

**Alamo Area Council of Governments
Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Al J. Notzon III Boardroom
8700 Tesoro Drive, Ste. 100, San Antonio, TX 78217-6228**

Telephonic meeting due to declared state of emergency:

Pursuant to Governor Abbott's March 16th order permitting public bodies to meet telephonically and waiving other requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act due to the ongoing state of emergency, AACOG will conduct this meeting via teleconference.

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Accessing the meeting via Teleconference:

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Ms. Hattie Allen
2. Ms. Glendda Wilke for Ms. Nicole Bishop
3. Ms. Alma Baker for Captain Danny Bowermaster
4. Ms. Mia Buentello-Garcia
5. Mr. Quentin Thomas for Ms. Jelynn LeBlanc Burley
6. Ms. Rori Boone for Dr. Allen Castro
7. Ms. Shelly Coleman
8. Chief Joe Curiel
9. Ms. Lorna Dean
10. Chief Henry Dominguez
11. Chief Linette Dury
12. Ms. Lisa Brothers for Miriam Elizondo
13. Ms. Vickie Ernst and Ms. Jennifer Forbes
14. Mr. Roger Garcia
15. Ms. Ellen Wheeler-Walter for D.A. Joe Gonzalez
16. Deputy Chief Gus Guzman
17. Chief Matthew Haynie
18. Ms. Samantha Wohler for Director Ottis Hutchinson
19. Ms. Jody Grinstead for Lt. Mary Krebs
20. Ms. Rosa Lavender
21. Lt. Brian Pehl for Sheriff Buddy Mills
22. Chief Nick Reininger
23. Mr. Tillman Roots
24. Mr. Dennis Rosenberry
25. Chief Neva Schmidt
26. Chief Jenny Shafer
27. Ms. Eladia Torres
28. Ms. Brenda Trevino

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. Ms. Abigail Moore
2. Ms. Maribell Neril
3. Dr. Pete Platteborze
4. Chief Scott Rubin
5. Constable Malcolm Watson

STAFF PRESENT:

1. Ms. Marcela Medina, Public Safety Manager
2. Ms. Laura Richardson, Public Safety Specialist
3. Ms. Ruth deButts, Public Safety Criminal Justice Planner
4. Mr. James Minze, Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Coordinator

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1. **Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chief Henry Dominguez**
 2. **Roll Call was taken by Ms. Laura Richardson and a quorum was established.**
 3. **Public Comments:**
There were no public comments.
 4. **Consider and act upon the Presentations and Reviews of the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). A motion was made by committee members to accept favorable or unfavorable motions on the Presentations, Reviews, Scores and Prioritization of the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).**

Committee members/alternates that recused themselves from scoring the JAG applications include the following:

**Ms. Mia Buentello-Garcia
Ms. Brenda Trevino
Ms. Ellen Wheeler-Walter**

It was also noted that due to the changes in the meetings because of the Covid virus, all grantees had to submit their presentations in written format this year. This written presentation is the same as presenting in person per By-Laws. This will cover them for presentation scores.

A. Justice Assistance Grant Program

The 2 projects that failed to send in a written presentation were looked at first.

McMullen County \$34,920.00
Technological and Emergency First Aid Upgrade
Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Ms. Samantha Wohler for Un-Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

City of Seguin \$97,930.00
WatchGuard Technology Upgrade
Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Ms. Samantha Wohler for Un-Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

It was later discovered that there were technical issues resulting from alternate work environments imposed by COVID-19 and these motions were rescinded.

A new motion was made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Chief Linette Dury to change all projects that were deemed Un-Favorable to Favorable because of this and to give all project presentations a full 15 presentation points to be fair.
All Approved, Motion Carried.

Balcones Heights \$72,000.00

Less Than Lethal Force Initiative

There was discussion about the taser costs requested. It was decided that they can look for a cheaper rate.

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Gus Guzman and seconded by Chief Linette Dury to reduce the amount requested to be a total approved amount of \$40,000.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Ms. Samantha Wohler for Favorable Review

All Approved, Motion carried.

Bandera County \$99,914.00

Interoperability Project

Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Forbes for Favorable Review

All Approved, Motion carried.

BCFS Health and Human Services \$98,905.00

Common Thread: Supporting the Prosecution of Traffickers

There was discussion about the rent asked for in the budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Samantha Wohler and seconded by Chief Linette Dury to remove the \$4,500 rent expense from the budget.

This motion was later rescinded to be included in the next motion.

There was further discussion about other items in the budget. It was noted that in the previous year funding, the non-profits had a recommended cap of \$50,000. There were also questions as to how much of these funds would be used out of region.

A motion was made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry to lower the total requested amount to be approved to \$50,000 to include the \$4,500 in rent.

There was a Nay vote by Chief Nick Reininger.

All others Approved, Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Forbes for Favorable Review

All Approved, Motion carried.

Bexar County \$100,000.00

Domestic Violence Offender Accountability Pilot Program

There was discussion about the line items in budget for accessories and contractual cost. There were also questions about the offender's buy-in line item.

A motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Forbes and seconded by Chief Linette Dury to remove the line items for contractual and accessories for \$9,600 and \$21,600.00 from the budget.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

Motion made by Chief Linette Dury and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Forbes for Favorable Review

All Approved, Motion carried.

Bexar County \$93,642.00

Safety & Risk Assessment Investigator Program

There was much discussion on the ability to hire the personnel requested and expend the money in that line item. It was decided to remove 2 months' worth of personnel & high fringe cost expenses from the budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Forbes and seconded by Chief Linette Dury to make the total amount approved to **\$62,029.82**.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

*Motion made by Chief Linette Dury and seconded by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.*

City of Floresville \$76,075.00

In Car Computers

It was noted that the grantee found funding for half the amount they originally asked for. Therefore they only asked for half of the \$76,075.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Samantha Wohler and seconded by Chief Linette Dury to make the total amount approved for **\$38,037.50**.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

*Motion made by Ms. Samantha Wohler and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.*

City of Grey Forest \$87,864.95

Criminal Justice Modernization Initiative 2

*Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.*

Kendall County \$77,988.00

Mental Health Officer

*Motion made by Chief Linette Dury and seconded by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.*

City of Kerrville \$26,656.00

Throwbot Project

Motion made by Chief Linette Dury and seconded by Ms. Rosa Lavender for Favorable Review

All Approved, Motion carried.

City of La Vernia \$20,133.72

Medical and Training Equipment

*Motion made by Chief Linette Dury and seconded by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.*

City of Leon Valley \$38,032.00

Use of Force and Tactics Enhancement

*Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.*

City of New Braunfels \$74,000.00

Crime Analyst

There was much discussion about the amount requested for personnel including fringe. There was also discussion about the large amount requested for office equipment and out of state training.

There was a motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Samantha Wohler to make the total approved amount **\$53,667.00**.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

*Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.*

City of Von Ormy \$82,195.00
Vehicle and Body Cameras

There was much discussion about the amount requested for body cameras and the amount of vehicles they are trying to outfit. It was decided to reduce that line item by half.

A motion was made by Chief Linette Dury and seconded by Ms. Rosa Lavender to reduce that line item by half \$33,442.48 for a total approved amount to **\$48,752.52**.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

*Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Ms. Samantha Wohler for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.*

Wilson County \$36,192.00
Court Activities Crime Prevention Grant

Motion made by Chief Linette Dury and seconded by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry for Favorable Review

All Approved, Motion carried.

Each committee member submitted an electronic scoring form for each application. The scores were tallied and put in ranking order. A copy of the rankings for each group of presentations will be given out to committee at the Monday meeting to be discussed and approved.

The ranking sheets will be presented to the AACOG Board of Directors on April 22, 2020.

5. Items to be placed on next Meeting's agenda.

There were no items.

6. Next meeting date: April 16, 2020 at 9:00am.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Chief Linette Dury **to adjourn. All approved, the motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.