

**AGENDA
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 30, 2015**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 30, 2015, at the Luminant Community Room, 209 N. Madison, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Item 1. Call to order.

Item 2. Invocation.

Item 3. Self-introductions.

Item 4. Approve the minutes as submitted in the mail of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday, February 26, 2015, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Review and Comment

Item 5. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment by the City of DeKalb, who has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Water Quality Permit, authorizing the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and Farm-to-Market Road 992 in Bowie County, Texas. (To be presented by staff member Paul Prange)

Item 6. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment by the U.S. Department of the Army, who has applied to TCEQ for renewal and revision of Federal Operating Permit, authorizing operation of the Red River Army Depot, located at 100 James Carlow Drive, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas. (To be presented by staff member Paul Prange)

Item 7. Review and comment on an application by Paris Independent School District for Lamar County Head Start to the Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$1,412,481, to be matched with \$353,121 cash and in-kind, for a total of \$1,765,602, for continuation/refunding of head start. (To be presented by staff member Vickie Williamson)

Item 8. Review and comment on an application by Cooper Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$339,317, to be matched with \$84,829 cash and in-kind, for a total of \$424,146, for continuation/refunding of head start. (To be presented by staff member Vickie Williamson)

Item 9. Review and comment on an application by Sulphur Springs Independent School District to the Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$1,268,422, to be matched with \$317,111 in-kind, for a total of \$1,585,533, for continuation/refunding of head start. (To be presented by staff member Vickie Williamson)

Regular Business

Item 10. Review and consider authorizing the Executive Director, as the ATCOG Authorized Official, to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a grant to provide Regional Law Enforcement Training in the ATCOG Region for FY 2016 and FY 2017. (See attachment 1) (To be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)

Item 11. Review application and approve priorities established by the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee concerning projects being submitted to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for funding consideration through the Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice & Training Projects funding category. The grant period for this fund source is 09/01/15 to 08/31/16. (See attachment 2) (To be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)

- Item 12. Review application and approve priorities established by the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee concerning projects being submitted to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for funding consideration through the General Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention - Local funding category. The grant period for this fund source is 09/01/15 to 08/31/16. (See attachment 3) (To be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)
- Item 13. Review application and approve priorities established by the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee concerning projects being submitted to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for funding consideration through the General Victim Assistance – Direct Services category. The grant period for this fund source is 09/01/15 to 08/31/16. (See attachment 4) (To be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)
- Item 14. Review application and approve priorities established by the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee concerning projects being submitted to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for funding consideration through the Criminal Justice Programs (JAG) funding category. The grant period for this fund source is 09/01/15 to 08/31/16. (See attachment 5) (To be presented by staff member Patricia Haley)
- Item 15. Review and consider approval of Resolution to add Judge L.D. Williamson, President of the Board, to signatory cards at Regions Bank and Guaranty Bank, as provided for in Article V, Section 1.b of the Bylaws. (See attachment 6) (To be presented by staff member Amber Thurston)

Executive Session

- Item 16. The Executive Committee will recess the Open Session and go into Executive Closed Session to discuss a client's appeal of termination of Section 8 Housing Assistance. This Executive Session is provided for in Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, of the Texas Open Meetings Act. (See Attachment 7) (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)

Regular Open Session

- Item 17. The Executive Committee will reconvene in Open Session and take action on Item 17 above, as necessary.

Other Business

- Item 18. Financial Report (For information only – handouts to be provided at meeting) (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)
- Item 19. Review and consider action on CSA Agreement with N. E. T. Opportunities, Inc., and submission to TxDOT. (Handouts to be provided at meeting) (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)
- Item 20. Results on Titus County Prosperity Summit. (For information only) (To be presented by staff members Chris Brown and Vickie Williamson)

Announcements

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at the Luminant Community Room, 209 N. Madison, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

There will be a Budget Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m., prior to the Executive Committee Meeting in the same location.

**MINUTES
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 26, 2015, at the Luminant Community Room, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Item 1. Vice-President M.C. Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Mr. Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development, gave the invocation.

Item 3. At this time, each attendee introduced themselves. Chris Brown, Executive Director, ATCOG recognized Genevieve Burtchell, as this was her last Board meeting before retiring.

Item 4. The next order of business was to approve the minutes as submitted in the mail of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, January 29, 2015 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County, and seconded by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Review and Comment

Item 5. Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Planner, presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by Coston & Sons, Inc., who has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Permit authorizing construction of a Concrete Batch plant located at the intersection of State Highway 37 and County Road 1204 in Bogota, Red River County, Texas.

Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, inquired if this was new construction, to which Mr. Prange advised it was. Wayne Dial, City Manager, City of Clarksville mentioned this construction is in conjunction with a large egg farm being constructed in Bogota, which is a great thing for the entire County.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

Item 6. Mr. Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by Valley Feed Mill, who has applied to TCEQ for renewal of an Air Quality Permit, authorizing continued operation of the feed mill located at 315 West Center St., Paris, Lamar County, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County, and seconded by Mr. Fisher. It was approved.

Due to typographical errors on the agenda, corrections were made to Items 7 & 8, which are reflected below.

Item 7. Mr. Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by the City of Linden, who has applied to TCEQ for a proposed Water Quality Permit, authorizing the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at the intersection of State Highway 155 and Hamilton Street in Linden, Cass County, Texas, ultimately to Jims Bayou.

Motion to approve was made by Sandra Dunn, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Mt. Vernon, and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Item 8. Mr. Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by the Texas Department of Transportation, who has applied to TCEQ for Municipal Wastewater Renewal Permit, authorizing the discharge of wastewater from the facility located at 4825 U.S. Highway 59 North, approximately 6.5 miles northeast of Linden, Cass County, Texas, ultimately to James' Bayou.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Regular Business

Item 9. Diane McKinnon, Manager, Area Agency on Aging, presented for consideration approval of appointment of new members to the Area Agency on Aging Regional Advisory Committee.

Mr. Bill Collins, Director for Lamar County Meals on Wheels, was approved by the Regional Advisory Council to fill the "Service Provider" Category. Judge Lynda Munkres, Morris County, was approved by the same council to fill the "Elected Official" category.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Mr. Fisher. It was approved.

Item 10. Ms. McKinnon introduced Jim Pomeroy, Vice-President of Mission Integration for Christus St. Michael, who presented for consideration approval of the creation of a Premium Support Program. The purpose of this program is to allow families and individuals' access to insurance through the Health Care Exchange set up as part of the Affordable Care Act. Both Christus St. Michael and ATCOG are only interested in assuring individuals within our region have access to health care resources.

Mr. Brown explained, in short, Christus St. Michael is asking ATCOG to take the money and pay the premiums to the participant's insurance company on their behalf due to regulations stating premiums must be paid by a third party. The hospital is strictly prohibited from paying premiums directly, so ATCOG is essentially the middle man for the project. There will be a 10% administrative fee charged to Christus St. Michael for ATCOG's services. After speaking with legal counsel, it was determined this project is too new to form a solid opinion, but seems to be straight-forward. There are other organizations who are successfully running these types of programs, which target people in the 100th - 150th poverty level percentile. Handouts were provided for further information.

After general discussion, motion to approve was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Judge Lee. It was approved.

Item 11. Noah Gilliam, Homeland Security Specialist, presented for consideration approval of the 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds as recommended by the ATCOG Homeland Security Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

Item 12. Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator, presented for consideration approval of authorizing the Executive Director as the ATCOG Authorized Official, to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the Purchase of Juvenile Justice Services Project for FY 2016.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded Mayor Rushing. It was approved.

Item 13. Ms. Haley presented for consideration nomination of a replacement committee member, Mr. Dana Reeves, to the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) to serve through December 31, 2015.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn and seconded by Judge Newsom. It was approved.

Item 14. Sharon Pipes, Director of Administration, presented for consideration approval of new appointments to serve on the Rural Transit Board of ATCOG, as follows: Judge Becky Wilbanks - Chairperson, Cass County; Judge Brian Lee, Titus County; Judge Robert Newsom, Hopkins County; Mayor Ann Rushing, City of Clarksville and Mayor Pro Tem Laura Mabey, City of Daingerfield.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Judge Lee.

Item 15. Mr. Brown presented for consideration approval of deed of trust concerning the Transit Building on Elizabeth St. next to ATCOG's main building, showing the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as the lienholder.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Rushing and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Item 16. Mr. Brown presented for consideration action on TxDOT recommendation for payment of Transportation Services provided by NETO.

ATCOG legal counsel suggested ATCOG draft a Compromise & Settlement Agreement between ATCOG & NETO, which would release ATCOG from any dealings or liability with NETO, and provide a copy of the agreement to TxDOT to satisfy their requirements.

After general discussion, motion to approve the agreement, contingent upon further review, was made by Mayor Rushing and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Other Business

Item 17. Ms. Pipes advised the Board of ATCOG Committees that need new members appointed and explained they would be elected in March. She asked each member to please notify her of any committee they would like to serve on.

Item 18. Mr. Brown updated the Board on the TxDOT I-30 Corridor Study, which will run from Fort Worth to the Texas State Line and possibly include Arkansas. This study will include freight tracking, on/off ramps, traffic patterns, etc. for the included area, to start identifying current and future bottlenecks.

Item 19. Mr. Brown provided a legislative update handout from the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) and a possible new 9-1-1 bill which would allow each COG to create their own district, rather than be governed by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC). He also advised the Board of a Regional Food Production Prosperity Summit that Titus County will be hosting, through a grant awarded from the National Association of Counties (NaCO). Further information will be sent at a later date.

Announcements

Amber Thurston announced the next Executive Committee meeting would be held at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at the Roxton Community Center in Roxton, Texas.

There was no further business, so motion to adjourn was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Judge Munkres. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County
Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville
Saundra Dunn, Mayor Pro Tem, Mount Vernon
Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development District

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

James Carlow, Bowie County
Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County
L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County
Danny Eudy, Councilman, City of Bogota

GUESTS PRESENT

Jason Wright, Office of the Senator Ted Cruz
Daniel Alders, Office of the Senator Ted Cruz
Wayne Dial, City Manager, Clarksville
Sharon Brown, Cass County
Doyce Winchester, Texas Department of Emergency Management
Robin Betts, City of Atlanta
Lou Antonelli, Clarksville Times
Jim Pomeroy, Christus St. Michael

STAFF PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director
Genevieve Burtchell, Director, Special Projects
Sharon Pipes, Director, Administration
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Planner
Diane McKinnon, Manager, Area Agency on Aging
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Coordinator
Noah Gilliam, Homeland Security Specialist
Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant

M.C. Superville, Jr., Vice - President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20150402-0001-05

Date Received: 03-23-15

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: City of DeKalb, Texas

Project Description: The City of DeKalb has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010062002, to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 350,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located south of DeKalb, approximately 2.1 miles south of the intersection of US Hwy 82 and FM 992 in Bowie County, Texas. Discharge route is from the plant site to Anderson Creek; thence to Wright Patman Lake.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: DeKalb, Bowie County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves the needs of all residents living within the City of DeKalb. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. This facility is in good operational condition. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped to a sedimentation pond located at this facility.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which directly serves the needs of all citizens living within the City of DeKalb. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the City of DeKalb, TX.

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20150402-0002-05

Date Received: 03-31-15

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: U.S. Department of the Army, Red River Army Depot.

Project Description: This application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is for the renewal and revision of Federal Operating Permit No. 01646, to authorize the operation of the Red River Army Depot, a National Security facility, located at 100 James Carlow Drive, Texarkana, Texas.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Red River Army Depot, Bowie County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete, has conducted a technical review of the application, and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, the TCEQ Executive Director has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit and recommends issuance of this draft permit.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the continued operation of the Red River Army Depot. This facility has been in operation for many years and all guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected. The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code 122.10 (30TAC 122.10).

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal and revision of the Federal Operating Permit does not allow any additional construction activities to take place. Activities allowed under this permit include: painting vehicles and parts; operation of an engine testing facility; and the continued use of a coal/wood fired boiler to produce electricity.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. Red River Army Depot employs over six thousand residents living within our region and produces military vehicles and equipment necessary for the continued success of ongoing military campaigns. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit amendment and revision will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this Federal Operating Permit renewal by the U.S. Department of the Army, Red River Army Depot.

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW**

Project SAI No:
TX-R-20150407-0001-05

Date Received:
04-07-2015

Staff Assignment:
Vickie Williamson

Applicant: Paris Independent School District

Project Title:
Head Start 2015-16 Continuation/Refunding

Loan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pre-Application	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuation	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposed Activity: Continue to provide Head Start for 208 three and four year old children and families in Lamar County.

Budget:	Amount	Source / Funding Agency
Federal	\$1,412,481.00	Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start
State		
Local		
Applicant	353,120.00	In-Kind
Other		
Total	\$1,765,601.00	

Personnel Required: Executive Director, Head Start/Early Head Start Director, Program Managers, 12 Teachers/Infant Toddler Teachers, 13 Teacher Aides, 2 Health/Mental Health Services Personnel, 1 Disabilities Services Personnel, Bilingual Teacher, ESL Teacher Assistant, Parent Involvement Specialist, 2 Clerical Personnel, Fiscal Personnel, 2 Maintenance Personnel

PROJECT REVIEW: (PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAIL)

Area to be served:
Paris, Lamar County

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?

Yes.
Assurances included with application.

Is the project consistent with state, areawide, and / or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?

Yes.
Application approved by Lamar County Head Start Policy Council and Board of Trustees.

Does the project address a clearly defined need?

Yes.
According to the 2010 Census Bureau estimate, Lamar County has a population of 50,074, and the estimated median income for families currently is estimated at \$40,050. 17% of Lamar County's population lives below federal poverty guidelines. An estimated 22.6% of Lamar County's children below the age of 17 reside in households with incomes below poverty level. According to TDHHS State FY 2012 data for Lamar County, there was an average of 34 three and four year old children receiving TANF benefits monthly; 595 three and four year old children receiving SNAP benefits (Food Stamps) monthly; 813 three and four year old children receiving Medicaid benefits monthly; and 67 three and four year old children receiving CHIP benefits monthly.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment?

No

Are the project's goals identified, specific, measurable, and achievable?

Yes
Provide a developmentally appropriate early childhood learning environment for 3 and 4-year old children which prepares them for kindergarten enrollment. Address the developmental, medical, nutritional and emotional needs of young children with disabilities. Assist parent/caregivers in obtaining appropriate high quality medical, dental, nutritional and mental health services for their children. Assist parents in becoming primary advocates for their children. Assist parents in obtaining the skills and resources needed to become economically self-sufficient. Assist parents to obtain parenting skills needed to provide a nurturing and safe home environment. Provide an opportunity for community awareness and involvement in addressing the needs of Head Start eligible families.

Does the proposal demonstrate a feasible delivery strategy?

Yes
There are no changes to the detailed plan to provide child development services for the Head Start eligible children and their families. Continue to operate 12 classes, a 6.5-hour day enrichment program for 208 children, 5 days a week. The majority of the children enrolled in the program are served in the Head Start facility which houses classrooms, offices and work space for 192 children and 36 of the program's staff persons. One classroom is located at Aaron Parker Elementary school in Powderly, which is located approximately 15 miles north of the central site. 14 - 16 children are served at that site. At the time the application was prepared, there were 9 children with completed applications for the site. The primary reason for the lower number for that site has been that the families who apply are over 130% of federal income guidelines. Their income status would qualify them for the state funded pre-kindergarten services in some instances. However, many have annual incomes which exceed that criteria. The highest number of students on their waiting list reside within a 5 mile radius of the Paris campus, and those children cannot be transported to the Aaron Parker campus to bring up the classroom numbers in the Aaron Parker classroom. The program has located another available space on their combined Head Start/Early Childhood Services campus that can be used to serve more children. The Aaron Parker classroom facility belongs to a neighboring school district. That District receives additional funding through TEA to serve children enrolled in the Head Start classroom. They also offer stated funded pre-kindergarten services on a different campus within their district. The Administration of that school district will make a decision as to how they will accommodate any needs that may arise on the Aaron Parker campus.

Does the project contribute to a balanced delivery of services among political subdivisions covered by the application?

Yes
Area served includes all 5 ISDs in Lamar County.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the amount of funds requested?

Cost / Benefit Analysis)
Yes
Costs include: Personnel - \$825,019; Fringe Benefits - \$151,485; Travel - \$20,000; Supplies - \$113,832; Contractual - \$80,278; Other - \$199,600 (includes utilities, telephone, building and child liability insurance, building maintenance/repair and other occupancy, incidental alterations/renovations, local travel, nutrition services, child services consultants, substitutes, parent services, publications/advertising/printing, training or staff development.

Does the applicant's prior performance indicate high probability that the proposed objectives will be accomplished?

Yes
Program currently serves 208 children and families. Paris ISD received permission to expand Head Start to all areas of Lamar County in 1992.

Additional Information:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval.

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW**

Project SAI No: TX-R-20150402-0003-05	Date Received: 04-02-15	Staff Assignment: Vickie Williamson
Applicant: Cooper Independent School District Head Start		
Project Title: Head Start 2015-16 Continuation/Refunding	Loan	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Pre-Application	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Continuation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Proposed Activity: Continue to provide Project Head Start for 54 three and four year olds.

Budget:	Amount	Source / Funding Agency
Federal	\$ 339,317.00	Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Head Start
State		
Local		
Applicant	84,829.00	Cash and In-kind
Other		
Total	\$ 424,146.00	

Personnel Required:
Executive Director, Director, Education/Family Services Specialist, Nurse, 3 Teachers, 3 Assistants, Bus Driver, Bus Monitor

PROJECT REVIEW: (PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAIL)

Area to be served:
Delta County

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?
Assurances included with application.

Is the project consistent with state, areawide, and / or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?
Application approved by the Cooper ISD Head Start Policy Council.

Does the project address a clearly defined need?
Delta County region's population is 5,231 with an estimated poverty level of 18.1%. The average unemployment rate is 6.1%. There is one licensed daycare facility and one registered child-care home provider in Delta County. This makes it very difficult for parents to get quality care for their children. The overall percentage of students qualifying for free reduced lunches is 67%, or 258 children. Cooper ISD is classified as a Chapter 1 school, with an average of 36 children per age group qualifying for free lunches. 7.3%, or 28 elementary students, qualify for special education services. This is an average of 3 children per grade level that have been diagnosed with a disability. Approximately 60 children in the three and four year old age groups are eligible for Head Start.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment?

No

Are the project's goals identified, specific, measurable, and achievable?

Yes.

Cooper IDS Head Start provides a center based classroom services to all 54 children in 3 classrooms located on the Cooper ISD Head Start campus. Cooper ISD Head Start provides a 6-hour instructional day for 54 children, 5 days per week.

Does the proposal demonstrate a feasible delivery strategy?

Yes.

There are no major changes to be made to the design, implementation, and objectives. Components include administration, education, health, mental health, social services, parent involvement, and disabilities.

Does the project contribute to a balanced delivery of services among political subdivisions covered by the application?

Yes.

The Head Start program encompasses all of Delta County. There is a strong partnership from the Cooper ISD school system, as well as the community, which supports Head Start services to children and families.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the amount of funds requested? (Cost / Benefit Analysis)

Yes.

Costs appear to be reasonable. Costs include: Personnel - \$250,589; Fringe Benefits - \$49,499; Supplies - \$14,687; Other - \$24,542 to include, utilities, telephone, building and child liability insurance, building maintenance/repair and other occupancy, local travel, nutrition services, child services consultants, substitutes, parent services, publications/advertising/printing, training or staff development, and Insurance and Fee for Head Start's Suburban.

Does the applicant's prior performance indicate high probability that the proposed objectives will be accomplished?

Yes.

The program has been in operation for 19 years. Currently, Head Start serves 35 four year olds and 19 three year olds. Currently, there is 1 income eligible child on the waiting list and 3 that are over income.

Additional Information:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends a favorable review.

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW**

Project SAI No: TX-R-20150406-0002-05	Date Received: 04-06-2015	Staff Assignment: Vickie Williamson
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Applicant: Sulphur Springs Independent School District		
Project Title: Head Start Five Year Continuation/Refunding Application, 2015-2016	Loan	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Pre-Application	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Continuation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposed Activity: Continue to provide Head Start and restore enrollment for 179 three and four year old children and families within the Sulphur Springs ISD.

Budget:	Amount	Source / Funding Agency
Federal	\$1,268,442.00	Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start
State		
Local		
Applicant	317,111.00	In-Kind
Other		
Total	\$1,585,553.00	

Personnel Required: 15 full and part-time management staff/ content area/support staff; 5 full and part-time bus drivers; 5 full and part-time bus monitors; 3 part-time bus driver substitutes, 4 part-time bus monitor substitutes; 10 certified classroom teachers; 12 teacher assistants

PROJECT REVIEW: (PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAIL)

Area to be served:
Boundaries of Sulphur Springs Independent School District

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?
Yes.
Assurances included with application.

Is the project consistent with state, areawide, and / or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?
Yes. Application approved by Policy Council and Board of Trustees.

Does the project address a clearly defined need?
Yes. The need for child development services for Head Start eligible children and families was determined through a Community Needs Assessment, Head Start Surveys, and the most recent Program Information Report last year. There are 2,434 estimated children under 5 years of age living in Hopkins County. Of those families, 22.4% are living at or below the level of poverty and are eligible for Head Start services. 4.8% of the population living in poverty have experienced unemployment over the past 12 months. Head Start families have a noted educational deficiency with at least half of the parents having less than a high school diploma. Head Start records indicated 156 children with either Medicaid or CHIP assistance and 8 were uninsured. 46% of Head Start families are receiving services from SNAP. These high need families are enrolled by the Head Start program; however they have limitation to other support services and resources. These Head Start families indicated that low-income/subsidized housing is a huge need among the population.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment?

No.

Are the project's goals identified, specific, measurable, and achievable?

Yes

Mission of the Head Start program, in collaboration with staff, parents, and community members, is to provide a safe, orderly, and nurturing environment, which develops every child into a lifelong learner; thus, enabling them to become effective communicators, complex thinkers, and productive citizens, ready to meet the challenges and uncertainties of the future.

Does the proposal demonstrate a feasible delivery strategy?

Yes

The Head Start program is a center based program to best meet the needs of the community. The design offers full day, 5 days per week, part year program and operates 6 hours per day. The yearly schedule corresponds with the SSISD board-approved calendar over the course of 10 months. Children attend class 180 days annually to meet state instructional standards. The program is currently serving 168 and plans to serve 179 three and four-year-old children after sequestration funds are restored. The Head Start program is located in the SSISD ECLC which is located at 390 Hillcrest Street.

Does the project contribute to a balanced delivery of services among political subdivisions covered by the application?

Yes

Areas served are within the boundaries of the Sulphur Springs ISD.

**Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the amount of funds requested?
(Cost / Benefit Analysis)**

Yes

Costs include: Personnel - \$950,000; Fringe Benefits - \$147,000; Travel - \$13,086; Supplies - \$45,340; Contractual - \$66,678; Other - \$26,200, Technical and Training Assistance - \$20,138; In-Kind - \$317,111 (includes salaries and fringe benefits for 14 staff that are partially funded with Head Start funds, and fringe benefits totals for employees that are not paid with Head Start funds, diesel/fuel costs, depreciation use allowance, utilities, and building insurance.)

Does the applicant's prior performance indicate high probability that the proposed objectives will be accomplished?

Yes

The program is currently in its 20th year and is serving 168 children and families, and plans to serve 179 three and four-year-old children after sequestration funds are restored.

Additional Information:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval.

BRIEFING PAPER - ACTION ITEM

ITEM 10:

Review and consider authorizing the Executive Director, as the ATCOG Authorized Official, to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a grant to provide Regional Law Enforcement Training in the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Region for FY 2016 and FY2017.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Law Enforcement Training Project provides required TCOLE certified training for peace officers (currently through a contract with Kilgore College/East Texas Police Academy). The project also provides reimbursement of travel and tuition expenses for out-of-region training within the State of Texas.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed budget includes an allocated amount for training through a TCOLE accredited police academy, and a separate amount for out-of-region training.

Requesting (2 yr.) total of \$159,862.50

Would include:

Approximately \$77,000 for contracted police academy training funds

Approximately \$30,000 for out-of-region training/travel funds

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends approval of authorization for the Executive Director, as the Authorized Official, to submit the application for Regional Law Enforcement Training to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
VIOLENT CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN CJ & TRAINING PROJECTS
FISCAL YEAR 2016**

RCJAC SCORING RESULTS

Rank	Grantee	Title	Total Amount Requested	SCORE
1	HOPKINS COUNTY	VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR/CASE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	\$90,155.00	91.633
2	BOWIE COUNTY	CSCD SPECIALIZED DV CASELOAD	\$50,000.00	80.233

VCAWCJT PRIORITY RANKING SHEET 2016

**Total Regional Allocation Amount has not been issued by CJD yet.*

**Bowie County had a maximum total score of 90 because of a required 10 point total deduction on each score sheet. This deduction was issued by CJD because they had been placed on vendor hold over the past 2 year period (5 point deduction), and the vendor hold was more than 30 cumulative days (additional 5 point deduction).*

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GENERAL JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION
FISCAL YEAR 2016**

RCJAC SCORING RESULTS

Rank	Grantee	Title	Total Amount Requested	SCORE
1	ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	PURCHASE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES	\$60,000.00	98.855
2	COOPER ISD	SCHOOL BASED DELINQUENCY PREVENTION	\$35,300.00	94.316
3	CUMBY ISD	SRO^2 SAFETY, RESPONSIBILITY, OVERCOMING OBSTACLES	\$49,750.00	93.316
4	DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR ISD	RESOURCE OFFICER	\$50,330.59	90.816

GJJD PRIORITY RANKING SHEET 2016

**Total Regional Allocation Amount has not been issued by CJD yet.*

**ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE – DIRECT SERVICES
FISCAL YEAR 2016**

RCJAC SCORING RESULTS

Rank	Grantee	Title	Total Amount Requested	SCORE
1	SHELTER AGENCIES FOR FAMILIES IN EAST TEXAS, INC.	CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT PROJECT	\$176,169.00	93.553
2	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION, INC.	COMPREHENSIVE VICTIM RESTORATION PROGRAM	\$207,198.00	90.816

GVA PRIORITY RANKING SHEET 2016

**Total Regional Allocation Amount has not been issued by CJD yet.*

**Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc. had a maximum total score of 95 because of a required 5 point total deduction on each score sheet. This deduction was issued by CJD because they had been placed on vendor hold over the past 2 year period. Since they were on vendor hold less than 30 days, there was no additional deduction.*