

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Panhandle Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) will be held at **1:30 p.m., on Monday, October 24, 2022** in the Board Room of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission offices located at 415 Southwest Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Potter County, Texas. In order to accommodate CJAC members and members of the public who may want to access the meeting remotely, a hybrid link is provided under Texas Government Code Section 551.127 with more than four counties in the State of Texas being represented on the advisory committee.

Members of the public interested in attending this meeting may do so by logging onto <https://meet.goto.com/375414237> or may participate by phone by dialing (646) 749-3122 Access Code: 375-414-237. A copy of the agenda packet for this meeting can be found on the PRPC's website at www.theprpc.org/Programs/CriminalJustice/

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

3. **MINUTES**

Consider approval of the minutes from the previous CJAC meetings held on March 21, 2022 & April 1, 2022.

4. **OVERVIEW OF THE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANTS PROGRAM**

Presentation by PRPC staff regarding regional criminal justice grants, program requirements and the responsibilities of the CJAC.

5. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE A SET OF CJAC OPERATING PROCEDURES/BYLAWS AND GRANT DOCUMENTS FOR THE FY 2024 CJD GRANTS PROGRAM YEAR**

Take action on developing a final set of procedures/bylaws to govern the CJAC's activities and treatment of the region's FY 2024 Criminal Justice Division (CJD) grant applications.

6. **GRANT SCORING QUESTIONS**

Develop and approve scoring questions for the FY24 CJD grant applications under JAG, JJ, Truancy Prevention, VOCA and VAWA.

7. ELECTION OF FY 2023 CJAC OFFICERS

Take action to nominate and elect CJAC Chair and Vice-Chair, whose terms will run through September 2023.

8. SCHEDULING OF THE NEXT CJAC MEETING

Estimated to be March and April (if both dates are needed)

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Open roundtable discussion on general regional criminal justice issues or matters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice complies with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Open Meetings Act, Section 551.041 (Notice of Meeting Requirements); Section 551.043 (Time and Accessibility of Notice Requirements); and Section 551.053 (Notice Requirements of a Political Subdivision Extending into Four or More Counties). The notice has been filed at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting with the Secretary of State's Office, the Potter County Clerk's Office, and has been posted in the Administrative Office of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Posted this 10th day of October 2022, at 415 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Texas, at 8:45 am.



Daphne Morcom



*PANHANDLE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

ITEM 3

**Approval and Certification of March 21, 2022 &
April 01, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Panhandle Regional Criminal Justice

Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Panhandle Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee was held at 12:00 pm on Monday, March 21, 2022 in the Board Room of the Panhandle Regional planning Commission offices located at 415 Southwest Eighth Avenue, Potter County, Texas. In order to accommodate CJAC members of the public who may want to access the meeting remotely, a hybrid link was provided under Texas Government Code Section 551.127 with more than four counties in the State of Texas being represented on the advisory committee.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Kent Birdsong, Oldham County Judicial District
- Terry Bouchard, Ochiltree County
- Lukas Day, Professional Counseling & Bio-Feedback center
- Stephanie Fowler; Dallam, Hartley, and Sherman County Juvenile Probation
- Sace Hardman, Panhandle Police Department
- Norma Luginbyhl, Hutchinson County Crisis Center
- Anna Kate Nobile, Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation
- Sara Northrup, Texas Panhandle Center
- Nina Parvin, Randall County Jail Division
- Traci Rogers, No Boundaries International Amarillo
- Randall Sims, 47th Judicial District

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Shelly Bohannon, The Bridge, Children's Advocacy Center
- Rob Hampton, Concerned citizen/parent organization
- Brent Harrison, Hereford Police Department
- Monty Hysinger, Dumas ISD
- Joe Jarosek, City of Canadian
- Joseph Loftus, Amarillo Police Department
- Hattie Sanderson, 100th District Attorney Office

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Daphne Morcom, Regional Services Program Specialist; Ms. Lori Gunn, Regional Services Director; Ms. DeShayne Hall, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Kurtis Abla, Dalhart ISD; Mr. Matthew Coggins, Canyon Police Department; Mr. Chanze Fowler, Hartley County Sherriff’s Office; Mr. Brandon Jones; Mr. Jace Delgado; Ms. Kirsten Williams, Hereford Police Department; Mr. Joe Orozco, Bovina Police Department; Ms. Katie Paul and Mr. John Vaught, Village of Timbercreek Canyon,

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lori Gunn called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

2. MINUTES

Mr. Kent Birdsong moved to accept the minutes from the previous CJAC meeting on October 20, 2021. Mr. Sara Northrup seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

BREAK for Lunch

3. OVERVIEW OF THE TRUANCY PREVENTION JUVENILE JUSTICE AND GENERAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS AND SCORING PROCESS

Ms. Lori Gunn provided a summary to the board of the truancy prevention, juvenile justice, and general justice assistance grant (JAG) programs. In December of 2021, the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor’s office solicited applications for projects during the state fiscal year 2022 grant cycle. On December 15th, PRPC staff distributed a Notice of Fund Availability to 460 eligible entities in the Panhandle region. Ms. Gunn also presented more information regarding the purpose, available funding, and eligible organizations for these programs. In total, CJD received 12 grant applications, 1 for truancy and 11 for JAG. The committee members will rank and score each project as the official funding decision will be up to CJD using the August 1st CCH report, however, an applicant’s ability to be funded may be a factor in their decision. Mr. Kent Birdsong moved to approve staff’s recommendation for the Committee to provide input and give approval of the information to submit to the PRPC Board of Directors. Mr. Tracy Rogers seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. PRESENTATION BY APPLICANTS FOR FY2023 TRUANCY PREVENTION FUNDS

Applicant presentations for FY 2023 Truancy Prevention Grant were made in the following order. Applicants were asked to keep their presentations to five minutes.

<u>TP APPLICANTS</u> <u>TIME</u>	<u>FUNDS REQUESTED</u>	<u>PRESENTATION</u>
Dalhart ISD	\$ 121,965.11	1:15 – 1:25

Mr. Kurtis Abla presented to the Committee Dalhart ISD’s applications for FY 2023 Truancy Prevention funds. The purpose of these funds is to alleviate chronic absenteeism caused by lack of parental involvement, substance abuse, and COVID-19. Dalhart ISD administrators and principals are responsible for overseeing the project, which involves 8 research based and

promising practice approaches aimed at addressed the root problem of truancy and absenteeism. The two goals these funds will provide towards include decreasing truancy by 15% for the 2022-2023 school year and to also decrease chronic absenteeism by 15% for the 2022-2023 school year. No action was needed on this item.

5. PRESENTATION BY APPLICANTS FOR FY 2023 JAG FUNDS

Applicant presentations for FY 2023 Edward Byne Justice Assistance Grant were made in the following order. Applicants were asked to keep their presentations to five minutes.

<u>JAG APPLICANTS</u>	<u>FUNDS REQUESTED</u>	<u>PRESENTATION TIME</u>
Briscoe County	\$ 48,975.00	1:30 – 1:40
City of Hereford	\$ 75,000.00	1:40 – 1:50
Timbercreek Canyon	\$ 20,121.98	1:50 – 2:00
Hartley County	\$ 38,975.00	2:00 – 2:10
City of Canyon	\$ 36,175.00	2:10 – 2:20
Hutchinson County	\$ 83,052.06	2:20 – 2:30
PRPC	\$ 30,797.00	2:30 – 2:40
Moore County	\$ 34,221.86	2:40 – 2:50
City of Bovina	\$ 11,132.54	2:50 – 3:00
City of Canyon	\$214,725.92	3:00 – 3:10
Swisher County	\$ 60,000.00	3:10 – 3:20
	<u>\$653,176.3</u>	

1. Presenter not available. Briscoe County requests funding to upgrade equipment and operating systems used to retrieve information while at a traffic stop or incident. Currently the equipment in question being used is 6-12 years old, when it should be updated every 2-3 years. With this upgrade the funds would go towards making officers more efficient and safer. Briscoe County has no assistance with sheriff’s office, their city council is working on a resolution to find additional funding.
2. Presented by Ms. Kirsten Williams. The Hereford Police Department is requesting funding to provide for the full-time establishment of a School Resource Officer (SRO). For the past 9 months, HISD’s SRO has been maintained by taking sworn personnel from the patrol division and assigning them to HISD, often on their days off. This has had an impact on the morale and efficiency of the patrol division. This funding would allow HPD to maintain a minimum level of staffing by providing for an SRO, which would improve response time, morale, and efficiency.
3. Presented by Mr. John V. The Village of Timbercreek Canyon is requesting funding to provide for medical as well as search and rescue equipment. The addition of this equipment for the department will allow officers to provide basic first aid, lifesaving measures, and search and rescue if needed. Additionally, the Village is requesting funding to upgrade patrol vehicles and office computer equipment. The city is able to meet funding match.

4. Presented by Mr. Chanze Fowler. Hartley County is requesting funding to provide for a variety of essential items, including laptops for officers, two scanner printers, and four desk with chairs. Most importantly, other requested items are dependable radios for use in patrol units. Hartley County currently uses an analog system and needs to switch to digital to improve communication range. Hartley County can provide a 50% match of funding.
5. Presented by Mr. Matt C. The City of Canyon is requesting funding for technology improvements used for forensic data contained on automobile computers, which can provide a wealth of knowledge in incidents of serious crashes or vehicles used during a crime. This project also includes the training necessary for operators on the software's use. The software funding will go towards half of crash incidents occurred since 2019. The City of Canyon is able to match 50% of funding.
6. Presented by Ms. Marcel Hajja. The Hutchison County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding to employ a full time investigator. The new opening would allow for an investigator to supplement the County's current force without taking personnel from its patrol division. This would improve efficiency of investigations and the overall criminal justice system for Hutchison County and surrounding areas.
7. Presented by Ms. Lori Gunn. The PRPC is requesting funding to work with Amarillo College to provide training to regional stakeholders in the criminal justice system. This contract with AC will also bring in subject matter experts for substance abuse, mental health, and sexual assault. This training will steadily enhance the region's criminal justice system as well as provide local agencies and organizations the opportunity to learn and discuss what they can do collectively to implement policy changes, allowing them to begin to take actions to strengthen and improve the delivery of services.
8. Presented by Mr. Brandon Jones. Moore County is requesting additional funding to provide for 40% of their grant-funded investigator's salary/benefit cost as well as training for both investigators. Due to decreased workload resulting from having more than one investigator, this funding will improve the efficiency of investigations in Moore County and allow for an overall reduction in crime and an increased disposition rate.
9. Presented by Mr. Joel Orozco. The City of Bovina is requesting funding for new equipment, specifically for first aid and an evidence kit. Additionally, this equipment can be used during incidences such as school shootings, search warrants, crime scene development and preservation, cleaning, and checking for dangerous gasses. This new equipment will decrease Bovina's reliance on using neighboring agencies/organizations equipment when the need arises.
10. Presented by Ms. Sheila Roach. The City of Canyon is requesting additional funding to equip the Canyon Municipal Court with necessary items to efficiently operate the

court as well as the necessary personnel/man hours to keep the court in operation to provide thorough and timely services. Additionally, the City is also requesting funds to equip the Canyon Police Department with reliable, functioning equipment and software that allows officers to safely conduct basic law enforcement operations and provide sound evidence to the courts and provide funds for training on the use of the equipment. Canyon is unable to match funding for this request.

11. Presented by Mr. Mike Criswell. Swisher County is requesting funding to provide for an assistance prosecutor to assist in the prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assault cases. This new position will improve efficiency of the criminal justice system in Swisher County and surrounding areas, it will also improve the County's disposition rate.

No action was needed on this item.

6. CJAC PRIORITIZATION OF FY2023 APPLICATIONS

The CJAC prioritized the Panhandle Region's FY 2023 Truancy Prevention and JAG applications.

7. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next CJAC meeting will be held April 1, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

No additional discussion occurred regarding general regional criminal justice issues or matters.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sace Hardman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kent Birdsong seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM.

PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PANHANDLE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

April 1, 2022

A meeting of the Panhandle Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) was held at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, April 1, 2022 in the Board Room of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission offices located at 415 Southwest Eighth Avenue, Potter County, Texas. In order to accommodate CJAC members of the public who may have wanted to access the meeting remotely, a hybrid link was provided under Texas Government Code Section 551.127 with more than four counties in the State of Texas being represented on the advisory committee.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Kent Birdsong, Oldham County DA
- Shelly Bohannon, The Children's Advocacy Center
- Terry Bouchard, Ochiltree County Sheriff
- Sace Hardman, Panhandle Police Department
- Brent Harrison, Hereford Police Department
- Monty Hysinger, Dumas ISD
- Joe Jarosek, City of Canadian
- Joseph Loftus, Amarillo Police Department
- Sara Northrup, Texas Panhandle Centers
- Nina Parvin, Randall County Jail Division
- Traci Rogers, No Boundaries International Amarillo
- Randall Sims, 47th Judicial District DA

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Luka Day, Professional Counseling & Bio-Feedback Center
- Stephanie Fowler, Dallam-Hartley-Sherman Juvenile Probation Department
- Rob Hampton, Concerned Citizen
- Norma Luginbyhl, Hutchinson County Crisis Center
- Anna Kate Nobile, Castro/Swisher Juvenile Probation Department
- Hattie Sanderson, 100th District Attorney Office

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Lori Gunn, Regional Services Director; Ms. Daphne Morcom, Regional Services Program Specialist and Ms. DeShayne Hall, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Sonja Cuellar, 47th District Attorney's Office; Mr. Chris Fobbs, Safe Place Inc; Ms. Jennifer Foreman, Tralee Crisis Center; Ms. Angela Gamboa, Deaf Smith County Crisis Center; Ms. Angela Holloway, Ms. Amy Rhoades, and Mr. Robert Love, Randall County DA; Ms. Natalie McGee, Hutchinson County Crisis Center; Ms. Cindy Smith, Panhandle Crisis Center; Mr. Terry Stroud and Mr. Jim Womack, Family Support Services.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lori Gunn called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

2. OVERVIEW OF THE GENERAL VICTIM SERVICES GRANT PROGRAMS AND SCORING PROCESS

Ms. Daphne Morcom presented to the Committee an overview of the Juvenile Justice (JJ), Truancy Prevention (TP), and Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) programs as well as their scoring processes. In December 2021, the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office solicited applications for projects during the state fiscal year 2022 grant cycle. On December 15th, PRPC staff distributed a Notice of Fund Availability to 460 eligible entities in the Panhandle region. Workshop was held in person on January 4th to assist applicants in their application composition and submission. There were 13 attendees at the workshop. CJD set the application deadline on February 11, 2022. In total, CJD received nine (9) grant applications from the Panhandle Region for VOCA and VAWA. There is one (1) Violence Against Women Grants and eight (8) Victim Assistance Grants that were reviewed.

The Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division allows each region's CJAC to compile questions of their own for the score cards when evaluating each grant application. Those score cards were approved by the CJAC and CJD for use in scoring of the FY 2023 grant applications. The official funding decision will be up to CJD using the August 1st Computerized Criminal History (CCH) report; however, an applicant's ability to be funded may be a factor in the Committee's decision.

The CJAC will meet to review the current grant year program applications in accordance with the grant program year schedule developed by the PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator at the start of the program year. CJD will approve the CJAC's review criteria and a standardized review form which will be used to evaluate and prioritize the various CJD applications originating from the Panhandle region. The criteria will be weighted as follows:

- 20% of the points available will be assigned to the category of Documentation of the Problem

- 60% of the points available will be assigned to the category of Project Approach & Activities
- 10% of the points available are assigned to the category of Data Management
- 10% of the points available will be assigned to the category of Capacity and Capabilities
- The CJAC will determine which specific questions will be used for their application review/ prioritization purposes as well as the point values assigned to each question. Once the question list has been finalized, each CJAC member will determine, in their own estimation, how well the applicant addressed those questions. The more points assigned, the better the applicant responded to the questions.

The CJAC will use a 100-point scale when evaluating and prioritizing CJD applications. Therefore, under each of the categories described above, the maximum number of points that can be assigned varies based upon the category. The CJAC will use an averaged rank-based prioritization system for determining the rank ordering of the CJD projects. CJAC will then prioritize the CJD applications in accordance with their averaged rankings. Each member’s point scores for the applications will then be converted to an individualized ranking of how each member scored the applications before the group averaging takes place. The individualized rankings of all the reviewing CJAC members will then be totaled and averaged based on the number of members evaluating each application, to create the prioritized listing of all the applications.

The below proposed prioritization list will be reviewed by the CJAC for review, comment and possible changes to the list order. Upon completion and voting by the CJAC the priority list approved will be presented to the PRPC Board of Directors for approval and then submitted to CJD for final review. CJD makes all final funding decisions.

VAWA

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Funds Requested</i>		<i>Project Name</i>
Randall County DA’s Office	\$	71,000.00	Felony Domestic Violence Prosecutor
	\$	71,000.00	<i>Total FY 2023 VAWA Funds Requested</i>
	\$	80,988.01	<i>Regional Budget Expectation (RBE)</i>
	\$	9,988.01	<i>Difference</i>

VOCA

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Funds Requested</i>		<i>Project Name</i>
Safe Place, Inc.	\$	191,465.45	Victims Assistance
Hutchinson County Crisis Center	\$	210,000.00	Victim Assistance Program
Family Support Services	\$	349,828.76	Victims Assistance Program

Randall County DA's Office	\$	57,235.20	Victims' Assistance Grant
Potter County Attorney's Office/47 th DA	\$	190,041.00	Victim Assistance Program
Panhandle Crisis Center	\$	241,140.00	Intervention and Support for Victims of Violence
Tralee Crisis Center	\$	152,891.00	Victim Assistance Project
Deaf Smith County Crisis Center	\$	178,981.80	Advocacy 2022 - 2023
	\$	1,571,583.21	Total FY 2023 VOCA Funds Requested
	\$	1,794,926.79	Regional Budget Expectation (RBE)
	\$	223,343.58	Difference

PRPC staff recommends the CJAC approve the prioritized list and recommended funding levels, once compiled, be forwarded to the PRPC Board of Directors for approval then, if approved, submitted to CJD. No action was needed.

3. PRESENTATION BY APPLICANTS FOR FY 2023 VAWA FUNDS

There were 3 applications for this fund, only one presented for the FY 2023 Violence Against Women Grant. Applicants were asked to keep their presentations to five minutes.

<u>TIER 1 APPLICANTS</u>	<u>FUNDS REQUESTED</u>	<u>PRESENTATION TIME</u>
Randall County DA's Office	<u>\$ 71,000.00</u>	1:45 – 1:55
	\$ 71,000.00	

The assistance from this grant will give Randall County an additional Victim Assistance Advocate and will enable the County to: accomplish the mission to provide core services to victims; ensure prompt compliance with the requirements in Chapter 56 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; promote victim restoration and hold the offender accountable for their crime. As a result, Randall County will be more effective at providing referrals for resources available for victims of crime, along with providing updates on case statuses to the victims.

4. PRESENTATION BY APPLICANTS FOR FY 2023 VOCA FUNDS

Applicant presentations for FY 2023 Victims of Crime Act Grant will be made in the following order. Applicants are asked to keep their presentations to five minutes. Thank you.

<u>VOCA APPLICANTS</u>	<u>FUNDS REQ.</u>	<u>PRESENTATION TIME</u>
1. Safe Place, Inc.	\$ 191,465.45	2:00 – 2:10
2. Hutchinson County Crisis Center	\$ 210,000.00	2:10 – 2:20

3. Family Support Services	\$ 349,828.76	2:20 – 2:30
4. Randall County DA’s Office	\$ 57,235.20	2:30 – 2:40
5. Potter County Attorney’s Office /47 th DA	\$ 190,041.00	2:40 – 2:50
6. Panhandle Crisis Center	\$ 241,140.00	2:50 – 3:00
7. Tralee Crisis Center	\$ 152,891.00	3:00 – 3:10
8. Deaf Smith County Crisis Center	\$ 178,981.80	3:10 – 3:20
	<u>\$ 1,571,583.21</u>	

1. Presented by Mr. Chris Fobbs. Safe Place, Inc. is requesting funding to continue providing safe shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Moore, Sherman, Hartley, and Dallam counties
2. Presented by Ms. Natalie McGee. Hutchinson County Crisis Center (HC3) is requesting funding to employ advocates and utilize evidence-based advocacy practices to provide comprehensive services to victims in Hutchinson and Carson counties. This project will seek to remove transportation and language barriers, which often impede access not only to the agency’s services, but also to other legal and community resources essential to establishing safety and restoration.
3. Presented by Mr. Jim Womack. Family Support Services (FSS) is requesting funding with plans to provide direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, both primary and secondary victims, in order to speed their recovery and to aid them in the criminal justice process. This project will also help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system. This will be achieved by building a network of support and effective services for victims and their families and establish strong collaborations with hospitals, courts, law enforcement and other human service providers. Additionally, the project aims to train volunteers to respond to crisis situations in an effective manner at the hospitals and other locations as needed by victims as well as increase the number of victims of crime that FSS serves by providing professional counseling by masters-level counselors. FSS also seeks to provide immediate, safe and secure shelter for victims of family violence, sexual assault and human trafficking and a continuum of care, from hotline to housing, with entry points to services based on the needs of the survivor.
4. Presented by Mr. Robert Love. The Randall County DA’s office is requesting funding for continued assistance provided by this grant which will help them in their mission to provide essential services to victims and promote victim restoration while incorporating an emphasis on cultural competency in underserved populations. The Victim Advocate will continue to prioritize services provided to each victim based on their individual needs. Randall County will work to promote public education, employ strategies that are sensitive to the concerns and safety of victims, and collaborate with community agencies to meet the needs of crime victims. An emphasis will continue to be made for educating victims about the Criminal Justice System and their rights. Randall County will also provide victims with information and assistance available through the Crime Victims’ Compensation Program of the Attorney General’s Office and resources available in the community.
5. Presented by Ms. Sonja Cuellar. Potter County’s DA office is requesting continuing funding to address, to the greatest extent possible, the physical, mental, and emotional needs of those who have become victims of felonious crimes in Potter County. This funding will specifically be funneled towards personnel, crisis services, legal advocacy, and multi-disciplinary teams/case coordination costs.
6. Presented by Ms. Cindy Smith. Panhandle Crisis Center is requesting funding to go towards a 24-hour shelter and hotline, emergency crisis response, counseling, and advocacy services to victims of crimes in Ochiltree, Hansford, and Lipscomb counties of the Texas Panhandle. The Center will also employ caseworkers and utilize evidence-based advocacy practices to provide comprehensive services to

victims. Furthermore, this project will seek to remove transportation and language barriers, which often impede access not only to the Center's services, but also to other legal and community resources essential to establishing safety and restoration.

7. Presented by Ms. Jennifer Foreman. Tralee Crisis Center is requesting funding to provide services that will enable victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes in 8 rural counties of the eastern Texas Panhandle to learn strategies to enhance their safety and to increase knowledge of their rights and resources available to them. Activities outlined in their project application include comprehensive, culturally sensitive, crisis intervention, 24-hour hotline, safe shelter, legal assistance, professional counseling, peer counseling and support groups. This one-year project for \$152,891 in OOG includes 10,000 hours of direct services to 220 violent crime victims; 60 support group sessions; safe shelters for 40 victims/survivors including 28 secondary victims for an average stay of 30 days; salary and fringe benefits for 10 Victim Advocates, 1 Volunteer Coordinator, 1 Fiscal Manager/Assistant and 1 executive director.
8. Presented by Ms. Angela Gamboa. Deaf Smith County Crisis Center is requesting funding that will go towards offering a 24-Hour Hotline, peer counseling, advocacy, safety planning, support group, professional counseling referral, crime victim's compensation referral, relocation of victims, temporary/emergency shelter, shelter referral, emergency transportation to shelters, transportation for clients as needed, emergency protective orders and assistance with long term protective orders, legal referral, court accompaniment, Bridge, SANE accompaniment and clothes closet in Deaf Smith, Castro, Parmer and Oldham counties.

5. CJAC PRIORITIZATION OF FY 2023 APPLICATIONS

The CJAC spent this time prioritizing the Panhandle Region's FY 2023 VOCA and VAWA applications.

6. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next CJAC meeting will be held October 2022, exact date to be determined.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

Open roundtable discussion on general regional criminal justice issues or matters.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kent Birdsong moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sace Hardman seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous vote. There being no further business to come before the Committee; the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.



*PANHANDLE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

ITEM 4

Regional Criminal Justice Grants Program Overview



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2022
TO: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Daphne Morcom, Regional Services Program Specialist
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #4
Overview of the Regional Criminal Justice Grants Program

BACKGROUND:

The Office of the Governor's--Criminal Justice Division (CJD) administers a variety of federal and state funding programs intended to support local, regional and statewide criminal justice-related projects. CJD's goals are to support programs that protect people from crime, reduce the number of crimes committed, and promote accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness for the criminal justice system. CJD focuses resources on projects that enhance our capacity to prevent crime, provide service and treatment options, enforce laws, train staff and volunteers, and serve crime victims.

CJD administers grants from a variety of state and federal funding sources. Although each funding source has its unique purpose, all CJD grant programs share two overall values: 1) encourage innovative solutions and 2) provide for local control. Adhering to these values allows CJD to respond to the specific needs of Texas communities.

The Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) contracts with the 24 regional councils of governments (COG's – e.g., the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission) to facilitate a CJD grant application process within each region. COG's provide planning and prioritization for local governments within their regions. COG's distribute information to potential grant applicants about CJD's application process and deadlines; facilitate local community planning groups; prioritize submitted applications using fair and competitive processes; notify grant recipients of awards; and provide technical assistance throughout the grant year.

Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3 of the Texas Administrative Code, (TAC), delineates the expectations that CJD has of the COGs in carrying out this contracted work. The TAC prescribes the duties of the COG staff involved with the contract and also defines the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee as:

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee [CJAC], a component of a COG. A CJAC must have a multi-disciplinary representation of members from the region. This representation must contain members from the following groups: concerned citizens or parents, drug abuse prevention, education, juvenile justice, law enforcement, mental health, nonprofit organizations, prosecution/courts, victim service, municipalities and counties. No single group may constitute more than one third of the CJAC.

The TAC gives the CJAC's role in the grant-making process as follows:

For applications prioritized by a COG, the CJAC must prioritize the applications and prepare the priority listing. The COG's governing body [i.e., the PRPC Board of Directors] must approve the priority listing. The COG then must submit the priority listing to CJD within the time periods established by CJD. CJD will render final funding decisions on these applications based upon the COG priorities, eligibility, reasonableness, availability of funding, and cost-effectiveness.

Although CJD gives much weight to the decisions of the CJAC/COG concerning grant funding, the agency does say in §3.9(a) of this section of the TAC, "All grant funding decisions rest completely within the discretionary authority of CJD. The receipt of an application for grant funding by CJD does not obligate CJD to fund the grant or to fund it at the amount requested."

To ensure some level equity in how the state's CJD funds are distributed across Texas; however, the TAC states that, "For applications prioritized by a COG and seeking funding from the State Criminal Justice Planning Fund, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Fund, or the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Fund, CJD will allocate funding through a formula based upon population figures and crime rates. No formula-based funding allocation exists for applications prioritized by a COG that seek grants from other funding sources."

Attached for your information is a brief overview of the various programs facilitated by the COGs, which are made available through CJD. The funding streams marked with an asterisk will be the only ones considered by the CJAC for FY 2023. The full list of programs is provided to give you a perspective on the types of programs that could be implemented in this region and throughout the state.

In addition to the grant prioritization requirements, the PRPC staff and the CJAC are asked to assist in the compilation of a regional Criminal Justice Strategic Plan that will be used further for the development regional projects and possibly a statewide plan.

If you would like more information about Chapter 3 of the TAC, you will find a complete copy of this chapter attached to the draft set of bylaws under the following agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action required; this is an information only agenda item.

CJD FUNDING SOURCES

STATE FUNDS

Criminal Justice Planning Fund (Fund 421)

Source: A biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature from funds collected through court costs and fees. Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, §102.056 and §102.075. Section 772.006 of the Texas Government Code designates CJD as the Fund's administering agency.

Purpose: Support a wide range of projects designed to reduce crime and improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Eligibility: State agencies, units of local government, independent school districts, nonprofit corporations, Native American tribes, COGs, universities, colleges, hospital districts, juvenile boards, regional education service centers, community supervision and corrections departments, crime control and prevention districts, and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply under this fund. Faith-based organizations must be certified by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt nonprofit entities. Grantees may not use grant funds or program income for proselytizing or sectarian worship.

Award Criteria: Meet the criteria codified in the TAC, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter C, Division 1

Frequency of Award: Annual

Drug Court Program

Source: Article 102.0178 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure establishes state funding for this purpose and designates CJD as the administering agency. Funds received under this article are deposited to the credit of the drug court account in the general revenue fund.

Purpose: Supports projects that provide court-supervised substance abuse treatment as an alternative to traditional criminal sanctions, as defined in Chapter 469 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

Eligibility: Texas counties

Award Criteria: Projects must adhere to criteria and requirements in the Request for Applications as posted in the Texas Register.

Frequency of Award: Annual

County Essentials Program

Source: General Appropriations Act, Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor, Strategy A.1.7.

Purpose: Provide financial assistance to Texas counties for essential public services including law enforcement services, jail services, court services, or reimbursement of extraordinary costs incurred for the investigation or prosecution of a capital murder or crimes committed because of bias or prejudice.

Eligibility: Texas counties

Award Criteria: Projects must adhere to criteria and requirements in the published Application Instruction Kit.

Frequency of Award: Not Applicable

Crime Stoppers Assistance Fund (Fund 5012)

Source: A biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature established by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 102.013.

Purpose: Enhance and assist community efforts in solving crimes

Eligibility: Crime Stoppers organizations as defined by Chapter 414.001 of the Texas Government Code that are certified by the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council to receive repayments under Articles 37.073 and 42.152 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, or payments from a defendant under Article 42.12 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

Award Criteria: Meet the criteria codified in the TAC, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter C, Division 6.

Frequency of Award: Annual

FEDERAL FUNDS

***Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants**

Source: U.S. Department of Justice

CFDA Number: 16.738

Purpose: Supports state and local law enforcement agencies addressing violent crime—including drug enforcement and criminal enterprise. Additionally, supports statistically supported strategies of enforcement at the local level.

Eligibility: State agencies, units of local government, crime control and prevention districts, and Indian tribes that perform law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) are eligible to apply for grants under this fund.

Award Criteria: Projects must adhere to criteria and requirements outlined within the Application Instruction Kit.

Frequency of Award: Annual

Moore County	Investigator	\$34,221.86	Not Awarded Yet
Swisher County	Assistant County Attorney	\$60,000.00	Not Awarded Yet
Timbercreek Canyon	JAG PD Equipment	\$20,121.98	Not Awarded Yet
Hutchinson County	Criminal Investigator	\$83,052.06	Not Awarded Yet
Hartley County	Office and Patrol Unit Equipment Upgrade	\$38,975.00	Not Awarded Yet
PRPC	Specialized Criminal Justice Gap Training	\$30,797.0	Not Awarded Yet
City of Hereford	SRO Project	\$75,000.00	Not Awarded Yet
City of Canyon	Technology Improvements (Crash Forensics)	\$36,175.00	Not Awarded Yet
City of Bovina	Equipment	\$11,132.54	Not Awarded Yet
Briscoe County	Public Safety Project	\$48,975.00	Unfunded
City of Canyon	Court Improvement and E-Citation Project	\$214,725..92	Unfunded

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program

Source: U.S. Department of Justice

CFDA Number: 16.593

Purpose: Develop and implement residential substance abuse treatment projects within state and local correctional facilities and jail-based substance abuse projects within jails and local correctional facilities.

Eligibility: State agencies and counties that operate secure correctional facilities, and community supervision and corrections departments.

Award Criteria: Adhere to criteria established in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter C, Division 11.

Frequency of Award: Annual

Coverdell Grant Program

Source: U.S. Department of Justice

CFDA Number: 16.560

Purpose: Improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes.

Eligibility: State agencies and units of local government that operate the following: (1) laboratories currently accredited by the Laboratory Accreditation Board of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, the National Association of Medical Examiners, or other appropriate accrediting bodies; or (2) unaccredited laboratories that are in the process of obtaining accreditation.

Award Criteria: Adhere to requirements codified in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter C, Division 13.

Frequency of Award: Annual

***Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA)**

Source: U.S. Department of Justice

CFDA Number: 16.575

Purpose: Provide services that: (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist victims in stabilizing their lives after victimization; (3) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims with safety and security.

Eligibility: (a) The following applicants are eligible to apply for grants under this fund: state agencies; units of local government; hospital districts; nonprofit corporations; Native American tribes; crime control and prevention districts; universities; colleges; community supervision and corrections departments; COGs that provide direct services to victims; faith-based organizations that provide direct services to victims of crime; and hospitals and emergency medical facilities that offer crisis counseling, support groups, and/or other types of victim services. Faith-based organizations must be certified by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt nonprofit entities. Grantees may not use grant funds or program income for proselytizing or sectarian worship. In-patient treatment facilities, such as those designated to provide treatment to individuals with drug, alcohol, or mental health-related conditions, are not eligible to apply for grant funds.

(b) All applicants must: (1) Demonstrate a record of providing effective services to crime victims. If the applicant cannot yet demonstrate a record of providing effective services, the applicant must demonstrate that at least 25 percent of its financial support comes from non-federal sources. (2) Use volunteers, unless CJD determines that a compelling reason exists to waive this requirement. (3) Promote community efforts to aid crime victims. Applicants should promote, within the community, coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims. Coordination efforts qualify an organization to receive VOCA funds, but are not activities that can be supported with VOCA funds. (4) Assist victims in applying for crime victims' compensation benefits. (5) Maintain civil rights information. This requirement includes maintaining

statutorily required civil rights statistics on the race, national origin, sex, age, and disability of victims served, within the timeframe established by CJD. This requirement is waived when providing service, such as telephone counseling, where soliciting the information may be inappropriate or offensive to the crime victim. (6) Provide equal services to victims of federal crimes. (7) Provide grant-funded services at no charge to victims. Any deviation requires prior written approval by CJD. (8) Maintain the confidentiality of all client-counselor information and research data, as required by state and federal law. (9) Not discriminate against victims because they disagree with the way the state is prosecuting the criminal case.

Award Criteria: Meet the criteria codified in the TAC, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter C, Division 5.

Frequency of Award: Annual

Panhandle Crisis Center	Intervention & Support for Victims of Violence	\$241,140.00	Not Awarded Yet
Tralee Crisis Center for Women	Victim Assistance Project	\$152,891.00	Not Awarded Yet
Family Support Services of Amarillo	Victims Assistance Program	\$349,828.76	Not Awarded Yet
Safe Place, Inc.	Victims Assistance	\$191,465.45	Not Awarded Yet
Deaf Smith County Crisis Center	Advocacy 2022-2023	\$178,981.80	Not Awarded Yet
Potter County	Victim Assistance Program	\$190,041.00	Not Awarded Yet
Hutchinson County Crisis Center	Victim Assistance Program	\$210,000.00	Not Awarded Yet
Randall County	Victims' Assistance Grant	\$57,235.20	Not Awarded Yet

***S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act Fund (VAWA)**

Source: U.S. Department of Justice

CFDA Number: 16.588

Purpose: Assist in developing and strengthening effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services in such cases.

Eligibility: State agencies, units of local government, nonprofit corporations, faith-based organizations, Indian tribal governments, COGs, universities, colleges, community supervision and corrections departments, and crime control and prevention districts are eligible to apply for grants under this fund. Faith-based organizations must be certified by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt nonprofit entities. Grantees may not use grant funds or program income for proselytizing or sectarian worship.

Award Criteria: Meet at least one of the eligible purpose areas established by the federal Violence Against Women Office and codified at 28 C.F.R. §90 and address at least one Texas priority codified in the TAC, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter C, Division 9.

Frequency of Award: Annual

Randall County	Felony Domestic Violence Prosecutor	\$71,000.00	Not Awarded Yet
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Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

Source: U.S. Department of Justice

CFDA Number: 16.523

Purpose: Develop programs that promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system.

Eligibility: (a) Twenty-five percent of this fund is available for state discretionary set-aside grants to state agencies, units of local government (including crime control and prevention districts), Native American tribal governments, COGs, nonprofit corporations, and faith-based organizations. Faith-based organizations must be certified by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt nonprofit entities. Grantees may not use grant funds or program income for proselytizing or sectarian worship. Discretionary projects are eligible for funding only under the specific program purpose areas selected by the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Board from the program purpose areas listed in §3.1203 of this chapter.

(b) Seventy-five percent of this fund is available for local/regional formula grants to cities and counties based on a formula combining juvenile justice expenditures for each unit of local government and the average annual number of Uniform Crime Report Part I violent crimes reported for each unit of local government for the three most recent calendar years for which data are available.

(1) Cities and counties qualifying for a direct formula allocation of \$10,000 or more will receive notice of such allocation.

(2) Cities and counties that do not qualify for the \$10,000 minimum local/regional formula allocation grants, Native American tribal governments, and COGs are eligible to apply for funding to benefit local governments in accordance with the most recent and valid RFA issued by CJD.

Award Criteria: Meet the criteria established in the TAC, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter C, Division 12.

Frequency of Award: Annual

***Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Fund (JJDP)**

Source: U.S. Department of Justice

CFDA Number: 16.540

Purpose: Develop more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency and programs to improve the juvenile justice system.

Eligibility: State agencies, units of local government, nonprofit corporations, Indian tribes performing law enforcement functions, crime control and prevention districts, universities, colleges, independent school districts, and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for grants under this fund. Faith-based organizations must be certified by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt nonprofit entities. Grantees may not use grant funds or program income for proselytizing or sectarian worship.

Award Criteria: Address at least one priority area codified in the TAC, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter C, Division 2.

Frequency of Award: Annual

Safe & Drug-Free Schools & Communities Act Fund (SDFSC)

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Safe and Drug Free Schools

CFDA Number: 84.184

Purpose: Implement the following drug and violence prevention services for youth and families who are not normally assisted by state or local education agencies: (1) complementing and supporting local educational agency activities, including developing and implementing activities to prevent and reduce violence associated with prejudice and intolerance; (2) disseminating information about drug and violence prevention; (3) developing and implementing community-wide drug and violence prevention planning and organizing; (4) fostering a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports academic achievement;

(5) preventing and reducing violence; the use, possession and distribution of illegal drugs; and delinquency; (6) creating a well-disciplined environment conducive to learning; and (7) promoting the involvement of parents.

Eligibility: COGs, cities, counties, universities, colleges, independent school districts, nonprofit corporations, crime control and prevention districts, state agencies, Native American tribes, faith-based organizations, regional education service centers, community supervision and corrections departments, and juvenile boards are eligible for grants. Faith-based organizations must be certified by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt nonprofit entities. These grantees may not use grant funds or program income for proselytizing or sectarian worship.

Award Criteria: Meet the criteria codified in the TAC, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter C, Division 4.

Frequency of Award: Annual

Truancy Prevention (TP)

Source: State Funds

CFDA Number: N/A

Purpose: The purpose is to promote projects that provide truancy prevention and intervention services.

Eligibility: Independent School Districts (ISDs) and units of local government, which are defined as a non-statewide governmental body with the authority to establish a budget and impose taxes. Priority is given to justice, municipal, and constitutional county courts that are authorized under §65.004, Texas Family Code, to exercise jurisdiction over cases involving allegations of truant conduct, that are requesting funds to establish a new juvenile case manager in a jurisdiction that does not already have a juvenile case manager.

Award Criteria: Meet the criteria codified in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Frequency of Award: Annual

Dalhart ISD	Truancy Prevention – Intervention	\$121,861.34	Active
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Title V Grant Program

Source: U.S. Department of Justice

CFDA Number: 16.548

Purpose: Reduce juvenile delinquency and youth violence by supporting communities in providing their children, families, neighborhoods, and institutions with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities necessary to foster a healthy and nurturing environment that supports the growth and development of productive and responsible citizens.

Eligibility: Units of local government are eligible to apply for grants under this fund. For this fund, a unit of local government means any city, county, town, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of the state, and any Indian tribe which performs law enforcement functions as determined by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

Award Criteria: Meet the criteria codified in the TAC, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter C, Division 3.

Frequency of Award: Annual



*PANHANDLE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

ITEM 5

**Approve FY 2023 Criminal Justice Grant Program
Operating Procedures/Bylaws**



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2022
TO: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Daphne Morcom, Regional Services Program Specialist
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5

Consider and Approve a Set of CJAC Operating Procedures/Bylaws and Grant Documents for the FY24 CJD Grants Program Year

BACKGROUND:

Each year, prior to the start of the annual CJD grant process, the CJAC must revisit and update the committee's bylaws to lay out the ground rules for the coming year. Although this may seem somewhat redundant, this is a requirement and a very important step in the grant process because the document is a guide for all grant applicants.

Enclosed is a copy of last year's bylaws. During the course of your upcoming meeting, you will be asked to review and refine this set of procedures for the FY24 program year. Once you've completed the document to your satisfaction, it will then be presented to the PRPC Board of Directors for final approval. The approved procedures will be made available to all potential applicants so that they can familiarize themselves with the process that will be followed in the evaluation of their FY24 application(s). The highlighted portions are proposed changes to the document.

Behind the bylaws is a copy of PRPC Administrative Regulation #34 that governs the policies and procedures of the CJAC.

RECOMMENDATION:

PRPC staff recommends that the CJAC take action to approve a set of Operating Procedures/Bylaws to govern the activities of the committee throughout the FY24 CJD grants program year.

Panhandle Regional Criminal Justice
Advisory Committee

FY 23 **24** Grant Program
Operating Procedures
&
Bylaws

CJAC APPROVED: ~~October 20, 2021~~ **October 24, 2022**

PANHANDLE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GRANT PROGRAM OPERATING PROCEDURES

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PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPERATING PROCEDURES

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to establish the current policies and procedures that will guide the local decision making activities of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's (PRPC) Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC). The CJAC is an advisory committee of the PRPC created for the purpose of overseeing the operation of the Panhandle's Criminal Justice Grants Program. Funding provided by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) supports the Panhandle's Criminal Justice Grants Program. CJD has vested the PRPC with the authority to determine how the Panhandle's annual allocation of CJD funds will be used.

The CJAC's primary decision making duties revolve around the distribution of the region's CJD grant funds and in identifying the applicants most deserving of those funds. The demand for grant funds will always exceed the amount available for distribution. It is the responsibility of the CJAC; therefore, to ascertain which programs and projects should be given the highest priority when final decisions are made regarding the distribution of these funds.

The CJAC's ultimate goal is to ensure the finite amount of CJD grant funds are used in a manner that best serves the criminal justice system needs of the Panhandle. However, that goal must be achieved in an environment that treats all parties fairly and equally. By committing these policies and procedures to writing, the CJAC is putting the region's applicant community on notice of the principles that will influence how the region's CJD funds will be distributed. The purpose of these procedures is to chart a course, through a prescribed and impartial process, to the final decisions as to how the region's CJD funds will be used.

Authority:

The PRPC's CJAC is subordinate to the PRPC Board of Directors. The CJAC makes recommendations to the PRPC Board as to how project applications should be prioritized for funding. The final decisions rest with the PRPC Board.

The CJAC's full scope of authority and membership composition is set forth in the PRPC's Administrative Regulation #34. That regulation is attached to and made part of these bylaws.

Area of Oversight:

The PRPC staff is neither directly nor indirectly involved in the final decisions made regarding who will receive CJD grant funds during any given state fiscal year. The CJD allocates certain grants funds to the Panhandle each year which are specifically intended for use by Panhandle entities. Where these regional allocations are involved, the PRPC Board of Directors, acting on the recommendations provided by the CJAC, makes the final decision regarding the manner in which project applications are prioritized for funding.

The grant applications that will be reviewed by the CJAC include, but are not limited to the following funding sources from the CJD:

1. General Victim Assistance – Direct Services (GVA-DS);
2. Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects – Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence and Stalking;

3. Criminal Justice Programs,
4. General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs,
5. Truancy Prevention,
6. Child Sex Trafficking,
7. Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Ready Facilities Program, and
8. Any additional or unique fund sources that CJD determines appropriate

As needed and as required by the CJD, the CJAC will also review and comment upon any other criminal justice grant application that might originate from the Panhandle region during any given state fiscal year.

Terms of these Bylaws:

These Bylaws will remain in force for the term of any given state fiscal year. Each year, prior to the initiation of the region's Criminal Justice Grants Program, the CJAC will review these policies and procedures to ensure their appropriateness for the coming year.

Initiating the Region's Annual Criminal Justice Grants Program:

CJD will set deadlines for submission of applications. The applications will be submitted directly to CJD via the online eGrants web-based system.

The PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator will be responsible for receiving any information from CJD regarding changes being made in the CJD grant programs.

The PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator will be responsible for transmitting any significant information regarding CJD program changes onto the CJAC.

CJD has prescribed the information that will be needed to comprise grant applications. However, it is within the CJAC's discretion to ask applicants to supplement the CJD required information with additional material for regional review purposes. Applicants are encouraged but not required to participate in a local planning process. The process will help to substantiate the specific needs being addressed with the proposal and strengthen the overall purpose of the project. It will be the responsibility of the PRPC's Criminal Justice Program Coordinator to advise the applicant community of any changes being made to the grant application in a timely fashion; whether the changes are made by CJD or by the CJAC.

The PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator will be responsible for notifying the region's eligible applicant community of the grant submission schedule for the coming year and of any changes being made to the grant programs in a timely fashion.

Community Planning:

Applicants are encouraged to develop coordinated local strategies in order to use CJD funds and local resources to target critical criminal justice needs in such a way that avoids overlap or duplication in services and promotes the efficient use of limited state and local resources. The CJAC's prioritization criterion places an emphasis on applicants being able to validate that their proposal(s) is part of a coordinated strategy for addressing an identified local criminal justice need(s).

Regional Strategic Planning:

The PRPC's Criminal Justice Program Coordinator shall create a strategic plan for prioritizing the criminal justice needs in their region. The criminal justice needs relevant to this plan include, but are not limited to: criminal justice system improvements, juvenile justice system improvements, direct victim services, and mental health/substance abuse treatment.

Communities at all levels (city, county, service area) shall be involved in the process of developing the Panhandle Regional Criminal Justice Strategic Plan through the gathering and reporting of accurate and updated information to the PRPC staff and participation in meetings and teleconferences.

Grant Application Workshops:

The PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator will be responsible for scheduling and conducting annual grant application workshops to instruct prospective applicants on the mechanics of developing and filing their applications. The number of annual workshops to be conducted will be left to the discretion of the PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator.

First-time applicants¹ for CJD grant funds are strongly encouraged to attend one of the grant workshops conducted by the PRPC's Criminal Justice Program Coordinator. However, if for some reason a potential first-time applicant is unable to attend one of these workshops, that applicant is **required** to consult with the PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator during the development of their grant application.

Any application received from a first-time grant applicant that did not attend one of the grant workshops or did not consult with the PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator during the development of their grant application will not be considered by the CJAC.

Receipt of Criminal Justice Grant Applications:

All applications will be filed electronically, via the *eGrants* system, with CJD. The applications must be received by the deadline established by CJD. It is important that the applicant communicate and consult with the Criminal Justice Program Coordinator during the grant development process. The Coordinator should be made aware of all grants being applied for in the region.

Upon receipt of the applications, CJD will evaluate each proposal to ensure the project is eligible for funding by the grant program under which the proposal was filed. Presumably, those proposals found to be ineligible by CJD will be disqualified for funding under the program. Upon completion of the eligibility review, CJD will forward those proposals determined to be eligible to the PRPC Criminal Justice Program Coordinator.

Application Funding Level and Period of Eligibility:

Grant application-funding levels and periods of eligibility will differ based upon the grant program under which the applicant happens to be filing.

¹ First-time applicants are defined as grant applications for projects that are in the first year as well as any equipment/supplies only applications.

Reasonable Budget Estimates (RBEs):

A Regional Budget Estimate (RBE) is an annual notification of fund availability the Panhandle receives from CJD. The RBE identifies the estimated amount of funds being reserved for each grant program under which the region receives a funding allocation from CJD.

This information is intended to assist the CJAC in weighing and balancing the merits of the project proposals being prioritized within the limits of the RBEs. In so doing, the CJAC can help to ensure that the regional allocations are fully and effectively spent on projects that will optimally benefit the region’s criminal justice system. The RBE information is also of use to the region’s CJD applicants as it can help them in gauging reasonable expectations with regard to the size and scope of the projects being proposed.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Sub-regional Allocations:

There will be no set sub-allocation of Criminal Justice Programs funding. All Criminal Justice Programs grant funds will be subject to open competition from eligible applicants across the region.

Application Funding Levels:

The minimum amount of grant funding that may be requested by a first-year applicant for Criminal Justice Programs funds is \$10,000. There is no limit on the maximum funds that may be requested by an applicant.

Period of Eligibility:

All applicants for Criminal Justice Programs funds will generally be subject to the following Decreasing Funding Ratio and Maximum Years of Funding policy.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS DECREASING FUND RATIO					
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Eligible for:	100% of the program costs	80% of the program costs based on the Year 1 request	60% of the program costs based on the Year 1 request	40% of the program costs based on the Year 1 request	20% of the program costs based on the Year 1 request

Exceptions:

The Regional Law Enforcement Training Program will be exempt from this Decreasing Funding Ratio and Maximum Years of Funding Policy. The Regional Law Enforcement Training Program will be funded each year at a level deemed appropriate by the PRPC Board of Directors.

First-time, Continuation, and One-time Requests:

The CJAC makes no guarantee that every Criminal Justice Programs grant application will be funded for the entire duration of its period of eligibility.

However, subject to the performance and compliance record of the grantee during its previous year of funding, the CJAC will generally give preference to continuation grantees to ensure that

funding is available in subsequent years throughout the period of eligibility. Grant applications under the general Criminal Justice Program; therefore, will be submitted as follows:

All Criminal Justice Programs:

First Application: Include budget for Years 1 in accordance with the Decreasing Funding Ratio.

Second Application: Include budget for Year 2 in accordance with the Decreasing Funding Ratio.

Third Application: Include budget for Year 3 in accordance with the Decreasing Funding Ratio.

Fourth Application: Include budget for Year 4 in accordance with the Decreasing Funding Ratio.

Final Application: Include budget for Year 5 in accordance with the Decreasing Funding Ratio.

Once a grant program has completed its 5-year period of eligibility, it will no longer be eligible for further support. These programs cannot be resubmitted for consideration of another 5 years of funding.

The CJAC will consider one-time applications under the Criminal Justice Grant Program. An example of a one-time grant program might include a proposal to purchase equipment or to support a specific training program. A one-time application involves a one-time grant award and a commitment of grant funds that does not extend beyond the current state fiscal year.

One-time grant request will be considered as follows:

One-Time Equipment-Only Requests: A one-time equipment only proposal will be considered eligible if the following conditions are met:

- a. The purchase of the equipment can be tied to an identified need that has been well documented and demonstrated by the applicant.
- b. The applicant agrees to provide at least 50% of the funds needed to complete the purchase of the equipment.

Non-Equipment, One-Time Requests: A one-time non-equipment proposal may be considered eligible for 100% funding provided the following conditions exist.

- a. The non-equipment, one-time request can be tied to an identified need that has been well documented and demonstrated by the applicant.
- b. The non-equipment, one-time request does not overlap or duplicate a pre-existing program.

Other Criminal Justice Programs Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants for Criminal Justice Programs funds must have a physical location within the 26 County region and be serving the residents of the region. In addition, applicants must meet all other eligibility requirements established by the CJD.

GENERAL JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Sub-regional Allocations:

There will be no sub-regional allocations of the Panhandle’s annual allocation of General Juvenile Justice funds. The funds will be subject to open competition from eligible applicants across the region.

Application Funding Levels:

The minimum amount of grant funding that may be requested by a first-year applicant for General Juvenile Justice grant funds is \$10,000. There is no limit on the maximum funds that may be requested by a first-year applicant.

Period of Eligibility:

All applicants for General Juvenile Justice grant funds will generally be subject to the following Decreasing Funding Ratio and Maximum Years of Funding policy.

GENERAL JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS: DECREASING FUND RATIO					
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Eligible for:	100% of the program costs	80% of the program costs based on the Year 1 request	60% of the program costs based on the Year 1 request	40% of the program costs based on the Year 1 request	20% of the program costs based on the Year 1 request

Exceptions:

For the current fiscal year there will be no exceptions.

First-time, Continuation, and One-time Requests:

The CJAC makes no guarantee that every General Juvenile Justice grant fund program will be funded for the entire duration of its period of eligibility. However, subject to the performance and compliance record of the grantee during its previous year of funding, the CJAC will generally give preference to continuation grantees to ensure that funding is available in subsequent years throughout the period of eligibility. Grant applications under this program will; therefore, be submitted as follows:

First Application: Include budget, for Years 1 in accordance with the Decreasing Funding Ratio.

Second Application: Include budgets for Year 2 in accordance with the Decreasing Funding Ratio.

Third Application: Include budgets for Year 3 in accordance with the Decreasing Funding Ratio.

Fourth Application: Include budgets for Year 4 in accordance with the Decreasing Funding Ratio.

Final Application: Include budgets for Year 5 in accordance with the Decreasing Funding Ratio.

Once a grant program has completed its 5-year period of eligibility, it will no longer be eligible for further support. These programs cannot be resubmitted for consideration of another 5 years of funding.

The CJAC will consider one-time applications under the General Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Programs. An example of a one-time grant program might include a proposal to purchase equipment or to support a specific training program. A one-time application involves a one-time grant award and a commitment of grant funds that does not extend beyond the current state fiscal year.

One-time grant request will be considered as follows:

One-Time Equipment-Only Requests: A one-time equipment only proposal will be considered eligible if the following conditions are met:

- a. The purchase of the equipment can be tied to an identified need that has been well documented and demonstrated by the applicant.
- b. The applicant agrees to provide at least 50% of the funds needed to complete the purchase of the equipment.

Non-Equipment, One-Time Requests: A one-time non-equipment proposal may be considered eligible for 100% funding provided the following conditions exist.

- a. The non-equipment, one-time request can be tied to an identified need that has been well documented and demonstrated by the applicant.
- b. The non-equipment, one-time request does not overlap or duplicate a pre-existing program.

Other General Juvenile Justice Fund Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants for Criminal Justice Programs funds must have a physical location within the 26 County region and be serving the residents of the region. General Juvenile Justice funds must meet all other eligibility requirements established by the CJD.

GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE – DIRECT SERVICES PROGRAMS

CJD provides the Panhandle region with an annual allocation of General Victim Assistance funds. The CJAC's primary responsibility regarding the funding of the Panhandle's General Victim Assistance applications lies in establishing the order of priority in which they should be funded by CJD as well as how much funding they deem appropriate for each applicant. Then, depending upon the final availability of funds at the statewide level, CJD will fund the Panhandle Victim Assistance projects in accordance with the priority listing established by the CJAC.

Sub-regional Allocations:

There will be no sub-regional allocations of the Panhandle's annual allocation of the General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Programs. These funds will be subject to open competition from eligible applicants across the region.

Application Funding Levels:

The CJAC will annually establish the minimum and maximum levels of funding for the General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Program. The CJAC has set the minimum funding request at the amount established by CJD in the General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Program Request for Applications [RFA].

The CJAC establishes the maximum request amount per application at \$350,000.00. Though this amount may differ from that stated in the State's FY2324 RFA, the cap allows for the wider distribution of FY2324 funding to the region's Victim Services agencies that rely on this funding for their continued operation.

The CJAC will ensure that the entire region is considered for funding by determining how any adjustments in the applicant's budget(s) need to be addressed whether higher or lower to sensibly distribute funding across applicants should the actual regional allocation differ from what CJD provided in the RBE. CJD has final approval of grantee eligibility.

Period of Eligibility:

The Panhandle General Victim Assistance applicants will be subject to the funding levels and maximum years of funding policy established by the CJD.

Matching Fund Requirements:

The Panhandle Region General Victim Assistance grant applicants will be subject to the matching fund requirements established by the CJD. It is anticipated that CJD will require all applicants provide at least 20% of the resources needed to support their program during any given grant program year. CJD allows these matching resources to be provided in the form of eligible in-kind services, cash or a combination of both. CJD will determine the eligibility of the in-kind service(s).

Other Fund Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants for Criminal Justice Programs funds must have a physical location within the 26 County region and be serving the residents of the region. In addition, applicants for the General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Program funds must meet all other eligibility requirements established by the CJD.

VIOLENT CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & TRAINING PROJECTS

CJD provides the Panhandle region with an annual allotment of Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects funds. The CJAC's primary responsibility regarding the funding of the Panhandle's applications lies in establishing the order of priority in which they should be funded by CJD. Then, depending upon the actual availability of funds at the statewide level, CJD will fund the Panhandle Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects in accordance with the priority listing established by the CJAC.

Sub-regional Allocations:

There will be no sub-regional allocation of Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects funds in the Panhandle. CJD will make the final determination of which Panhandle applications will be funded based upon the availability of funds at the statewide level and upon the prioritization listing established by the CJAC.

Application Funding Levels:

The CJAC will annually establish the minimum and maximum levels of funding for the Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects program. The CJAC will set the minimum funding request at the amount established by CJD in the Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects Request for Applications [RFA] (in recent years, that minimum amount was set at \$5,000.00). The CJAC establishes the maximum request amount per application at \$71,000.00. Though this amount may differ from that stated in the State's RFA, the cap allows for the wider distribution of funding to the region's Victim Services agencies that rely on this funding for their continued operation.

Applicants will be allowed to submit up to 3 separate Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects applications per funding cycle. No single application can exceed \$71,000.00. If applicants submit multiple applications, they must be submitted in prioritized order (Tier 1 application, Tier 2 application, Tier 3 application). All Tier 1 applications received will then be grouped and separately reviewed/prioritized by the CJAC. All Tier 2 applications received will be grouped and separately reviewed/prioritized by the CJAC and the same will be done for any Tier 3 applications received. The CJAC's funding recommendations to the PRPC Board will then be presented as follows:

- That the Tier 1 projects be funded in the order of priority as established by the CJAC;
- That if funding is available that the Tier 2 projects be funded after all the Tier 1 projects have been funded in the order of priority as established by the CJAC; and
- That if funding is available, that the Tier 3 projects be funded after all the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects have been funded in the order of priority as established by the CJAC

PLEASE NOTE: The CJAC may at its discretion and based on the final amount of the regional budget estimate provided by CJD for the VAWA funding block in the current grant year, waive the tier requirements and/or alter the maximum requested application amount described above.

Period of Eligibility:

The Panhandle Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects applicants will be subject to the funding levels and maximum years of funding policy established by the CJD.

Matching Fund Requirements:

The Panhandle Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects applicants will be subject to the matching fund requirements established by the CJD. It's anticipated that CJD will require that the applicants provide at least 29% of the resources needed to support their program during the grant program year.

CJD allows these matching resources to be provided in the form of eligible in-kind contributions, cash or a combination of both. CJD will determine the eligibility of the in-kind service(s).

All Other Requirements:

Applicants for Criminal Justice Programs funds must have a physical location within the 26 County region and be serving the residents of the region. In addition, applicants must meet all other Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects eligibility requirements established by the CJD.

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROJECTS

CJD will provide the Panhandle region with an annual RBE of JAG funds. If funding is provided to the region under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), applications will be considered as one-time requests and will follow the guidance provided for One-Time Equipment-Only and One-Time Non-Equipment proposals described under the Criminal Justice Programs section of these procedures. However, applicants are advised that additional federal/local guidance may become available and could affect the information requested and other matters related to this fund source if/when the region is notified by CJD that JAG funds will be available to the region. Any changes in information needs or adjustments to the application requirements will be posted on the PRPC's website at the time the call for JAG applications is issued. In general, and until otherwise changed, the CJAC's priorities for JAG-funded projects are as follows:

1. Multi-jurisdictional projects with a focus on regional impact;
2. Equipment purchases which could, through mutual aid, be deployed region-wide, and
3. Other projects that can be completed with a one-time grant

The CJAC will ensure that the entire region is considered for funding by determining how any adjustments in the applicant's budget(s) need to be addressed whether higher or lower to sensibly distribute funding across applicants should the actual regional allocation differ from what CJD provided in the RBE. CJD has final approval of grantee eligibility.

THE CJAC'S PRIORITIZATION OF CJD APPLICATIONS

Prioritization Meeting Dates:

The CJAC will meet to review the current grant year program applications in accordance with the grant program year schedule developed by the PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator at the start of the program year.

The CJAC Chairman will determine whether or not the CJAC has to physically convene in order to carry out the prioritization process(es). In certain instances, there may only be one application filed under a particular grant program during a given grant program year. In those instances, where there are no competing applications, the CJAC Chairman may elect to have the CJAC review the single application via mail or email.

Individuals Authorized to Prioritize the Region's CJD Applications:

Only PRPC Board-appointed members may participate in the prioritization of the region's CJD grant applications.

Standardized Review of the CJD Applications:

CJD will approve the CJAC's review criteria and a standardized review form which will be used to evaluate and prioritize the various CJD applications originating from the Panhandle region. The criteria will be weighted as follows:

20% of the points available will be assigned to the category of Documentation of the Problem;

This category will be used to evaluate the identified problems and issues. Is the problem addressed in the application clearly defined and supported by local statistics? Relative to the other projects in the funding block, how severe is the problem that is being addressed?

60% of the points available will be assigned to the category of Project Approach & Activities;

This category will be used to evaluate the applicant's goals and whether the activities will address the stated problem(s). The committee will evaluate the project in relation to previously proven methods or a well thought out unique approach to solving the problem(s). How well does the project address one or more of the local priorities? Are the applicant's project goals realistic and can they be achieved within the grant period? Will the proposed project activities clearly address the stated problem(s)? Does the stated problem(s) and the goals of the project justify the project costs?

10% of the points available are assigned to the category of Data Management;

This category will be evaluating whether the applicant has an established or well thought out plan to self-evaluate the project. Has the applicant documented an adequate and measurable means for evaluating the progress being made to achieve the project goals?

10% of the points available will be assigned to the category of Capacity and Capabilities;

This category will evaluate is the applicant is capable of taking the project to completion in an effective manner. If funded, would the applicant have the necessary resources to manage/carry out the project and account for the project funds in an effective and fiscally responsible manner?

The CJAC will determine which specific questions will be used for their application review/prioritization purposes as well as the point values assigned to each question. Once the question list has been finalized, each CJAC member will determine, in their own estimation, how well the applicant addressed those questions. The more points assigned, the better the applicant responded to the questions.

The CJAC will use a 100-point scale when evaluating and prioritizing CJD applications. Therefore, under each of the categories described above, the maximum number of points that can be assigned varies based upon the category.

These Operating Procedures & Bylaws will be supplemented at a later date with the following:

1. A listing of the Panhandle's Criminal Justice priorities as identified with the Regional Strategic planning process; and

2. A listing of the questions to be used for the purpose of evaluating applications under each category.

During any given grant year, the PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring that all eligible applicants are made aware of the review criteria that will be used by the CJAC to prioritize the CJD grant applications in a timely fashion.

CJAC Presentation Guidelines Requirement:

As part of the regional prioritization process, the CJAC will require each applicant to fill out the Supplemental Information Form found in Attachment 1 of this document for each proposal submitted under any of the regional Criminal Justice Programs. This information will be gathered by the PRPC's Criminal Justice Coordinator after the applicants have filed their applications with CJD. The form will be provided to the CJAC along with the applicant's CJD grant application prior to the CJAC's Prioritization Meeting(s). Applicants that fail to provide this information to the CJAC for their proposal(s) may have their application lowered during the CJAC's prioritization process.

Applicants will be given the presentation guidelines during the workshop(s). The presentation guidelines include six points and/or questions that the applicants are asked to answer during their grant presentations to the CJAC at the prioritization meetings. Those questions include:

- Why is this particular project needed; what problem(s) are you trying to resolve?
- Describe which, if any, of the Regional Program Priorities this project will support (a list will be provided as soon as it becomes available)
- Who would be responsible for implementing this project and how would that be done?
- What factors will be used to gauge the value of this project to your community – how will you measure success?
- How will this project continue to be supported in the future?

Conflict of Interest Policy:

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

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

If a CJAC member has a conflict of interest regarding a particular grant application, the COG will ensure that the CJAC member is not assigned, and will not review, that application. A CJAC member that has a conflict of interest regarding a particular grant application must vacate the CJAC meeting room whenever that application is presented to or reviewed by the CJAC, and the

member must not take part in or be present for any discussion on the application with any member of the CJAC.

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

Applicant Attendance at the Prioritization Meetings:

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the meetings during which their application will be prioritized by the CJAC. During those meetings, applicants will be given the chance to orally present their project applications to the CJAC. This is an important opportunity for the applicants to clarify to the CJAC the express intent and nature of their project application(s). Applicants who are unable to personally represent their applications during the meeting(s) are by virtue of their absence, placing their applications at a competitive disadvantage. The CJAC will still prioritize a project even though the applicant's representative did not personally attend the CJAC meeting to orally present the application. The only information that the CJAC will have to go off in prioritizing the absentee applicant's project application; however, will be that which is presented in the written application. The absentee applicant will not be allowed to come back at some later point in time to provide supplemental project information that could have otherwise been presented orally during the CJAC meeting.

Applicant Presentations:

CJD grant applicants will generally be given five minutes to orally present their project proposal to the CJAC. The CJAC will then be allowed as much time as needed thereafter to question the applicant about the particulars of their project application.

Prior to each CJAC prioritization meeting, the PRPC's Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator will, by random selection, choose the order in which the applicant presentations will be made. However, where the CJAC will be prioritizing applications under a variety of different grant programs during the same meeting, the applicant presentations will be grouped by grant program, in a randomly selected order. The order in which the grant program groupings will be presented will also be selected by random drawing.

The Project Prioritization Process:

Each CJD application will be evaluated and scored in accordance with review criteria established by CJD. The applications will be ranked according to their numeric scores.

The CJAC will use an averaged rank-based prioritization system for determining the rank ordering of the CJD projects. In past competitions, the applications have been ranked based upon their averaged numeric score. However, averaging numeric scores allows the potential for what could be considered, unfair volatility. For instance, one member could potentially affect the outcome of the selection process by scoring certain projects extremely low while scoring favorite projects unusually high.

To avoid this potential situation, the CJAC will prioritize the CJD applications in accordance with their averaged rankings. The numeric point values shown for each criterion being used by the CJAC will still be used to score the applications.

Each member’s point scores for the applications will then be converted to an individualized ranking of how each member scored the applications before the group averaging takes place. The example shown below will help to illustrate this concept. Member A reviews 9 projects in accordance with the CJAC prioritization criteria and then assigns a total point score for each project. Member A’s point scores are then converted to rankings; as shown in the row beneath the “Total Point Scores Given”.

MEMBER A’s SCORES:

	Project 1	Project 2	Project 3	Project 4	Project 5	Project 6	Project 7	Project 8	Project 9
Total Point Score Given:	40 pts	50 pts.	75 pts.	100 pts	90 pts	85 pts	55 pts	92 pts	98 pts
Corresponding Ranking	9 th	8 th	6 th	1 st	4 th	5 th	7 th	3 rd	2 nd

The individualized rankings of all the reviewing CJAC members will then be totaled and averaged based on the number of members evaluating each application, to create the prioritized listing of all the applications.

The CJAC members will be encouraged to create a point differential between those projects they deem to be of higher priority than others. However, there may be instances when a member(s) assigns the same point score to two or more projects to create a tie(s). In those cases, the corresponding rankings of the tied projects will be averaged as part of the overall ranking process. This step is illustrated below using the *Member A* example from above. However, in this scenario, Member A has given the same score to three different applications.

MEMBER A’s SCORES:

	Project 1	Project 2	Project 3	Project 4	Project 5	Project 6	Project 7	Project 8	Project 9
Total Point Score Given:	40 pts	50 pts.	75 pts.	100 pts	90 pts	90 pts	55 pts	90 pts	98 pts

Member A’s corresponding rankings would then be as follows:

	Total Point Score Given	Corresponding Ranking
Project 4	At 100 points; highest point score given	1 st
Project 9	At 98 points; second highest point score given	2 nd
Project 5	At 90 points, Projects 5, 6, and 8 received the exact same point score. Therefore ranking positions 3, 4 and 5 would be added and then divided by 3 ($\{3+4+5\}/3 = 4$) to create an averaged corresponding ranking for the three tied projects.	4 th
Project 6		4 th
Project 8		4 th
Project 3	At 75 points; sixth highest point score given	6 th
Project 7	At 55 points; seventh highest point score given	7 th

	Total Point Score Given	Corresponding Ranking
Project 2	At 50 points; eighth highest point score given	8 th
Project 1	At 40 points; lowest point score of nine projects	9 th

By using the averaged ranking approach versus the averaged point score approach, the CJAC can ensure a higher degree of fairness in the selection process. If a tie still persists the tied projects averaged numeric scores will be used to break the tie.

The proposed prioritization list will be reviewed by the CJAC for review, comment and possible changes to the list order. Upon completion and voting by the CJAC the priority list approved will be presented to the PRPC Board of Directors for approval and then submitted to CJD for final review. CJD makes all final funding decisions.

Notice to Applicants Regarding the Outcome of the Prioritization Process(es):

The PRPC Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator will be responsible for notifying the CJD grant applicants of the outcome of the application prioritization process(es). This notification will be developed and transmitted after the PRPC Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator has confirmed the CJAC’s prioritization results. This notice will be faxed, mailed or emailed to the CJD grant applicants within 24 hours after the results have been confirmed.

That notice will include the following:

1. The final priority rankings as developed by the CJAC, by grant program.
2. The amount of funds each applicant will receive per the recommendations of the CJAC.
3. The date on which the CJAC’s CJD grant recommendations will be considered by the PRPC Board of Directors.
4. A description of the appeals process that must be followed in the event an applicant wants to protest a decision made by the CJAC.
5. A statement that the PRPC Board meetings are open to the public.
6. A statement as required by CJD that all final funding decisions are made by CJD.

Appeals Process:

This appeals process only relates to those grant programs involving regional allocations made to the Panhandle region by the CJD or those programs that require the CJAC to order by priority, projects competing for funding at the statewide level.

A Panhandle applicant for CJD funding may appeal the disposition of its application **only** if one or more of the following occurs during the review of the application by the CJAC.

1. **Misplacement of an application.** If all or part of an application is lost, misfiled, etc., by PRPC staff, resulting in the unequal consideration of the applicant’s proposal.
2. **Mathematical error.** If, in scoring the application, the score on any selection criteria is arrived at incorrectly or if the total score of the application is arrived at incorrectly as a result of human or computer error.

3. **Other procedural error.** If the applicant's application is not processed and treated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this document.

All appeals, including the specific alleged procedural violation(s), must be submitted to the PRPC Executive Director in writing. The Executive Director may then take one of the following actions:

1. Investigate the allegation and determine that the appeal is not valid. In such case, the applicant will receive in writing the basis for the decision to reject the applicant's appeal. In such case, the decision of the Executive Director is final.
2. If there is some validity to the appeal, the Executive Director will place the appeal on the agenda of the PRPC Board of Directors. The protesting applicant will be notified of the time and date of the meeting during which the Board of Directors will consider the appeal. The applicant will be given the opportunity to present his/her case directly to the PRPC Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will then render a decision on the appeal of the protesting applicant. All decisions made by the PRPC Board of Directors will be final.

An appeal can be filed at any time during the prioritization process but must be submitted within seven (7) working days from the date on which the Notice to Applicants Regarding the Outcome of the Prioritization Process(es) is **transmitted**.

In any event, the appeal must be received by the PRPC prior to the date on which the CJAC's CJD grant recommendations will be considered by the PRPC Board of Directors. Any appeals received after that date will not be considered by the PRPC Board.

Any appeals made after the date on which the CJAC's CJD grant recommendations are acted on by the PRPC Board of Directors must be filed directly with the CJD in accordance with the agency's appeal procedures.

Open Meetings Requirements:

The PRPC Regional Criminal Justice Program Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring that all CJAC prioritization meetings are properly posted in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Local Government Code.

Relationship to the Texas Administrative Code (TAC):

The CJD grants program is governed by the Texas Administrative Code (TAC). Should any provisions of these bylaws be in conflict the current TAC, the provisions of the TAC will prevail. The relevant sections of the TAC, those applicable to the Criminal Justice Divisions Grant Program, are attached to and made part of these bylaws.

ATTACHMENT 1

CJAC PRESENTATION GUIDELINE

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CJAC'S PRESENTATION GUIDELINE:

Applicant Organization: _____

Project Title: _____

Grant Funds Requested: _____

This form must be completed for each project submitted to the Criminal Justice Division under the regional Criminal Justice Programs. This form should be filled out and returned to PRPC's Criminal Justice Coordinator. This information is expected to be covered in your grant presentation to the CJAC.

1. Why is this particular project needed; what problem(s) are you trying to resolve?

2. Describe which, if any, of the Regional Program Priorities this project will support.

3. Who will be responsible for implementing this project and how would that be done?

4. What factors will be used to gauge the value of this project to your community – how will you measure success?

5. How will this project continue to be supported in the future?

ATTACHMENT 2

RESERVED for FY 23 24 Local Priorities

This section will be added upon the PRPC Board's approval of the Region's FY23 Regional Criminal Justice Strategic Plan (anticipated to be completed by July 5, 2020).

The PRPC Board approved the Region's FY24 Regional Criminal Justice Strategic Plan on June 24, 2022 which listed the local priorities as follows:

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grants (JJDP) and Truancy Prevention Grants (TP)

- Substance Abuse
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Bullying
- Parental Involvement
- Poverty

Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

- Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Recruiting and Retention
- Sexual Assault
- Mental Health

Victims of Crime Act Grants (VOCA)

- Domestic Violence
- Substance Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Human Trafficking
- Stalking

Violence Against Women Act Grants (VAWA)

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Prosecution of Domestic Violence and/or Stalking
- Human Trafficking
- Fear of Reporting

ATTACHMENT 3

PRPC Administrative Regulation #34

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PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Administrative Regulation
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PANHANDLE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this administrative regulation is to officially establish the role of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and to formally sanction the procedures necessary for the Committee's on-going operation.

II. CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Establishment and Scope of Authority

1. The Board of Directors of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission hereby formally grants the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee official status as a standing committee of the Planning Commission in order that the Advisory Committee may continue providing guidance and direction over the region's Criminal Justice Grants program. The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's specific responsibilities shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - a. The establishment of working rules and procedures to govern the operations of the Advisory Committee.
 - b. The development of policies, procedures and prioritization criteria to govern the operation of the region's Criminal Justice Grants Program(s).
 - c. The review and development of recommendations concerning the prioritization of applications submitted for consideration through the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division grant applications under the following programs:
 - i. General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Programs;
 - ii. Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects – Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence and Stalking;
 - iii. Criminal Justice Programs; and
 - iv. General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevent Programs
 - d. The provision of general direction to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission staff regarding the region's criminal justice grants program.
2. The responsibilities of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors and the Planning Commission's Executive Director shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - a. Contracting matters

- b. Budgeting
- c. Financial Reporting
- d. Personnel matters
- e. Committee appointments
- f. Approval of regional plans, regional agreements, regional procedures and regional systems

B. Membership

1. The Panhandle Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee shall be comprised of at least seventeen (17) members and composed as follows:
 - a. No more than four (4) individuals representing the region's law enforcement community.
 - b. At least one (1) individual representing the region's juvenile justice system.
 - c. At least one (1) individual representing the region's drug abuse prevention services/programs.
 - d. At least one (1) representative of a non-profit organization concerned with criminal justice/law enforcement matters.
 - e. At least one (1) representative of an organization involved with the provision of victims services or advocating the rights of victims.
 - f. At least one (1) individual who represents the region's mental health service providers.
 - g. No more than four (4) individuals who represent prosecution or the region's courts system.
 - h. At least one (1) individual who represents the region's education system.
 - i. At least one (1) individual who will serve as a concerned citizen or member of a parent organization.
 - j. At least one (1) individual who represents the region's municipalities.
 - k. At least one (1) individual who represents the region's counties.
2. Members of the Panhandle Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors for staggered three-year terms beginning each October. One-third of the Advisory Committee members shall be re-appointed or replaced each year.
3. A Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Panhandle Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee shall be elected by vote of the Advisory Committee. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall serve one-year terms beginning each October.

C. Meetings

1. The Advisory Committee will, on a timely basis, meet as needed to review and prioritize the applications being considered under the Regional Criminal Justice Grants Program(s) and to review the Policies and Procedures that will govern the criminal justice practices in the Panhandle region.
2. All Advisory Committee meetings shall be open to the public. Meetings shall be recorded on audio tape and minutes prepared. Among all other things, meetings must comply with the requirements listed in the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).
3. For the purposes of the transaction of business by the CJAC, a quorum shall be a simple majority of the members present. Whenever possible, decisions will be reached through consensus. When consensus is not possible, a vote will be taken. In the event of a tie vote, the tie will be broken by the presiding officer.

All members have voting privileges. Members of the committee may not designate another member to vote on their behalf. Votes will be reflected in the meeting minutes. Members may register their abstention on any vote. The abstention shall be reflected in the meeting minutes. Members are required to abstain on matters that pose a conflict of interest for them.

ATTACHMENT 4

Applicable Sections of the Texas Administrative Code

**TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (TITLE 1, PART 1, CHAPTER 3)
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION
(EFFECTIVE MAY 9, 2012)**

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CHAPTER 3 CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION
SUBCHAPTER A GENERAL GRANT PROGRAM PROVISIONS

RULE §3.1: Applicability

Subchapters A through F of this chapter apply to all applications for funding and grants submitted to the Criminal Justice Division (CJD), Office of the Governor. A grantee must comply with the provisions of Subchapters A through F in effect on the date the grant is awarded by CJD, unless a subsequent effective date is specified by CJD in an original grant award or a grant adjustment. Grantees must comply with all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines. In instances where both federal and state requirements apply to a grantee, the more restrictive requirement applies.

RULE §3.3: Definitions

- (a) applicant: an agency or organization that has submitted a grant application or grant renewal documentation;
- (b) approved budget categories: budget categories (including personnel, contractual and professional services, travel, equipment, construction, supplies and other direct operating expenses, and indirect costs) that contain a line item with a dollar amount greater than zero that is approved by CJD through a grant award or a budget adjustment;
- (c) CJAC: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, a component of a COG. A CJAC must have a multi-disciplinary representation of members from the region. This representation must contain members from the following groups: concerned citizens or parents, drug abuse prevention, education, juvenile justice, law enforcement, mental health, nonprofit organizations, prosecution/courts, and victim services. No single group may constitute more than one third of the CJAC;
- (d) CJD: The Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor or its designee;
- (e) COD: The Compliance and Oversight Division of the Office of the Governor or its designee;
- (f) COG: a regional planning commission, council of governments, or similar regional planning agency created under Chapter 391, Texas Local Government Code;
- (g) computing devices: machines used to acquire, store, analyze, process, and publish data and other information electronically, including accessories (or "peripherals") for printing, transmitting and receiving, or storing electronic information;
- (h) condition of funding: a prerequisite placed on a grant because of a need for information, clarification, or submission of an outstanding requirement of the grant that may result in a hold being placed on the CJD-funded portion of a grant project;
- (i) equipment: tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the grantee for financial statement purposes or \$5,000;
- (j) executive director: the executive director of CJD;
- (k) grant funds: CJD-funded and matching funds portions of a grant project;

- (l) grantee: an agency or organization that receives a grant award;
- (m) indirect costs: those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved;
- (n) information technology systems: computing devices, ancillary equipment, software, firmware, and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources;
- (o) liquidation date: the date specified in an original grant award or a subsequent grant adjustment upon which a grantee must expend all outstanding liabilities;
- (p) matching funds: the grantee's share of the project costs. Matching funds may either be cash or in-kind. Cash match includes actual cash spent by the grantee and must have a cost relationship to the award that is being matched. In-kind match includes the value of donated services. An applicant's use of matching funds must comply with the same statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines applicable to the use of the CJD-funded portion of a grant project;
- (q) OMB: The Office of Management and Budget;
- (r) program income: gross income earned by the grantee during the funding period as a direct result of the award. "Direct result" is defined as a specific act or set of activities that are directly attributable to grant funds and that are directly related to the objectives of the project. Program income includes, but is not limited to, forfeitures, fees, cash contributions, donations, restitution, interest income, and royalties;
- (s) RFA: Request for Applications, published in the *Texas Register* by CJD; and
- (t) supplies: all tangible personal property other than those described in accordance with §3.3(i) of this chapter. A computing device is a supply if the acquisition cost is less than the lesser of the capitalizations level established by the grantee for financial statement purposes or \$5,000, regardless of the length of its useful life; and
- (u) TxGMS: Texas Grant Management Standards

RULE §3.5: Submission Process

- (a) When applying for a grant pursuant to a RFA published in the *Texas Register* by CJD, applicants must submit and certify their applications according to the requirements provided in the RFA.
- (b) CJD may also consider applications for grants that are not submitted pursuant to an RFA. Applicants will be selected in accordance with §3.7(b) of this chapter.
- (c) Applicants must apply for funds using the procedures, forms, and certifications prescribed by CJD.

RULE §3.7: Selection Process

- (a) All applications must be submitted to CJD and certified by the applicant's authorized official. For applications submitted and certified pursuant to an RFA, the executive director may select a review group, COG, or other designee to prioritize the applications and submit a priority listing to the executive director, who will render the final funding decision.
- (b) For applications certified by the applicant's authorized official, the executive director will decide whether to fund the application based upon the following factors:
 - (1) the inherent value of the project's impact;

- (2) whether the project has the potential to be a model program; or
 - (3) whether delaying the application would have a significant negative impact on the area proposed to be served.
- (c) For applications prioritized by a COG, the CJAC must prioritize the applications and prepare the priority listing. The COG's governing body must approve the priority listing. CJD will make final decisions on these applications based upon the availability of funding, identified state priorities, COG priorities, and eligibility.

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a cost effective approach to services that complements the governor's strategies.

- (d) During the review of an application, CJD may request that the applicant submit any additional information necessary to complete the grant review. Such requests for information do not serve as notice that CJD intends to fund an application. CJD may make the necessary corrections to an application to bring it into compliance with state or federal requirements. Any corrections to an applicant's budget will be reflected in the award documentation.
- (e) CJD will inform applicants of decisions on their grant applications through either a Statement of Grant Award or a notification of denial. For applications prioritized by a COG that do not receive funding recommendations, the COG notification of the decision not to recommend funding serves as the applicant's notification of denial.

RULE §3.9: Funding Decisions

- (a) All funding decisions made by the executive director are final and are not subject to appeal. The receipt of an application by CJD does not obligate CJD to fund the grant or to fund it at the amount requested.
- (b) Neither the approval of a project nor any grant award shall obligate CJD in any way to make any additional, supplemental, continuation, or other award.

RULE §3.11: Grant and Supplemental Award Acceptance

The award documentation constitutes obligation of funds for use by the grantee in execution of the program or project covered by the award. Such obligation may be terminated without cause if the grantee's authorized official fails to accept the grant award within 45 calendar days of the date on which CJD issues the Statement of Grant Award. CJD may extend this deadline on written request from the applicant. Funds will not be disbursed until acceptance of the grant by the grantee.

RULE §3.21: Use of the Internet

CJD requires an applicant or grantee to submit grant applications, progress reports, financial reports, and other information to CJD via the Internet or other electronic means.

RULE §3.23: Delegation of Authority

The executive director may delegate his or her authority or CJD's authority under this chapter.

RULE §3.25: Suspension of Rules

Except where prohibited by state or federal statute or rule the executive director may suspend any requirement in this chapter on a showing of good cause.

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SUBCHAPTER B GRANT BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

RULE §3.73: Matching Funds Policy

If matching funds are required on a grant, an applicant must ensure that it possesses or can acquire the required matching funds. A contractor or participating entity may contribute toward the matching funds requirement, but the applicant bears the responsibility for satisfying the matching funds requirement.

RULE §3.75: Personnel

- (a) CJD shall determine the reasonableness of requested salaries and reserves the right to limit the CJD-financed portion of any salary.
- (b) CJD shall not pay any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official.
- (c) Compensation for grant-funded employees must be comparable to that of non-grant funded employees performing similar work duties.
- (d) Grantees may use grant funds to compensate staff members leaving employment for accrued leave (which includes, but is not limited to, annual leave, compensatory time, and sick leave) in accordance with the grantee's policy. These payments may only fund leave earned during the current grant period. The proportion of grant funds paid for leave cannot exceed the proportion of grant funds used to pay the staff member's salary.

RULE §3.77: Professional and Contractual Services

Grantees must establish a contract administration system to consistently ensure that contract deliverables are being provided as specified in the contracts.

RULE §3.79: Travel and Training

- (a) Grant funds used for travel expenses must be limited to the grantee agency's established mileage, per diem, and lodging policies. If a grantee does not have established mileage, per diem, and lodging policies, then the grantee must use state travel guidelines.
- (b) Grantees must maintain records that properly document the completion of all grant-funded training courses.

RULE §3.81: Equipment

- (a) Applicants must include a detailed description of all proposed equipment purchases in their grant application to CJD for approval. Grantees must request any additional equipment purchases through grant adjustments.
- (b) CJD will not approve grant funds to purchase vehicles or equipment for governmental agencies that are for general agency use. The Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program and the County Essential Services Grant Program are exempt from this subsection.

RULE §3.83: Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses

Supplies and direct operating expenses are costs directly related to the grantee's day-to-day operation of the grant project that are not included in any of the grantee's other approved budget categories.

RULE §3.85: Indirect Costs

- (a) If the applicant has an approved federally recognized indirect cost rate negotiated between the applicant and the Federal government and wishes to charge indirect costs to the grant, the applicant shall identify the indirect cost rate and provide supporting documentation as part of the application to CJD.
- (b) If the applicant has an approved indirect cost rate negotiated between the applicant and its state cognizant agency and wishes to charge indirect costs to the grant, the applicant shall identify the indirect cost rate and provide supporting documentation as part of the application to CJD.
- (c) If no approved federal or state indirect cost rate exists, CJD may approve indirect costs in the grant project in an amount not to exceed two percent of the approved direct costs.
- (d) Unless otherwise specified, indirect costs are allowable under CJD grants in accordance with applicable state and federal guidelines.

RULE §3.87: Program Income

Earned program income must be reported to CJD. Program income may only be used, with prior approval from CJD, for allowable project costs as reflected in an approved budget. Grantees may not carry forward program income from one grant year to the next. Grantees must refund to CJD any program income remaining at the end of the grant period.

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SUBCHAPTER D CONDITIONS OF GRANT FUNDING

RULE §3.2001: Conditions of Funding

When CJD determines that a grantee has failed to submit the necessary information or has failed to comply with any applicable statute, rule, regulation, guideline, or requirement, CJD may place a condition of funding on the grant which may invoke a hold on funds.

RULE §3.2009: Cooperative Working Agreement

- (a) When a grantee intends to carry out a grant project through cooperating or participating with one or more outside organizations, the grantee must ensure that the cooperative working agreement is signed by each participating organization. Grantees must maintain on file a signed copy of all cooperative working agreements.
- (b) Cooperative working agreements do not involve an exchange of funds.

RULE §3.2013: Pre-Approval Requirements for Procurement

- (a) A grantee must submit a CJD-prescribed Procurement Questionnaire when any procurement is expected to exceed \$150,000 or upon CJD request. CJD may also request all related procurement documentation, such as requests for proposals, invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates.
- (b) Grantees may not divide purchases or contracts to avoid the requirements of this section. For purposes of determining compliance, CJD will consider groups of contracts with a single vendor or groups of purchases for the same or similar items as a single procurement.

RULE §3.2021: Resolutions

Applications from non-profit corporations, local units of governments and other political subdivisions must include a resolution that contains the following:

- (1) authorization for the submission of the application to CJD that clearly identifies the project for which funding is requested;
- (2) a commitment to provide for all applicable matching funds;
- (3) a designation of the name or title of an authorized official who is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (if this designation changes during the grant period, a new resolution must be submitted to CJD); and
- (4) a written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD.

RULE §3.2023: Tax-Exempt and Nonprofit Information

All nonprofit corporations must submit with their application, information about the agency's fiscal capability, including information from the Internal Revenue Service granting the corporation tax-exempt status.

RULE §3.2025: Civil Rights Liaison

All applicants must certify that they have a designated civil rights liaison during the application process. The civil rights liaison will serve as the grantee's civil rights contact point and has the responsibility for ensuring that the grantee meets all applicable civil rights requirements. The designee will act as the grantee's liaison in civil rights matters with CJD and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

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RULE §3.2501: Grant Officials

- (a) Each grant must have a project director, financial officer, and authorized official. No person shall serve in more than one capacity.
- (b) Each grant official must have an e-mail address and access to the Internet.

- (c) A grantee shall notify CJD within 20 calendar days of any change in the designated project director, financial officer, or authorized official; any change in the mailing address, e-mail address, fax number, or telephone number of each grant official and any change in the grantee's physical address.

RULE §3.2503: Obligating Funds

A grantee may not obligate grant funds before the beginning or after the end of the grant period.

RULE §3.2505: Retention of Records

- (a) Grantees must maintain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to the award for at least three years following the closure of the most recent audit report or submission of the final financial status report if the audit report requirement has been waived. Grantees may retain records in an electronic format. All records are subject to audit or monitoring during the entire retention period.
- (b) Grantees must retain records for equipment, non-expendable personal property, and real property for a period of three years from the date of the item's disposition, replacement, or transfer.
- (c) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year records retention period, the grantee must retain the records under review until the completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it or until the end of the regular three-year period, whichever is later.

RULE §3.2507: Financial Status Reports

- (a) Each grantee must submit financial status reports to CJD. CJD will provide the appropriate forms and instructions for the reports along with deadlines for their submission.
- (b) A financial status report reflecting cumulative expenditures from the start of the grant may be submitted as often as monthly but must be submitted at least quarterly. Grantees may only request an advance payment during the first month of the grant period to cover the first month's expenses.
- (c) Grantees must ensure that CJD receives their final financial status report no later than the liquidation date or funds will lapse and revert to the grantor agency. If grant funds are on hold for any reason, these funds will lapse on the liquidation date and the grantee cannot recover them. CJD will not make payments to grantees that submit their final financial status report after the liquidation date.

RULE §3.2509: Equipment Inventory Reports

CJD requires each grantee to maintain on file a current inventory report of all equipment purchased with grant funds during the grant period. This report must reconcile with the approved grant budget and the final financial status report.

RULE §3.2513: Grant Adjustments

- (a) The project director, financial officer, or authorized official may submit requests for grant adjustments.
- (b) Adjustments consisting of increases or decreases in the amount of a grant or the reallocation of grant funds among or within approved budget categories are allowable only with prior CJD approval.

- (c) Programmatic changes, such as requests to revise the scope, target, or focus of the project, or alter project activities require prior approval from CJD. Requests to extend the grant period must be submitted to and received by CJD, no later than the last day of the grant period.

RULE §3.2515: Bonding

Each nonprofit corporation receiving funds from CJD must obtain and have on file a blanket fidelity bond that indemnifies CJD against the loss and theft of the entire amount of grant funds. The cost of the bond is an eligible expense of the grant.

RULE §3.2517: Remedies for Noncompliance

If a grantee fails to comply with any term or condition of a grant or any applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or guidelines, CJD may:

- (1) withhold all grant payments to a specific project or withhold all grant payments to all grant projects awarded to the grantee pending correction of the deficiency;
- (2) disallow all or part of the cost of the activity or action that is not in compliance;
- (3) withhold further grants from the program or grantee;
- (4) terminate the grant in whole or in part; or
- (5) exercise other legal remedies.

RULE §3.2519: Grant Reduction or Termination

- (a) If a grantee wishes to terminate any approved grant, it must notify CJD immediately.
- (b) CJD may reduce or terminate any grant when:
 - (1) a grantee fails to comply with any term or condition of the grant or the grantee has failed to comply with any applicable statute, rule, regulation, or guideline;
 - (2) the grantee and CJD agree to do so;
 - (3) state or federal funds are no longer available to CJD;
 - (4) conditions exist that make it unlikely that grant objectives will be accomplished; or
 - (5) the grantee has acted in bad faith.
- (c) In the event that a grant is reduced or terminated by CJD, CJD will notify the grantee in writing.

RULE §3.2521: Payment of Outstanding Liabilities

Grantees must expend all outstanding liabilities no later than the liquidation date of the grant period specified in an original grant award or a subsequent grant adjustment. All payments made after the completion of the grant period must relate to obligations incurred during the grant period.

RULE §3.2523: Violations of Laws

- (a) A grantee must immediately notify CJD in writing of any legal violations.
- (b) A grantee must immediately notify CJD in writing if a project or project personnel become involved in any civil or criminal litigation and the grantee must immediately forward a copy of any demand notices, subpoenas, lawsuits, or indictments to CJD.

- (c) If a federal or state court or administrative agency renders a judgment or order finding discrimination by a grantee based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap, the grantee must immediately forward a copy of the judgment or order to CJD.
- (d) If any records are seized from a grantee by a law enforcement agency, or a state or federal agency, the grantee must immediately notify CJD in writing of the seizure and must retain copies of the seized records.

RULE §3.2525: Evaluating Project Effectiveness

- (a) Grantees must regularly evaluate their projects. CJD will monitor the grantee through progress reports, on-site visits, and desk reviews. Grantees must maintain information related to project evaluations in the project's files, and that information must be available for review.
- (b) Grantees are responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of grant and sub-grant supported activities, including those of their contractors and subcontractors. Grantees must develop and maintain a standardized monitoring program incorporating best practices.

RULE §3.2527: Grantee Reports

- (a) Each grantee must submit reports regarding grant information, performance, and progress. To remain eligible for funding, the grantee must be able to show the scope of services provided and the impact and quality of those services.
- (b) CJD may place projects on financial hold for failure to submit complete and accurate progress reports. A grantee's history of delinquent or inaccurate reports may affect future funding decisions.

RULE §3.2529: Grant Management

- (a) CJD has oversight responsibility for the grants it awards. CJD may review the grantee's management and administration of grant funds and records at any time. Grantees must respond to all CJD inquiries or requests and must make all requested records available to CJD.
- (b) The grantee is the entity legally and financially responsible for the grant. A grantee may not delegate its legal or financial responsibility.

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SUBCHAPTER F PROGRAM MONITORING AND AUDITS

RULE §3.2601: Monitoring

- (a) CJD and COD will monitor the activities of grantees as necessary to ensure that grant funds are used for authorized purposes and that grantees achieve grant purposes.
- (b) The monitoring program may consist of formal audits, monitoring reviews, and technical assistance. CJD or COD may implement monitoring through on-site review at the grantee or sub-grantee location or through a desk review. CJD or COD may request grantees to submit information to CJD or COD to support any monitoring review.

- (c) Grantees must make available to CJD or COD all records relevant to a monitoring review. Failure to provide adequate documentation may result in disallowed costs or other remedies for noncompliance.
- (d) After a monitoring review, the grantee will be notified in writing of any noncompliance identified by CJD or COD in the form of a preliminary report.
- (e) The grantee shall respond to the preliminary report and the deficiencies or recommendations, and submit a corrective action plan to CJD or COD within a time specified by CJD or COD.
- (f) The corrective action plan shall include:
 - (1) the titles of the persons responsible for implementing the corrective action plan;
 - (2) the corrective action to be taken; and
 - (3) the anticipated completion date.
- (g) If the grantee believes corrective action is not required for a deficiency or recommendation, the response shall include an explanation and specific reasons. CJD or COD will determine whether the response is adequate to resolve the deficiency or recommendation.
- (h) The grantee's response and the approved corrective action plan shall become part of the final report.
- (i) The grantee shall resolve all identified findings within the time specified by CJD or COD.

RULE §3.2603: Audits Not Performed by CJD

- (a) Grantees must have audits performed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements and the State Single Audit Circular issued under TxGMS.
- (b) Grantees must submit to COD copies of the results of any single audit conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements or in accordance with the State Single Audit requirements issued under TxGMS. Grantees must ensure that single audit results, including the grantee's response and corrective action plan, if applicable, are submitted to COD within 30 calendar days after the grantee receives the audit results or nine months after the end of the audit period, whichever is earlier.
- (c) All other audits performed by auditors independent of CJD or COD must be maintained at the grantee's administrative offices and be made available upon request by CJD or COD. Grantees must notify CJD of any audit results that may adversely impact grant funds.

NOTE: For a full/current review of Texas Administrative Code; Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3 go to:

[http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.viewtac](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.viewtac)



*PANHANDLE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

ITEM 6

Development and Approval of Grant Scoring Questions



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2022
TO: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Daphne Morcom, Regional Services Program Specialist
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6
Overview of the Regional Criminal Justice Grants Program

BACKGROUND:

In previous years CJD provided the CJAC with a set of State-developed review criteria and a standardized review form which was used to evaluate and prioritize the various CJD applications originating from the Panhandle region. The criteria used included:

State Priorities	50%
Regional Criminal Justice Priorities	20%
Program and Cost Effectiveness	20%
Other	10%

However, for fiscal year 2024 grant applications CJD, would like the CJAC to determine the specific questions to be used during your application review/prioritization process. The CJAC has the discretion of choosing the questions as well as the point value of each question.

Documentation of the Problem	20%
Project Approach & Activities	60%
Data Management	10%
Capacity & Capabilities	10%

The questions and the corresponding point value for each question proposed for use in FY24 score cards, for these categories are attached for your review.

RECOMMENDATION:

PRPC staff recommends the CJAC develop and approve the questions and their point values for the FY24 grant scoring instrument.

Proposed FY24 Score Cards

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:		Max Points Allowed
JAG		
Documentation of Problem:		
Is the problem(s) addressed in this application clearly defined and supported by locally relevant statistical information?	10	
Relative to the other projects being prioritized here, how severe is the problem being addressed by the applicant (with 10 being the most severe)?	10	
Project Approach & Activities:		
How well does the project address one or more of the priorities identified in the FY23 regional strategic criminal justice plan (with 10 being extremely well)?	<i>Substance Abuse</i>	10
	<i>Domestic Violence</i>	
	<i>Recruiting & Retention</i>	
	<i>Sexual Assault</i>	
	<i>Mental Health</i>	
Are the applicant's project goals realistic and can they be achieved within the grant period?	10	
Will the proposed project activities clearly address the stated problem(s)?	10	
Does the stated problem(s) and the goals of the project justify the project costs?	10	
Does this project benefit multiple entities? (i.e.: victim services, law enforcement, courts, defense, mental health, prosecution, probation, education, etc.)	10	
Does the project provide evidence-based practices with proven methods to achieve the stated goals?	10	
Data Management:		
Has the applicant documented an adequate and measurable means for evaluating the progress being made to achieve the project goals?	10	
Capacity & Capabilities:		
If funded, would the applicant have the necessary resources to manage/carry out the project and account for the project funds in an effective and fiscally responsible manner?	10	
TOTALS:		100

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:		Max Points Allowed
JJDP & Truancy Prevention		
Documentation of Problem:		
Is the problem(s) addressed in this application clearly defined and supported by locally relevant statistical information?		10
Relative to the other projects being prioritized here, how severe is the problem being addressed by the applicant (with 10 being the most severe)?		10
Project Approach & Activities:		
How well does the project address one or more of the priorities identified in the FY23 regional strategic criminal justice plan (with 10 being extremely well)?	<i>Substance Abuse</i>	10
	<i>Chronic Absenteeism</i>	
	<i>Bullying</i>	
	<i>Parental Involvement</i>	
	<i>Poverty</i>	
Are the applicant's project goals realistic and can they be achieved within the grant period?		10
Will the proposed project activities clearly address the stated problem(s)?		10
Does the stated problem(s) and the goals of the project justify the project costs?		10
Does this project benefit multiple entities? (i.e.: victim services, law enforcement, courts, defense, mental health, prosecution, probation, education, etc.)		10
Does the project provide evidence-based practices with proven methods to achieve the stated goals?		10
Data Management:		
Has the applicant documented an adequate and measurable means for evaluating the progress being made to achieve the project goals?		10
Capacity & Capabilities:		
If funded, would the applicant have the necessary resources to manage/carry out the project and account for the project funds in an effective and fiscally responsible manner?		10
TOTALS:		100

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

VOCA

**Max Points
 Allowed**

Documentation of Problem:		Max Points Allowed
Is the problem(s) addressed in this application clearly defined and supported by locally relevant statistical information?		
Relative to the other projects being prioritized here, how severe is the problem being addressed by the applicant (with 10 being the most severe)?		10
Project Approach & Activities:		Max Points Allowed
How well does the project address one or more of the priorities identified in the FY23 regional strategic criminal justice plan (with 10 being extremely well)?	Domestic Violence	
	<i>Substance Abuse</i>	
	<i>Sexual Assault</i>	
	<i>Human Trafficking</i>	
	<i>Stalking</i>	
Are the applicant's project goals realistic and can they be achieved within the grant period?		10
Will the proposed project activities clearly address the stated problem(s)?		10
Does the stated problem(s) and the goals of the project justify the project costs?		10
Does this project benefit multiple entities? (i.e.: victim services, law enforcement, courts, defense, mental health, prosecution, probation, education, etc.)		10
Does the project provide evidence-based practices with proven methods to achieve the stated goals?		10
Data Management:		Max Points Allowed
Has the applicant documented an adequate and measurable means for evaluating the progress being made to achieve the project goals?		
Capacity & Capabilities:		Max Points Allowed
If funded, would the applicant have the necessary resources to manage/carry out the project and account for the project funds in an effective and fiscally responsible manner?		
TOTALS:		100

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

VAWA

**Max Points
 Allowed**

Documentation of Problem:		
Is the problem(s) addressed in this application clearly defined and supported by locally relevant statistical information?		10
Relative to the other projects being prioritized here, how severe is the problem being addressed by the applicant (with 10 being the most severe)?		10
Project Approach & Activities:		
How well does the project address one or more of the priorities identified in the FY23 regional strategic criminal justice plan (with 10 being extremely well)?	<i>Domestic Violence</i>	10
	<i>Sexual Assault</i>	
	<i>Prosecution of DV and/or stalking</i>	
	<i>Human Trafficking</i>	
	<i>Fear of Reporting</i>	
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Will the proposed project activities clearly address the stated problem(s)?		10
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Does this project benefit multiple entities? (i.e.: victim services, law enforcement, courts, defense, mental health, prosecution, probation, education, etc.)		10
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TOTALS:		100



*PANHANDLE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

ITEM 7

Nomination and Election of CJAC Officers



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2022
TO: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Daphne Morcom, Regional Services Program Specialist
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #7
Nomination and Election of CJAC Officers

BACKGROUND:

Each year in October the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee elects a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair's responsibilities include presiding over the meetings throughout the upcoming year. In case of the absence of the Chair it is the Vice-Chair's responsibility to sit in for the Chair to oversee the meetings. However, the PRPC Criminal Justice Coordinator will reach out to the officers throughout the year should anything come up that needs the officers input.

Enclosed is a copy of the FY 23 CJAC membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

PRPC staff recommends the CJAC nominate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve the CJAC for the upcoming year, whose terms will end September, 2023.

Term Beginning October 1, 2020 - Expires September 30, 2023

Monty Hysinger		5	Superintendent, Dumas ISD
Brent Harrison		5	Police Chief, Hereford Police Department
Sara Northrup		3	Program Director, Texas Panhandle Centers
Rob Hampton		2	Concerned Citizen/Parent Organization
Nina Parvin		4	Lieutenant, Randall County Jail Division
Traci Rogers		2	Executive Director, No Boundaries International Amarillo
Joe Jarosek		2	City Manager, City of Canadian

Term Beginning October 1, 2021 - Expires September 30, 2024

Lukas Day		1	Clinical Director, Professional Counseling & Bio-Feedback Ctr.
Randall Sims		5	District Attorney, 47 th Judicial District
Norma Luginbyhl		4	Executive Director, Hutchinson County Crisis Center
Anna Kate Nobile		1	Chief Officer, Castro/Swisher Juvenile Probation Dept.
Stephanie Fowler		1	Chief Officer, Dallam-Hartley-Sherman Juv. Probation Dept.
Joseph Loftus		1	Captain, Amarillo Police Department
Hattie Sanderson		1	Victims Assistance Coordinator, 100 th District Attorney Office

Term Beginning October 1, 2022 – Expires September 30, 2025

Sace Hardman		2	Police Chief, Panhandle Police Department
Terry Bouchard		6	Sheriff, Ochiltree County
Shelly Bohannon		5	Executive Director, The Bridge, Children’s Advocacy Center
Kent Birdsong		2	District Attorney, Oldham County
Shannon Ellis		1	Concerned Citizen/Parent Organization

Legend

Symbol	Number Required	Type of CJAC Member
	At least 4	Regional Law Enforcement Community Members
	At least 1	Regional Juvenile Justice System
	At least 1	Regional Drug Abuse Prevention Services/Programs
	At least 1	Non-Profit Organization Concerned with Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Matters
	At least 1	Organization involved with the Provision of Victims Services/Avocation
	At least 1	Regional Mental Health Service Provider
	At least 4	Prosecution or Regional Court Systems
	At least 1	Regional Education System
	At least 1	Concerned Citizen or Parent Organization
	At least 1	Regional Municipalities
	At least 1	Regional Counties