

**AGENDA
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 31, 2018**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 31, 2018, at the Titus County Extension Office, 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Item 1. Call to order.

Item 2. Invocation.

Item 3. Self-introductions.

Item 4. Approve the minutes as submitted of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday, April 26, 2018, in Texarkana, Texas.

Review and Comment

Item 5. Review and comment on an application by Sulphur Springs Independent School District to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$1,303,619, to be matched with \$325,905, cash & in-kind, for continuation/refunding of Head Start. (See page 6 – to be presented by staff member Toni Lindsey)

Item 6. Review and comment on an application by Sulphur Springs Independent School District to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$120,343.81, to be matched with \$30,085.95, cash & in-kind, for playground equipment for the Douglass Early Childhood Learning Center Campus . (See page 9 - to be presented by staff member Toni Lindsey).

Item 7. Review and comment on an application by The Salvation Army to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for an Emergency Solutions Grant in the amount of \$150,000, to be matched with \$150,000, cash & in-kind, for temporary emergency services to the homeless. (See page 12 – to be presented by staff member Toni Lindsey)

Item 8. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Air Quality Permit Renewal by the following: (see page 15 – to be presented by staff member Paul Prange):

- a. Top Hat Industries, Inc. to authorize the continued operation of a Utility Trailer Manufacturing Facility located near the intersection of Highway 77 and Highway 338, Naples, Morris County, Texas.
- b. U.S. Tubular Steel Products, Inc. to authorize the continued operation of a Specialty Tubing Facility located at 6866 US Highway 259 South, Lone Star, Morris County, Texas.

Regular Business

Item 9. Area Agency on Aging Program Update (For information only – to be presented by staff member Lisa Reeve)

Other Business

Item 10. Texas Silver Haired Legislature presentation. (To be presented by Rhonda Rogers, TSHL Representative)

Announcements

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at a location to be determined.

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code Chapter 551 one or more of the above items may be considered in executive session closed to the public, including but not limited to consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and Section 551.074 arising out of the attorney's ethical duty to advise ATCOG concerning legal issues arising from an agenda item. Any decision held on such matter will be taken or conducted in open session following the conclusion of the executive session.

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**MINUTES
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 26, 2018**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the Titus County Extension Office in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Item 1. L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.

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

Item 3. At this time, each attendee introduced themselves.

Item 4. The next order of business was to approve the minutes as submitted of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, February 22, 2018, in Texarkana, 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. Vickie Williamson, Regional Projects Manager, presented for consideration an application by Cooper Independent School District to the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$348,570, to be matched with \$87,143, cash & in-kind, for continuation/refunding of Head Start.

Motion to approve was made by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County, and seconded by Ralph Robertson, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Mt. Vernon. It was approved.

Regular Business

Item 6. Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator, presented for consideration approval of application priorities/recommendations established by the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) concerning projects being submitted to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for funding consideration.

Motion to approve was made Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County, and seconded by Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County. It was approved.

Other Business

Item 7. Ms. Haley introduced Joe Cassin, East Texas Police Academy, who provided a Law Enforcement Training update, including scheduling and new course requirements. There was some general discussion concerning pricing and funding sources. Mr. Casson asked anyone who had questions or concerns to contact him. This item was for information only, so no action was taken.

Item 8. Ms. Williamson provided an update and overview on the Regional Development Program. She also announced she would be leaving ATCOG to take another position soon, but would be available for the next few weeks.

Item 9. Chris Brown, Executive Director, provided Finance Reports for information only. He also updated the Board on the progress of the new financial software, stating it's going a bit slower than anticipated.

Announcements

Judge Williamson announced the next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Titus County Extension Office in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Mr. Brown announced the Northeast Texas Regional Alliance would be meeting at the Mt. Pleasant Civic Center on June 6th. The main focus will be on workforce needs.

He also announced the passing of Board Member, Rip Benefield, Councilman of Queen City.

Ms. Williamson reminded the Board of the Regional Review Committee nominations due to her.

There were no other announcements, so the meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County
M.C. Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County
Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County
Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County
Robert Newson, Judge, Hopkins County
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville
Ralph Robertson, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Mt. Vernon
Emily Glass, Councilwoman, City of Sulphur Springs
Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development
Scott Norton, President, TexAmericas Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Stan Wyatt, Northeast Texas MWD
Tim Walsworth, Councilman, City of Roxton

GUESTS PRESENT

Ray Wilson, Office of Senator Bryan Hughes
Joe Cassin, East Texas Police Academy
Sam Young, NETEX
Randy Reed, Workforce Solutions of Northeast Texas
April Corbit, Workforce Solutions of Northeast Texas

STAFF PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director
Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director
Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant
Lisa Reeve, Area Agency on Aging Manager
Melinda Tickle, Finance Manager
Vickie Williamson, Regional Projects Manager
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Manager
Nancy Hoehn, Transportation Manager
Shena Washington, Controller
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Toni Lindsey, Grant Administration Specialist

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW

Project SAI No: TX-R-20180509-0003-04	Date Received: 04-19-2018	Staff Assignment: Toni Lindsey
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Applicant: Sulphur Springs Independent School District

Project Title: Head Start Five Year Continuation/Refunding Application, 2018-19	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	\$1,303,619.00	Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start
State		
Local		
Applicant	325,905.00	In-Kind
Other		
Total	\$1,629,524.00	

Personnel Required: 31 full time Head Start personnel funded 100% thru federal funds and another 17 partially funded staff members that are not paid with Head Start funds (match funds) which includes: 11 classroom teachers, 1 Health Specialist, 1 PE teacher, 2 campus secretaries, 1 library aide, and 1 Music Teacher

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 03/27/2018 and Board of Trustees.03/06/2018

Does the project address a clearly defined need?
Yes. The needs are based on the most recent Community Assessment Update 2016-2017. The overall poverty rate remains static at 18.7% and 22.5% with the county rate exceeding Texas. The rate of poverty for SSISD is 51%, or 2,623 students, indicating a slight decrease from previous years. 8% of the Sulphur Springs city population is still represented by children under 5 years with 536 of those children living in poverty and eligible for Head Start services. It is estimated that at least 322 of the children living in poverty are under that age of three years and potentially eligible for Early Head Start (EHS) services which are not available in the County. There continues to be growing numbers of families in the county who speak a language other than English indicating a sustained need for second language curricula, translation services, Spanish literature/classroom supplies, and Spanish-speaking staff. Affordability and availability of child care continues to be an issue that affects low-income families in the local Head Start service area. There continues to be a population of children and families living at or below the level of poverty in the SSISD Head Start recruitment zone that will benefit from comprehensive services including education, health, nutrition and social service

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 179 three and four-year-old children. 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 - \$1,008,164; Fringe Benefits - \$183,655; Travel - \$8,000; Supplies - \$31,800; Contractual - \$51,500; Other - \$20,500, Technical and Training Assistance - \$20,138; In-Kind - \$325,905 (includes salaries and fringe benefits for 17 staff that are partially funded with Head Start funds, and fringe benefits totals for employees that are not paid with Head Start funds, fuel/diesel and routine vehicle maintenance costs, and auxiliary and other staff salary [food service, maintenance, and transportation] routine costs.)

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

Yes

This grant application is for Year Five of a Five Year grant. The program has been in operation over 20 years serving 179 children and families.

Additional Information:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval.

RESOLUTION NO. EC18-026

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION BY SULPHUR SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF HEAD START, FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,303,619, TO BE MATCHED WITH \$325,905, CASH AND IN-KIND, FOR CONTINUATION /REFUNDING OF HEAD START.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain applications for which federal financial assistance is requested, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the submission of an application by Sulphur Springs Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$1,303,619.00, to be matched with \$325,905.00 in-kind, for continuation/refunding of Head Start has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be expected to become part of the overall regional plan.

Section 2 – That the above mentioned improvements are desirable and urgently needed for public safety and welfare.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31st DAY OF MAY, 2018.

**L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW

Project SAI No:
TX-R-20180509-0004-05

Date Received:
4/19/2018

Staff Assignment:
Toni Lindsey

Applicant: Sulphur Springs Independent School District

Project Title:

Early Head Start – Playground Equipment Sulphur Springs ISD (Douglass ECLC campus)

Loan

Grant

Pre-Application

Continuation

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposed Activity: One-time request for the purpose of funding for Playground Equipment for the Douglass ECLC (Head Start) campus for 2018-2019 school year.

Budget:	Amount	Source / Funding Agency
Federal	\$120,343.81	Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start
State		
Local		
Applicant	\$30,085.95	Non-Federal Match
Other		
Total	\$150,429.76	

Personnel Required: No additional personnel required

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.
Yes. Application approved by Policy Council 03/27/2018 and Board of Trustees.04/09/2018

Does the project address a clearly defined need?

Yes.
This campus will become Douglass ECLC and home for all of the District's Head Start, Prekindergarten, and Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities. It is centrally located in the SSISD school zone and will be easily accessed by Head Start families and transportation services.

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

This application is to remove existing aging equipment; clean, level, and remove debris from the playground; add a second double gate and latches to meet state licensing requirement; repair any damaged fencing; purchase and install age-appropriate playground equipment; provide appropriate fall zone area with borders; and install protective shade structures to cover playground equipment and shield children from excessive amounts of heat/sun.

Does the proposal demonstrate a feasible delivery strategy?

Yes

The grantee is a Texas public school which fully supports the Head Start program including safe play areas and meeting license requirement.

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

Fencing \$3,013.50; Playground equipment, shipping and installation \$80,780.31; Fall Zone fill material \$4,550.00; Fabric Shade Structure \$32,000.00 **Total Federal \$120,343.81**

Removal old playground equipment \$640.00; Ground prep, fence repair and install gate \$1,280.00; Fall zone border & material \$479.50; Weed barrier material \$251.00; Installation of fall zone border, weed barrier & fill \$1,280.00; Moving activities from current campus to Douglass \$16,000.00; Construction of staff parking lot at Douglass campus \$10,155.45 **Total Non-Federal Match \$30,085.95**

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

Yes

SSISD has provided Head Start services since 1993 with excellent on-site reviews and financial audits.

Additional Information:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval.

RESOLUTION NO. EC18-027

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION BY SULPHUR SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF HEAD START, FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,343.81, TO BE MATCHED WITH \$30,085.95 IN-KIND, TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND PREPARE SAFE PLAY AREA FOR HEAD START CHILDREN AT DOUGLASS ECLC CAMPUS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain applications for which federal financial assistance is requested, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the submission of an application by Sulphur Springs Independent School District to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, for a grant in the amount of \$120,343.81, to be matched with \$30,085.95 in-kind, to purchase Playground Equipment and prepare safe play area for children has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be expected to become part of the overall regional plan.

Section 2 – That the above mentioned improvements are desirable and urgently needed for public safety and welfare.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31st DAY OF MAY, 2018.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW

Project SAI No: PENDING	Date Received: 05-21-2018	Staff Assignment: Toni Lindsey
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Applicant: The Salvation Army Texarkana, Arkansas

Project Title: Emergency Solutions Grant through Housing and Urban Development Program Year 2018-19	Loan	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Pre-Application	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Continuation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposed Activity:

Budget:	Amount	Source / Funding Agency
Federal	\$150,000.00	Department of Housing and Urban Development
State		
Local		
Applicant	\$150,000.00	Cash and in-kind
Other		
Total	\$300,000.00	

Personnel Required: 2 Full-time, 8 part-time, many volunteers

PROJECT REVIEW: (PROVIDE ADEQUATE DETAIL)

Area to be served:
Miller, Lafayette, Hempstead, Little River, Sevier, and Howard counties in Arkansas

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

Yes.
Assurances included in 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 meets the goals and objectives of HUD.

Does the project address a clearly defined need?

Yes.
The project's intent is to target people that lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence; those that are presently residing in a homeless shelter; and those who are at risk of becoming homeless due to economic reasons. This past year they assisted over 11,000 with emergency housing; over 40,000 meals to homeless; over 167 through Rapid Rehousing Program; and 65 impacted through Homelessness Prevention throughout the six counties that met this criteria.

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

The Salvation Army projects they will serve over 11,000 men, women and children and serve over 40,000 meals from the Soup Kitchen which is open 365 days a year with Emergency Shelter; 65 for Homelessness Prevention, and as many as 167 homeless with Rapid Re-Housing. The Emergency Shelters provide a safe and secure place for families and their children to stay until a more permanent housing situation can be arranged for them. During their stay their immediate needs of clothing, food, and medical attention are met. Rapid Re-Housing is a program designed to help homeless individuals transition into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Homelessness Prevention is designed to prevent individuals/families who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Does the proposal demonstrate a feasible delivery strategy?

Yes

The Salvation Army has received this grant for the past thirteen years. They intend to continue in the same manner as they have in previous years by utilizing employees and volunteers to make contact with individuals in areas where the homeless are known to congregate, assess their immediate needs, make contact with appropriate agencies to assist with those needs, evaluate the eligibility to stay in their facility called the Center of Hope, assist them with life skills, writing a resume and searching for work with the ultimate goal of transitioning them into permanent housing.

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

Yes. The Salvation Army Texarkana, Arkansas, services six counties in Arkansas – Miller, Little River, Hempstead, Lafayette, Howard, and Sevier.

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

Yes

Grant funding costs include: Emergency Shelter - \$90,000; Homelessness Prevention - \$28,200; Rapid Re-Housing - \$30,300; Homeless Management Information System - \$1,000; Administration - \$500. This will be matched with \$150,000 in Private Contributions consisting of general donations to be used for un-skilled and skilled labor, in-kind professional services and noncash donations such as clothing, hygiene products, toiletries, blankets, pillows, and supplies.

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

Yes

The local Salvation Army has successfully operated for over 122 years. They have established guidelines and rules they follow to ensure the safety of all while assisting each in becoming self-sufficient. They work with Arkansas HUD, Veterans Affairs, Arkansas Workforce Center, Domestic Violence, Inc., Friendship Center, Grace Clinic, Arkansas Department of Human Services, Healthcare Mental Health Services, Alcohol Anonymous/Cocaine Anonymous, St. Edwards Catholic Center, Arkansas School System, First Pregnancy Center, Senior Citizens Services, and Samaritan Charities to meet a wide variety of needs without duplicating services.

Additional Information:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval.

RESOLUTION NO. EC18-030

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION BY ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, FOR AN EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 TO BE MATCHED WITH \$150,000 IN CASH AND IN-KIND FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain applications for which federal financial assistance is requested, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the submission of an application by Ark-Tex Council of Governments to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in the amount of \$150,000.00, to be matched with \$150,000.00 in cash in-kind for temporary emergency services to the homeless has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be expected to become part of the overall regional plan.

Section 2 – That the above mentioned improvements are desirable and urgently needed for public safety and welfare.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31st DAY OF MAY, 2018.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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

Project SAI No: TX-R-20180509-0001-05

Date Received: 04-30-18

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: Top Hat Industries, Inc.

Project Description: This application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is for the renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 84168, which would authorize the continued operation of a Utility Trailer Manufacturing Facility located near the intersection of Highway 77 and Highway 338 South, Naples, Morris County, Texas.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Naples, Morris 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 continued production of utility trailers within our region, which will help bolster our local economy. This facility has been operation since 1996 and employs approximately 100 people. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed and minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The paint booths at Top Hat Industries are contained within enclosed structures and all air pollutants are filtered before being released into the surrounding environment.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the benefits provided.

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

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this air quality permit renewal application by Top Hat Industries, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. EC18-028

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 84168, FOR TOP HAT INDUSTRIES, INC., WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF A UTILITY TRAILER MANUFACTURING FACILITY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 77 AND HIGHWAY 338 SOUTH, NAPLES, MORRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2018.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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

Project SAI No: TX-R-20180509-0002-05

Date Received: 5-07-18

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: U.S. Tubular Products, Inc.

Project Description: This application by U.S. Steel Tubular Products, Inc. to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is for renewal to Air Quality Permit No. 3342, which would authorize the continued operation of a Specialty Tubing Facility located at 6866 US Highway 259 South, Lone Star, Morris and Cass County, Texas. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Lone Star, Morris and Cass County, Texas

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

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 production of steel pipe and specialty tubing in our region. All procedures required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed including filtration of airborne contaminants and collection of metal slag in vats.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of the Air Quality Permit will not allow additional construction activities to take place.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. This facility provides employment for approximately 1400 citizens of our region and the production of steel pipe and specialty tubing is necessary in order to supply products such as oil field well casings, natural gas pipelines up to 16 inches in diameter, and specialty automotive tubing. 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 U.S. Steel Tubular Products, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. EC18-029

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 3342 BY U.S. STEEL TUBULAR PRODUCTS, INC. TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE STEEL TUBULAR PRODUCTS PROCESSING CENTER LOCATED AT 6866 US HIGHWAY 259 SOUTH, LONE STAR, MORRIS AND CASS COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2018.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
