

news release

TCOG to Host Criminal Justice Grant Workshop

Attendance is mandatory for those applying for Criminal Justice Grants

SHERMAN, DECEMBER 28 – Texoma Council of Governments will be hosting a mandatory workshop for those who are interested in applying for criminal justice grants through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD). This workshop will assist interested applicants with the requirements for grant submissions, eligible activities, and funding timelines. This mandatory workshop will be held January 16, 2019 at TCOG's offices in Sherman.

These grants are funded through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)*, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), State Criminal Justice Planning program, and Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. Organizations that are eligible to apply include: state agencies, units of local governments, non-profit agencies, Native American tribes, community supervision & corrections departments, and councils of government. This workshop is provided for those who have never applied to CJD as well as those who have previous experience with the CJD grant application process.

This workshop, which is scheduled to start at 1:45 p.m., is free and requires no pre-registration. It will be held in the Eisenhower room (first floor) of the Texoma Council of Governments Building, 1117 Gallagher Drive, Sherman, Texas. Participation in the grant application workshop is mandatory for applicants applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Requests for Application (RFAs) <u>are currently open and are due February 28, 2019 by 5 p.m.</u> All applications must be submitted and certified by this time to be deemed valid and eligible for review. The funding schedule calendar can be found by visiting egrants.gov.texas.gov/fundopp.aspx

*VOCA applicants will be asked to attend a short meeting following the workshop to discuss projects and timelines. For additional information, contact CJ Durbin-Higgins, CFM, at chiggins@texoma.cog.tx.us or Stephanie Davidson, CFM, at sdavidson@texoma.cog.tx.us.

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security and criminal justice.

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