students stay in school, successfully learn and prepare for life.

**Contact:** Rhonda McCullough

### **Pregnancy, Parenting & Education Programs**

The mission of the Pregnancy, Education and Parenting Program is to enable school-age parents, through education, to become self-sufficient, responsible, job-oriented citizens. The Program's goal is to reduce the number of students who drop out of school due to pregnancy and/or parenthood and to recover young parents who are 21 years old or younger to the educational system.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

### **Textbooks – Freight**

Textbook funds are used to pay for freight from textbook depositories in the Dallas area to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools in Texas.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

### **Textbooks - Braille/Large Type and Audio Tape**

Textbook funds are used to pay for production of Braille, large type and audiotape versions of state-adopted textbooks for blind students and teachers.

**Contact:** Rhonda McCullough

### **Driver Ed Training & Evaluation**

Federal Highway Safety Pass-thru Grant Funds for K-12 Driver Education and traffic safety curriculum development and teacher and youth training.

**Contact:** Joyce Russell

### **Youth Traffic Safety Training**

Grant funds are used for K-12 Driver Education and traffic safety curriculum development and teacher and youth training.

**Contact:** Lauralea Bauer

### **Adult Education-Section 231**

Assist adults to become literate, employable and self-sufficient; assist parents to become partners in the educational development of their children and assist adults in completion of a secondary school education.

**Contact:** Lauralea Bauer

### **Adult Education-Section 225**

Provide literacy, English language proficiency, basic academic and functional skills for incarcerated in a correctional facility and other institutionalized corrections adults who function at less than a secondary completion level.

**Contact:** Joyce Russell

### **Adult Education-Section 223**

Provide professional development, technology and technical assistance; support literacy resource centers, monitoring and evaluation of quality and improvement in adult education.

**Contact:** Joyce Russell

### **Adult Education-English Literacy/Civics**

Provide and increase access to English Literacy programs linked to civics education; i.e., rights and responsibilities of citizenship, naturalization procedures, civic participation and U.S. history and government.

**Contact:** Joyce Russell

### **CATE Contracts (Leadership)**

Federally funded grants used to fulfill state leadership requirements under the Carl Perkins Act.

**Contact:** Joyce Russell

**CATE Discretionary (Leadership)**

Federally funded grants awarded competitively to postsecondary schools to fulfill state leadership requirements under the Carl Perkins Act.

**Contact:** Rebecca Patterson

**Education Service Center Transfer (Leadership)**

CATE professional development for educators (especially beginning teachers).

**Contact:** Rebecca Patterson

**Education Service Center Transfer (Admin)**

Education Service Center based CATE technical assistance, including DEC monitoring preparation, to school districts and district personnel.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**Education Service Center Transfer Reg. 5 & 12**

CATE transfers to Region 5 for High Schools That Work and to Region 12 for DECA decentralized functions.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**Education Service Center Transfer (Non Traditional)**

CATE services to districts preparing students for non-traditional training and employment including enrollment in classes non-traditional to student's gender.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**Education Service Center Transfer Program Improvement**

Statewide administration of decentralized Tech-Prep Conference (Education Service Center Region 5) and a CATE Alternative Education Certification program (ESC Region 13).

**Contact:** Rebecca Patterson

**McKinney-Education of Homeless Children**

Statewide administration of decentralized function providing direct educational and educational support services to identified homeless students in participating school districts. Competitive grant program.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**Center for AP/IB Incentive Program Contract**

Grant creates a Center to work with campuses with highest percentage of low SES students and with campuses with no AP services.

**Contact:** Rhonda McCullough

**Advanced Placement Spanish Grants**

Provides seed money to selected campuses to implement AP Spanish in middle school for native-speakers who are low SES.

**Contact:** Rhonda McCullough

**AP Fee Pay Program/Incentive Program**

Final year of first round of AP MS Spanish Language grants to seven campuses.

**Contact:** Rhonda McCullough

**AP-Other Grants & Contracts**

Contract for project evaluation, website and videos.

**Contact:** Rhonda McCullough

**Learn and Serve America**

Management of decentralized statewide function providing direct educational services to students enrolled in the Learn and Serve America Projects throughout Texas; programs directed at building citizenship. Competitive grant program.

**Contact:** Rhonda McCullough

**Learn and Serve America-CHESP**

Management of decentralized statewide function relating to Learn and Serve America's Community, Higher Education, School Partnership grant providing direct services to students in class room situations geared toward building citizenship. Competitive grant program.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**Title II, Part C-Troops to Teachers**

Management of decentralized function related to attracting former military personnel to the teaching profession.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**Public Charter Schools**

Provides startup and dissemination funds for charter schools.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**School Support System-Education Service Center 2 & 13**

Decentralization of federally required, statewide technical assistance functions to Education Service Center Regions 2 and 13.

**Contact:** Susan Barnes

**Even Start State Grants**

Help parents become partners in their children's education, help children reach full potential as learners and provide literacy training for parents by integrating adult education and early childhood education into a family-centered program.

**Title I, Part C, Migrant/ESC**

Migrant program to provide federally required technical assistance, staff development to educators and to support the identification and recruitment of migrant students. Identification/recruitment is basis for state's migrant allocation.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**Title I, Part C, Migrant/Higher Education**

University-based migrant program to assist migrant secondary students in preparation for college/university education.

**Contact:** Pat Meyertholen

**Refugee Children School Impact Program**

Provides for some of the costs of educating refugee children incurred by Local Education Agencies in which significant numbers of refugee children reside by funding activities that lead to the effective integration and education of refugee children.

**Contact:** Cory Green

**Comprehensive School Reform**

Grants support the startup and implementation of effective, comprehensive school reforms that are based on reliable research and effective practices that result in improved student performance.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**Title II, Part D-Competitive Grants**

Grants to districts to integrate technology into teaching and learning to improve student achievement - 25% must be used for professional development.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**TSTAR and TETN Technical Assistance**

Delivery of required technical assistance via the internet and videoconferencing.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**Title II, Part D-Technology Planning and Support**

Support for the development, submission and approval of technology plans required for Title II Part D and E-Rate including the Texas STAR Chart and online technology plan submission and approval process.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**Title II, Part D-Technology Applications Teacher Network**

Online resources to help districts meet NCLB requirements that all students are technology literate.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

**Title II, Part D-Professional Development Tracking System**

Web-based tool to help districts plan, schedule, track and report professional development activities in ensuring the integration of technology required by NCLB.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

### **Reading First (Professional Development)**

These funds are used to develop and implement a program of professional development for teachers, including special education teachers of kindergarten through grade 3 that will prepare teachers in all the essential components of scientifically-based reading instruction, in the use of screening, diagnostic and classroom-based instructional reading assessments and other scientifically based procedures that effectively identify students who may be at risk for reading failure or who have difficulty reading.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

### **Reading First (Evaluation)**

These funds shall be distributed to administer the distribution of competitive sub grants to eligible local education agencies and assess/evaluate Texas Reading First activities based on the effectiveness in increasing the number of children in grades 1, 2 and 3 served under this program.

**Contact:** Gene Lenz

### **IDEA-B Discretionary**

Various projects to support special education services:

- Learning Through Listening
- Personnel preparation and special projects
- Funding to support residential placements
- Seed funding for the establishment of Charter School SSAs
- Residential facilities impact funding for Local Education Agencies
- TEA's portion of TCB regional specialists
- Discretionary Deaf Projects

**Contact:** Gene Lenz

### **IDEA-B Discretionary Contracts**

TEA flows funds to Early Childhood Intervention for the implementation of a statewide coordinated child find system.

**Contact:** Gene Lenz

### **IDEA-B Special Ed Transfer from Adm (High Cost Grant Reimb)**

Grant funding for Local Education Agencies with high cost students.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

### **IDEA-B Discretionary for Institutions of Higher Education**

University-based and developed projects dealing with the recruitment and retention of special education educators.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

### **IDEA-B Discretionary/ Education Service Center**

ESC-based technical assistance and professional development for educators of students with disabilities. Management of statewide decentralized projects.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**IDEA-B Education Service Center Preschool Discretionary**

ESC-Based technical assistance and professional development for educators of preschool students with disabilities; management of statewide decentralized projects.

**Contact:** Gene Lenz

**Deaf Blind Centers - Federal Grant States**

Funds sent to the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired to implement grant project activities that include the provision of technical assistance and support to Local Education Agencies and parents in the education of students identified as deaf-blind.

**Contact:** Paul Cruz

**Title V, For High School Completion**

These funds are used to support the establishment of comprehensive high school completion and success initiatives. Funds must be expended on programs that show the most potential to improve high school completion and success and encourage students toward post-secondary education and training.

**Contact:** Paul Cruz

**Title V, For 2005 High School Completion**

These funds are used to support the establishment of comprehensive high school completion and success initiatives. Funds must be expended on programs that show the most potential to improve high school completion and success & encourage students toward post-secondary education and training.

**Contact:** Melanie Pritchett

**Title V, For Schools Needing Improved Reading**

The Commissioner shall distribute these funds for schools that have been identified as low-performing according to the Texas Accountability System.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**Safe/Drug Free Schools/ Education Service Centers**

ESC-based technical assistance, staff development and curriculum development for statewide drug education programs designed to prevent student involvement with drugs.

**Contact:** Phillip Cochran

**Communities Served for Expelled & Suspended Students**

Statewide management for decentralized function dealing with programs designed to provide direct services to expelled and suspended students in District and Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs. Competitive grant program.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**Improve Health/Ed/Well Being of Young People**

These funds are used to coordinate HIV/STD activities and youth risk behavior survey.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**Math & Science Partnership for Tx Read, Math & Science**

The funds are used to develop and conduct training on scientific-based training materials relating to science education.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**Math & Science Partnership for 2005 Tx Read, Math & Science**

These funds are used to develop and conduct training on scientific-based training materials relating to science education.

**Contact:** Cory Green

**Improving Teacher Quality Grant for Student Success Institutive**

Develop teacher training materials on the implementation of scientific, research-based programs for students unlikely to achieve the third grade TAKS reading standard.

**Contact:** Cory Green

**Improving Teacher Quality Grant for Science Institutive**

Develop and conduct training on scientifically based materials related to science education.

**Contact:** Cory Green

**21st Century Community Learning**

Establish or expand programs for community learning centers providing out-of-school learning opportunities for students in schools with greater than 40% economically disadvantaged for supplemental academic enhancement in core subjects and a broad array of additional services that reinforce the regular academic program especially for student experiencing at risk of academic failure and to offer families of participating students opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

**Contact:** Geraldine Kidwell

**21st Century Community Learning**

To assist with state activities to include monitoring and evaluation of programs and to conduct directly or through a grant or contract a comprehensive evaluation of the effectiveness of programs and activities implemented through the grant program; to provide technical assistance and training to eligible entities and to build capacity through training and technical assistance to recipients of awards.

**Contact:** Geraldine Kidwell

**State Assessment/Related Activities**

Prior Year - Support for state assessment program to implement NCLB assessment requirements.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

**State Assessment/Related Activities-Current Year**

Support for state assessment program to implement NCLB assessment requirements.

**Contact:** Governmental Relations

# Texas Engineering Extension Service

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## **Domestic Preparedness (Department of Homeland Security) WMD Equipment Grant for Emergency Responders**

Funding is provided for the procurement of WMD/terrorism-related emergency responder equipment for pass-through to approximately 733 local Texas jurisdictions in accordance with the grant provisions and eligibility requirements. Funding is distributed based upon jurisdiction and Councils of Government (COG) risk and needs assessments currently being conducted. Sub-grant awards to jurisdictions are in process based on the completion of those assessments.

**Contact:** Bill May

# **Texas Forest Service**

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## **Rural Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Assistance**

Funds are used for training and equipping volunteer fire departments throughout Texas; generally for purchase of emergency response vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, firefighter personal protective gear and training.

## **Rural VFD Insurance**

Assist Texas VFD's with the purchase of Worker's Comp, Life and Disability insurance for their members.

## **Volunteer Fire Assistance**

Cost-sharing funds provided to VFD's to assist with the purchase of structural and wild land personal protective clothing and equipment.

## **National Fire Plan**

Cost-sharing funds provided to VFD's to assist with the purchase of structural and wild land personal protective clothing and equipment. Very similar to the previous program because the need for this clothing is an extremely high priority.

## **Urban and Community Forestry**

Cost-sharing funds provided to communities and non-profit groups to start or strengthen urban forestry programs.

## **Oak Wilt Suppression**

Program designed to assist landowners and homeowners with the cost of controlling Oak Wilt disease centers and save valuable tree resources in Central and North Texas.

## **Southern Pine Beetle**

Cost-sharing with forest landowners to implement management practices to improve the health of their forests and reduce the risk of Southern Pine Beetles infestations that are damaging millions of acres of pine forests across the South.

# **The Judiciary**

# Office of Court Administration

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## **Juvenile Justice Accountability Project**

The purpose of the project is to hold juvenile offenders more accountable for their actions by providing additional judicial officers (i.e., juvenile law referees) and support staff to efficiently and effectively process the large volume of juvenile cases in Hidalgo and Bexar counties.

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## **Indigent Defense Grant Programs**

The Task Force on Indigent Defense has established two grant programs for fiscal year 2004. The Formula Grant Program is available to counties for increased indigent defense costs. The Discretionary Grant Program is designed to provide fiscal incentive to enhance the delivery of indigent defense services and to develop and promote best practices for the efficient and effective delivery of indigent defense services at the local level for indigent juvenile matters and indigent criminal cases.

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# **Public Safety and Criminal Justice**

# Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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## **Residential Services:**

Community corrections facilities (CCFs) provide an offender a controlled structure and/or intensive treatment and other programming of residential and incarcerate programs. They include reintegration aftercare programs. CCF programs are identified in several categories: Restitution Centers; Court Residential Treatment Facilities; Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities; Boot Camps and Intermediate Sanction Facilities. They are operated or administered by the Community Supervision and Corrections Departments (CSCDs). Some departments contract for Residential Services with private vendors or local jails.

**Contact:** Kirk Long

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## **Non-Residential**

*Day Reporting Center (DRC)* - Is a highly structured, intensive supervision, non-residential option for high-risk supervisees. They were originally called "day jails" due to the daily or very frequent face-to-face contact requirement.

*Sex Offender Specialized Caseload* - Supervision and Counseling for Sex Offenders. The CSCDs provide intense contact, primarily in specialized caseloads, often at non-standard hours, to minimize risk to the community.

*Intensive Supervision Probation, Surveillance and High Risk/Gang/Youth Caseloads* - These specialized and intensive caseloads are highly structured programs considered to be among the most restrictive non-residential sanctions for offenders who have been assessed at high risk of recidivism and re-arrest.

*Substance Abuse* - CSCDs use specialized caseloads, substance abuse counseling, education, outpatient and aftercare programs to meet the need of rising numbers of offenders with substance abuse problems.

*Drug Courts* - Drug Courts are designed to divert a non-violent drug offender from prosecution or revocation. Drug Courts are a judicially led treatment intervention for substance abusers.

**Contact:** Victoria Trinidad

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## **Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility Programs:**

The SAFPF program is a substance abuse treatment program that is not grant-funded and is court ordered. There are four special needs SAFPF units throughout the state. There is one female and three male facilities. The special needs units work with offenders that have medical, physical and psychological impairments in conjunction with a substance abuse diagnosis. TDCJ contracts directly with the local treatment vendors for SAFPF clients.

**Contact:** Carey Welebob

**Phone:** (512) 671- 2467

**Mental Health Initiative:**

The mental impairment initiative directly links Community Supervision and Corrections Departments (CSCDs) Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Impairments (TCOMI) and Mental Health, Mental Retardation (MHMR) agencies. The primary method to address the issue for CSCDs is in the creation or expansion of specialized caseloads.

**Contact:** Victoria Trinidad

**Phone:** (512) 305-9312

**Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPPs):**

The BIPPs are designed to intervene in current patterns and other forms of family violence, break dysfunctional family behavior patterns and prevent future recurrences.

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# Texas Commission on Fire Protection

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## **Fire Department Emergency Program**

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection administers the Fire Department Emergency Program to make grants and low interest loans to Texas fire departments with critical equipment needs. The emergency funding program provides loans, training scholarships and grants to fire departments with critical equipment needs. Fire fighting facilities, apparatus and equipment are eligible for assistance under this program. Rescue, EMS, Haz-Mat and communication devices (except hand-held radios) are not eligible for funding under this program. Currently, due to limited funds, fire station construction is funded only with loans.

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# Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

<http://www.tabc.state.tx.us>

(512)206-3333

## **Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL)**

This is a national research program, which will be implemented in four states. Interested communities that are selected as test sites for the State of Texas will receive \$125,000 over a two and a half year period to implement select strategies to enforce underage drinking laws and prevent underage drinking. In each state that receives this funding, seven communities with a city population between 25,000 and 200,000 will receive funds for a local coalition to address underage drinking by implementing the best and most promising practices. Another seven communities will be selected as comparison communities for the purpose of the national evaluation. Comparison communities will not receive funds for intervention but must agree to participate in the national evaluation.

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# **Natural Resources**

# Texas Department of Agriculture

<http://www.agr.state.tx.us/>  
(512)463-8536

## **Urban Schools**

This is an exciting agricultural-related grant program for urban elementary public school pupils enrolled in districts with populations of 49,000 or more. The program helps improve students' understanding of agriculture through projects such as school vegetable gardens, which can provide lessons not only in horticulture, but also in water conservation and nutrition. Projects are limited only to the extent of an applicant's imagination.

## **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

This research and development grant program seeks to expand the use of IPM in Texas agriculture. IPM is a farming system that curbs pest populations by using a variety of practices including biological pest controls; pest-resistant plants; crop rotations; planting-date adjustments; crop-residue destruction and pesticides, when insects or weeds reach economically damaging levels.

## **Specialty Crop and Product Development**

This is an applied research and product development grant program that focuses on Texas specialty crops. Funding is available for research and product development grants, with funding preferences given to projects addressing new varieties; production techniques; post-harvest treatment; brand labeling/placement; fresh cut/value-added products and other areas of vital research.

## **Surplus Agricultural Products**

This grant program assists non-profit organizations in collecting surplus agricultural products from farmers' fields and distributing these perishable crops to food banks and other charitable organizations that serve low-income clients.

## **Weather Modification Program**

This program provides matching grants to entities licensed and permitted to conduct precipitation enhancement or cloud-seeding activities. Since the state began providing funding for precipitation enhancement in 1997, the program has grown to encompass 10 groups conducting cloud-seeding over almost one-third of Texas or 50 million acres from the Pan Handle to the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

### **GO TEXAN Partner Program (GOTEPP)**

The GO TEXAN Partner Program is a dollar-for-dollar matching fund program open to producers, commodity boards, cooperatives and small businesses that are members of GO TEXAN, TDA's comprehensive marketing campaign for Texas agricultural products. Applicants submit project proposals to TDA outlining specific promotional and advertising activities for which matching funds are sought, along with total project cost figures and information on the anticipated impact of the proposed activities. Proposals are reviewed and voted on by a nine-member advisory board comprised of both public and private sector representatives. GOTEPP is designed to leverage the marketing dollars available to GO TEXAN members to increase consumer awareness and sales of Texas agricultural products.

### **Texas-Israel Exchange (TIE)**

The purpose of the program is to promote and support practical and applied agricultural research and development that will result in mutual benefit to Texas and Israel and will help to provide solutions to food and fiber production problems wherever they exist, particularly those relating to water conservation and establish a program of mutual cooperation that will foster the development of trade, mutual assistance and business relations between Texas and Israel.

### **Main Street Improvements Program**

The Texas Capital Fund Main Street Improvements Program is designed to foster and stimulate the development of small businesses by providing financial assistance to *non-entitlement* cities (designated by the Texas Historical Commission as a Main Street City) for public improvements. This program encourages the elimination of slum or blighted areas.

### **Real Estate Development Program**

The Texas Capital Fund Real Estate Development Program is an economic development tool designed to provide financial resources to *non-entitlement communities*. Funds must be used for real estate development to assist a business that commits to create and/or retain permanent jobs, primarily for low and moderate-income persons. This program encourages new business development and expansions.

### **Infrastructure Development Program**

The Texas Capital Fund Infrastructure Development Program is an economic development tool designed to provide financial resources to *non-entitlement communities*. Funds from this program can be utilized for *public infrastructure* needed to assist a business which commits to create and/or retain permanent jobs, primarily for low and moderate income persons. This program encourages new business development and expansions.

# **Texas Water Development Board**

<http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/>

(512)463-7847

## **Agriculture Water Conservation Grant**

Funds can be used for the purchase of equipment to evaluate or demonstrate efficient agricultural water uses, measure, test and evaluate water quality and suitability of water supplies for agricultural uses, demonstrate and evaluate systems that prevent contamination of water from chemicals or other substances used in agriculture.

## **Economically Distressed Area Program for Water and Sewer Service**

Funds can be used to bring water and wastewater services to economically distressed areas (designated by TWDB) where the present water and wastewater facilities are inadequate to meet the minimal needs of residents.

## **Community Self-Help Program for Water and Sewer**

Funds can be used to cover the actual cost to acquire water and wastewater systems to provide adequate service to Colonias where the local residents provide volunteer labor to construct the facilities and/or donate equipment, materials and supplies. The dollar value of the assistance provided by the local residents must be at least 40% of the total amount of the cost of the project.

## **Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance**

Grant funds can be used to cover planning assistance to communities in implementing measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Eligible work includes: Acquisition of insured structures and real property; Relocation or demolition of insured structures; Dry flood proofing of insured structures; Elevation of insured structures; Minor, localized structural projects that are not fundable by State or other Federal programs and Beach nourishment activities such as planting of dune grass.

## **Flood Protection Planning**

Grants are awarded for evaluation of structural and nonstructural solutions to flooding problems and considers flood protection needs of the entire watershed. Upstream and/or downstream effects of proposed solutions must be considered in the planning. The proposed planning must be regional in nature by inclusion of an entire watershed.

## **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program**

Funds can be used to cover costs associated with planning, acquisition and construction of water related infrastructure, including water supply and Source Water protection.

### **Regional Facility Planning Grant Program**

Grant funds can be used for studies and analyses to evaluate and determine the most feasible alternatives to meet regional water supply and wastewater facility needs, estimate the costs associated with implementing feasible regional water supply and wastewater facility alternatives and identify institutional arrangements to provide regional water supply and wastewater services for areas in Texas.

### **Regional Water Planning Group Grants**

For planning activities for the long term water supply needs of Texas. Fundable tasks include determining future water demands, availability of future water supplies and identifying solutions to meet demands. Funds are periodically available.

### **Water Research Grant Program**

Grants are issued for water research that addresses one of the Texas Water Development Board's designated research topics published in its most recent Request For Proposals.

# Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>  
(512)389-4800

## **Outdoor Recreation Grants**

The Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA) is funded through a portion of sales tax on select sporting good items. TRPA is administered by TPWD's Recreation Grants Branch and funds five grant programs. These grant programs include: the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program, Indoor Recreation Grant Program, Small Community Grant Program, Regional Park Grant Program and the Community Outdoor Outreach Program. The guidelines for each program have been approved by the Parks & Wildlife Commission after a series of public hearings and publication in the Texas Register.

## **Indoor Recreation Grants**

Athletics, Arts & Crafts, Recreation Center Staff Office, Weight Training Exercise Area, Locker Rooms, Restrooms, Meeting Rooms, Stage, Nature Center, Parking Lot, Senior Citizen Center, Food Preparation Area, Equipment Rental Area, Darkroom, Recreation Related Equipment, Day Care Area, Aquatics/Swimming, Exhibit/Interpretive Space, Vending Machines, Boys & Girls Club.

## **Small Community Grants**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is pleased to announce a new grant program for Texas communities under 20,000 in population. The TRPA Small Community Grant allows cities, counties, water districts and other governmental entities to acquire and develop parkland. This program provides a maximum \$50,000 grant in 50% matching funds to qualifying communities to acquire and develop parkland. The deadline for this program is January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## **Regional Park Grants**

Texas Parks and Wildlife is pleased to announce a new grant program to assist local governments with the acquisition and development of multi-jurisdictional public recreation areas in the metropolitan areas of the state. The TRPA Regional Park Grant allows cities, counties, water districts and other units of local government to acquire and develop parkland. There is no ceiling on match amounts, but grant awards are dependent on the number of applicants and the availability of funds. The deadline for this program is January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### **Community Outdoor Outreach Program**

Funds to help introduce under-served constituents to the services, programs and facilities of Texas Parks & Wildlife. These moneys will be distributed through grants to eligible organizations on a reimbursement basis.

- Outdoor Education
- Recreation Programs
- Wildlife/Nature/Environmental Education
- Youth-at-Risk
- Historical/Cultural Heritage
- Recreation Safety
- Outdoor Skills (Camping/Hunting/Boating/Fishing)
- Other TPWD Initiatives

### **Texas Recreation and Parks Account**

Awards are based on needs determined by the applicant through local planning efforts and other issues identified through public hearing processes.

### **Conservation Action Grants**

These funds are awarded to state wildlife agencies for the conservation of wildlife species of greatest conservation need - primarily those non-game species not traditionally funded through game and endangered species grant programs.

### **Landowner Incentive Program**

Most rare species inhabit privately owned and managed lands in Texas. Incentive programs to assist private landowners in protecting and managing rare species can have a direct and positive impact on their conservation. It is the goal of this program to provide financial incentives that encourage landowners to help conserve rare species. The program is flexible and is open to all private landowners who have a desire to voluntarily manage for rare species on their land.

### **Recovery Land Acquisition Grants**

The Recovery Land Acquisition Grant Program provides funding to States and Territories for acquisitions of habitat that support approved recovery plans. Because the existing Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Land Acquisition Grant Program provides substantial funding for land acquisitions associated with HCP's, the Recover Land Acquisition Grant Program will not be used to fund land acquisitions associated with permitted HCPs.

Eligible sponsors include, but are not limited to local units of government. Recovery Land Grants are made available on 3:1 matching basis (federal/state). TPWD requires its contractors to provide the 25% match. However, the local match may decrease to 10 percent if 2 or more states or territories are contributors to the proposal and its activities. The local match may be in the form of salaries, in-kind services, etc. and may exceed 25%.

### **Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants**

The Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grant Program provides assistance to states and local governments to develop Habitat Conservation Plans. Successful plans incorporate species conservation into local land use planning in a way that streamlines project approval and facilitates economic development. Planning Assistance Grants may support planning activities such as document preparation, outreach and baseline surveys and inventories.

Eligible sponsors include, but are not limited to local units of government. Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants are made available on 3:1 matching basis (federal/state). TPWD requires its contractors to provide the 25% match. However, the local match may decrease to 10 percent if 2 or more states or territories are contributors to the proposal and its activities. The local match may be in the form of salaries, in-kind services, etc. and may exceed 25%.

### **Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grants**

The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Land Acquisition Grant Program provides funding to states and territories as well as non-governmental organizations for the acquisition of land associated with HCP's. The program has three primary purposes:

- To fund land acquisitions that complement, but do not replace, private mitigation responsibilities contained in HCP's.
- To fund land acquisitions that have important benefits for listed, proposed and candidate species.
- To fund land acquisitions that have important benefits for ecosystems that support listed, proposed and candidate species.

Eligible sponsors include, but are not limited to local units of government and non-governmental organizations involved in conservation work. HCP Land Acquisition Grants are made available on 3:1 matching basis (federal:state). TPWD requires its contractors to provide the 25% match. However, the local match may decrease to 10 percent if 2 or more states or territories are contributors to the proposal and its activities. The local match may be in the form of salaries, in-kind services, etc. and may exceed 25%.

### **Target Range Grants**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department administers Federal funds to assist in the construction, development, improvement and/or maintenance of target ranges and associated facilities. These grants are available to qualifying applicants from both private clubs, non-profit organizations and local governments who provide public use of their facilities. This is a 75% reimbursement program. The applicant is expected to finance 25% of the entire project.

### **Urban Park and Recreation Recovery**

The purpose of the program is to provide direct Federal assistance to urban localities for rehabilitation of critically needed recreation facilities. The law also encourages systematic local planning and commitment to continuing operation and maintenance of recreation programs, sites and facilities. Only cities and urban counties meeting established criteria are eligible for assistance.

### **Trail Grants**

Texas Parks and Wildlife administers the National Recreational Trail Fund under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration. This federally funded program receives its budget from a portion of federal gasoline taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. Local administration of the National Recreational Trail Fund includes a grant program to develop or rehabilitate trail systems.

The deadline for this program is June 1, 2003. Grant funding for this program is on a cost reimbursement basis.

Eligible projects include: construction of new recreation trails on public or private lands, trail restoration or rehabilitation, Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades, acquisition of easements, acquisition of property, maintenance of existing trails, environmental mitigation and the development of trail-side and trail-head facilities (signs, restrooms, parking areas, water fountains, horse-watering, corrals, hitching posts, tool storage, bike racks, benches, picnic tables, and fencing).

### **Texas State Boat Ramp Construction Program**

This grant program provides 75% matching grant funds for the construction of public boat ramp facilities throughout the state. Local government sponsors must make an application, provide the land, provide access to the proposed boat ramp, supply 25% of the development costs and accept operation and maintenance responsibilities for a minimum 25-year period.

These funds are allocated annually through the federal Sport Fish Restoration Act. The deadlines for this program are January 31st and July 31st. Please contact Texas Parks & Wildlife Department before submitting an application to verify availability of funds.

### **Boat Sewage Pump-out Program**

Federal Funds through the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 allow private marinas and local governments to receive grants to install boat sewage pump-out stations. Pump-out Grants are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and can constitute up to 75% of all approved project costs.

These grants provide funds for the construction and/or renovation, operation and maintenance of pump-out and portable toilet dump stations. Priority consideration will be given to applications which provide pump-out facilities under federally approved state master plans. Proposals offering the greatest benefit to the intended waters and the general public will also take precedence.

All recreational vessels must have equal access to pump-out stations funded under the Clean Vessel Act. These stations will be marked on all nautical charts. A maximum fee of \$5 may be charged by operators to cover use and maintenance costs.

### **Texas Wetlands Grant Database**

The Texas Wetlands Grant Database is a compilation of federal, state and private funding assistance available to Texans to fund wetlands restoration, research, program development and education.

This database was developed as a component of the Texas Wetlands Conservation Plan, a non-regulatory plan identifying regional and statewide conservation, funding and education needs in Texas.

The Texas Wetlands Grant Database is intended to assist you in initiating your search for wetlands project funding. Both specific grant programs and other database connections have been provided so that you can expand your search on your own. While every attempt was made to develop a comprehensive and accurate listing of funding sources, some information may have changed. Please contact the funding source directly to verify information before applying for a grant, or if you have more specific questions. If you are aware of new programs or if you have updated information, please contact the Texas Wetlands Conservation Program at (512) 389-4328.

### **Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants**

The State of Texas recently received \$4.2 million dollars from the National Park Service as Land and Water Conservation Fund grant money to acquire and develop parkland. These funds have been used for a variety of projects.

### **Local Assistance Program**

The purpose of the Local Park Planning Assistance Service is to build, at the grass roots level, a balanced and adequate park and recreational system for all Texans. The small communities of Texas, which cannot afford private outside planning help without sacrificing needed development and/or acquisition monies, are considered the primary recipients of the Park Planning Assistance Service.

Assistance is available, though the service is limited to conceptual site planning and community needs assessment for individual park and recreation development and/or acquisition projects. Only Texas cities and counties are eligible for local park planning assistance. Cities submitting park planning assistance requests must not have a population which exceeds 17,500 inhabitants at the time the request is submitted. Counties submitting park planning assistance requests must not have a population greater than 28,000 inhabitants at the time that the request is submitted. Eligibility will be determined by the latest Federal Census or State Population Estimate.

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# General Land Office

<http://www.glo.state.tx.us/>  
(512)475-1393

## **Texas Coastal Management Program**

The Texas General Land Office is the lead agency for the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP), a multi-organizational effort designed to bring coordination to the cause of coastal protection. Through the CMP and its managing board, the Coastal Coordination Council (CCC), grant money is available to local coastal communities and organizations for beneficial coastal projects.

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**Business  
And  
Economic Development**

# Texas Department of Transportation

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(512)463-8585

## **Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) Grants**

ATPA funds are distributed through a grant process to eligible organizations and agencies which apply for funds. Categories for projects eligible for funding include activities such as enforcement/ apprehension, prosecution/adjudication, public education, prevention of stolen auto parts sales and reduction of stolen vehicles moved across the Mexico border. Grants are awarded on an annual basis from September 1-August 31.

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## **Aviation Grants**

The Texas Department of Transportation issues federal and state financial assistance grants to publicly owned general aviation and reliever airports included in the Texas Airport System Plan (TASP). These Aviation Facilities Development Grants are provided for capital improvements for items such as pavement improvements, land acquisition, runway extension or relocation, terminal buildings and new facilities. These grants require a 10% local match except for terminal building grants that require a 50% local match. Eligible local governments request funding through a letter of interest that details the proposed scope of services for the grant. Additionally, TxDOT provides financial assistance to publicly owned TASP general aviation, reliever and non-hub commercial service airports through the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP). The RAMP grants require at least a 50% local fund match.

## **Discretionary Capital Grants**

Discretionary capital grants or loans to states and local public bodies.

## **Planning and Research Grants**

Funds are provided to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) through TxDOT for transit or highway planning activities.

## **Urbanized Areas (50,000+ Population)**

Grants for public transportation in urbanized areas. Funds are distributed by FTA using a formula based on population and population density. In areas of over 200,000 population, grants are awarded directly to the local recipient. Grants for urbanized areas with populations under 200,000 may be made to the Governor or to local recipients designated by the Governor.

## **Elderly & Disabled Capital Grants**

Capital grants or loans for the provision of services to elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities.

## **Non-Urbanized Areas(Under 50,000 Population)**

Grants for public transportation in non-urbanized areas.

# Texas Workforce Commission

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(512)463-2222

## **Skills Development Fund**

The Skills Development Fund is responsible for working with businesses and labor unions that partner with a community or technical college or the Texas Engineering Extension Service on projects to design customized job training programs for the creation of new jobs or to increase the skills of current employees.

## **Self Sufficiency Fund**

The Self-Sufficiency Fund (SSF) awards grants to public community or technical colleges, non-profit or community-based organizations and the Texas Engineering Extension Service so that they may provide services to adults on public assistance, especially TANF recipients, in the form of training that is customized for specific employers. The SSF also provides funds for support services that are necessary to enable participants to take part in training activities and to make the transition from training to work.

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# Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/>

(512)475-3800

## **Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG)**

The Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) provides administrative support to a network of local community-based organizations that provide services to very low-income persons in all areas of the state. The funding helps provide such essential services as childcare; health and human services for children, families and the elderly; housing and other poverty-related programs.

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## **Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)**

The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) combines case management, education, and financial assistance to help very low- and extremely low-income consumers reduce their utility bills to an affordable level. Services include utility payment assistance, energy education and budget counseling.

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## **Emergency Nutrition/Temporary Emergency Relief Program (ENTERP)**

The Emergency Nutrition/Temporary Emergency Relief Program (ENTERP) provides emergency and energy-related assistance to low-income Texans. ENTERP aid is provided to county governments or non-profit organizations serving all 254 Texas counties. Funds are used to provide emergency services such as utility assistance, housing, food, clothing, medical services and transportation in response to disasters.

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## **Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP)**

The Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) funds provide grants to eligible entities that provide shelter and related services for homeless persons, as well as intervention services to persons threatened with homelessness. Activities eligible for funding include renovation of shelters for use as homeless shelters; assistance in obtaining permanent housing; medical and psychological counseling and supervision and developing and implementation of homeless prevention activities.

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### **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)**

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) helps low-income Texans-particularly the elderly and persons with special needs-control energy costs to ensure a healthy and safe living environment. The program funds the installation of weatherization materials and provides energy conservation education.

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### **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)**

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides grants and loans to help local governments, nonprofit agencies, for-profit entities and public housing agencies provide safe, decent, affordable housing to extremely low, very low and low-income families. HOME allocates funds through four basic activities: Homebuyer Assistance, Rental Housing Development, Owner-Occupied Housing Assistance and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance. The program has a 15 percent set-aside for community housing development organizations. The Department allocates 95 percent of its HOME Program funding to non-participating jurisdictions, which are those cities and counties that do not receive HOME Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. However, 5 percent of the total annual HOME Program allocation may be set-aside for applicants in participating jurisdictions serving persons with disabilities.

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### **Housing Trust Fund (HTF)**

The Housing Trust Fund is the only state-authorized program dedicated to increasing the state's supply of affordable housing. The program awards funds on a competitive basis to nonprofit and for-profit organizations, local governments, public housing authorities, community housing development organizations and income eligible individuals and families for the acquisition, rehabilitation and new construction of affordable housing. The Housing Trust Fund also sets aside 10 percent of each annual allocation for Capacity Building Activities and up to 10 percent for the Pre-development Revolving Loan Program.

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# Office of Rural Community Affairs

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## **Capital Improvement Program**

The program provides grants to rural health hospitals in rural counties to make capital improvements to existing health facilities, construct new health facilities or to purchase capital equipment.

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## **Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Program**

The CAH designation is available to hospitals that meet certain federal and state criteria and is designed to provide an alternative model to allow small rural hospitals to remain viable. This allows for increased service and staffing flexibility and increased reimbursement from Medicare.

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## **Medically Underserved Community-State Matching Incentive Program (MUC-SMIP)**

This program administers matching funds to eligible medically underserved communities to cover start-up costs for contracted physicians to establish primary care practices. The funds must be used to establish a primary care physician's office and ancillary facilities for diagnosing and treating patients.

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## **Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition Program (ORSRP)**

ORSRP is designed to assist rural communities in "growing their own" health care professionals by matching community funds with state funds to support a student of the community's choice in a health professional education program. Fifty percent of the student's education expenses are contributed by the sponsoring rural community and the remainder is provided by ORCA's Rural Health Unit. For each year the student receives funds through the program, the student provides a year of health care in the sponsoring rural community.

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### **Rural Communities Healthcare Investment Program (RCHIP)**

RCHIP is designed to attract and retain healthcare professionals in rural communities by providing incentives such as stipends or loan repayment assistance to non-physician healthcare professionals who agree to practice in medically underserved areas.

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### **Rural EMS**

Rural EMS works with other state agencies to ensure the provision of the highest quality rural pre-hospital emergency medical services in rural Texas through existing and developing programs. See "Rural TBI Instructor Incentive Grant" below for an additional rural EMS-related opportunity.

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### **Rural EMS Flex Grant Program**

This program provides funding for Critical Access Hospitals to purchase training equipment and/or provide certification/re-certification courses for emergency medical staff.

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### **Rural TBI Instructor Incentive Grant**

This grant is a program to fund instructors trained in the Pre-hospital Management of Traumatic Brain Injury course to provide training to a minimum of 15 students, at least 50 miles from the instructor's home community. Provider courses must be taught in an eligible rural or frontier county or in a community with a population fewer than 10,000 people, according to the 2003 Texas Almanac. Funds for this program are limited.

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### **Texas Health Service Corps Program (THSCP)**

THSCP offers up to \$15,000 per year as incentive to primary care physicians in their residency to establish practices in medically underserved communities.

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### **Community Development Fund**

This fund is available on a biennial basis through regional competition for assistance to eligible cities and counties to address public facilities and housing needs. Eligible activities include infrastructure projects such as sewer and water system improvements, street, bridge, and drainage improvements and housing rehabilitation. Each of the 24 State planning regions receives an allocation from the amount available each year. TCDP uses a formula to calculate each allocation based on population, poverty and unemployment information applicable to eligible nonentitlement applicants within each region.

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### **Disaster Relief/Urgent Need Fund**

The Disaster Relief fund assists communities on an as-needed basis for recovery from natural disasters, such as a drought, flooding or tornadoes, where the Governor has proclaimed a State disaster or has requested a federal disaster declaration. Depending on the nature and extent of the damage caused by the natural disaster, priority for the use of TCDP funds is the restoration of basic human needs such as water and sewer facilities and housing.

The Urgent Need fund provides assistance for projects that include activities to address water or sewer urgent needs that have resulted in either death, illness, injury or pose an imminent threat to life or health within the affected applicant's jurisdiction. An application for Urgent Need assistance will not be accepted by the TCDP until discussions between the potential applicant and representatives of ORCA, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) have taken place. A moratorium has been placed on Urgent Need Funds until further notice.

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### **Colonia Fund**

The fund is available to eligible county applicants for projects in severely distressed unincorporated areas, which meet the definition as a "colonia" under this fund. The term "colonia" means any identifiable unincorporated community that is determined to be a colonia on the basis of objective criteria, including lack of potable water supply, lack of adequate sewage systems and lack of decent, safe and sanitary housing; and was in existence as a colonia before the date of the enactment of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (November 28, 1990). Except for fund categories where additional restrictions apply, a county can only submit applications on behalf of eligible colonia areas located within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border region, except that any county that is part of a standard metropolitan statistical area with a population exceeding 1,000,000 is not eligible under this fund.

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### **Planning and Capacity Building Fund**

Funding is available on a biennial basis through a statewide competition to provide assistance to eligible cities and counties for planning activities that assess local needs, develop strategies to address local needs, build or improve local capacity or that includes other needed planning elements. The planning process undertaken with these funds should result in an improved local capacity to identify long and short-term needs and to develop strategies to address the identified community needs.

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### **Housing Fund**

The Housing Fund is available for infrastructure development to support affordable housing activities through the Housing Infrastructure Fund and for housing rehabilitation activities through the Housing Rehabilitation Fund.

Housing Infrastructure Fund: Funds are available to provide grants on a direct award basis for the infrastructure development to support the construction of affordable single family and multifamily low to moderate income housing. The funds may not be used for the actual construction costs of new housing. Eligible activities under the Housing Infrastructure Fund are as follows:

- Public facilities improvements supporting the development of the low to moderate income housing
- Engineering costs associated with the public facilities improvements
- Administrative costs associated with the site clearance, site improvements, and public facilities improvements

Housing Rehabilitation Fund: Funding is available annually through a statewide competitive process for grants to cities and counties to provide loan or deferred loan assistance for the rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing units and in strictly limited circumstances, the construction of new housing that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Application selection and scoring criteria for this fund will place some emphasis on housing activities that are targeted towards the provision of accessible housing for persons with disabilities.

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### **TCDP Small Towns Environment Program (STEP) Fund**

Funds are available for grants on a direct award basis to cities and counties to provide grant assistance to cities and communities recognizing the need and willingness to solve water and sewer problems through Small Towns Environment Program (STEP) self-help techniques. The STEP approach to solving water and sewer needs recognizes affordability factors related to the construction and operations/maintenance of the necessary water or sewer improvements and then initiates a local focus of control based on the capacity and readiness of the community's residents to solve the problem through self-help.

By utilizing the community's own resources (human, material and financial), the necessary water or sewer construction costs, engineering costs and related administration costs can be reduced significantly from the cost for the installation of the same improvements through conventional construction methods. TCDP staff will provide guidance, assistance and support to community leaders and residents willing to use self-help to solve their water and sewer problems.

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### **Texas Capital Fund**

This fund offers grants to eligible communities for economic development needs by providing infrastructure and real estate improvements in support of businesses willing to create/retain jobs. The Texas Department of Agriculture administers the program through an interagency agreement with ORCA.

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**NOTE: The following ORCA programs do not provide grants or loans, but do provide technical assistance to rural citizens and communities.**

### **Grants Resources**

Provides information on available grant funding for rural health projects, conducts grant application workshops and provides assistance in completing grant applications. ORCA has been designated the local technical assistance office for Outreach and Networking grants.

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### **Community Healthcare Development**

Identifies the economic impact of health care delivery in a rural county and assists the county in developing and implementing an action plan to optimize access to health care.

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### **Community Healthcare Awareness and Mentoring Program (CHAMPS)**

Identifies high school students or other residents of rural communities with an interest in health care and matches them with working health care professionals. The students shadow the mentors to learn more about healthcare careers and receive encouragement and support.

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### **Health Careers Promotion Program**

This program is designed to encourage rural high school students to pursue higher education in health care careers and work in rural Texas communities. The program provides information to rural high school students, teachers and counselors about health care careers, educational programs and financial aid sources in Texas.

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### **HealthFind**

HealthFind is an annual health care job fair that provides rural Texas communities and health care professionals the opportunity to meet face-to-face and explore practice opportunities. The event recruits physicians from Texas residency programs and allows small communities to market themselves to these practitioners without the time and expense of the usual recruiting/application procedures.

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### **Locum Tenens Healthcare Professional Registry**

The Registry is a no-charge registry of health care professionals who are interested in providing temporary services to rural Texas communities when the resident physicians need to be away from their busy practices. This service allows patients to have continuous access to medical care in their communities and rural physicians are better able to maintain their skills and motivation

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### **Recruitment Assistance**

ORCA participates in two Internet-based health care provider recruitment efforts, 3-R-Net and Texas Practice Sites. The programs allow communities to recruit on Internet web sites as well as allow practitioners to make their availability known.

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### **Rural Health Clinic Assistance**

The Rural Health Unit cosponsors technical assistance workshops with the Texas Association of Rural Health Clinics. Workshop topics have included assisting communities in starting a clinic and addressing the concerns of established clinics.

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### **Rural Hospital Designation**

ORCA administers the procedure for designating a hospital as a rural hospital in order for the hospital to qualify for federal funds.

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### **Texas PRAIRIE DOC Recruitment and Retention Program**

The comprehensive Texas Physician Recruitment And Integrated Retention Extending Docs Out to Communities is designed to assist rural communities in the development, recruitment and retention of primary care healthcare professionals. The program is also designed to help healthcare professionals locate job, loan repayment and scholarship opportunities in rural Texas.

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