

TCOG Hosts Criminal Justice Grant Workshop

Attendance is mandatory for those applying for Criminal Justice Grants

SHERMAN, DECEMBER 19, 2014 –Dr. Susan B. Thomas, Executive Director of the Texoma Council of Governments (COG), announced that the COG will be hosting a mandatory workshop for those who are interested in applying for criminal justice grants through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

“These funds help local agencies in their efforts to assist victims of crime and prevent criminal activities in communities throughout the Texoma region,” Dr. Thomas said. “This workshop will provide applicants with the latest information about eligible activities, the application process, and the funding timeline.”

These grants are funded through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), State Criminal Justice Planning program, and Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. Organizations that are eligible to apply include: state agencies, units of local government, non-profit agencies, Native American tribes, community supervision & corrections departments, and councils of government. To assist interested applicants with the requirements for grant submission, a mandatory workshop will be held January 7, 2015 at TCOG. This workshop is provided for those who have never applied to CJD as well as those who have previous experience with the CJD grant application process. The workshop, which is scheduled to start at 2:00 p.m., is free and requires no pre-registration. It will be held in the Eisenhower room (first floor) of the Texoma COG Building, 1117 Gallagher Drive, Sherman, Texas. Participation in the grant application workshop is mandatory for applicants applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

TCOG’s Criminal Justice Advisory Committee provides coordination of the application process, including reviewing the applications and setting priorities for the applications. Last year, Criminal Justice Division awarded over \$300,000 to eligible organizations in the Texoma Region.

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

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