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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

In 2009 through House Bill (H.B.) 492, 81st Legislature, Regular Session, Texas became the first state in the country to pass legislation specifically to improve the relationship between state government and faith and community-based organizations (FCBOs) seeking to partner with the state to help meet health and human service needs. Subsequent legislation passed in the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, expanded this initiative through House Bill (H.B.) 1965, by adding additional state agencies in its charge. Both Acts directed the chief administrative officer of the named state agencies to appoint, in consultation with the Governor, a faith and community liaison in each agency. These liaisons serve on the Interagency Coordinating Group (ICG) chaired by the CEO of the State Commission on National and Community Service (OneStar Foundation), also a named member of the ICG.

The first bill, H.B. 492, directed agency liaisons to work within their respective agencies to: 1) identify and remove unnecessary barriers to partnerships between the state agency the liaison represents and faith and community-based organizations; 2) provide information and training, if necessary, for employees of the state agency the liaison represents regarding equal opportunity standards for faith and community-based organizations seeking to partner with state government; 3) facilitate the identification of practices with demonstrated effectiveness for faith and community-based organizations that partner with the state agency the liaison represents; and 4) work with the appropriate departments and programs of the state agency the liaison represents to conduct outreach efforts to inform and welcome faith and community-based organizations that have not traditionally formed partnerships with the agency.

Subsequently, H.B. 1965 directed agency liaisons to: 1) develop and implement a plan for improving contracting relationships between state agencies and faith and community-based organization; 2) develop best practices for cooperating and collaborating with faith and community-based organizations; 3) identify and address duplication of services provided by the state and faith and community-based organizations; and 4) identify and address gaps in state services that faith and community-based organizations could fill.

2018 ICG Meetings

In 2018 the ICG met in May and October. The agenda for the May meeting included a presentation on State Agency Fatherhood programs and services by Cynthia Osborne, Ph.D., Founder and Director of the Child and Family Research Partnership. “She is also an Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Academic Strategies, and Director of the Center for Health and Social Policy at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin. Her teaching and research interests are in the areas of social policy, poverty and inequality, family and child wellbeing and family demography.”¹ Dr. Osborne presented information on how the Center for Child and Family Partnerships is working with a number of state agencies to learn about and evaluate their fatherhood programs. State agencies engaged in this work include the Health and Human Services Commission, Department of Family and Protective Services Prevention and Early Intervention Division and Child Protective Services, Office of the Attorney General, Texas Education Agency, Texas Juvenile Justice Department and Texas Workforce Commission. Overarching goals of engagement include raising awareness of fathers’ roles and impacts on family wellbeing; identifying ways to better support fathers; and building connections and capacity for cross-agency collaboration.²

At the May meeting, Michelle Esper-Martin, Executive Director of the Governor’s Commission on Women, presented information to attendees on the Governor’s priorities for the Commission. The Commission is positioned within the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism Office. Twelve Commissioners are appointed for a two-year term of service. The Commission specializes in outreach, education, research and referral in five key areas: women owned businesses; education through STEM; volunteerism; women and children’s health; and women veterans and service members. Within these broad areas, the Governor has charged the Women’s Commission with developing a strategy and implementation plan to address: 1) plans for making Texas the number one state for women owned businesses; 2) helping to address the issue of human trafficking; and 3) helping to rebuild Texas following recent storms including Hurricane Harvey. State agencies are also at the forefront of addressing human trafficking and rebuilding after disaster. The Commission also administers the Outstanding Women in Texas Government Awards and the state agency council with representative from across state government. Following these presentations, ICG liaisons reported out on successes and ongoing challenges related to Hurricane Harvey recovery.

The October meeting of the ICG featured presentations by Gloria Terry, CEO of the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) and Shao-Chee Sim, Vice President for Applied research at The Episcopal Health Foundation. “TCFV is a membership

¹ LBJ School of Public Affairs website; <https://childandfamilyresearch.utexas.edu/cynthia-osborne-phd>

² Texas LBJ School Child and Family Research Partnership, Cynthia Osborne, Ph.D. PowerPoint presentation to the ICG May 24, 2018.

organization and includes survivors, family violence service providers, business professionals, communities of faith and concerned individuals.”³ Ms. Terry shared information on how natural disasters affect already marginalized communities. Many of those who reside in such facilities are also receiving public support from ICG member agencies.

Dr. Shao-Chee Sim, shared highlights from The Episcopal Health Foundation’s recent research report *Survey: One Year after Hurricane Harvey, 3 in 10 Affected Texas Gulf Coast Residents Say Their Lives Remain Disrupted*.⁴ Both presentations were very informative to state agency attendees. Several agencies requested follow up with both presenters, which is an important goal of the ICG.

Following the presentations, state agencies reported on their agency’s assessment of post-Harvey recovery as well as key initiatives and challenges that might be addressed in partnership with community organizations. Also discussed was a review of the state agency [RFP template](#) for client services procurements. The template was drafted by the ICG Subcommittee on Improving Contracting Relationships and subsequently adopted by the ICG in March of 2012. All ICG member agencies were encouraged to work with their leadership and procurement divisions to use this format where practicable. Use of this procurement contract is in alignment with H.B. 1965, which directed agency liaisons to develop and implement a plan for improving contracting relationships between state agencies and faith and community-based organizations.

As presiding officer of the Interagency Coordinating Group, I respectfully submit this year’s report on the goals, activities, and progress of the ICG from January through December 2018. Previous reports submitted outline specific actions taken since the passage of the initial legislation in 2009. These reports can be found on the OneStar Foundation website.

II. ICG DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ICG Duties and Responsibilities (APPENDIX A)

- Sec. 535.053. (c)(1) — Meet periodically at the call of the presiding officer.
- Sec. 535.053. (c)(2) — Work across state agencies and with State Commission on National and Community Service to facilitate the removal of unnecessary interagency barriers to partnerships between state agencies and faith and community-based organizations.
- Sec. 535.053. (c)(3) — Operate in a manner that promotes effective partnerships between those agencies and organizations to serve residents of this state who need assistance.

³ Texas Council on Family Violence website, <http://tcfv.org>. September 2018.

⁴ The Episcopal Health Foundation website, <http://www.episcopalhealth.org/en/research/hurricane-harvey-recovery-resources>

ICG Additional Duties and Responsibilities (*APPENDIX B*)

- Sec. 535.055. (c) — In addition to the Interagency Coordinating Group’s other duties, the Interagency Coordinating Group shall:
 1. Develop and implement a plan for improving contracting relationships between state agencies and faith and community-based organizations;
 2. Develop best practices for cooperating and collaborating with faith and community-based organizations;
 3. Identify and address duplication of services provided by the state and faith and community-based organizations; and
 4. Identify and address gaps in state services that faith and community-based organizations could fill.

ICG Reporting Duties

- Sec. 535.054. (a) — No later than December 1 of each year, the Interagency Coordinating Group shall submit a report to the legislature that describes in detail the activities, goals, and progress of the Interagency Coordinating Group.
- Sec. 535.054. (b) — The report made under Subsection (a) must be made available to the public through posting on the Office of the Governor’s website.

III. (a) ICG GOALS, ACTIVITIES, AND PROGRESS (*January – December 2018*)

Goal 1 — Continue implementation of the plan for improving contracting relationships between state agencies and faith and community-based organizations.

Activity and Progress:

In 2012, the ICG finalized an [RFP Template](#) for Client Services Procurements. The template provides a standardized format for requested information. Several ICG member agencies use this template which is available on the Comptroller’s website. Agencies reviewed this template in 2018. Agencies unfamiliar with the template were requested to inquire within their respective agencies, about the template’s pertinence and usage rate.

Goal 2 — Develop best practices for cooperating and collaborating with faith and community-based organizations.

Activity and Progress:

The following pages provide a snapshot of agency best practices for 2018. Submissions were cleared through each agency's internal review process and compiled by OneStar Foundation, chair of the ICG.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES (DFPS)

The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) collaborates with faith-based and community organizations throughout Texas to support children, families, older adults and people with disabilities. Forging strong alliances in the community improves outcomes for the people we serve each day.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

While Hurricane Harvey and the resulting floods devastated much of Houston and Southeast Texas, there was a silver lining to the tragedy--caring individuals, non-profits, state agencies and corporations all pulled together to help their fellow Texans in need.

- In Port Neches, DFPS employees set up a distribution center at the National Guard Armory for families and children who had lost everything. The center helped hundreds of families recover.
- In Laredo, DFPS employees collected essentials such as diapers and bottled water and, with the generous support of UPS, delivered them to the Corpus Christi office for distribution.
- DFPS employees delivered Christmas gifts collected by Governor Greg Abbott's staff for children in the hurricane impacted areas and Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott attended a DFPS holiday event for 300 foster youth and their families.
- The DFPS Advisory Committee on Promoting Adoption of Minority Children members sent an 18-wheeler truck full of supplies and care packets to families affected in the Beaumont area.

Adult Protective Services

Adult Protective Services (APS) partners with the Silver Sabbath Committee, faith groups and community leaders in Bexar County to support older adults. The collaborative brings intergenerational support to older adults by encouraging youth to volunteer to help their grandparents or older adults. Over 3,000 pledge cards were distributed to the principals at the Archdiocese of San Antonio Catholic Schools. More than 150 compassionate volunteers were recruited to adopt seniors

and create meaningful relationships. The volunteers visited with more than 300 older adults, many of whom are isolated and lonely, in the San Antonio community.

Adult Protective Services provides geriatric fellows at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center with an opportunity to observe the daily work of APS investigators and their investigations of alleged victims and perpetrators. Fellows learn about situations of abuse and neglect through observations and hands on experience by spending a day with an investigator.

Adult Protective Services received a collaboration award from the National Adult Protective Services Association. The award recognizes the years of work that APS and WellMed have spent to improve the reporting of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation and for their coordinated approach of prevention and early intervention, case coordination, staff training and consultation.

Faith-Based Program

DFPS' Faith Division invites people of faith to support families who are involved with the agency. Congregation members serve in multiple ways which include becoming respite care providers, mentors, foster or adoptive parents. Congregations provide assistance such as day care services, transportation, goods and services. Below are some examples of our collaborations with faith and community partners:

- DFPS helped the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops launch the *St. Joseph Ministry* to raise awareness amongst Catholics on ways they can support youth who enter the foster care system.
- The DFPS Faith-based Division launched *Clergy in the Court for Kids*. This statewide initiative educates clergy and faith communities on the growing needs of families by attending court proceedings. The experience often inspires clergy to engage and help in some way.
- DFPS and the North Texas District of Assemblies of God launched the *Families First Initiative* to engage, equip and empower more than 600 churches to help children in the child welfare system.
- DFPS continues to work with CarePortal, a web-based portal that connects the faith community with children and families who have needs, such as beds, car seats and clothing. Caseworkers send requests based on the family's needs to faith communities who can sign up to fulfill the need. Thus far, CarePortal has served 5,319 children with an overall economic impact of \$1,703,672.
- The Lieutenant Governor helps DFPS raise awareness about the need for adoptive homes by hosting roundtable discussions with faith leaders; featuring videos of families and their journey to adoption and hosting a Christmas reception at the Texas State Capitol to celebrate adopted children and their families.

Child Protective Services

- The agency partners with *A Place to Stay*, a statewide concert and community awareness initiative that works with each city's foster and adoption nonprofits and ministries to provide funding to support their work, trauma-informed care training and share best practices in nonprofit management and build coalitions.
- The Travis County Collaborative for Children and the Foster Community initiative is a network of organizations, including DFPS, that are working to recruit 200 new foster families, ensure that every child has two or fewer placements and ensure positive, permanent placement in two years or less.

Child Protective Investigations

DFPS partners with Big Country Children's Benefit Hunt, a club that gives foster youth an opportunity to hunt, fish, and enjoy outdoor activities. All youth hunters are matched with an experienced hunting guide and receive hunting, firearm safety, and outdoor basic survival training. Foster parents are invited to participate and all expenses, including meals, licenses, fees, training, meat processing and taxidermy are covered by the organization.

In May of 2018, Tarrant County Special Investigators partnered with a Mansfield Independent School District to provide assistance and support for Mansfield Middle School's Field Day. The staff helped direct, coach, and play with students as they participated in a variety of field day activities.

Prevention and Early Intervention

The Prevention and Early Intervention Division's grants funds go to communities to provide services and supports that strengthen opportunities for families and youth, thereby preventing child maltreatment, juvenile delinquency, and other negative outcomes. In addition, PEI provides information on their social media website *HelpandHope.org* for faith-based programs on how they can get involved and strengthen their community to prevent abuse and neglect and promote healthy parent-child and family relationships.

Prevention and Early Intervention achieves this by:

- Granting funds to community-based organizations (DFPS provides no prevention programming directly); and
- Requiring PEI community-based contractors to participate in or create a local collaborative to work more effectively across multiple community sectors, including the faith community, to identify and support families and youth in need, and
- Providing the flexibility for community-based contractors to craft partnerships, programs, and events so they may include a wide variety of

faith-based organizations to work with in efforts to support vulnerable families and youth.

Some goals of partnerships of community providers and faith-based programs include:

- Develop resources within the church/place of worship to help children and families in their time of need,
- Build knowledge about community resources, prevention hotlines, and support programs within their communities so they can support and respond to families appropriately, when necessary,
- Work together within their community to help prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Recognize child abuse and neglect, work with victims and families, and make appropriate referrals when needed, and
- Promote programs that build strong families and strengthen bonds between the parent-child and the family and community.

Below are just a few examples of PEI's community-based contractors who have successfully established collaborations with faith-based programs in their communities:

The Parenting Center of Tarrant County: Utilizes churches and faith-based community centers in neighborhoods to present a parenting curriculum. Last year, local staff presented parent workshops at over 50 locations, including many churches of all denominations.

Child Advocacy Center of San Angelo: Conducts seminars in Sunday school classes to help integrate faith learning with parent education. The Center works closely with churches to promote awareness of services offered to families in the community.

Family Services Center of Brownwood: Provides on-site parenting education classes for area churches. Outreach presentations are regularly made to church groups to inform them of the support services. Referrals to the program include clients with needs for both concrete and emotional support.

The Rapture Outreach Center in Dallas: Houses an afterschool program in a faith-based environment and works with the local faith community to provide space for a combined summer camp at no additional charge.

Parenting Cottage HOPES: In Lubbock, faith-based groups were included as a part of the community assessment process and participated in the planning process. Churches Against Child Abuse, a faith based ministerial group of about six large churches in town, has been a part of the Child Abuse Coalition which is the community coalition for the Lubbock HOPES grant.

BCFS of Cameron County: BCFS has developed a partnership with Valley Baptist Medical Center to present on a regular basis to an expectant mothers program and receives donated space to hold parent groups and literacy events.

United Way of Metropolitan Dallas: In April of 2017, Child Abuse Prevention Community tool-kits were distributed to 15 churches as part of their participation and leadership in National Blue Sunday.

Buckner of Beaumont: Project HOPES has a partnership with the Christian Women's Job Corps, allowing them to meet occasionally at Buckner's facility. Project HOPES actively recruits from local Jefferson County churches as well.

While each of these partnerships look and function differently, they all support PEI's mission of providing support and resources to children and families and help prevent child abuse and neglect in Texas.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)

Public Health Regions

DSHS administers many of its public health programs and services through its eight Public Health Regions (PHRs). Partnerships with faith and community-based organizations that improve and enhance public and population health exist across all PHRs. Regional staff work with local community coalitions, faith-based organizations, community leaders and school districts to promote injury prevention messages and participate in activities for suicide prevention; water, car and bike safety; safe sleep; and childhood obesity prevention. PHRs partner with faith and community-based groups to host back to school health fairs providing vision and hearing exams, fingerprinting, school supplies and emergency preparedness information.

In the area of chronic disease prevention, PHRs participate with local school health advisory councils to conduct tobacco awareness presentations, and with community health worker associations to provide train-the-trainer classes on tobacco cessation resources. They also partner with public housing authorities to train staff and tenants on secondhand smoke and cessation resources. Regional staff have joined with local health departments and merchants to host an annual health fair and 5K walk/run for faith-based communities with a high prevalence of chronic disease.

PHRs collaborate with faith-based groups, rape crisis centers, law enforcement and other victim services to educate and inform the public about human trafficking and reach out to possible victims. As members of child fatality review teams, regional staff collaborate with the community organizations to improve the response to child

fatalities, provide accurate information on how and why children are dying, and ultimately reduce the number of preventable child deaths.

Specialized health and social services (SHSS) staff in all PHRs participate in community meetings and coalitions to share programmatic information and provide technical assistance. Involvement in these meetings promotes the case management and referral services provided by SHSS while also ensuring staff remain well-informed of resources available to children with disabilities and their families. SHSS case managers participate in Community Resource Coordination Groups across the state, working with community members, parents, caregivers, youth and adults to plan benefits and services for persons with special needs.

Maternal and Child Health

Children with Special Health Care Needs System Development Group (CSHCN SDG) works with 18 community-based organizations to provide case management, family support, and community resources to children and youth with special health care needs and their families throughout Texas. Through monthly newsletters, CSHCN SDG provides information about upcoming initiatives, training opportunities and events of specific interest to professionals to share with families of children with special health care needs. The CSHCN SDG holds quarterly conference calls and provides ongoing technical assistance to share resources, facilitate discussions on innovative best practices such as Person-Centered Thinking and population-based services, and provide updates on contracting requirements.

A network of **Healthy Texas Mothers and Babies (HTMB) Community Coalitions** strengthen local systems for addressing infant mortality and maternal, perinatal, and infant health. HTMB Coalitions bring together health professionals, local health departments, hospitals, community-based organizations and stakeholders to create a collaborative network of partners to lend resources and expertise towards a collective impact to address perinatal health issues relevant to their communities. HTMB Coalitions convene periodically, coordinate health assessments, and conduct training and outreach activities.

The **Maternal and Child Health Program** has engaged community-based organizations in community partner listening sessions to promote maternal and child health and breastfeeding initiatives and to seek stakeholder input about community opportunities and gaps for improving breastfeeding support in local communities across Texas. The program hosts a website, SupportFromDayOne.org, to support community partners in planning community-based breastfeeding support initiatives.

The Maternal and Child Health Program is engaging the nine Texas Historically Black Colleges and Universities to implement a **Preconception Peer Education (PPE)** program and engage college administrators, counselors, community members and

college students in positive health and peer education training. The PPE program is an initiative of the national Office of Minority Health to reduce infant mortality in the African American community. Young men and women are trained to educate peers and members of their community on the importance of preconception health, seeking regular preventive care, having a reproductive life plan, and the impact of social determinants of health on their well-being.

Environmental Epidemiology and Disease Registries

The **Environmental Surveillance and Toxicology Branch** collaborates with community-based organizations in areas impacted by hazardous waste sites to learn about community health concerns and distribute educational materials. This allows DSHS to provide important information to a greater number of community members, increase awareness about how to prevent hazardous exposures, and better address community concerns.

The **Blood Lead Surveillance Branch** (BLSB) partners with local Head Start programs to improve blood lead testing, communication, and general lead education. BLSB also partners with local health departments and health care providers to conduct trainings and educational sessions for health professionals and the public regarding lead testing and prevention.

As a result of cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the **Birth Defects Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch** provided one-time funding and training to “Parent to Parent,” a family support organization, for referral and case management for Zika and microcephaly. The branch also works with the March of Dimes, which routinely requests information about birth defects and newborn screening as part of their work.

Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention

The Diabetes Prevention and Control Program partners with one community-based organization and three local health departments on the **Community Diabetes Education Program** to provide diabetes prevention and control activities. These programs support positive lifestyle changes in individuals and families to help prevent or self-manage diabetes and its complications, in addition to reducing hospital admissions and readmissions.

Infectious Disease Prevention

The **Immunization Unit** partners with immunization coalitions to improve immunization rates throughout the state, by promoting the importance of childhood and adolescent immunizations at the community level. In support of its coalition building efforts, DSHS promotes local immunization programs through its public website, paid media placement, newsletters, informative publications, webinars and

social media posts. Immunization coalitions have also partnered with DSHS public health regions, local health departments, and health care providers enrolled in the Texas Vaccines for Children and Adult Safety Net programs to conduct vaccination clinics and administer vaccinations to community health fair participants.

Tuberculosis/Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Sexually Transmitted Disease

The TB/HIV/STD Section has reorganized its **Texas HIV Medication Program** to assign teams to each region of the state. This arrangement promotes stronger relationships and collaborations between community-based organizations and health care providers around the access and provision of life extending medications for those persons living with HIV.

The TB/HIV/STD Section also contracts with local health departments in the delivery of STD prevention, partner notification services, as well as tuberculosis screening, contact investigations and treatment. The Section contracts with local health departments on TB/HIV/STD surveillance and epidemiologic assessments.

Office of Border Public Health

The **Office of Border Public Health** (OBPH) partners with faith and community-based organizations in communities with poor health outcomes to improve the population's health and well-being. In working with these organizations, OBPH holds events and activities such as health fairs, community health worker trainings, health professional training, health promotion and health education. OBPH has partnered with community health worker associations, area health education centers, regional hospitals, community health clinics, border collaboratives and the eight existing Binational Health Councils along the Texas-Mexico border to develop work plans and sustainability goals that promote unity and collaboration between health officials of sister cities.

Health Emergency Preparedness and Response

Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (HEPRS) program staff in each of the PHRs engage with faith and community-based organizations to help meet health and human service needs before, during and after a disaster or emergency event. They attend meetings to inform community coalitions and faith-based ministry initiatives and to coordinate with local emergency management, Red Cross, and similar organizations to plan and ensure appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery activities. HEPRS staff routinely integrate the distribution of emergency preparedness information kits for families through faith-based groups, childcare facilities, and community organizations.

Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID)

The **Texas Center for Infectious Disease** (TCID) is a DSHS public health facility in San Antonio for the treatment of tuberculosis. TCID partners with Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas to allow hospital patients to create and maintain garden boxes. Additionally, a community-based organization provides animal assisted therapy and several church organizations provide spiritual support, discussions, and Bible study opportunities to patients.

Continuing Education Services

DSHS, Methodist Healthcare Ministries, and Texas A&M AgriLife jointly provided the **Be the One, Be the Difference Conference** on April 12, 2018. Held in Uvalde, the target audience was DSHS and Department of Family and Protective Services staff, law enforcement, judiciary and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers. The conference provided information regarding family violence and child abuse and neglect prevalent in the community; services provided by CASA volunteers and by child advocacy centers; issues relevant to recognizing, reporting and enhancing follow-up for children who are the victims of child abuse and neglect; and methods to enhance communication in multidisciplinary team meetings.

TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION (TVC)

The Texas Veterans Commission has robust and vital relationships with nonprofit and faith-based organizations across Texas to assist in its mission to significantly improve the quality of life for all Texas veterans, their families and survivors.

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA)

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) partners with the Texas Lottery Commission, Department of Public Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles and Texas Parks and Wildlife for funding of grants to nonprofits and local government agencies that provide direct services to Texas veterans and their families. These service organizations use FVA grants to provide financial assistance, counseling, transportation, housing assistance and many other vital services. A list of current FVA grantees, the services they provide and their contact information can be found at <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/grants-funding/grants-awarded/>.

The Veteran Entrepreneur Program's (VEP)

The Veteran Entrepreneur Program's (VEP) mission is to foster and promote Veteran Entrepreneurship throughout the State of Texas. They provide community outreach through a series of information seminars, e-newsletters, and/or participation in resource partner events. VEP's team of business consultants also

provide personalized business assistance on an as-needed basis and connects veteran entrepreneurs to business resources as necessary. Additionally, VEP issues eligible veterans with a “Letter of Verification” that enables certain fee exemptions for new veteran-owned businesses in accordance with Senate Bill 1049. <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/entrepreneurs/>

The Women Veterans Program (WVP)

The Women Veterans Program (WVP) relies heavily upon collaboration with nonprofit entities and community organizations for outreach opportunities in order to introduce women veterans to TVC services. Furthermore, nonprofits and faith-based entities like Dress for Success, Worklife Institute, and Catholic Charities provide workforce development resources, professional development, and homelessness assistance to Women Veterans. <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/women-veterans/>

TVC’s Veterans Mental Health Department (VMHD)

TVC’s Veterans Mental Health Department (VMHD) has a dedicated liaison that works with community-based organizations and faith-based communities in understanding military culture, military trauma and how to access available veteran services. Additionally, VMHD trains, certifies and provides technical assistance to local Mental Health Authorities for administration of their local Military Veteran Peer Network and Veteran Counselor programs and coordinates Justice Involved Veteran services across Texas. <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/mental-health/>

ONESTAR FOUNDATION

OneStar Foundation was created by the Office of the Governor to support the State of Texas by strengthening the nonprofit sector, encouraging civic engagement through service and volunteering, promoting innovative strategies to address local issues and facilitating public-private partnerships to expand the reach of the sector.

OneStar Disaster Services

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) is a coalition of nonprofit organizations that mitigate and alleviate the impact of disasters; provides a forum promoting cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration; and fosters more effective delivery of services to communities affected by disaster. As a respected neutral convener of state agencies and nonprofits, OneStar recognizes the critical assistance VOAD organizations provide during all phases of disaster and is committed to helping facilitate and provide consistent administrative support to these volunteer-led coalitions. To this end, OneStar serves in positions of leadership with Central Texas VOAD, Texas VOAD, and National VOAD. In recognition of their

efforts during Hurricane Harvey response and short-term recovery operations, Texas VOAD was recognized by National VOAD as the 2018 State/Territory VOAD of the Year.

During Hurricane Harvey response operations, OneStar staffed the Texas Department of Public Safety State Operations Center (SOC) on behalf of Texas VOAD and was responsible for helping to support coordination of mass care, volunteer management and donations management. As operations transitioned from response to short-term recovery, OneStar staffed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Joint Field Office (JFO). The **OneStar Disaster Services Team** worked alongside the TDEM Texas State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) to provide strategic direction and leadership to the Hurricane Harvey Volunteer Management, Donations Management, and Long-Term Recovery Task Forces. Each Task Force was comprised of FEMA VALs, VOAD members & partners, and state agency representatives.

As Hurricane Harvey operations have transitioned from short-term recovery to long-term recovery, and the JFO has transitioned to the Texas Recovery Office (TRO), OneStar continues to work closely with TDEM, Health & Human Services Commission, General Land Office and FEMA to support communication and coordination between government and the nonprofit sector, including the 27 **Long-Term Recovery Groups** (LTRGs) that have formed to support local recovery efforts. LTRGs are collaborative networks of community-based, faith-based, and nonprofit organizations, private sector partners, philanthropic funders and other recovery partners who are responsible for coordinating the case management and resourcing of disaster survivors with unmet needs that are not otherwise able to be met through a process that ensures that efforts are not duplicated.

OneStar is identified in the State of **Texas Emergency Management Plan** (under Annex T, Volunteer & Donations Management) as the primary point of contact for all streams of National Service in Texas during times of disaster. This includes AmeriCorps*Texas, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) and Senior Corps. In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, 820 AmeriCorps Disaster Response Team (A-DRT) members from across the country were deployed to what would become the second largest FEMA AmeriCorps Mission Assignment ever, second only to the response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. These members mucked & gutted 428 structures, cleared 21,372 cubic yards or 4,317,144 gallons of debris, removed 618 hazardous trees, served 72,631 meals at shelters, registered 1,423 volunteers and sorted 5,340,166 pounds of donations. Moreover, 40 ADRT members from Texas Conservation Corps, Louisiana Conservation Corps, Arizona Conservation Corps and New Mexico Conservation Corps were deployed through a Mission Assignment to support short-term recovery efforts in Cameron and Hidalgo counties in response to severe storms and flooding that impacted these communities in October 2018. These members served 5,599 hours, completed 68 damage assessments, mucked and

guttered 64 structures, treated 41 homes for mold suppression, removed 445 cubic yards of debris and completed 340 wellness checks.

FEMA Philanthropic Advisor

After Hurricane Harvey in fall 2017, for the first time in its history, FEMA designated a **FEMA Philanthropic Advisor** to work with OneStar Foundation and other philanthropic entities. The purpose of designating this advisor, was to maximize the use of private dollars in addressing needs not covered by FEMA, Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, insurance or other public funding sources. By accessing federal subject matter experts, the advisor continues to work with funders to help ensure, as much as possible, that receipt of private funds does not supplant or displace eligible applicants access to federal reimbursement. In 2018, the FEMA Philanthropic Advisor created The [Hurricane Harvey Recovery Portal](#) for faith and community-based organizations, including philanthropic entities and government agencies to connect with recovery resources.

Rebuild Texas Fund

In fall 2017, at Governor Abbott's request, OneStar partnered with the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF) to house and administer the \$100 million **Rebuild Texas Fund** (RTF). The purpose of the RTF is to support long-term recovery and rebuilding in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Grant awards totaling over \$50.6 million have been disbursed to support recovery efforts across impacted communities. OneStar plans to obligate the remaining funds before the end of 2019. The first year's [report](#) can be found on the Rebuildtx.org website.

Texas Disaster Fund

The Texas Disaster Fund is a project of OneStar Foundation in partnership with Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management. One of OneStar Foundation's stated purposes is the establishment, promotion, and operation of disaster funds, which exist to raise and distribute funds for disaster relief, recovery, and rebuilding efforts. The Governor of Texas appoints the OneStar Board and the CEO of OneStar Foundation. In August 2018, OneStar was asked to create a separate fund, similar to the Rebuild Texas Fund, to be referred to as the Texas Disaster Fund, to provide a mechanism for the receipt and distribution of charitable donations following future disasters. Like the Rebuild Texas Fund, the Texas Disaster Fund is about people helping people in our time of greatest need, and about addressing the long-term effort required to recover from disasters.

Following a disaster, OneStar will actively solicit donations for the Texas Disaster Fund and will work with our partners to distribute the funds to eligible organizations working on the ground to support the economic recovery of Texas communities devastated by disasters. Distributions from the Texas Disaster Fund

are intended to assist with needs unmet by insurance, government or other disaster relief organizations.

National Service

[OneStar Foundation](#) administers the **AmeriCorps*Texas Program** for the State of Texas. This \$18.2 million [portfolio](#) of 28 grantees collectively supports over 3,200 AmeriCorps members providing direct service in Texas communities. AmeriCorps members serve with nonprofits, public agencies and faith-based and community organizations, placing them at over 450 service sites to help them tackle pressing community challenges. Organizations are selected to receive a three-year AmeriCorps grant through OneStar's rigorous annual grant competition. Members all serve within one of the following six focus areas: Disaster Services, Education, Economic Opportunity, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures and Veterans and Military Families. Organizations are required to match the grant funds through both cash and in-kind services. For their term of service AmeriCorps members receive an education award that can be used to repay student loans or to attend a variety of continuing education programs; this year \$12.9 million in education awards will be earned by AmeriCorps members.

OneStar is also an **AmeriCorps VISTA intermediary**. VISTA is an acronym for Volunteers in Service to America. VISTAs do not provide direct services to individuals; rather, they work to increase the capacity of organizations through activities such as community outreach, establishment of volunteer recruitment and management systems, fundraising and partnership development. An example of the capacity building work of VISTA is the Harris County Department of Education contract with OneStar Foundation for the placement of VISTAs with their CASE for Kids program supporting Out of School Time programs in the county. These VISTAs will be developing communications and marketing processes, creating a volunteer program, and developing the CASE Debates program in coordination with the Houston Urban Debate League. OneStar is on track to place approximately 42 VISTA members in service before the end of 2018, including eight VISTAs which will be placed with Long Term Recovery Groups in response to Hurricane Harvey.

Texas Nonprofit Summit Series

For over 40 years, OneStar (and our legacy organizations) has hosted an annual nonprofit leadership conference in different cities throughout the State of Texas. In the early days this statewide conference was known as The Governor's Volunteer Leadership Conference. Later, as the nonprofit sector grew in influence and strength, the conference became known as The Governor's Nonprofit Leadership Conference. Over the years, conferences were held in large metropolitan areas like Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Dallas. Each conference boasted several hundred in attendance. While these conferences were well attended, they reached few outside of the local jurisdiction with most attendees coming from within 60-90 miles.

In 2016, OneStar decided to concentrate on under resourced regions of the state, thus the advent of the regional **Texas Nonprofit Summit Series (TNSS)**. For each summit, OneStar partners with local leaders such as a university, United Way, or nonprofit capacity building organization to ensure the agenda reflects the needs and culture of each locality. In 2016 sites included El Paso, the Rio Grande Valley and Lubbock. 2017 sites were Wichita Falls, Lufkin and Beaumont. In November 2018 summits were held in Orange and Port Arthur, both of which were devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Texas First Lady, Cecilia Abbott, has attended most of the summits as a special guest. In alignment with her [Texanthropy](#) Initiative, Mrs. Abbott has used these venues to champion volunteerism and philanthropy, which are critical to the health of Texas communities.

Governor's Volunteer Awards (GVA)

OneStar hosted the 35th annual **Governor's Volunteer Awards** at the Texas Governor's Mansion in October. Texas First Lady, Cecilia Abbott, served as honorary chair. This year OneStar invited the Governor's Commission for Women to participate in the event by recognizing outstanding volunteer service of three exceptional women. OneStar honored the contributions of individuals, businesses and organizations in Texas that have made a positive impact in their communities or across the state through service and volunteering. Photos from the 2018 event may be found [here](#).

THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUCT)

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) works with faith and community-based organizations to provide educational materials and training regarding electric choice and energy conservation. The PUCT participated in 6 Stones' annual Operation Back 2 School Day for economically disadvantaged students from Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD. At this event, not only did the PUCT provide students with school supplies, but also provided resource information regarding energy conservation tips for their parents. The PUCT also participated in the annual DFW Family Expo in Dallas and Energy Day in Houston. At those events, the PUCT provided area residents resource information regarding electric choice, energy conservation, and customer assistance programs. Numerous police departments, senior activity centers, and faith and community-based organizations contacted the PUCT to request the agency's durable brochure-on-a-stick (hand fan), which provides customers energy conservation tips in both English and Spanish. The PUCT looks forward to continuing our partnerships with faith and community-based organizations in the next biennium.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR)

The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) continues to support the information technology needs of faith and community-based organizations (FCBOs). DIR has worked with the Texas Legislature to evolve the definition of qualified entities that are authorized by statute to purchase hardware, software, telecommunications and technology services (commodity items) through DIR's cooperative contracts. The 80th Legislature authorized assistance organizations as defined by Section 2175.001, Government Code to use cooperative contracts developed by DIR. The 83rd Legislature authorized quasi-government entities to purchase commodity items through DIR in 2013. Cooperative contracts enable participating entities to optimize the purchase of IT commodities and services by leveraging the state's buying power to obtain the best value.

Through its **Cooperative Contracts** program, DIR serves state agencies, institutions of higher education, K-12 independent school districts, quasi-government organizations, counties, municipalities and assistance organizations registered with the Texas Facilities Commission or the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. DIR has made a concerted effort to further increase and expand outreach efforts to organizations that participate in the Cooperative Contracts program and purchase information technology. In fiscal year 2018, 60 assistance organizations purchased nearly \$3 million in technology commodity items from DIR. These assistance organizations include:

- Hill Country MHDD Centers
- Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
- Southwest Key Programs
- Paducah Housing Authority
- Head Start of Greater Dallas
- Southwestern Assemblies of God University
- Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

Some organizations showed a large percent increase in purchases from FY17 and FY18. For example, between FY 17 and FY18, Hill Country MHDD Centers purchases increased 5887% to over \$56,000 and CommUnityCare Health Centers increased 1194% to over \$35,000 using DIR cooperative contracts. In 2018, DIR expanded customer outreach to faith and community-based organizations through monthly and quarterly emails to assistance organizations providing awareness of recently completed procurements, contracting updates and purchasing opportunities.

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (ACC)

Austin Community College is the Interagency Coordinating Group's representative for Higher Education.

Community Pathways Program

The mission of ACC's **Community Pathways Program** is to build bridges to success for students through accessible and affordable educational opportunities that meet their needs, where they are.

The ACC Community Pathways Program started with taking community college courses off campus and connecting with communities that often have barriers preventing them from accessing traditional college courses and programs. ACC recognized that these barriers could be reduced by customizing courses to meet a particular community's needs and offering classes in partner locations throughout the Austin area, including churches, community centers, and school district facilities.

In Fall 2016, ACC began connecting with churches in the Hispanic community around the Austin area. The goals were twofold: (1) to gather information on the specific needs of the Hispanic community, and (2) to recognize that churches are generally emotionally and physically safe spaces for the community, and thus are ideal locations for ACC to hold classes. This was a great opportunity for ACC, since churches often have classroom spaces and they share a strong desire to help people improve their lives in many ways.

After surveying dozens of church leaders and hundreds of church congregants, ACC had a clear understanding of the most significant needs of the Spanish-speaking community. One of those needs was the desire to speak English. In October 2016, the first ACC Community Pathways Basic English course began at Primera Iglesia Bautista de Pflugerville (First Baptist Church of Pflugerville) in Pflugerville, Texas, with 12 students.

The ACC Community Pathways Program quickly expanded from one church to nine in January 2017, with ACC offering basic English courses from North Austin to South Austin. Each time, potential students were surveyed to make certain ACC was fulfilling the needs of the community. From the surveys, ACC developed a basic Digital Literacy course in Spanish, as well as a Spanish GED Preparation program. In Fall 2017, several schools and nonprofits in the Austin area that were interested in offering courses for parents and clients at their locations contacted ACC. At the beginning of 2018, ACC began serving five Austin ISD locations in North Austin with the Spanish GED Preparation and Digital Literacy courses. These classes have now been expanded to a number of nonprofit organizations throughout the area.

In Spring 2018, ACC was asked to offer the basic Digital Literacy course as well as an intermediate Digital Literacy course at 14 Austin ISD school locations for the 2018-2019 school year. In addition, ACC was asked to launch a Continuing Education Instructional Aide program to serve 14 school locations. This program enables parents to become certified as teacher's aides and to work in the schools where their

children are attending. As of October 2018, ACC's Community Pathways Program has held classes in 30 community locations and is continuing to expand rapidly.

Since the Fall of 2016, the ACC Community Pathways Program has connected with more than 2,300 community members, surveyed over 1,200 individuals, and served roughly 1,000 adult students. The Program has offered over 100 course sections in areas such as Survival English, Digital Literacy, Mujeres Emprendedores (Women's Entrepreneurship), Spanish for Educators, Spanish GED Preparation and others. ACC has partnerships with 30 sites in Austin and the surrounding area. In early 2019, ACC will add more locations and will also expand courses to include construction trades and other high-demand classes.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE (SOS)

The Office of the Secretary of State continues to publicize on its website information regarding nonprofits. This information is listed under Business and Public filings under the [Nonprofit Organizations link](#).

Information listed includes:

- [SOS Forms for Nonprofit Corporations and Unincorporated Nonprofit Associations](#)
- [FAQs for Nonprofits](#)
- [Doing Business with the SOS on and after January 1, 2010: A Guide for Texas Nonprofit Corporations \(PDF\)](#)
- [Forming a Nonprofit Tax-Exempt Corporation in Texas \(PDF\)](#) (2018 Texas C-BAR publication)
- [Search for Charities on the IRS Website](#)

Tax Issues for Nonprofits

Neither a nonprofit corporation nor an unincorporated nonprofit association is automatically exempt from federal or state taxes.

To become exempt, a nonprofit organization must meet certain requirements and apply with both the Internal Revenue Service and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

- Federal Taxes: [IRS Charities & Nonprofits page](#)
- To attain a federal tax exemption as a charitable organization, your certificate of formation must contain a required purpose clause and a dissolution of assets provision.
- [IRS Stay Exempt](#): tax information for 501(c)(3) organizations
- [IRS Publication 557 \(PDF, 1.06mb\)](#), *Tax Exempt Status for your Organization*.
- [Life Cycle of a Public Charity](#): sample organizational documents and IRS filings

- Questions about federal tax-exempt status? Contact the IRS Exempt Organizations Section at 877-829-5500.
- [IRS Form 1023 \(PDF\)](#) application for recognition of exemption and [instructions \(PDF\)](#).
- [Information about Form 990-N reporting requirements](#) for small tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less.
- State Taxes: [Comptroller of Public Accounts Exemption page](#)
- Comptroller [Guidelines to Texas Tax Exemptions](#) page.
- [Exemption Forms](#).
- Questions about state tax-exempt status? Review the comptroller's [FAQs](#) or contact the comptroller's Exempt Organizations Section by phone at (800) 531-5441 or (512) 463-4600 or by [email](#).

Texas Nonprofit Resources

- [Texas Association of Nonprofit Organizations](#): A gathering place for all nonprofits within the state of Texas.
- [Charitable Trust](#): Section of the Office of the Attorney General
- [Texas C-BAR](#): Community Building with Attorney Resources provides free legal assistance to Texas nonprofit organizations.
- [OneStar Foundation](#): OneStar promotes service and volunteerism, forges effective public and private partnerships, and works to increase the performance of nonprofit organizations

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (OAG)

Crime Victims Services (CVS)

- CVS conducted outreach to 64 nonprofits and faith-based organizations.

Human Trafficking and Transnational/Organized Crime Unit (HTTOC)

- **Coalition partnerships:** Each of the anti-trafficking coalitions we attend around the state include nonprofit and faith-based organizations. HTTOC works with them in several capacities-planning events, brainstorming community/coalition initiatives, joint trainings as well as asking for their help in assisting victims with services.
- **Obtaining Victim Services:** Our nonprofit and faith-based partners provide case management, placement and victim services when HTTOC has a pending case.
- **Joint training initiatives:** HTTOC has worked with the Howard Buffett Foundation and McCain Institute, which is focused on generating cases and eradicating trafficking in the agricultural industry in Texas, to provide public

trainings across the state. We are in our second year of providing joint trainings to extend and support this initiative. We are in our third year of providing joint training for the trucking and oil and gas industries alongside Truckers Against Trafficking, a nationwide 501c3 dedicated to the education, empowerment and mobilization of the trucking industry in the fight against trafficking.

- HTTOC has worked with numerous churches across the state to provide in-person trainings, show the *Be the One* training video, or provide a speaker for a human trafficking awareness event.

Law Enforcement

- The Attorney General's Law Enforcement Division provided 40 joint trainings on cyber safety with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to middle school and high school students, parents, and teachers across the state.

Grants

- In FY 2018, the Grants Administration Division awarded 305 grants to 211 nonprofit organizations totaling over \$21 million for crime victim services (including domestic violence), choose life, and child support programs.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA)

Since the landfall of Hurricane Harvey in August 2017, TDHCA has chaired the Texas Joint Housing Solutions Working Group (JHSWG) in an effort to coordinate housing resources and stay abreast of needs in the impacted areas. The JHSWG is a network of local, state, and federal agencies along with subject matter related stakeholder organizations that share information, identify challenges, and propose solutions, which are responsive to housing needs of storm survivors.

The following TDHCA resources have been identified and/or applied to date:

- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) subrecipients expended almost \$3.3 million in CSBG funds serving 4,290 households through gift cards for food and essential items, such as gas.
- \$262,000 in unspent Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to be distributed to existing subrecipients for rental assistance and essential services in affected areas. All funds are to be expended in FY 2018.
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) subrecipient BakerRipley expended \$439,000 to provide utility assistance to 589 households in Harris County.

- \$11 million in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds have been made available for disaster related activities under a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). These funds will likely be expended over multiple years. HOME funds committed as of September 30, 2018 will provide rental assistance for 40 families for up to a two-year period and Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance for seven families.
- TDHCA awarded \$21.7 million in federal tax credits to “ready to proceed” applicants in affected areas for affordable rental housing, as three proposed developments are still being underwritten, the amount of the total award may change.

TDHCA has taken measures such as the waiving of late fees and assisting borrowers with TDHCA-owned mortgages (*e.g.* Bootstrap Program loans) in affected counties with mortgage payment assistance such as forbearance for properties damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Likewise, TDHCA has taken measures for multifamily owners in affected areas on a case by case basis, such as loan forbearance and program and compliance deadline extensions.

TDHCA has reached out to owners of rental properties monitored by TDHCA and made available guidance related to federal provisions which permit housing tax credit properties to provide emergency housing to certain displaced households. As of June 4, 2018, TDHCA had approved 311 properties to provide emergency housing and updated the Department's online vacancy clearinghouse to indicate properties offering emergency housing. TDHCA is working with the Texas Apartment Association to provide comprehensive information on current emergency housing availability through TDHCA and privately funded rental properties.

At the request of the JHSWG, TDHCA created a Hurricane Harvey Housing Portal on the Department website. TDHCA expanded its Help for Texans web page (<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/texans.htm>) to include disaster resources and serve as the portal. The page is available in English and Spanish and can be found by clicking on the red Hurricane Harvey Housing Portal button on TDHCA's home page as well as on its Disaster Relief Resources page (<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/disaster-resources/index.htm>). The content is also available in other languages supported through the Department's translation service provider per instructions available on the Language Assistance page of TDHCA's website (<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/lap.htm>). TDHCA regularly updates TDHCA's Disaster Resources and Help for Texans web pages to help disseminate information to affected households.

TDHCA-monitored rental properties in affected areas have been asked to report damages. These properties are expected to maintain adequate insurance with which to repair or rebuild. As of June 4, 2018, 99 properties reported damage to 4,407 units. TDHCA worked with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to request retailers and the utilities to delay disconnections and work with customers on

deferred payment plans and ensure TDHCA subrecipients appropriately direct families facing electrical disconnections in Harvey affected areas to the PUC. The TDHCA Manufactured Housing Division (MHD) has established communications and coordinated an inspection plan with FEMA, the Texas General Land Office, and its contractor responsible for home installations. Upon notification, the MHD is conducting expedited inspections of manufactured housing units issued to households.

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT (TJJD)

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) continues to engage a large number of faith and community-based organizations in the rehabilitation of youthful offenders. During Fiscal Year 2018, 1,086 community members from FCBOs registered as trained volunteers to deliver a variety of services. They contributed 63,689 hours of service at TJJD facilities across the state.

Faith-based volunteers comprised more than half of the agency's registered volunteers (56.2%). Many are involved in correctional ministry organizations, such as Epiphany Ministries and Adoration, Community, Theology and Service (ACTS) Retreats. Other religious volunteers spent time with TJJD youth, leading worship services, teaching small religious education groups, conducting faith-based skills and supporting groups, providing individualized pastoral counseling and providing faith-based mentoring services. Hundreds of other guest volunteers (unregistered) delivered 11,863 additional hours of service in areas such as mentoring and life skills groups, as well as faith-based activities.

TJJD has also established formal partnerships for re-entry, counseling and residential services with the following faith and community-based organizations and nonprofit organizations.

- AMIkids
- Crow Consultation
- Eckerd Kids
- Giocosa Foundation
- Gulf Coast Trade Center
- K16 Ready Society, Inc. (dba Texas Initiative Program)
- Lena Pope Counseling Services
- Liberty Resources
- Life Support Counseling & Research, Inc. (dba Therapeutic Family Life)
- One Heart Project
- Pegasus Schools
- Southwest Key Programs

- Vision Quest
- Wellspring Family/Community
- Youth Advocate Program

TJJD’s website provides information regarding the Texas Faith-Based & Community Initiative.

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY (TEA)

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) continues to work closely with nonprofit and community-based organizations with a focus on providing parents and community members with information and resources that can lead to improved outcomes for all students. Some examples of this work in 2018 include:

Early Learning

- The agency works with private nonprofit child care providers and helps them partner with school districts to share funding and expand access for parents.
- The agency works with early childhood advocacy groups, including Texans Care for Children, United Ways of Texas, PBS of Texas, Children at Risk, Child Care Associates and Children’s Learning Institute.

Communities In Schools (CIS)

- The mission of Communities In Schools (CIS) in Texas is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.
- CIS partners with educators, students, and parents to identify needs of students who are at-risk of dropping out of school.
- The agency works with nonprofits across the state that receive TEA grants to help run the CIS programs in their community.
- The agency works with the Mental Health Policy Institute to help connect to some rural campuses regarding support around mental and behavioral health.

21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC)/Texas ACE

- Texas ACE programs aim to improve student attendance, behavior, and academics while providing safe supplemental learning space for students and families who otherwise would not have such opportunities.
- These grant-funded programs provide high-quality supplemental enrichment activities that align with the regular academic program; programs are

encouraged to deliver those activities in creative, hands-on and exploratory ways.

- Current Texas CCLC grantees include: Boys and Girls Clubs of El Paso; Boys and Girls Clubs of Brazoria County, Inc.; Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Houston, Inc.; Boys and Girls Clubs of Austin & Travis County, Inc.; Clayton YES!; Communities in Schools of Brazoria County; Communities in Schools of North Texas; Communities in Schools of the South Plains; Communities in Schools of the South Plains; Communities in Schools Southeast Harris County, Inc.; Foundation Communities; Greater San Antonio After-School All Stars; Save the Children Federation, Inc.; YMCA of Greater Houston; and SA Youth.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (HHSC)

Community Partner Program

The **Community Partner Program** (CPP) is a collaboration between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and a statewide network of more than 500 community partners helping Texans seeking assistance to complete an application and manage their benefits online using YourTexasBenefits.com. Interested organizations sign non-financial agreements with HHSC agreeing to adhere to program requirements. HHSC, then, trains and certifies qualifying organizations to serve as community partners.

Currently, the statewide network of community partners is comprised of faith- and community-based organizations, local governments, and other social service organizations, providing CPP services at 1,325 sites.

Table 1. Community Partners by Type

Type	Percent
Nonprofits	46.8%
Local Governments	19.9%
Medical	18.6%
Faith-based	8.5%
Other	6.2%
Total	100.0%

In fiscal year 2018, CPP conducted 17 training forums and webinars to over 3,000 participants providing information about health and human services programs and YourTexasBenefits.com.

Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) support the Texas “No Wrong Door” system by serving as a key access point to person-centered, long-term services and supports needed to live independently in the community. The 22 ADRCs collaborate with area agencies on aging, affordable housing coalitions, local service providers, food pantries, and other community-based organizations to provide information and referral services. In addition to information and referral services, ADRCs often subcontract with faith and community-based organizations to provide respite care to family caregivers. ADRCs also ensure faith and community-based organizations are represented on their local advisory groups.

In fiscal year 2018, ADRCs assisted 118,851 callers and provided information at 1,539 outreach and education events, such as health fairs, Medicare open enrollment events, family caregiver workshops and other community events. ADRCs provided nearly 30,000 hours of respite services to approximately 560 caregivers.

Foster Grandparent Program

The HHSC **Foster Grandparent Program** provides income-eligible adults, age 55 and older, with meaningful volunteer opportunities providing one-on-one emotional support, mentoring, and tutoring to children with exceptional needs in eight HHSC service areas. Foster grandparents are matched with a volunteer site, which may be a public agency, faith and community-based nonprofit, or a health care organization. Between July 2017 and June 2018, HHSC foster grandparent volunteers mentored over 12,000 exceptional needs youth.

Area Agencies on Aging

Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) are community-based, nonprofit organizations and local governments responsible for administering programs under the Older Americans Act to older individuals with economic and social needs. HHSC is designated as the state unit on aging for Texas and contracts with AAAs to provide program services to the communities, including:

- providing information and resources for older adults age 60 and older and their caregivers;
- collaborating with ADRCs to provide information and referral services for community resources and services;
- providing benefits counseling;
- coordinating short term services after a health care crisis; and,
- providing meals at home or in a group setting.

In 2017, HHSC received a grant from the Administration for Community Living to provide supplemental funding to AAAs supporting relief efforts for older adults and their caregivers in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The grant funding

allowed AAAs to provide case management, advocacy/benefits counseling, medications, meals, transportation, gift cards for basic home and personal necessities and other services that were needed.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) offers nutrition education and obesity prevention services to families eligible for SNAP benefits and other means-tested federal benefits programs, as well as to individuals residing in communities with significant low-income populations. HHSC contracts with community-based providers, such as nonprofits, academic institutions, and governmental entities to serve approximately 420,000 Texans, annually.

SNAP-Ed continues to diversify its regional partnerships to provide nutrition education and obesity prevention to harder-to-reach populations. In 2018, SNAP-Ed developed a plan to expand nutrition education to more underserved, SNAP-eligible Texans through new partnerships, specifically, among two of the three Tribal Nations in Texas, community health workers on the border, WIC participants and children with disabilities.

2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network

The **2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network (2-1-1 TIRN)** connects Texans with the services they need through comprehensive information and referral services. 2-1-1 TIRN collects and organizes information about state and local health and human service programs and provides this information to the public online at 211texas.org and by phone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. 2-1-1 TIRN currently maintains information about more than 28,000 programs and services. HHSC administers 2-1-1 TIRN through 25 information and referral operations contracts, including United Way agencies, Councils of Government, community action networks and municipalities.

2-1-1 TIRN handled more than 2 million calls in fiscal year 2018. Between June and September 2018, the United Way of Greater Houston (UWGH), a 2-1-1 TIRN contractor, registered 20,390 individuals impacted by Hurricane Harvey for disaster case management services.

Office of the Governor (OOG)

Responding to the Santa Fe High School Shooting

The terrible May 18, 2018, shooting at Santa Fe High School that left 10 dead and 13 injured prompted an outpouring of compassion and support from the public and

private sectors across Texas. In the immediate aftermath, Governor Greg Abbott and First Lady Cecilia Abbott traveled to Santa Fe to comfort the victims.

The week following the shooting, Governor Abbott hosted three roundtables and invited a wide variety of stakeholders to discuss ways to improve the safety and security of Texas schools. Among those stakeholders were several nonprofit groups that offered their expertise on important topics like firearm safety, teacher impact and student emotional, spiritual and mental health. Several of their recommendations were included in Governor Abbott's [School and Firearm Safety Action Plan](#), issued shortly after the roundtable meetings. Since then, staff from the Office of the Governor have continued to dialogue with representatives of these and other nonprofit groups to further refine the Governor's recommendations.

Public Safety Office

The mission of the **Governor's Public Safety Office** (PSO) is to promote strategies that improve public safety, support victims of crime, prevent terrorism and prepare communities for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to Texans. PSO is composed of the Criminal Justice Division (CJD), Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) and Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT).

Resources within the **Criminal Justice Division** (CJD) are dedicated toward programs that protect people from crime, reduce the number of crimes committed, respond to the needs of crime victims, and promote accountability, efficiency and effectiveness within the criminal justice system. Nonprofit and faith-based organizations (FBOs) are eligible grant recipients within several of the fund sources that CJD administers. FBOs routinely apply for and receive grant funding to assist crime victims through crisis intervention, emergency shelter, counseling, criminal justice system advocacy, transportation to court proceedings, safety planning, medical accompaniment and peer support-group counseling.

In Fiscal Year 2018, 227 nonprofit agencies received \$148.7 million in funding from CJD — \$2.3 million of which went to faith-based organizations. In Fiscal Year 2019, 276 nonprofit agencies from across the state will receive CJD funding totaling more than \$187.7 million. Of that, \$7.7 million will be granted to faith-based programs. This increase is largely a result of CJD receiving a larger amount of pass-through funding for victim services.

Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) serves as the pass-through agency for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), a federal program that seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack with broader state and local preparedness efforts. The NSGP also promotes emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration activities between public and private entities.

Each year, HSGD solicits applications and awards grants to nonprofit organizations around Texas in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Eligible projects must support target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack based on the nonprofit organization's ideology, beliefs or mission. Prior to 2018, eligible nonprofits had to be located within one of the urban areas anticipated to receive funding under the federal Urban Area Security Initiative grant program, which is also administered by HSGD. Historically, these urban areas included Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, Houston and San Antonio. In 2018, the NSGP was opened to eligible nonprofits statewide.

Additionally, HSGD provides technical assistance to eligible nonprofits by conducting application-development webinars, providing grant management assistance and offering guidance on the preparation of environmental and historic-preservation-screening documentation. This assistance is critical in helping the nonprofit organizations meet all requirements for federal grant funding through FEMA.

In calendar year 2018, HSGD assisted 31 nonprofits with managing more than \$3.77 million in active grants funded from three federal fund years: 2016, 2017 and 2018. The nonprofit agencies receiving grant support and technical assistance were from areas across Texas including in Caldwell, Collin, Dallas, Harris, Hidalgo, Jefferson, Montgomery, Tarrant and Travis counties.

The Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT) partners with federal, state and local government agencies as well as a multitude of nonprofit and faith-based organizations to eradicate child sex trafficking in Texas. CSTT's goals are to prevent and recognize child sex trafficking, recover and restore its victims, and bring justice for survivors by holding exploiters accountable. These goals could not be achieved without strong partnerships with faith-based and nonprofit organizations.

Partners in prevention that help to raise awareness and build the resiliency of at-risk youth include Boys and Girls Clubs, Love 146 and CASA programs. CSTT is also working with Children at Risk to reduce the demand for child sexual exploitation.

Recognition of exploitation through public awareness, outreach and training is ongoing through partnerships with nonprofits such as the National Human Trafficking Hotline, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and United Against Human Trafficking in Houston. An essential component of recognition includes implementation by youth-serving agencies of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool that was developed by WestCoast Children's Clinic.

Aiding in the efforts for recovery and long-term restoration of victims/survivors, CSTT works with local Children's Advocacy Centers to develop and facilitate inter-agency multi-disciplinary care coordination teams. These teams include members from nonprofit and faith-based agencies, including advocacy agencies like YMCA

International Services, BCFS, Traffick911, UnBound Fort Worth, Dallas CASA, Voice of Hope, SAFE and For the Silent. CSTT also partners with numerous nonprofit and faith-based organizations to provide drop-in centers and emergency and long-term residential care for survivors, including Arrow Child and Family Ministries, St. Jude's Ranch for Children, The Refuge, Roy Maas Youth Services, Central Texas Youth Services Bureau, The Landing, Promise House, Center for Success and Independence, New Friends New Life and El Paso Center for Children. CSTT also works closely with Texas Christian University's Karen Purvis Institute of Child Development to train agencies and organizations working with survivors in Trust-Based Relational Intervention, a promising practice in treating complex trauma.

Lastly, CSTT works to bring justice for survivors of child exploitation by holding exploiters accountable. While CSTT works primarily with criminal justice partners to do this, collaboration with nonprofit and faith-based organizations is critical to supporting victims through the process. These partners are also key stakeholders in over two dozen active coalitions and task forces being engaged by CSTT throughout the state.

Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities

The Texas **Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities'** (GCPD) mission is to actively pursue Governor Abbott's vision of a state where people with disabilities can enjoy full and equal access to lives of independence, productivity and self-determination. GCPD is guided by a 12-member advisory committee appointed by the Governor, seven of whom must be people with disabilities.

The GCPD consistently works with a network of community-based disability organizations throughout the state to gain input on the need for potential legislation to advance the interests of Texans with disabilities and provide information and training on the resources, opportunities, rights and responsibilities of Texans with disabilities.

Across the state, many nonprofit and faith-based community organizations serve on local mayoral committees for people with disabilities. GCPD works in partnership with community disability advocates to support existing disability boards and commissions and, where possible, help establish new ones. GCPD's 2018 community activities included working in partnership with community organizations, boards and commissions in Frisco, Lewisville, Plano, Sachse, San Antonio, San Marcos and the communities of the Rio Grande Valley. GCPD activities included helping organize public transportation meetings in Lewisville, co-hosting a DiversAbility Employment Symposium in Frisco, facilitating a disability listening session with the city manager of Sachse, and holding the Lex Frieden Employment Awards Program in partnership with the City of Plano.

Throughout the first half of 2018, the GCPD partnered with the nonprofit accessibility organization, Knowbility, Inc., to host the state agency hack-a-thon “Texas OpenAIR.” GCPD’s sponsorship allowed participation by any state agency team to gain valuable web accessibility skills through structured training activities while assisting a community nonprofit organization to build a fully accessible website. The sites were judged by a panel of accessibility experts with awards presented to the winning teams. Although there was only one winning state agency, the benefits of the OpenAIR competition were shared among the nonprofits who received a professionally designed, fully accessible website while state agencies received cost-effective training for their web developers on web accessibility best practices.

In April 2018, GCPD continued its partnership with the San Antonio nonprofit organization “Aspergers 101” to support “Unlocking the Potential,” an evening with the nationally renowned Autism expert, Temple Grandin. This inspiring event addressed supporting career opportunities and equal access to lives of independence for individuals with autism. GCPD also co-presented with Asperger’s 101 on the state’s driving-with-autism initiative to more than 100 central Texas law enforcement officers from 20 different law enforcement agencies. GCPD further supported this voluntary public safety and independence campaign for Texas drivers with disabilities through the production of statewide television public service announcements, including one for deaf drivers featuring GCPD’s committee member and former Ms. San Antonio, Emma Faye Rudkin.

The committee’s 2018 policy efforts included greater focus on addressing the needs of Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) through a greater partnership with the Arc of Texas and other IDD agencies. This included participation on an interagency workgroup of community organizations and state agencies to develop recommendations to address the unmet need for long-term supported employment services for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability whose job may be at risk due to insufficient long-term supports.

Texas Music Office

The **Texas Music Office** (TMO) continued its work with Rebuild Texas to collect more than \$12 million for Hurricane Harvey relief through efforts that included the 2017 George Strait Hand in Hand telethon, Harvey Can’t Mess With Texas Benefit Concert, Texas Music Flood and proceeds from Aaron Watson’s bestselling live CD. TMO continued its ongoing efforts to promote music education and live music initiatives through the Music Education and Community Grant Program. In 2018, TMO awarded \$13,500 to five different Texas nonprofits and held the first benefit concert for the program. Anheuser-Busch underwrote the concert and donated an additional \$5,000 to TMO, which will be awarded to nonprofits in 2019.

TMO also secured a grant from the Cain Foundation and partnered with Kessler Presents to promote Texas music business opportunities nationwide at events produced by – and in collaboration with – the nonprofit music organizations Americana Fest, Folk Alliance International and the Newport Folk Festival.

Additionally, TMO conducted various economic development meetings with the nonprofit performance rights organizations ASCAP, BMI and Sound Exchange, as well as with government agencies from Canada, Netherlands, Sweden, Australia and Germany.

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (CPA)

State Employee Charitable Campaign

The Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) participates annually in the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC), the only statutorily authorized workplace campaign for Texas state agency and higher education employees. Since its creation by legislation in 1993, the SECC has collected over \$175 million in donations statewide, making it one of the largest state employee campaigns in the nation. Through its campaign motto “Together We Care,” employees have the opportunity to assist and empower those who are struggling through difficult times and support causes to improve the quality of life for our fellow Texans. SECC represents more than 450 diverse charities and causes from small local organizations to large and well-known statewide, national and international groups, giving donors a chance to show their compassion for causes important to them.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the SECC; CPA continues to make its mark on this endeavor by representing the Capital Area region through employee Dovie Jackson. She is one of 13 state agency committee members, who is responsible for spearheading agency efforts, campaign communication and donation goals. CPA’s 2018 campaign started with a multiagency kickoff party to drive awareness and further promotion of the program. Attendees came to meet and learn about some of the local charities at designated booths and purchase tailgate type snacks with all proceeds donated back to the program.

To bolster participation during the two-month drive, CPA’s initiative included a large silent auction of 31 items from multiple departments, each crafting themed gift baskets, securing gift certificates and other prizes.

Divisions within CPA also held their own fundraisers for SECC donations:

- Hearings and Tax Litigation’s barbecue lunch, promoted as “Do you like lawyers? OK, fair enough. But, do you like barbeque?” showcased meat plates prepared on-site by a seven-time competitor in the world championship barbeque contest.

- The Information Technology division sold Halloween candy goodie bags and hosted a costume photo booth.
- The Budget and Internal Accounting division hosted a zombie themed haunted house with donated canned goods as entry fee to celebrate October festivities.
- Featuring original hand painted artwork, the Contract Management Team of the Statewide Procurement Division created 14 of their own masterpieces to sell by silent auction in a curated gallery by the division office entrance.
- Other featured fundraisers were a chili bowl sale, nacho sale and baked goods sale from the Property Tax Assistance Division.
- Individual efforts also supported the drive through personal email appeals from coworker to coworker as well as to retired employees and friends.

Over the years, CPA has demonstrated what is possible when caring individuals band together to lend a helping hand to support those enduring unforeseen circumstances, difficult challenges and hardships. In 2017, CPA employees raised \$156,640.09 for charities and held the largest per capita donor gift at \$57.02 in the 1,001-5,000 employee category.

Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Community Outreach

Under the Statewide Procurement Division, the Statewide **Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program** certifies businesses owned 51% or more by women, ethnic minority individuals and/or service-disabled veterans (of at least 20% disability due to military service) for utilization by state agencies and universities as well as prime contractors into the state procurement process. The HUB program spearheads various educational and networking initiatives aimed at assisting HUB vendors to understand the state procurement process and identify opportunities for their respective companies.

The State of Texas HUB program requires state agencies and universities to make a good faith effort to include certified HUB businesses, and ensures HUBs are receiving their fair share of the State of Texas business. The HUB program provides an array of assistance resources for local, community and statewide vendors including outreach efforts in statewide seminars to different regional areas in Texas. HUB manages the **Economic Opportunity Forum (EOF)** event calendar, which provides a schedule of various vendor fairs, spot bid fairs, conventions, workshops and seminars throughout the state. EOFs provide assistance and guidance for the sustainability of minority, woman, or service-disabled veteran owned businesses from sponsoring state and local government agencies and universities, as well as development centers and trade organizations. In addition, each year the HUB program hosts a statewide HUB vendor conference and expo located in Austin, as well as a major spot bid fair in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

In collaboration with the Office of the Governor's Texas Economic Development team, the Statewide HUB Program delivers presentations on HUB certification and state contracting opportunities. Designated as the Governor's Small Business Forums, the events feature private and public resources, practical solutions, best practices and expert assistance on a broad range of business topics and challenges. Centered in key region locations of Port Aransas, Odessa, Wichita Falls and Killeen, the events aim to provide small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs with timely, relevant, actionable advice on how to start, grow and sustain their business. As of Aug. 31, 2018, 15,667 firms were Texas-certified HUBs.

Another key outreach program facilitated by the Statewide HUB team is the State of Texas **HUB Mentor Protégé Program**, with 50 different state agencies participating as sponsors. Its purpose is to foster long-term relationships between prime contractors (or the mentors) and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs or the protégés). In the mentorship program, prime contractors provide professional guidance and support to the protégé to facilitate their development and to build business capacity. The intent is to increase the ability of the HUB to contract directly or indirectly through subcontracting with the State of Texas. The role of each sponsoring state agency is to cultivate and encourage the relationship between the mentor and protégé, thus creating a more knowledgeable and competitive market.

For fiscal year 2019, the statewide HUB expo theme was "Aiming for Success," providing procurement connection seminars involving a collaboration of numerous state agencies and universities. Subject matter experts from state agencies partnered with the HUB program to provide conference content, expo meet and greet opportunities and discussion workshops on topics of interest to vendors. Held in a conference setting, the event included a luncheon program with interactive panel discussion featuring successful HUB companies and networking sessions with both state contracting and prime contractor representatives.

These EOFs provide a great opportunity for HUB vendors to network with HUB and procurement representatives from state agencies, universities and prime contractors, and obtain valuable education to help them succeed in state contracting. The Statewide HUB Program co-hosted two Procurement Connection Seminar and Expos (PCSE), one in Beaumont with the Golden Triangle Minority Business Council and another in Irving in conjunction with the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Diversity Council's Access 2018 and Senator Royce West's "Doing Business Texas Style" spot bid fair. Subject matter experts provide a wealth of knowledge, education and expertise in their field range covering topics such as:

- HUB subcontracting opportunities
- State contracting processes
- Marketing to the State of Texas
- Opportunities to increase business
- Searching for bid opportunities on the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD)

- How to be competitive in state bid responses
- Growing business awareness on the Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL)
- HUB success stories
- Lessons learned from current successful HUB business owners
- Funds to educate employees in skill development and workforce training programs
- Grants available from Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) for upgrading outdated equipment
- Identifying business development and funding resources
- HUB and Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) certification

Key speakers and workshop presenters represent these state agencies:

- Department of Information Resources (DIR)
- Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)
- Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- Statewide Procurement Division (SPD) of the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA)
- Texas Facilities Commission (TFC)
- Various state university procurement and HUB representatives

Learn more HUB information:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/>

Black American Comptroller Employees Association (BACE) Volunteer Community Outreach

Dedicated to promoting awareness and appreciation for African-American culture and heritage, the **Black American Comptroller Employees Association (BACE)** engages in and supports charitable, benevolent, patriotic, employment-related and educational activities to better our community. Founded in 1981, members are current and former employees of the Texas Comptroller's Office, representing every professional area of the agency. In 1990, BACE chartered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and recently adopted a theme to personify the aspects of innovation and the human spirit in their cause: Renew, Refocus, Recreate. Comptroller Glenn Hegar administered the oath of office for new BACE officers at the 2017 and 2018 installation ceremonies highlighting the importance of BACE volunteers and their work to CPA.

BACE sponsored Educational Scholarship Awards to recognize student merit in academics, leadership and potential success in special talent areas including athletics

and the arts, regardless of race or ethnicity. In addition to the Spring and Fall silent auctions to raise funds to sponsor the scholarships, BACE hosts a catered barbecue luncheon each year to bring awareness to this cause. For June 2018, the theme was “Stand and Change the World, a Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom” featuring by Travis County Commissioner, the Honorable Jeffrey Travillion, as keynote speaker. During their Juneteenth Celebration hosted in Austin, BACE proudly awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors, and one undergraduate college student was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Partnering with Family Eldercare, BACE runs a Summer Fan Drive during peak hot summer months for 20-inch box fans, 12-inch oscillating fans or monetary donations. This effort aims to meet a critical basic need for relief from life-threatening heat to serve those who do not have or cannot afford air-conditioning, serving low-income seniors, and adults with disabilities and families with children. Several other benefits and drives hosted by BACE include a school supply drive for children unable to meet classroom material needs, coats for kids donation drive to keep the most vulnerable warm during the cold winter months and adopting families at Christmas to make someone’s holiday a little more special during time of need.

With over 37 years of community service, BACE members display a rich legacy of goodwill and service throughout the years by consistently supporting Texas youth through educational projects, economic development events and community support.

Learn more BACE information and see event pictures: <http://baceusa.org/wp/>

Hurricane Harvey

Reported in the 2017 ICG CPA summary, CPA served from the beginning of the projected hurricane path models and on the front lines of the disaster with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Together, our agencies spent countless hours, day and night, at the State Operations Center (SOC) mobilizing and funding resources to aid the state in disaster mitigation, rescue, and recovery efforts. CPA dedicated the Statewide Procurement Division toward the effort of sourcing emergency relief items, issuing purchase orders for key resources, setting up points of distribution and supplying rescue mission equipment for personnel to assist the public.

As there are CPA employees located throughout the state in many different field offices, including the Houston area and coastal cities, many of our own experienced the impact of Hurricane Harvey and its after effects. To help fellow displaced employees, BACE and CPA Vets held a relief fundraiser to raise money and supplies through a breakfast sale and made a call for the donation of physical relief items such as bottled water, canned goods, toiletries, trash bags, mops, buckets, socks, work gloves, hand sanitizer, blankets, pillows and baby care items. Comptroller Hegar

addressed the natural disaster through an agency wide email asking for continuous prayers for the severely affected Texans and joining his family in donating to the Red Cross. Near and dear to his heart, Comptroller Hegar represented Port Aransas and Rockport in the Texas Senate for eight years and also witnessed the devastation first hand in Katy. He requested that each CPA division provide the executive office with information related to employees impacted by the storm and later updated CPA to inform employees of ways we could help our CPA family. Hurricane Harvey was the most costly natural disaster in Texas history and state employees were called to respond while still maintaining normal operations of the state. Our state revenues held without significant impact and the mass of Texans helping Texans with open hands, make us proud to call Texas home.

CPA Vets

CPA is proud to represent all branches of the military by CPA employee veterans who served their country or are still serving today as well as CPA employees who support veterans. Established in 2006, **CPA Vets** mission is to conduct charitable and educational activities in support of Texas veterans. In order to fulfill that mission, the organization fosters greater public awareness of the contributions of Texas veterans to American history and assists CPA and the State of Texas in properly recognizing Veterans Day and Memorial Day. The organization conducts education on veteran benefits, helps to facilitate assimilation of returning veterans to civilian life and nurtures a greater understanding of the sacrifices of returning veterans. CPA Vets encourages participation in and promotes charities to support our troops and veterans deployed overseas by sending care packages to deployed soldiers in December each year, in wounded soldier recovery and with indigent veterans in the Central Texas area. CPA Vets members compile information on veteran awards, memorials and hero biographies in recognition of the contributions made by so many to defend and honor us. Agency lobby exhibits are set up throughout year to help employees visualize the sacrifices given to us for our freedom.

Texas observed the first statewide Women Veterans Day on June 12, 2018, with a special celebration held at the capitol featuring musical performances, veterans' resource fair and art exhibits. Signed into law by the 85th Texas Legislature, this day coincides with the 70th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, officially signed by Harry S. Truman to allow women to serve as regular service members. Women Veterans Day recognizes the important role of women in the military forces and commemorates the sacrifices of and valor displayed by Texas women veterans now and for years to come.

Statewide Procurement Division (SPD) Statewide Flood Responses

In September and October 2018, our state experienced significant flash flooding in the Rio Grande Valley, and Coastal, Hill Country and Central Texas regions due to tropical storms, remnants of dissipated hurricane development in the Gulf of Mexico

and consistent heavy rainfall. SPD provided rapid response in coordination with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to ensure purchases for public assistance were in place and funded.

Since Hurricane Harvey, reinforced TDEM state response models now include SPD positions of Procurement Unit Leader, Buyer and Resource Tracker, with each position posting a primary contact and two alternates. Key SPD team members, Cody Hays and Pete Casals, deployed to the State Operations Center (SOC) for 12-hour shifts over several weeks for financial assistance, desk procedures, purchasing approvals and oversight to help DPS during the Level II escalated response conditions.

As major rivers crested to capacity and ground soils were extremely saturated, flooding was occurring faster and higher than forecasted as rainfall filtered into creeks and streams, then once again back into the already full rivers, perpetuating a flooding cycle. The SOC issued purchase orders from existing SPD emergency contracts for 20 buses and personnel to be staged in key resource areas in the Rio Grande Valley, Corpus Christi, Victoria and the Houston/Galveston areas for evacuation and rescue needs. SPD alerted other contractors for portable restrooms and hand washing units to be on stand-by, and water pump services requests came in from Harlingen, McAllen and other areas.

The Texas Military Department mobilized troops as Resource Trackers to ensure delivery and demobilization of the equipment and services purchased. Three days into the September flooding, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration on September 14 to allow the state to respond more rapidly to requests from local jurisdictions in the Rio Grande Valley.

During mid October 2018, central Texas received further flooding as our lakes and rivers crested again, causing the Mansfield dam to open most of its floodgates to relieve Lake Travis flood levels. The State Operations Center (SOC) activated again and received assistance requests from Llano County for three points of distribution of resources for the City of Llano, City of Kingsland and the City of Horseshoe Bay. The finance section of the SOC continued to need staffing from SPD for purchase orders for rental and purchase of items such as forklifts, pallet jacks, barricades, signage, cones, portable lights, canopies, dumpsters, flashlights, safety vests, drinkable water and ice delivery.

With the addition of the City of Marble Falls, the governor issued another disaster declaration, signed on October 16th. A conservation reservoir in Madisonville, TX required a water pump to prevent floodwaters from spilling over and potentially threatening a few local nursing home facilities. The reservoir drain clogged from large debris during flooding and Texas Task Force 1 made assessments and cleared the drain. This flood period became the fifth highest ever-recorded flood level for Lake Travis according to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) at 704.22 ft.

The devastating flooding came about from the very wet September flooding that did not soak in the ground and set the stage for the October flood event across central Texas.

The following week, due to the previous oversaturation and flooding, Austin experienced water treatment issues due to the very high levels of silt from floodwaters and endured a citywide, weeklong boil water notice; something the Austin Water utility has never done in its history. Starting on October 22, Austin asked all customers to bring water to a vigorous rolling boil for three minutes, let cool and store in a sealable container for drinking water, cooking or ice until further notice. The city urgently called for reduced water usage as the high level of debris, silt and mud requires extended filtration that slows the process of getting treated water into the system. Austin Water's three plants that supply water from the rivers were running between a third and a quarter of capacities, normally processing more than 300 million gallons a day, but weren't able to process much more than 100 million gallons daily for two days. Storage tanks for emergency water were draining and needed replenishment. Resources mobilized to provide 150 tractor-trailer loads of bottled water for local residents and one million gallons of water to cover area wide school districts, in support of the 13 points of distribution (POD) setup by the City of Austin. Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), FEMA and HEB handled the bottled water requirements for Austin and AISD. As SPD staff continued their SOC assignments as requested by the city, two resource staging areas (RSA) were established at the Wilhelmina Delco Center and the Circuit of the Americas to support those 13 City of Austin PODs, including portable toilets and hand washing stations, light towers and shuttle vans. The boil water notice finally lifted a week later on October 28.

Statewide Procurement Division (SPD) Resource Updates

- In June 2018, the Statewide Procurement Division released *the State of Texas Procurement and Contract Management Guide*. It is a complete rewrite of the *State of Texas Procurement Manual* and the *State of Texas Contract Management Guide*, now merged into one document to provide a holistic approach to government procurement. As a resource to state agencies and the public, the guide provides a framework for navigating the complexities of Texas procurement law and offers practical, systematic guidance to acquire goods and services in an effective manner. In addition, this extensive guide includes checklists, charts, templates and sample documents to help guide and manage the end-to-end approach of the procurement. Located on the Comptroller website for electronic download and viewing, you may access the guide at this link: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/publications/procurement-contract.php>. State agencies and local government Texas SmartBuy Members receive a copy of the guide when attending the statutorily mandated

procurement training and certification classes.

The Interagency Coordination Group (ICG) contracting subcommittee created a Request for Proposal (RFP) Template for Client Services Procurements in order to improve contracting relationships between vendors and state agencies. This is an overall framework guidance for vendors to utilize in the organization of their bid responses. Access this free source:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/forms/>

Goal 3 — Identify and address duplication of services provided by the state and faith and community-based organizations.

Goal 4 — Identify and address gaps in state services that faith and community-based organizations could fill.

Activity and Progress:

Texas Connector Technology Tool

In response to Goals 3 and 4, a few state agencies are using OneStar Foundation's online, nonprofit mapping tool, Texas Connector, to identify duplication in services and gaps in services that faith and community-based organizations could fill. Texas Connector empowers communities, governments, funders and nonprofits to more effectively meet Texas' growing needs. Texas Connector combines an interactive GIS map, searchable database including social service providers and nonprofits from Texas 2-1-1 and GuideStar, USA, socioeconomic and demographic data and population summaries and visual layers such as public schools, public transit and more.

Texas Connector also offers a unique platform on which initiative-specific data, such as health or criminal justice data, can be overlaid to create information-rich maps and reports. Users can print, email, or export search results to identify gaps in service, collaborative partners or complementary services. From researching community resources to analyzing local continua of care, Texas Connector's powerful combination of nonprofit and demographic data gives users insight to better understand regional issues and resources and more effectively tackle community challenges.

Over 2,500 Texas Department of Criminal Justice agency staff across the Parole and Reentry Divisions use Texas Connector to provide individualized, location-specific community resource reports for re-entering clients and parolees.

Texas Workforce Commission and several other state agencies have smaller subscriptions to Texas Connector, but to our knowledge, no other agency is currently using this or any other technology tool to address Goals 3 and 4 above.

V. NEXT STEPS FOR 2019

ICG members will:

- 1) Keep agency information up-to-date on the OneStar website and continue to add new resources;
- 2) Further develop best practices for cooperation and collaboration between state agencies and FCBO networks;
- 3) Continue to work with agency leadership to reduce barriers for FCBOs and streamline procurement and contracting in alignment with all new directives.

For questions related to this report or to obtain more information on the work of the Interagency Coordinating Group, please contact Elizabeth Darling, President/CEO of OneStar Foundation, at 512-287-2062 or liz@onestarfoundation.org.

VI. APPENDIX

APPENDIX A

H.B. No. 492

AN ACT

relating to the expansion of faith- and community-based health and human services and social services initiatives.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. (a) Subtitle I, Title 4, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 535 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 535. PROVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES AND OTHER
SOCIAL SERVICES THROUGH FAITH AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 535.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Community-based initiative" includes a social, health, human services, or volunteer income tax assistance initiative operated by a community-based organization.

(2) "Community-based organization" means a nonprofit corporation or association that is located in close proximity to the population the organization serves.

(3) "Faith-based initiative" means a social, health, or human services initiative operated by a faith-based organization.

(4) "Faith-based organization" means a nonprofit corporation or association that:

(A) is operated through a religious or denominational organization, including an organization that is operated for religious, educational, or charitable purposes and that is operated, supervised, or controlled, wholly or partly, by or in connection with a religious organization; or

(B) clearly demonstrates through the organization's mission statement, policies, or practices that the organization is guided or motivated by religion.

(5) "State Commission on National and Community Service" means the entity used as authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 12638(a) to carry out the duties of a state commission under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12501 et seq.).

Sec. 535.002. PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to strengthen the capacity of faith- and community-based organizations and to forge stronger partnerships between those organizations and state government for the legitimate public purpose of providing charitable and social services to persons in this state.

Sec. 535.003. CONSTRUCTION. This chapter may not be construed to:

(1) exempt a faith or community-based organization from any applicable state or federal law; or

(2) be an endorsement or sponsorship by this state of the religious character, expression, beliefs, doctrines, or practices of a faith-based organization.

Sec. 535.004. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAW. A power authorized or duty imposed under this chapter must be performed in a manner that is consistent with 42 U.S.C. Section 604a.

[Sections 535.005-535.050 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER B. GOVERNMENTAL LIAISONS FOR FAITH- AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 535.051. DESIGNATION OF FAITH AND COMMUNITY-BASED LIAISONS.

(a) The executive commissioner, in consultation with the governor, shall designate one employee from the commission and from each health and human services agency to serve as a liaison for faith and community-based organizations.

(b) The chief administrative officer of each of the following state agencies, in consultation with the governor, shall designate one employee from the agency to serve as a liaison for faith- and community-based organizations:

(1) the Office of Rural Community Affairs;

- (2) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
- (3) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- (4) the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs;
- (5) the Texas Education Agency;
- (6) the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;
- (7) the Texas Veterans Commission;
- (8) the Texas Workforce Commission;
- (9) the Texas Youth Commission; and
- (10) other state agencies as determined by the governor.

Sec. 535.052. GENERAL DUTIES OF LIAISONS. (a) A faith and community-based liaison designated under Section 535.051 shall:

(1) identify and remove unnecessary barriers to partnerships between the state agency the liaison represents and faith and community-based organizations;

(2) provide information and training, if necessary, for employees of the state agency the liaison represents regarding equal opportunity standards for faith and community-based organizations seeking to partner with state government;

(3) facilitate the identification of practices with demonstrated effectiveness for faith- and community-based organizations that partner with the state agency the liaison represents;

(4) work with the appropriate departments and programs of the state agency the liaison represents to conduct outreach efforts to inform and welcome faith- and community-based organizations that have not traditionally formed partnerships with the agency;

(5) coordinate all efforts with the governor's office of faith-based and community initiatives and provide information, support, and assistance to that office as requested to the extent permitted by law and as feasible; and

(6) attend conferences sponsored by federal agencies and offices and other relevant entities to become and remain informed of issues and developments regarding faith and community-based initiatives.

(b) A faith and community-based liaison designated under Section 535.051 may coordinate and interact with statewide organizations that represent faith or community-based organizations as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 535.053. INTERAGENCY COORDINATING GROUP. (a) The interagency coordinating group for faith and community-based initiatives is composed of each faith and community-based liaison designated under Section 535.051 and a liaison from the State Commission on National and Community Service.

(b) The commission employee designated as a liaison under Section 535.051 is the presiding officer of the interagency coordinating group.

(c) The interagency coordinating group shall:

(1) meet periodically at the call of the presiding officer;

(2) work across state agencies and with the State Commission on National and Community Service to facilitate the removal of unnecessary interagency barriers to partnerships between state agencies and faith- and community-based organizations; and

(3) operate in a manner that promotes effective partnerships between those agencies and organizations to serve residents of this state who need assistance.

Sec. 535.054. REPORTS. (a) A liaison designated under Section 535.051 shall:

(1) provide periodic reports to the executive commissioner or other chief executive officer who designated the liaison, as applicable, on a schedule determined by the person who designated the liaison; and

(2) report annually to the governor's office of faith and community-based initiatives and as necessary to the State Commission on National and Community Service regarding the liaison's efforts to comply with the duties imposed under Sections 535.052 and 535.053.

(b) Each report made under Subsection (a)(2) must be made available to the public through posting on the office of the governor's Internet website, and the reports may be aggregated into a single report for that purpose.

Sections 535.055-535.100 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER C. RENEWING OUR COMMUNITIES ACCOUNT

Sec. 535.101. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "account" means the renewing our communities account.

Sec. 535.102. PURPOSES OF SUBCHAPTER. Recognizing that faith and community-based organizations provide a range of vital charitable services to persons in this state, the purposes of this subchapter are to:

- (1) increase the impact and effectiveness of those organizations;
- (2) forge stronger partnerships between those organizations and state government so that communities are empowered to serve persons in need and community capacity for providing services is strengthened; and
- (3) create a funding mechanism that builds on the established efforts of those organizations and operates to create new partnerships in local communities for the benefit of this state.

Sec. 535.103. RENEWING OUR COMMUNITIES ACCOUNT. (a) The renewing our communities account is an account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only to the commission for the purposes and activities authorized by this subchapter and for reasonable administrative expenses under this subchapter.

- b) The account consists of:
- (1) all money appropriated for the purposes of this subchapter;
 - (2) any gifts, grants, or donations received for the purposes of this subchapter; and
 - (3) interest earned on money in the account.
- (c) The account is exempt from the application of Section 403.095.
- (d) The purposes of the account are to:
- (1) increase the capacity of faith and community-based organizations to provide charitable services and to manage human resources and funds;
 - (2) assist local governmental entities in establishing local offices to promote faith- and community-based initiatives; and
 - (3) foster better partnerships between state government and faith- and community-based organizations.

Sec. 535.104. POWERS AND DUTIES REGARDING ACCOUNT. (a) The commission shall:

(1) contract with the State Commission on National and Community Service to administer funds appropriated from the account in a manner that:

(A) consolidates the capacity of and strengthens national service and community and faith- and community-based initiatives; and

(B) leverages public and private funds to benefit this state;

(2) develop a competitive process to be used in awarding grants from account funds that is consistent with state law and includes objective selection criteria;

(3) oversee the delivery of training and other assistance activities under this subchapter;

(4) develop criteria limiting awards of grants under Section 535.105(1)(A) to small and medium-sized faith- and community-based organizations that provide charitable services to persons in this state;

(5) establish general state priorities for the account;

(6) establish and monitor performance and outcome measures for persons to whom grants are awarded under this subchapter; and

(7) establish policies and procedures to ensure that any money appropriated from the account to the commission that is allocated to build the capacity of a faith-based organization or for a faith-based initiative, including money allocated for the establishment of the advisory subgroup under Section 535.108, is not used to advance a sectarian purpose or to engage in any form of proselytization.

(b) Instead of contracting with the State Commission on National and Community Service under Subsection (a)(1), the commission may award account funds appropriated to the commission to the State Commission on National and Community Service in the form of a grant.

(c) Any funds awarded to the State Commission on National and Community Service under a contract or through a grant under this section must be administered in the manner required by this subchapter, including Subsection (a)(1).

(d) The commission or the State Commission on National and Community Service, in accordance with the terms of the contract or grant, as applicable, may:

(1) directly, or through agreements with one or more entities that serve faith- and community-based organizations that provide charitable services to persons in this state:

(A) assist faith- and community-based organizations with:

(i) writing or managing grants through workshops or other forms of guidance;

(ii) obtaining legal assistance related to forming a corporation or obtaining an exemption from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code; and

(iii) obtaining information about or referrals to entities that provide expertise in accounting, legal, or tax issues, program development matters, or other organizational topics;

(B) provide information or assistance to faith- and community-based organizations related to building the organizations' capacity for providing services;

(C) facilitate the formation of networks, the coordination of services, and the sharing of resources among faith- and community-based organizations;

(D) in cooperation with existing efforts, if possible, conduct needs assessments to identify gaps in services in a community that present a need for developing or expanding services;

(E) work with faith- and community-based organizations to identify the organizations' needs for improvements in their internal capacity for providing services;

(F) provide faith- and community-based organizations with information on and assistance in identifying or using practices with demonstrated effectiveness for delivering charitable services to persons, families, and communities and in replicating charitable services programs that have demonstrated effectiveness; and

(G) encourage research into the impact of organizational capacity on program delivery for faith and community-based organizations;

(2) assist a local governmental entity in creating a better partnership between government and faith and community-based organizations to provide charitable services to persons in this state; and

(3) use funds appropriated from the account to provide matching money for federal or private grant programs that further the purposes of the account as described by Section 535.103(d).

(e) The commission shall monitor the use of the funds administered by the State Commission on National and Community Service under a contract or through a grant under this section to ensure that the funds are used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this subchapter.

Records relating to the award of a contract or grant to the State Commission on National and Community Service, or to grants awarded by that entity, and records relating to other uses of the funds are public information subject to Chapter 552.

(f) If the commission contracts with or awards a grant to the State Commission on National and Community Service under this section, this subchapter may not be construed to:

(1) release that entity from any regulations or reporting or other requirements applicable to a contractor or grantee of the commission;

(2) impose regulations or reporting or other requirements on that entity that do not apply to other contractors or grantees of the commission solely because of the entity's status;

(3) alter the nonprofit status of that entity or the requirements for maintaining that status; or

(4) convert that entity into a governmental entity because of the receipt of account funds through the contract or grant.

Sec. 535.105. ADMINISTRATION OF ACCOUNT FUNDS. If under Section 535.104 the commission contracts with or awards a grant to the State Commission on National and Community Service, that entity:

(1) may award grants from funds appropriated from the account to:

(A) faith and community-based organizations that provide charitable services to persons in this state for capacity-building purposes; and

(B) local governmental entities to provide seed money for local offices for faith- and community-based initiatives; and

(2) shall monitor performance and outcome measures for persons to whom that entity awards grants using the measures established by the commission under Section 535.104(a)(6).

Sec. 535.106. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION. (a) The commission shall provide a link on the commission's Internet website to the Internet website of the State Commission on National and Community Service if the commission contracts with or awards a grant to that entity under Section 535.104. The entity's Internet website must provide:

(1) a list of the names of each person to whom the entity awarded a grant from money appropriated from the account and the amount and purpose of the grant; and

(2) information regarding the methods by which the public may request information about those grants.

(b) If awarded a contract or grant under Section 535.104, the State Commission on National and Community Service must provide to the commission periodic reports on a schedule determined by the executive commissioner. The schedule of periodic reports must include an annual report that includes:

(1) a specific accounting with respect to the use by that entity of money appropriated from the account, including the names of persons to whom grants have been awarded and the purposes of those grants; and

(2) a summary of the efforts of the faith- and community-based liaisons designated under Section 535.051 to comply with the duties imposed by and the purposes of Sections 535.052 and 535.053.

(c) The commission shall post the annual report made under Subsection (b) on the commission's Internet website and shall provide copies of the report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the members of the legislature.

Sec. 535.107. TASK FORCE ON STRENGTHENING NONPROFIT CAPACITY. (a) The executive commissioner, in consultation with the governor, shall establish a task force to make recommendations for strengthening the capacity of faith and community-based organizations for managing human resources and funds and providing services. The members of the task force must include:

(1) representatives from state agencies, nonprofit organizations, the academic community, and the foundation community; and

(2) other individuals who have expertise that would be valuable to the task force.

(b) Using money appropriated from the account, the task force shall hold at least three public hearings in various geographic areas of this state, at least one of which must be outside of Central Texas. The task force shall hear testimony at the hearings regarding strengthening the capacity of faith- and community-based organizations to manage human resources and funds and provide services.

(c) The task force is not required to hold a public hearing if the remaining money appropriated from the account to the commission for the state fiscal biennium is insufficient for the performance of the duties or activities under this subchapter.

(d) The task force shall present a report and legislative recommendations to the House Subgroup on Human Services or its successor, the House Subgroup on

Public Health or its successor, and the Senate Health and Human Services Subgroup or its successor not later than September 1, 2010, regarding its recommendations.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2011.

Sec. 535.108. RENEWING OUR COMMUNITIES ACCOUNT ADVISORY SUBGROUP. (a) The executive commissioner shall appoint leaders of faith- and community-based organizations in this state to serve on the renewing our communities account advisory subgroup. The advisory subgroup members must be representative of the religious, cultural, and geographic diversity of this state and the diversity of organization types and sizes in this state.

(b) The advisory subgroup shall make recommendations to the executive commissioner regarding the powers and duties with respect to the account as described by Section 535.104.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the advisory subgroup shall meet at least twice each calendar year. The advisory subgroup is not required to meet if the remaining amount appropriated from the account to the commission for the state fiscal biennium is insufficient for the performance of any duties or activities under this subchapter.

(d) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the advisory subgroup.

(e) The advisory subgroup is subject to Chapter 551.

(b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission and the chief executive officers of the Office of Rural Community Affairs, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, the Texas Veterans Commission, the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, and any other state agency as determined by the governor shall designate the liaisons for faith- and community-based initiatives as required under Section 535.051, Government Code, as added by this section, not later than December 1, 2009.

(c) The interagency coordinating group established under Section 535.053, Government Code, as added by this section, shall hold its first meeting not later than

February 1, 2010.

SECTION 2. This Act does not make an appropriation. A provision in this Act that creates a new governmental program, creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a governmental entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the legislature has not made a specific appropriation to implement the provision.

SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 492 was passed by the House on April 24, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 15, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 492 on May 18, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 492 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 14, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

Governor

AN ACT

relating to the expansion of faith- and community-based health and human services initiatives.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 535.051, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) The chief administrative officer of each of the following state agencies, in consultation with the governor, shall designate one employee from the agency to serve as a liaison for faith- and community-based organizations:

- (1) the Texas Department [Office] of Rural [Community] Affairs;
- (2) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
- (3) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- (4) the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs;
- (5) the Texas Education Agency;
- (6) the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;
- (7) the Texas Veterans Commission;
- (8) the Texas Workforce Commission;
- (9) the Texas Youth Commission;
- (10) the office of the governor;
- (11) the Department of Public Safety;
- (12) the Texas Department of Insurance;
- (13) the Public Utility Commission of Texas;
- (14) the office of the attorney general;
- (15) the Department of Agriculture;
- (16) the office of the comptroller;
- (17) the Department of Information Resources;

(18) the Office of State-Federal Relations;

(19) the office of the secretary of state; and

(20) [(10)] other state agencies as determined by the governor.

(c) The commissioner of higher education, in consultation with the presiding officer of the interagency coordinating group, shall designate one employee from an institution of higher education, as that term is defined under Section 61.003, Education Code, to serve as a liaison for faith- and community-based organizations.

SECTION 2. Sections 535.053(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The interagency coordinating group for faith- and community-based initiatives is composed of each faith- and community-based liaison designated under Section 535.051 and a liaison from the State Commission on National and Community Service. The commission shall provide administrative support to the interagency coordinating group.

(b) The liaison from the State Commission on National and Community Service [commission employee designated as a liaison under Section 535.051] is the presiding officer of the interagency coordinating group. If the State Commission on National and Community Service is abolished, the liaison from the governor's office is the presiding officer of the interagency coordinating group.

SECTION 3. Section 535.054, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 535.054. REPORT [REPORTS]. (a) Not later than December 1 of each year, the interagency coordinating group shall submit a report to the legislature that describes in detail the activities, goals, and progress of the interagency coordinating group. [A liaison designated under Section 535.051 shall:

[(1) provide periodic reports to the executive commissioner or other chief executive officer who designated the liaison, as applicable, on a schedule determined by the person who designated the liaison; and

[(2) report annually to the governor's office of faith- and community-based initiatives and as necessary to the State Commission on National and

Community Service regarding the liaison's efforts to comply with the duties imposed under Sections 535.052 and 535.053.]

(b) The [Each] report made under Subsection (a) [(a)(2)] must be made available to the public through posting on the office of the governor's Internet website [and the reports may be aggregated into a single report for that purpose].

SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 535, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 535.055 to read as follows:

Sec. 535.055. TASK FORCE ON IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH NONPROFITS.

(a) The interagency coordinating group task force is established to help direct the interagency coordinating group in carrying out the group's duties under this section. The commission shall provide administrative support to the task force.

(b) The executive commissioner, in consultation with the presiding officer of the interagency coordinating group, shall appoint as members of the task force one representative from each of the following groups and entities:

- (1) a statewide nonprofit organization;
- (2) local governments;
- (3) faith-based groups;
- (4) community-based groups;
- (5) consultants to nonprofit corporations;
- (6) experts in grant writing; and
- (7) a statewide association of nonprofit organizations.

(c) In addition to the interagency coordinating group's other duties, the interagency coordinating group, in coordination with the task force, shall:

- (1) develop and implement a plan for improving contracting relationships between state agencies and faith- and community-based organizations;
- (2) develop best practices for cooperating and collaborating with faith- and community-based organizations;
- (3) identify and address duplication of services provided by the state and faith- and community-based organizations; and

(4) identify and address gaps in state services that faith- and community-based organizations could fill.

(d) The task force shall prepare a report describing actions taken or not taken by the interagency coordinating group under this section and include in the report any recommendations relating to legislation necessary to address an issue identified by the group under this section. The task force shall present the report to the House Subgroup on Human Services or its successor, the House Subgroup on Public Health or its successor, and the Senate Health and Human Services Subgroup or its successor not later than September 1, 2012.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2013.

SECTION 5. Not later than October 1, 2011, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall appoint members to the interagency coordinating group task force in accordance with Section 535.055, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1965 was passed by the House on April 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1965 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

Governor

APPENDIX C

Interagency Coordinating Group
Subcommittee: Improving Contracting Relationships
Proposed [RFP Template](#) for Client Services Procurements*
March 2012 *

Client Services Procurement is defined as the purchase of goods or services that benefit the clients or recipients of a State agency.

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APPENDIX D

ICG MEMBER AGENCIES

Department of Agriculture
Department of Family and Protective Services
Department of Information Resources
Department of State Health Services
Health and Human Services Commission
Office of Secretary of State
Office of State-Federal Relations
Office of the Attorney General
An Institution of Higher Education
Office of the Comptroller
Office of the Governor
Public Utility Commission of Texas
Texas State Commission on National and Community Service
(OneStar Foundation)
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Texas Department of Insurance
Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Education Agency
Texas Juvenile Justice Department
Texas Veterans Commission
Texas Workforce Commission