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ANNUAL REPORT | FYE 2019

BETTER LEADERS BUILDING BETTER LIVES

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Proudly serving the citizens of Cooke, Fannin & Grayson counties

Introduction

As you likely know, Texoma Council of Governments transitioned to new leadership this last year, but despite the changes, we have remained laser-focused and doubled-down in our committed efforts to deliver lifeline services and improve quality of life throughout the region. We have seen a surge in growth throughout Texoma, and it is no secret that growth is expected to continue for years as the northern front of the DFW Metroplex inches closer and closer to Texoma.

With that growth comes the acknowledgement that there will continue to be plenty of regional challenges ahead of us - and plenty of opportunities to collaborate with our member governments, agency and non-profit partners, and private sector supporters in our combined effort to sustain a healthy region. We have a proven track record of identifying and addressing unmet needs through available resources, and as you will see in this re-

port we have worked hard to increase those resources in pursuit of our vision through the provision of direct services and programs we offer to children, families, and seniors. Additionally, we have returned focus to our member jurisdictions through the introduction of a small cities workshop series.

As significant as our accomplishments have been this past year, they are not ours alone to celebrate. If not for the commitment, support, and sacrifice of so many caring and dedicated individuals, the true measure of our significance in the region would never materialized. My sincerest thanks to the numerous volunteers, Advisory and Governing Board members, partners, and member jurisdictions for all their contributions and for being better leaders building better lives.

Eric M. Bridges, Executive Director

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FISCAL YEAR ENDING (FYE) APRIL 30, 2019

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balances

During FYE 2019, Texoma Council of Governments administered **\$14.47 million** in federal, state, and local programs.

REVENUES



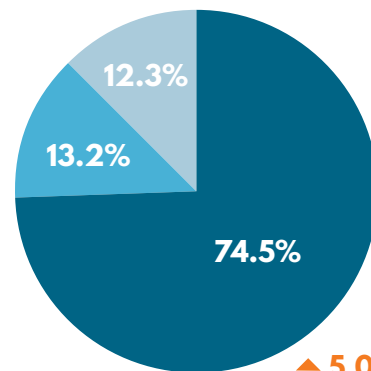
Federal



State



**Local, In-Kind
& Other**

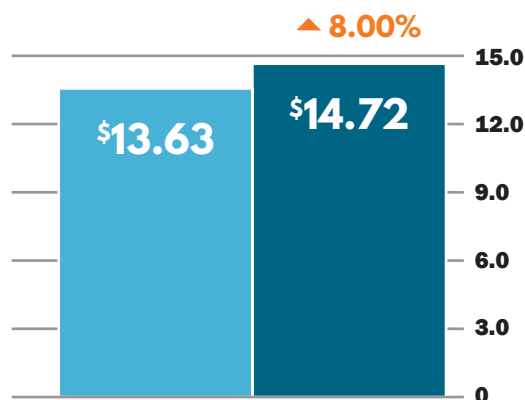


TOTAL REVENUES: \$14,469,728
▲ 8.00%

EXPENDITURES

OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES

	2019
Direct Salaries	\$2,156,985
Benefit Program Costs	\$973,742
Indirect Costs	\$840,134
Travel & Training	\$156,428
Contracted Services	\$33,305
Equipment Maintenance	\$78,517
Direct Services	\$7,589,310
Subcontracts	\$1,756,305
Other (Professional Services, Staff & Volunteer Recognition, Supplies, Stipends, Utilities)	\$1,136,058



TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$14,720,784

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures \$251,056

Fund Balance Beginning of Year \$2,960,718

FUND BALANCE END OF YEAR

\$2,709,662

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FYE 2019
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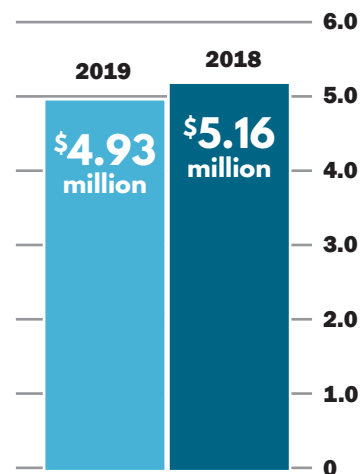
YEARS ENDED APRIL 30, 2019 AND 2018

Statement of Net Assets

During FYE 2019, Texoma Council of Governments administered **\$14.47 million** in federal, state, and local programs.

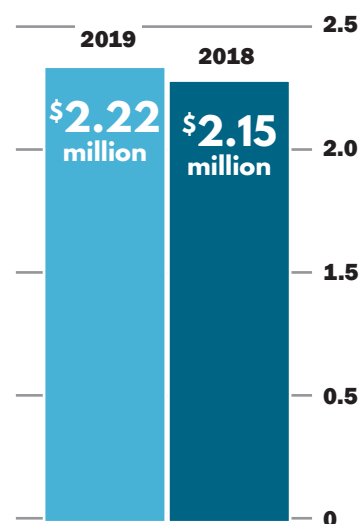
ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	2019	2018
Cash and Pooled Investments	\$1,585,193	\$1,271,739
Accounts Receivable	\$761,880	\$983,077
Under Allocated Employee Benefits and Central Service IT	\$88,749	\$105,355
Prepaid Items	\$51,312	\$43,883
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$2,487,134	\$2,404,054
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Capital Assets, Net	\$2,447,454	\$2,751,031
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$2,447,454	\$2,751,031
TOTAL ASSETS	▼ 4.47% \$4,934,588	\$5,155,085



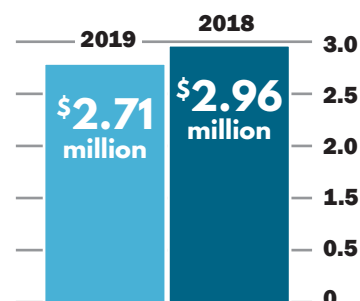
LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2019	2018
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$971,400	\$668,298
Unearned Revenue	\$534,429	\$686,575
Accrued Compensated Absences	\$29,537	\$29,693
Notes Payable	\$79,524	\$75,672
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$1,614,890	\$1,460,238
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Notes Payable	\$521,427	\$600,951
Accrued Compensated Absences	\$88,609	\$89,078
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$610,036	\$690,029
TOTAL LIABILITIES	▲ 3.47% \$2,224,926	\$2,150,267



NET POSITION

NET POSITION	2019	2018
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$1,846,502	\$2,074,408
Restricted	\$158,659	\$215,370
Unrestricted	\$704,501	\$670,940
TOTAL NET POSITION	▼ 9.27% \$2,709,662	\$2,960,718





AGING SERVICES

The federal Older Americans Act designated Area Agencies on Aging to develop and implement programs and services for older people at the local level.

There are 28 Area Agencies on Aging throughout the State of Texas.

The Texoma Region has a larger per capita population of older persons than the State of Texas.

TCOG's Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is dedicated to providing older Texomans an appropriate and coordinated system of services that fully supports their health and well-being, with the goal of creating an environment where they may age with grace and dignity.

Texoma AAA continues to evaluate, modify and implement projects to address identified unmet needs of Texoma seniors.



Our AAA served over
5,000
clients and expended
\$2.28 million
in Federal and State funding
for services across the
Texoma region last year.



Benefits Counseling

TCOG's Benefits Counselors answer questions regarding public benefits, private insurance, and Medicare and Medicaid for those age 60 and over, disabled individuals and caregivers.

A Money Management Specialist also provides bill payer and representative payee service to persons who are at risk of losing their independence because of their inability to manage their finances.

We provided over **855 hours of counseling and assistance** last year to approximately **1,020 clients** with more than **1,100 contacts in Community Outreach**.

Managing Local Ombudsman

The Managing Local Ombudsman (MLO) is responsible for monitoring the quality of care for residents in long-term care facilities, advocating for Residents' Rights, and also recruiting and training volunteers to become State Certified Volunteer Ombudsmen (CVO).

The MLO and CVOs participate in nursing home open hearings, research complaints and ensure the best possible care for the residents of long-term care facilities throughout the Texoma region.

10 certified volunteer ombudsman assisted in residents' rights issues in 21 Nursing Home facilities and 18 assisted living facilities last year.

Care Coordination

Care Coordination is a community-based home care program administered by professional case managers which promotes independent living for persons age 60 and over. Services include assistance with activities of

daily living, home-delivered meals, minor residential repair, health maintenance (dental, vision, and hearing), emergency transportation and in-home service arrangements.

We are proud of our continued partnerships with **Cooke County United Way** and **Byrd Fielder Livengood Charitable Trust** in delivery of healthy initiatives to our senior community.

TCOG provided nearly **1,100 hours of coordinated service to more than 520 clients** last year, enabling older Texomans to live at home longer and preventing premature placement in long-term care facilities.

Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals

Over 37,500 meals were provided in the Texoma area to seniors in congregate senior center settings at a cost of \$197,000, and 58,500 meals were delivered to eligible home-bound clients at a cost of \$289,000. Compared to the previous fiscal year, these values represent a modest increase in the amount of seniors served.

Health Maintenance

Approximately \$121,000 in local grant funding was expended in services for clients age 60 and over with dental, vision, and hearing issues.

Residential Repair

Nearly \$36,000 in grant funding was spent for residential repair services to the older population in Texoma including safety issues, plumbing, and electrical wiring.

Caregiver Program

The Caregiver Program assesses the needs of a caregiver and care recipient by identifying, planning, arranging, coordinating and providing support services.

Programs include: Falls Prevention, Caregiver Support Groups, Community Outreach, In-home and Facility Respite Care, Education & Training for Alzheimer's and/or



Dementia, Parkinson's Disease and Chronic Illnesses, and the Grandparents as Parents program for Grandparents/Relatives raising grandchildren.

During FYE 2019, TCOG provided over 200 hours of caregiver support/respite care and approximately 370 clients participated in caregiver support groups including Alzheimer's & Parkinson's disease and Grandparents as Parents.

Evidence-Based Intervention

AAA staff facilitated three (3) series of evidence-based classes for Texoma clients on falls prevention - the #1 issue for older people, and Powerful Tools for Caregivers, which provides instruction on how to de-stress while caring for a loved one.

Information and Referral (IR&A)

The IR&A Specialist is trained in local and State resources and is a point of contact for services at the Area Agency on Aging of Texoma.

The Specialist evaluates the needs of each caller, identifies what services are needed, makes referrals to appropriate sources, and follows up on referrals to ensure service was provided.

Over 5,500 referrals and connections to Texoma resources were made during FYE 2019.

Senior Corps

Texoma Senior Corps consists of two senior volunteer programs - Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) - for people age 55 and over. We serve Grayson, Cooke and Fannin counties.

FGP volunteers must meet certain income criteria as well as pass a physical and criminal background check and

commit to a minimum of fifteen hours a week and focus on at-risk children who are in need of support.

Volunteers can be found serving in area schools, day cares, and after-school programs and receive a small hourly stipend and travel expense assistance for their service.

RSVP volunteers may serve as little as one hour a month at locations such as hospitals, food pantries, meal delivery programs, and business offices.

The goal of Senior Corps is to provide positive impact service and to bridge the gap between seniors who *want* to serve with people/agencies who *need* their service.

This past year, our **41 FGP volunteers served over 150 at-risk children with special needs** at 31 different stations including schools, daycares and other school programs. **614 RSVP volunteers** served at 57 stations such as fraud and abuse education, food pantries, food deliveries and distribution, respite care, and hospitals throughout Texoma.



**During FYE 2019,
local Senior Corps volunteers
served a total of 136,797 hours,
an equivalent of over \$3.4 million
in service to our communities.**

*Although difficult to put a dollar value on volunteer time,

Independent Sector - a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition

of charities, foundations and corporations, applies a

methodology which estimates the value of volunteer time in

Texas is \$25.10/hr.





CLIENT SERVICES

Whether providing affordable housing, self-sufficiency programs, or referrals to crucial social services, the common goal of Client Services is to:

Give families hope.

By thoughtfully and strategically planning for the future needs of our region, TCOG continues to improve the level of social and lifeline services which in turn improves quality of life for all Texoma residents.

The Client Services Department specializes in

the delivery of direct services to qualified families living in Texoma and includes: Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, 2-1-1 Information and Referral, and the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Texoma.

The Client Services programs are supported with state and federal funds and offer families a better tomorrow by providing life-changing resources today.



Aging & Disability Center (ADRC) of Texoma

TCOG's ADRC Program provides specialized person-centered referrals to clients seeking access to long-term health services and supports such as care counseling, benefits counseling, program eligibility determination and program enrollment assistance. Clients are provided with "warm referrals" meaning the ADRC Specialist not only makes referrals but actually contacts the referral on behalf of the client to ensure services are understood and received.

An important component to this program is building strong partnerships with programs and agencies throughout the service region. Programs and agencies are brought together for monthly stakeholder meetings where they collaborate on outreach and share program information. By working together, there is a strong alliance among the programs and agencies, which translates to better referrals and service to all clients.

Community Outreach Efforts

ADRC staff facilitated quarterly stakeholder meetings for Texoma's aging and disability network and provided the following outreach:

- ✓ Served on Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Collaborative Group with Salvation Army of Grayson County, Areli Medical Supply and Grayson County Health Clinic
- ✓ Served on Family Self-Sufficiency Advisory Committee
- ✓ Continued Community Education Series
- ✓ Served on Texoma Homeless Coalition Board
- ✓ Served on Community Care Coordination Group
- ✓ Served on Texoma Workforce Solutions Disability Awareness Committee
- ✓ Community Health Worker (CHW) on staff to assist people gain access to needed services between health care, social services and the community.

During FYE 2019, the ADRC Program service region covered 12 counties including: **Bowie, Cass, Cooke, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus.**

During FYE 2019, TCOG's ADRC held or participated in 99 community education events about long-term health care services and supports. We served 4,638 clients, including 403 US military veterans, which is a slight increase over the previous reporting period. Additionally, we provided over 619 hours of respite.

2-1-1 Information & Referral

Dialing 2-1-1 provides those in need with referrals to critical health and human services as well as community resources and government assistance.

The 2-1-1 database currently stores over 1,100 agencies and programs which provides almost 1,000 local references to clients living in Texoma.

Each of Texas' twenty-five (25) call centers is a local operation with services that reflect local needs and concerns. To learn more visit www.211texas.org ►

- 2-1-1 staff representatives participated in the establishment of a local Human Trafficking Coalition, and serve on several other boards including the Grayson County Social Services Association, Texoma Homeless Coalition and the Durable Medical Equipment Collaborative Group.
- Numerous ongoing marketing efforts were made through participation in the Nursing Home Outreach Program, Community Resource Coordination Group of Cooke County, Fannin County Health Coalition, and the Fannin County Expo.
- In 2018-19, 2-1-1 Texoma handled over 29,000 calls with only a 3.87% abandonment rate.



Each year, TCOG's 2-1-1 program produces resource guides such as the popular Summertastic!

Texoma Youth Guide which is distributed to children and families throughout the region.



Section 8 Housing

With an annual budget of over \$3 million, the Section 8 program provides affordable housing to 500+ families in Fannin and Grayson counties.

Section 8 families may choose to participate in the Family Self-Sufficiency/Homeownership Program to achieve the goal of financial independence through support services including employment and educational training, credit counseling, and homeownership classes.

Additionally, in coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs, TCOG was selected to receive specialized vouchers which assist the most vulnerable, chronically-homeless veterans and their families transition from homelessness to permanent housing.



Family Self-Sufficiency

109 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Graduates since 1994

108 Active FSS/Homeownership Programs Participants

3 New Homeowners during FYE 2019

HUD-VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing)

In coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs, TCOG continued to assist the most vulnerable, chronically-homeless veterans and their families transition from homelessness to permanent housing. 22 VASH clients are currently participating in the FSS program.

Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration

In coordination with the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, TCOG was invited by HUD to set aside specialized vouchers to assist Texans who are eligible for Medicaid and living in a nursing home to relocate back into the community and receive long-term services and support.

Share the Warmth Coat Drive

Provides those in need with coats for the winter. This collaborative effort demonstrated effective community partnerships between TCOG, Alpha Media, Texas Laundry, Salvation Army and others.



ENERGY SERVICES

This department is composed of three (3) separate programs designed to assist in meeting the energy needs of low-income households and encouraging consumers to control energy costs through energy education.

These programs include: Weatherization, Utility Assistance, and the Community Services Block Grant.

Additionally, within this department is the administration of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program which provides assistance to local communities and organizations for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income

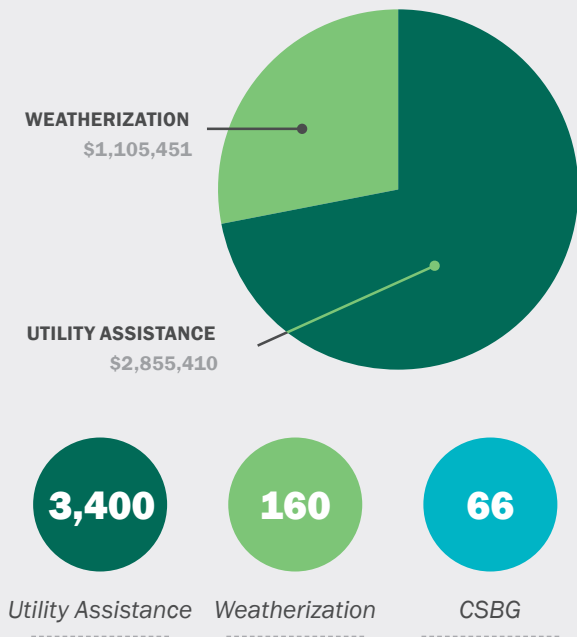
communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas. Assistance includes: education, employment and emergency food support.

During FYE 2019, we saw a 51% increase in funding levels.

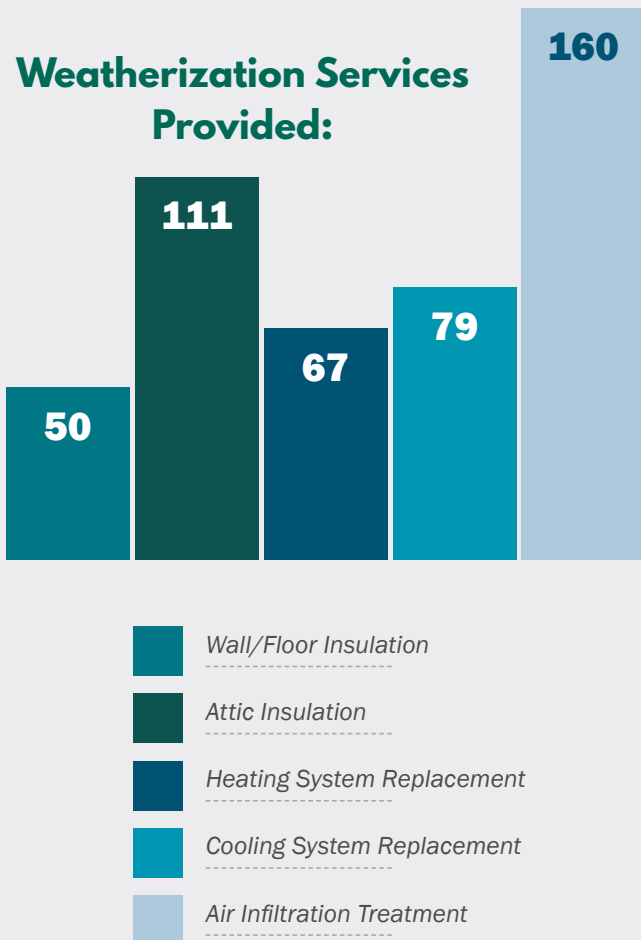
Energy Services served over
3,626
households and expended
\$3.96 million
in Federal, State and private
funding last year.



Number of Households Served



Weatherization Services Provided:



Priority households for these services include elderly, disabled & families with children under age six. Eligibility is up to 150% of the federal poverty level.

84% of households served were elderly/ disabled and living on a fixed income.

Utility Assistance Program

Provides co-payment of gas, propane and electric utilities and the provision of supportive services for educating clients on how to conserve energy.

The Utility Assistance Program service region covers 7 counties including: *Collin, Cooke, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, and Rockwall*

Utility assistance kept the lights on and houses warm for 3,400 households in the past year.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Provides the installation of energy-saving applications to homes, reducing energy consumption and thereby lowering utility costs.

During FYE 2019, expended \$1,105,451.39 weatherizing 160 homes with the following services:

- ✓ 50 homes received wall/floor insulation
- ✓ 111 homes received attic insulation
- ✓ 67 Heating System replacements
- ✓ 79 Cooling System replacements
- ✓ All 160 homes were treated for air infiltration

The WAP Program service region covers 19 counties: including: *Bowie, Camp, Cass, Collin, Cooke, Delta, Denton, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Rains, Red River, Rockwall, and Titus*

Private Funding Partnerships Include:



Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

The CSBG provides funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities. TCOG provides one-on-one support to families striving for self-sufficiency by providing assistance with the cost of training or education which help move them out of poverty.

Last year, TCOG leadership enlisted a full-time caseworker who assisted 15% of program participants successfully transition out of poverty to the path of self-sufficiency.

Additionally, TCOG staff also published the 2019-2021 Community Needs Assessment within which the top five needs for Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties were identified including: affordable housing, food insecurity, transportation, mental health and childhood poverty.

This needs assessment is a great tool for grant writers and can be found online by visiting TCOG's website at www.tcog.com.

During FYE 2019, CSBG assisted 66 households with child care expenses, rental assistance, employment and employment supports.



Earlier this year, TCOG served as a convening conduit of stakeholders in Fannin County and facilitated planning meetings for the development of the Fannin County Food Project in collaboration with North Texas Food Bank.

The first distribution of fresh produce reached over 400 individuals.



In partnership with MasterKey Ministries, this program helps individuals in unstable conditions realize a better future for themselves and their children. During FYE 2019:

- ✓ 4 individuals graduated with degrees or certifications from local community colleges;
- ✓ 4 moved out of homelessness into safe and affordable housing;
- ✓ 3 escaped the grips of predatory loan programs;
- ✓ 3 have been hired, promoted from minimum wage salary to living wage salaries and/or moved into managerial roles; and
- ✓ Graduates of this program remain committed to the pursuit of improving their quality of life through participation in Staying Ahead.

Staying Ahead has 5 graduates of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, and 8 are currently enrolled in the Boundaries class to help them learn how to set boundaries in all aspects of their lives.

Additionally, TCOG staff helped support Fannin County's launch of their own Getting Ahead program which started the fall of 2019 with 13 participants. Clearly, this program is building important bridges in our communities.

We are very proud of our community initiatives that were supported this year, and received three (3) 2019 Impact Awards from the National Association of Development Organizations.





REGIONAL SERVICES

Focused on finding regional solutions to challenges in Texoma & improving quality of life at the community level.

From improvements in the way people get around the region to planning for the population increases that are projected in the next thirty years to making sure first responders have the training and equipment that they need to get to the scene

of the emergency when you call 9-1-1, the Regional Services team is focused on finding regional solutions to challenges in Texoma & improving quality of life at the community level.

Regional Services supports regional and local jurisdictions and municipalities in developing, maintaining and improving quality of life in Texoma.



9-1-1 Program

The TCOG 9-1-1 Program utilizes state-of-the-art call-taking equipment that incorporates digital mapping applications in Texoma's six 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

TCOG provides planning, implementation, management and ongoing administration of the regional network of systems and financing for more than **fifty** police, fire and emergency medical service agencies in the region.

PSAPs participating in the Program are: Bonham Police Department, Gainesville Police Department, Whitesboro Police Department, Cooke County Sheriff's Office, Fannin County Sheriff's Office, and the Grayson County Sheriff's Office.

TCOG successfully delivered 82,160 calls to the six 9-1-1 PSAPs during the FYE 2019.

Outreach, Training and Support

Program staff increased the number of training hours provided to regional telecommunicators during FYE 2019 by over 40%, delivering nearly **2,300 hours of training**.

In addition to direct support, we distributed over **15,000 education pieces** to the community and continue to host the **annual Telecommunicator Awards Banquet**.

Training & Backup PSAP

Recognizing that 9-1-1 call takers in the Texoma region are trained on live equipment in which actual emergency calls are being handled, TCOG staff worked with the Commission on State Emergency Communications to develop and add one PSAP to the region for training purposes at TCOG's location in Sherman. This allows a safe zone for training on all of the features and functionality of 9-1-1 equipment including Mapped ALI, Wireless Phase II, and Next Generation technologies. Additionally, this fully-functioning PSAP serves as a backup in the event of a major crisis at any of the other PSAPs which adds another level of redundancy for the program.

Criminal Justice

TCOG works with the law enforcement and victim advocacy communities throughout Texoma to make the best use of local, state and federal resources.

During this past year, program staff provided grant training, technical assistance, and through the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, facilitated the local scoring of grants for submission to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

\$779,345 were awarded to agencies in the TCOG region to address Criminal Justice issues, bringing the total awarded amount in the last 6 years to \$3,798,913.

Funded Agencies

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| ✓ Fannin County Sheriff's Office | ✓ Abigail's Arms |
| ✓ Whitesboro Police Department | ✓ Grayson County Women's Crisis Center |
| ✓ Fannin County Juvenile Services | ✓ Fannin County |
| | ✓ Grayson County |

Emergency Planning

The Homeland Security Advisory Committee works with TCOG and the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division, to facilitate Homeland Security Funding when awarded to our region. During 2018-19, we successfully:

■ Managed over **\$262,000 in grant dollars** to enhance the security of the Texoma Region. These projects included interoperable communications equipment and terrorism prevention and response equipment.

■ Hosted over **1,200 hours** of training in support of the **National Incident Management System (NIMS)** so that response to emergency situations is efficient and effective.





Community & Economic Development

TCOG is designated as the Economic Development District (EDD) for Texoma by the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

The Texoma EDD provides technical assistance to industry practitioners and policy-makers on specific projects & programs that promote development in the region.

City Series

New in 2018, the TCOG City Series is designed to provide education to small cities on topics ranging from stormwater drainage to transportation and managing growth. The Series kicked off in November with a full day of breakout sessions led by multiple speakers and funding experts. This program will continue as a service to our region in the upcoming year.

Planning Services

Staff worked with Southmayd residents and city officials to create a visioning plan that will take the city into the future with a strong sense of how they should go about enhancing their rural setting, while embracing the growth that is reaching into the Texoma region.

TCOG continued to partner closely with Road Runner leaders as they navigated the creation of a city infrastructure, including roads, ordinances and social supports for their residents.

Staff recruited a team of volunteers with expertise in a host of subjects and a willingness to mentor cities. The expert team answered email questions, advised on new regional projects and offered input on a number of challenges our cities face.

Transportation

The regional coordinated transportation plan moved forward as TCOG and partners developed connections with organizations serving elderly, vets and disabled citizens. Pocket cards were designed, printed and shared throughout the region, providing transportation scheduling information and instructions on how to access further assistance.

GIS & Planning

Professionals in the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Program create, analyze and manage geographic datasets and applications. These datasets include political jurisdictions, transportation networks, emergency management and environmental resources.



Local governments and citizens rely on maps and data created by the TCOG GIS Program to make well-informed and often lifesaving decisions. The GIS Program helps promote geographic education in the region and provides a coordinating resource for GIS professionals in the region.

Rural Addressing

Over the past year, TCOG's GIS program assigned over 500 new addresses along with over 350 new address data points within the Texoma region.

These addresses are not only vital for emergency services but are a crucial element of day-to-day activities for citizens and businesses.





As our region continues to develop Next Generation 9-1-1 services, the address data generated by GIS staff is critically important. The GIS program strives to create the most accurate Next-Gen dataset possible, which is essential for the future of our 911 system.

Mapping

The GIS program also serves the Texoma region through custom map production. To optimize decision-making in our three counties over the past year, dozens of custom maps were created, focusing on flood zone data, zoning, and planning/development. In addition, Texoma's municipalities and emergency services utilize TCOG's map creation capabilities, and TCOG recently assisted the US Census Bureau with a program focusing on the regional statistical area boundaries for the 2020 national census.


Municipal Solid Waste

The Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Grant Program provides technical assistance to city and county governments, school districts, and law enforcement districts to assist them in their efforts to build sustainable Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) plans.

Through education and outreach, promoting Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, of recyclable commodities in order to maintain the long-term viability of our local landfills and safeguard public health, while planning for growth.

The MSW program looks for innovative ways to solve practical problems for our members while conserving the natural beauty of Texoma and aspiring to be leaders in Green Technology initiatives in Texas. Texoma has many green technology initiatives to be proud of: Wind, Solar and Hydroelectric projects, and a Green Texoma vision makes sense for economic development and job creation, as well as the mindful use of natural resources.

For more Information, please visit www.tcog.com/msw



2019 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) continues to be a challenge as our region grows. Our biennial HHW collection event has grown dramatically over the past decade. In 2019, we collected **44,161 lbs. of electronics waste** and **119,139 lbs. of HHW** (including 38,325 lbs. of Latex Paint), averaging 149 lbs. per person. This led to long lines and wait times. To fully meet the HHW demand of the region, it is estimated that we would need to raise double or triple the amount of funds.

The Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC) has been working hard to find sustainable and cost-effective solutions to help cities address the demand and is now working towards the 2023 regional Municipal Solid Waste Plan. The next two years will see expanded participation in community outreach and education and technical assistance training to members to address recycling industry challenges and regional growth.

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FYE 2019 ADVISORY COUNCILS

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RSVP Advisory
Council (Fannin Co.)

RSVP Advisory
Council (Grayson Co.)

Texoma Foster
Grandparent Advisory
Council

Texoma Regional
Advisory Council on
Aging

2-1-1 Texas Advisory
Council

ADRC Advisory Group

Family Self-Sufficiency
Advisory Board
(Fannin Co.)

Family Self-Sufficiency
Advisory Board
(Grayson County)

Community Services
Advisory Council

Criminal Justice
Advisory Committee

Homeland Security
Advisory Committee

Natural Resources
Advisory Committee

Texoma Regional
Transportation
Planning Committee

FYE 2019 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

COUNTIES

Cooke
Fannin
Grayson

CITIES/TOWNS

City of Bells
City of Bonham
City of Callisburg
City of Denison
City of Dodd City
City of Ector
City of Knollwood
City of Ladonia
City of Leonard
Town of Lindsay
City of Muenster

Town of Oak Ridge
City of Pottsboro
Town of Ravenna
City of Sadler
City of Savoy
City of Sherman
City of Southmayd
City of Tioga
City of Tom Bean
City of Trenton
City of Valley View
City of Van Alstyne
City of Whitesboro
City of Whitewright
Town of Windom

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Bells ISD
Bonham ISD
Collinsville ISD
Denison ISD
Dodd City ISD
Ector ISD
Era ISD
Fannindel ISD
Gainesville ISD
Honey Grove ISD
Leonard ISD
Lindsay ISD
Muenster ISD
Pottsboro ISD
Sam Rayburn ISD

Savoy ISD

Sherman ISD

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

Grayson College
North Central Texas
College

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Bonham Chamber of
Commerce
Denison Chamber of
Commerce
Sherman Chamber of
Commerce

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Executive Director

Eric M. Bridges

Aging Services Director

Judy Conner, MS, CPG

Client Services Director

Delano Smith

Energy Services Director

Judy Fullylove

Finance Director

Mindi Jones

Human Resources Specialist

Kay Black

Public Information & Media Manager

Sean Norton

About TCOG

Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties. Established in 1968, 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.

Both directly and 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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