

**Alamo Area Council of Governments  
Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting  
Friday, April 16, 2021 – 8:45 am  
2700 NE Loop 410, Ste. 101, San Antonio, TX 78217**

**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.

Members of the public may access the meeting using the below instructions.

***Public Comments Instructions:***

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1. Ms. Hattie Allen
2. Ms. Glenda Wilke for Ms. Nicole Bishop
3. Captain Danny Bowermaster and Ms. Alma Baker
4. Ms. Mia Buentello-Garcia
5. Ms. Juanita Rodriguez-Cordero for Ms. Jelynn LeBlanc Burley
6. Dr. Allen Castro
7. Mr. John Strelchun for Chief Joe Curiel
8. Ms. Lorna Dean
9. Chief Linette Dury
10. Ms. Lisa Brothers for Ms. Miriam Elizondo
11. Ms. Vickie Ernst and Ms. Jennifer Forbes
12. Ms. Andrea Goff
13. Ms. Ellen Wheeler-Walter for D.A. Joe Gonzalez
14. Deputy Robert Guerrero
15. Deputy Chief Gus Guzman
16. Chief Matthew Haynie
17. Ms. Shawnene Heather
18. Ms. Shelly Jackson
19. Ms. Rosa Lavender and Ms. Callie Graff
20. Lt. Brian Pehl for Sheriff Buddy Mills
21. Ms. Melissa Padron
22. Mr. Tillman Roots
23. Mr. Dennis Rosenberry
24. Ms. Eladia Torres
25. Ms. Brenda Trevino and Ms. Michele Mora
26. Ms. Samantha Wohler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

1. Chief Henry Dominguez
2. Mr. Robert Garcia
3. Lt. Mary Krebs
4. Ms. Abigail Moore
5. Ms. Maribell Neril
6. Chief Nick Reiningger
7. Chief Jenny Shafer

**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
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1. Meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Ms. Hattie Allen.
2. Roll Call was taken by Ms. Laura Richardson and a quorum was established.
3. **Public Comments:**  
There were no public comments.

4. **Identification of Conflict of Interest**

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

**Ms. Ellen Wheeler-Walter**  
**Ms. Shawnene Heather**  
**Ms. Brenda Trevino**  
**Ms. Glenda Wilke**  
**Ms. Michele Mora**  
**Mr. Tillman Roots**

5. **Review ACOG Staff Scoring Meeting items**

Went over the online scoring process once again. Showed how to do the quick scoring and how to check and make sure the project was marked complete.

6. **Discussion and appropriate action of each VAWA Application FY 2021-2022**

**Consider and act upon the Presentations and Reviews of the FY 2022 Violence Against Women Grants (VAWA). A motion was made by committee members to accept favorable or unfavorable motions on the Presentations, Reviews, Scores and Prioritization of the FY 2022 Violence Against Women Grants (VAWA).**

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 the online GoTo Meeting format this year. They were still given their 3 minute presentation time and had to present in person online or on the phone.

**A. Violence Against Women Grants Program**

Alamo Area Council of Governments **\$65,000.00**  
 Investigative Topics for Victims of Violence Against Women  
*Motion made by Chief Linette Dury and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Forbes for Favorable Review*  
*All Approved, Motion carried.*

Bexar County **\$75,000.00**  
 Human Trafficking Unit Program  
*Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Forbes and seconded by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry for Favorable Review*  
*All Approved, Motion carried.*

Bexar County Emergency Services District 7 **\$43,263.84**  
 First Responder Response to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

*Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff and seconded by Ms. Samantha Wohler for Favorable Review  
All Approved, Motion carried.*

**There was a power outage at the Wetmore location. The AACOG staff did not have power and were kicked out of the meeting. The recording was still in progress and the GoTO meeting would still be set to last for another hour. The decision was made to continue with the meeting. Ruth and Laura will go to their homes to log in from there. The meeting will be set to reconvene after the projects are done to approve the final scores.**

*Motion made by Chief Matthew Hayne and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Forbes to continue with the meeting and hear the final projects.  
All Approved, Motion carried.*

Comal County \$75,439.88  
Violence Against Women Prosecutor  
*Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Forbes for Favorable Review  
All Approved, Motion carried.*

*Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Ms. Rosa Lavender to lower the total requested amount to be approved to the recommended budget cap of **\$75,000.00**.  
All Approved, Motion carried.*

Kendall County **\$75,000.00**  
Crimes Against Women Prosecutor  
*Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Ms. Samantha Wohler for Favorable Review  
All Approved, Motion carried.*

PEACE Initiative **\$50,000.00**  
SAFETY (Security, Avocation, Freedom, and community Empowerment through Training and Advocacy).  
*Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Forbes for Favorable Review  
All Approved, Motion carried.*

Wilson County \$119,936.13  
Violent Crimes Against Women Restorative Justice  
*Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Samantha Wohler for Favorable Review  
All Approved, Motion carried.*

*Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Ms. Samantha Wohler to lower the total requested amount to be approved to the recommended budget cap of **\$75,000.00**.  
All Approved, Motion carried.*

## **7. Discussion and appropriate action to approve the 2021-2022 VAWA Priority Listing**

Each committee member submitted an electronic scoring form for each application. The scores were tallied and put in ranking order. A copy of the preliminary rankings for this group of presentations was presented to the committee. The top 6 VAWA projects would be fully funded with a partial amount of \$1,569.74 remaining to project #7- PEACE Initiative.

*Motion made by Mr. Dennis Rosenberry and seconded by Ms. Rosa Lavender to approve the preliminary scoring ranking of projects as presented.  
All Approved, Motion carried.*

**A copy of all ranking sheets will be given to the committee after all the funding streams are completed. The ranking sheets will be presented to the AACOG Board of Directors on April 28, 2021.**

**8. Items to be placed on next Meeting's agenda**

Nothing noted.

**9. Next meeting date:**

- VOCA Scoring & Prioritization Meeting (29 applications)- April 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 AM

**10. Adjournment**

A motion was made **Ms. Samantha Wohler** and seconded by **Mr. John Strelchun to adjourn.**

**All approved, the motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am