

**Alamo Area Council of Governments
Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – 8:30 am
2700 NE Loop 410, Ste. 101, San Antonio, TX 78217**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Ms. Hattie Allen
2. Ms. Glenda Wilke for Ms. Nicole Bishop
3. Captain Danny Bowermaster
4. Ms. Miriam Elizondo & Ms. Lisa Brothers
5. Dr. David Carrothers
6. Dr. Allen Castro
7. Chief Linette Dury
8. Ms. Vickie Ernst 7 Ms. Jennifer Forbes
9. Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes
10. Ms. Ellen Wheeler-Walter for D.A. Joe Gonzalez
11. Chief Matthew Haynie
12. Ms. Brooke House & Ms. Holly Aldridge
13. Ms. Shelly Jackson
14. Lt. Mary Krebs
15. Ms. Rosa Lavender
16. Ms. Monica Torres for Ms. Jelynne LeBlanc Jamison
17. Lt. Brian Pehl for Sheriff Buddy Mills
18. Ms. Abigail Moore
19. Ms. Melissa Padron
20. Chief Deputy Joshua Ray
21. Chief Johnny Reyes, Jr.
22. Chief Deputy Gilbert Rodriguez
23. Mr. Dennis Rosenberry
24. Captain Michael Starnes
25. Ms. Eladia Torres
26. Ms. Brenda Trevino
27. Ms. Samantha Wohler

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. Ms. Mia Buentello-Garcia
2. Chief Henry Dominguez
3. Deputy Robert Guerrero
4. Mr. Will Leal

STAFF PRESENT:

1. Ms. Marcela Medina, Public Safety Manager
2. Ms. Laura Richardson, Public Safety Specialist
3. Mr. Justin Monarez, Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Coordinator
4. Ms. Cami Goldspink, Criminal Justice Planner

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1. Meeting was called to order at 8:49 a.m. by Ms. Hattie Allen.
 2. Roll Call was taken by Ms. Laura Richardson and a quorum was established.

3. Public Comments:

None

4. Consider and act upon approval of the March 8, 2023 minutes.

A motion was made by **Lt. Mary Krebs** and seconded by **Ms. Vickie Ernst** to accept the above minutes.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

5. Consider and act upon the approval of membership items.

1. Re-nominating **Abigail Moore** for another term as a primary representative for Bexar County.

2. Re-nominating **Vickie Adams** as Abigail Moore's alternate for Bexar County.

3. Re-nominating **Jelynn LeBlanc Jamison** for another term as a primary representative for Bexar County.

4. Re-nominating **Monica Torres** as Jelynn LeBlanc Jamison's alternate for Bexar County.

A motion was made by **Ms. Rosa Lavender** and seconded by **Ms. Samantha Wohler** to approve the above membership items.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

6. Program Updates

Matthew Reyes' last day was Friday. Cami Goldspink is our new Criminal Justice Planner.

7. Instruction on scoring procedure and conflict of interest identification.

Identification of Conflict of Interest

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

Ms. Lisa Brothers

Dr. Allen Castro

Ms. Vickie Ernst

Ms. Jennifer Forbes

Ms. Brooke House

Chief Johnny Reyes, Jr.

Ms. Brenda Trevino

Ms. Ellen Wheeler-Walter

Ms. Glenda Wilke

Ms. Samantha Wohler

8. FY 2024 General Victim Assistance (VOCA) Grant Applicant Presentations.

The grant scoring process was reviewed for the committee.

Consider and act upon the Presentations and Reviews of the FY 2024 Victims of Crime Act Program (VA). A motion was made by committee members to accept favorable or unfavorable motions on the Presentations, Reviews, Scores and Prioritization of the FY 2024 General Victim Assistance (GVA)/Victims of Crime Acts Program (VOCA).

A. General Victims of Crime Acts Program

CJAC Guidelines:

Recommended Budgets Caps:

CJAC recommends that application budget requests are below the following budget caps:

- JAG: \$75,000 maximum request from OOG; Non-profits \$50,000 maximum request from OOG
- JJDP: \$75,000 maximum request from OOG
- VAWA: \$75,000 maximum request from OOG
- VOCA: Continuation projects may not exceed last year's requests¹

Recommended Budget Reductions:

CJAC reserves the right to reduce recommended funding amounts based on the regional budget expectation (RBE) and the amount of funding applied for in each funding stream.

Kerr County Kerr County Victims' Rights Coordinator <i>Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	\$98,673.00
Hill Country Crisis Council Crime Victim Assistance and Restoration Project <i>Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	\$391,208.40
Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center Sexual Violence Comprehensive Services Project <i>Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Ms. Abigail Moore for Favorable Review All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	\$500,000.00
Seton Home Project Safe Haven <i>Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Captain Michael Starnes for Favorable Review All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	\$271,605.83
Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter Inc. Enhanced Rural Victim Services <i>Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	\$139,109.30

¹ CJAC reserves the right to recommend a reduced budget for any project.

Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. **\$491,500.00**
Intervention and Liaison Program for CPS and the Military
Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Ms. Miriam Elizondo for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Kendall County Women's Shelter **\$274,350.00**
Domestic Violence Shelter and Crisis Services
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Southwest Family Life Centers **\$104,236.42**
Domestic Violence-Medina
Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Lt. Brian Pehl for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Kendall County **\$132,925.00**
Crime Victim Assistance/Advocacy
Motion made by Ms. Hattie Allen and seconded by Ms. Abigail Moore for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Family Service Association of San Antonio **\$224,027.33**
Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Ms. Miriam Elizondo for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Kerr County Victims' Rights Coordinator
Motion made by Ms. Vickie Ernst and seconded by Ms. Abigail Moore for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Jewish Family Service of San Antonio **\$281,016.00**
Final amount for approval by CJAC is **\$240,417.00**
Mental Health Services for Crime Victim
Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Ms. Hattie Allen for Favorable Review.
All Approved, Motion carried.
Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Ms. Hattie Allen to approve the project with the amount requested for funding last year.
All Approved, Motion carried.

Safer Path Family Violence Shelter **\$473,535.47**
Atascosa Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy Program
Motion made by Ms. Hattie Allen and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review. All Approved, Motion carried.

The Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas **\$139,130.00**
Final amount for approval by CJAC is **\$138,860.00**
Beyond Violence Peer Support and Counseling
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Miriam Elizondo for Un-Favorable Review due to them not submitting the grant summary form.
All Approved, Motion carried.
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Lt. Mary Krebs to approve the project with at the amount requested for funding last year.
All Approved, Motion carried.

Comal County Family Violence Shelter Inc	\$541,162.80
Final amount for approval by CJAC is	\$540,362.80
General Victim Assistance Program	
<i>Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Ms. Rose Lavender for Un-Favorable Review due to them not submitting the grant summary form.</i>	
<i>All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	
<u><i>Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Lt. Mary Krebs to approve the project with a \$800 budget reduction.</i></u>	
<u><i>All Approved, Motion carried.</i></u>	
Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation	\$102,266.00
Dream of Violence-Free Empowerment (Project DOVE)	
<i>Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Ms. Hattie Allen for Favorable Review</i>	
<i>All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	
City of Seguin	\$20,294.84
FY24 Crime Victim Assistance	
<i>Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review</i>	
<i>All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	
Bexar County	\$356,257.00
Victim Assistance Early Intervention Program	
<i>Motion made by Ms. Abigail Moore and seconded by Lt. Brian Pehl for Favorable Review</i>	
<i>All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	
Magdalena Ministries	\$316,063.50
Assistance to Victims of Violence and Abuse	
<i>Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review.</i>	
<i>All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	
Guardian House	\$320,307.10
Supervised Visitation and Exchanged Program and Access to Supportive Mental Health Counseling	
<i>Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff Fontanes and seconded by Ms. Miriam Elizondo for Favorable Review</i>	
<i>All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	
CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Healthcare Corporation	\$302,522.01
Final amount for approval by CJAC is	\$296,401.51
CFM/SANE Child Abuse Services and Advocacy	
<i>Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Miriam Elizondo for Favorable Review.</i>	
<i>All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	
<u><i>Motion made by Ms. Rose Lavender and seconded by Ms. Miriam Elizondo to approve the project with \$6,120 budget reduction.</i></u>	
<u><i>All Approved, Motion carried.</i></u>	
BCFS Health and Human Services	\$347,078.98
Resiliency Through Healing	
<i>Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Ms. Rosa Lavender for Favorable Review.</i>	
<i>All Approved, Motion carried.</i>	

Girls Inc of San Antonio **\$182,000.00**
Bold Futures
Motion made by Ms. Abigail Moore and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Wilson County **\$70,014.65**
Final amount for approval by CJAC is **\$65,975.00**

Wilson County Victims' Assistance
Motion made by Ms. Hattie Allen and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review.
All Approved, Motion carried.
Motion made by Captain Michael Starnes and seconded by Ms. Rosa Lavender to approve the project with at the amount requested for funding last year.
All Approved, Motion carried.

San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry **\$549,661.00**
Support of Survivors Program
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review.
All Approved, Motion carried.

Bexar County Emergency Services District 7 **\$34,500.00**
Critical Incident Stress Management for First Responders
Motion made by Lt. Brian Pehl and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

St. Peter-St. Joseph Children's Home **\$232,793.78**
St. PJ's Trauma Recovery Program
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

The Ecumenical Center **\$142,500.00**
Professional Therapy and Counseling of Victims of Crime
Motion made by Ms. Abigail Moore and seconded by Lt. Mary Krebs for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

San Antonio ISD **\$108,703.36**
Campus Victim Assistance Program K-12
Motion made by Captain Michael Starnes and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Roy Maas Youth Alternatives **\$320,771.99**
Counseling and Psychiatric Services to Children/Youth Victims of Crime
Motion made by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes and seconded by Ms. Miriam Elizondo for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Chosen Care Inc **\$164,283.00**
Final amount for approval by CJAC is **\$157,476.00**
Foster and Kinship Placed Children-Victims of Crime-Healing the Hurt
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review.
All Approved, Motion carried.
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Chief Linette Dury to approve the project with at the amount requested for funding last year.
All Approved, Motion carried.

Bexar County **\$286,424.00**
 Bexar County PEARLS and EAGLES Courts
Motion made by Ms. Abigail Moore and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Eagles Flight Advocacy & Outreach **\$80,558.00**
 Final amount for approval by CJAC is **\$71,000.00**
 The Extra Mile-Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence
Motion made by Ms. Hattie Allen and seconded by Lt. Mary Krebs for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.
Motion made by Lt. Mary Krebs and seconded by Ms. Rosa Lavender to approve the project with amount requested for funding last year.
All Approved, Motion carried.

Connections Individual and Family Services **\$199,079.46**
 Emergency Shelter Care and Counseling Support for Direct Victims
Motion made by Ms. Abigail Moore and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

SJRC Texas Inc **\$360,000.00**
 Final amount for approval by CJAC is **\$340,670.00**
 Trust-Based Relational Intervention Victims Services Project
Motion made by Ms. Abigail Moore and seconded by Ms. Monica Torres for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.
Motion made by Lt. Mary Krebs and seconded by Chief Linette Dury to approve the project with amount requested for funding last year.
All Approved, Motion carried.

For Her **\$145,684.87**
 Supportive Community for Victims of Crime
Motion made by Captain Michael Starnes and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

City of Converse **\$45,799.00**
 Crime Victim Advocate
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

River City Advocacy Inc **\$82,500.00**
 Mental Health Services for Victims of Crime
Motion made by Mr. Gilbert Rodriguez and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Bluebird's Hope Inc **\$72,748.26**
 Final amount for approval by CJAC is **\$72,153.26**
 Crisis Services for Victims of Trauma and Case Coordination
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.
Motion made by Lt. Mary Krebs and seconded by Chief Linette Dury to approve the project with a budget reduction of \$595 for grant writing training which is ineligible.
All Approved, Motion carried.

THRU Project **\$254,175.00**
Housing for Young Adults with a History of Foster Care
Motion made by Captain Michael Starnes and seconded by Chief Linette Dury for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Respite Care of San Antonio Inc. **\$742,752.00**
Final amount for approval by CJAC is **\$371,376.00**
Direct Services for Disabled Youth Removed from their Homes due to Suspected Abuse & Neglect
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Lt. Brian Pehl for Un-Favorable Review due to them not attending the grant workshop.
All Approved, Motion carried.
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Chief Linette Dury to approve the project with a reduction by half of \$371,376 for many personnel budget cuts which are ineligible.
All Approved, Motion carried.

Family Endeavors Inc Dba Endeavors **\$197,215.63**
Endeavors Safe Services Program (ESSP)
Motion made by Chief Linette Dury and seconded by Ms. Andrea Goff-Fontanes for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

Methodist Healthcare System of San Antonio, LTD **\$571,771.08**
Final amount for approval by CJAC is **\$247,509.60**
General Victim Assistance-Forensic Nursing Services
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Monica Torres for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.
Motion made by Ms. Rosa Lavender and seconded by Ms. Monica Torres to approve the project with a reduction of \$100,261.48 for the medical expenses, training and consultation services.
All Approved, Motion carried.

Artvango Therapeutic Services Inc **\$87,100.00**
Trauma Informed Counselor for Victims of Crime Children
Motion made by Mr. Gilbert Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Miriam Elizondo for Favorable Review
All Approved, Motion carried.

9. Discussion and appropriate action on approval of FY2024 VOCA Grant Application Scoring and Recommended Funding Amounts.

Each committee member submitted an electronic scoring form for each application through survey monkey. The scores were tallied and put in ranking order. A copy of the preliminary rankings for this group of presentations was presented to the committee. **The top 42 VOCA projects would be fully funded with a partial funding of \$203,089.04 to #43 Comal County Family Violence Shelter Inc.**

Motion made by Mr. Gilbert Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Hattie Allen to approve the preliminary scoring ranking of projects as presented with the above changes in funding amounts.
All Approved, Motion carried.

A copy of all ranking sheets will be given to the committee after all the funding streams are verified and completed. The ranking sheets will be presented to the AACOG Board of Directors on April 26, 2023.

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

Nothing noted.

11. Next meeting date: April 12th is scoring JAG, JJDP and VAWA at 8:30 AM.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made **Mr. Gilbert Rodriguez** and seconded by **Ms. Hattie Allen to adjourn.**

All approved, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm