

MEETING OF NOTICE AND AGENDA
COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CBCOG)

Board of Directors' Meeting

April 26, 2024 at 2:00pm

CBCOG OFFICE 2910 LEOPARD ST.

JOHN BUCKNER CONFERENCE ROOM

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

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In order to accommodate the Board Members who may want to access the meeting remotely a hybrid link is provided pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.127 which states a governmental body that extends into three or more counties may meet by videoconference call only if the member of the governmental body presiding over the meeting is physically present at the location of the meeting. The Honorable David Krebs, San Patricio County Judge, Chairman, will be present at the meeting. Board members interested in attending this meeting online may do so by logging on to the link below.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96457379881?pwd=MTVseDYxb2RvNVJiaGxXVjRlRzZ2Nkdz09>

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
 2. Approval of Minutes of the March 22, 2024 Meeting
 3. Treasurer's Report
 4. Items Requiring Action by the CBCOG's Board of Directors
 - A. PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
 - B. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
 5. Announcements and Non-Action Items
 1. Token of appreciation for Board of Directors' Past Chairman Commissioner Margie Gonzalez
 2. Token of appreciation to Ms. Bea Gabrillo, CBCOG's 9-1-1 Network/Public Education Specialist for her outstanding service recognizing the Coastal Bend Region's public safety telecommunicators and recognizes their importance to public safety through the Coastal Bend Council of Governments 9-1-1 Program's Facebook page.
 6. Approval of Treasurer's Report
 7. Adjourn
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PLEASE HAVE THIS PACKET FOR THE MEETING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG)
FROM: The Honorable David Krebs, San Patricio County Judge, Chairman
DATE: April 18, 2024
SUBJECT: Resolutions and Supporting Material for the April 26, 2024, CBCOG Meeting

A. PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 4087

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM, FY2025 SOLICITATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE. (Attachment A-1)

RESOLUTION NO. 4088

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM, FY2025 SOLICITATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE. (Attachment A-2)

RESOLUTION NO. 4089

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE TRUANCY PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM, FY2025 SOLICITATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE. (Attachment A-3)

RESOLUTION NO. 4090

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM, FY2025 SOLICITATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE. (Attachment A-4)

RESOLUTION NO. 4091

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FY2025 SOLICITATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE. (Attachment A-5)

B. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

RESOLUTION NO. 4092

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR FY2024 - FY2027 WITH THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTOR: GIRLING HEALTH CARE, INC. D/B/A GIRLING PERSONAL CARE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR RESPITE IN-HOME AND PERSONAL ASSISTANCE AS ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS THAT WILL BE A PART OF THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING'S CONTRACTOR PURCHASE POOL FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPORTIVE

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SERVICES FOR TARGETED OLDER PERSONS IN THE ELEVEN COUNTY COASTAL
BEND AREA BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2027. (Attachment B-1)

(ATTACHMENT A-1)
COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 4087

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM, FY2025 SOLICITATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office (PSO), has solicited applications for the Criminal Justice Grant Program for projects promoting public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, PSO has required each COG review and score these applications, prepare a priority listing of these applications, make funding recommendations for each proposed project, and submit results and recommendations to the Office of the Governor, PSO no later than May 10th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Calallen ISD, City of Corpus Christi, Duval County, Flour Bluff ISD, City of Ingleside, City of Orange Grove, Refugio County, City of Robstown, City of Rockport, and San Patricio County, have submitted applications; and

WHEREAS, the Prioritization Subcommittee of the Public Protection Committee (PPC) met on April 11, 2024, reviewed, scored, prioritized, and discussed funding recommendations for the Criminal Justice Grant Program applications, and presented the results and recommendations to the PPC at the PPC meeting held April 17, 2024. The PPC and the Prioritization Subcommittee concurred with the results and recommendations listed below.

2024 - 2025 CJ/JAG – RBE \$ \$370,348.12

RANK	SCORE	GRANT #	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	REQUESTED AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1	136.0	3972005	Duval County	Technology Upgrade	\$28,085.00	\$28,085.00
2	118.9	4971201	Flour Bluff ISD	Police Fleet Project	\$72,200.00	\$54,150.00
3	117.9	5001301	Ingleside, City of	License Plate Reader Project	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
4	116.77	5004101	Corpus Christi, City of	In Car Video Systems	\$79,986.50	\$39,993.25
5	115.2	1470826	San Patricio County	Juvenile Justice Alternatives	\$30,898.44	\$24,898.44
6	114.3	5168201	Rockport, City of	Interoperable Communications	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00
7	108.9	5130801	San Patricio County	Intelligence-based Investigations	\$96,000.00	\$48,000.00
8	108.5	5005201	Robstown, City of	Safer Neighborhoods	\$73,890.54	\$24,117.19
9	107.9	5141901	Orange Grove, City of	OGPD FY25 Law Enforcement Equipment Needs	\$91,000.00	\$79,000.00
10	92.5	5045801	Calallen ISD	Calallen ISD Safety and Security Program	\$36,078.00	\$18,039.00
11	88.0	4997901	Refugio County	Electronic Drug Detection	\$72,800.16	\$54,600.12
TOTAL 11					\$705,938.64	\$445,883.00
						\$75,534.88 OVER RBE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coastal Bend Council of Governments has reviewed the scores, ranks, and recommendations as indicated above, and concurs and supports with the favorable recommendation of the PPC, to submit results and recommendations as indicated above to the Office of the Governor, PSO.

Duly adopted at a meeting of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, this 26th day of April, 2024.

The Honorable Judge David Krebs, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mr. Peter Collins, Secretary

(ATTACHMENT A-2)
COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 4088

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM, FY2025 SOLICITATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office (PSO), has solicited applications for the Juvenile Justice Grant Program for projects preventing violence, and improve the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, PSO has required each COG review and score these applications, prepare a priority listing of these applications, make funding recommendations for each proposed project, and submit results and recommendations to the Office of the Governor, PSO no later than May 10th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas, Inc., Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend, Heart of a Champion, and Jim Wells County, have submitted applications; and

WHEREAS, the Prioritization Subcommittee of the Public Protection Committee (PPC) met on April 11th, 2024, reviewed, scored, prioritized, and discussed funding recommendations for the Juvenile Justice/421 State Fund Grant Program applications, and presented the results and recommendations to the PPC at the PPC meeting held April 17th, 2024. The PPC and the Prioritization Subcommittee concurred with the results and recommendations listed below.

2024 - 2025 JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAM/STATE 421 - RBE - \$118,728.49						
RANK	SCORE	GRANT #	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	REQUESTED AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1	135.66	5031601	Jim Wells County	Juvenile Mental Health Services Program	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
2	132.80	3558307	Big Brothers Big Sisters of South TX Inc	Delinquency Prevention	\$28,273.00	\$28,273.00
3	114.20	4252304	Heart of a Champion	One Heart Project	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
4	67.4	5114201	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend	Youth Court	\$10,400.00	\$10,400.00
TOTAL 4					\$138,673.00	\$138,673.00
						\$19,944.51 OVER RBE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coastal Bend Council of Governments has reviewed the scores, ranks, and recommendations as indicated above, and concurs and supports with the favorable recommendation of the PPC, to submit results and recommendations as indicated above to the Office of the Governor, PSO.

Duly adopted at a meeting of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, this 26th day of April, 2024.

The Honorable Judge David Krebs, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mr. Peter Collins, Secretary

(ATTACHMENT A-3)
COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 4089

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE TRUANCY PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM, FY2025 SOLICITATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office (PSO), has solicited applications for the Truancy Prevention Grant Program for projects preventing violence, and improve the juvenile justice system by providing mental health services, truancy prevention and intervention through community-based and school programs; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, PSO has required each COG review and score these applications, prepare a priority listing of these applications, make funding recommendations for each proposed project, and submit results and recommendations to the Office of the Governor, PSO no later than May 10th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Aransas County, Freer ISD, Jim Wells County, Nueces County, and City of Premont have submitted applications; and

WHEREAS, the Prioritization Subcommittee of the Public Protection Committee (PPC) met on April 11th, reviewed, scored, prioritized, and discussed funding recommendations for the Truancy Prevention Grant Program applications, and presented the results and recommendations to the PPC at the PPC meeting held April 17th, 2024. The PPC and the Prioritization Subcommittee concurred with the results and recommendations listed below.

2024 - 2025 TRUANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM - RBE \$146,708.14						
RANK	SCORE	GRANT #	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	REQUESTED AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1	124.22	5058701	Freer ISD	Freer ISD Truancy Prevention Program	\$53,000.00	\$48,000.00
2	117.66	4832602	Aransas County	Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention	\$78,660.87	\$60,403.72
3	111.11	4029405	Nueces County	Truancy Prevention Initiative	\$87,761.81	\$58,434.47
4	109.25	5002601	Jim Wells County	Jim Wells County - Truancy Prevention Program	\$78,457.00	\$67,975.00
5	90.88	5113501	Premont, City of	Premont's FY25 Truancy Prevention	\$46,300.00	\$36,300.00
TOTAL	5				\$344,179.68	\$271,113.19
						\$124,405.05 OVER RBE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coastal Bend Council of Governments has reviewed the score, rank, and recommendation as indicated above, and concurs and supports with the favorable recommendation of the PPC, to submit results and recommendation as indicated above to the Office of the Governor, PSO.

Duly adopted at a meeting of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, this 26th day of April, 2024.

The Honorable Judge David Krebs, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mr. Peter Collins, Secretary

(ATTACHMENT A-4)
COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 4090

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM, FY2025 SOLICITATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office (PSO), has solicited applications for the Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program for projects promoting a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach to improve the justice system’s response to violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, PSO has required each COG review and score these applications, prepare a priority listing of these applications, make funding recommendations for each proposed project, and submit results and recommendations to the Office of the Governor, PSO no later than May 10th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi, Duval County, and Nueces County, have submitted applications; and

WHEREAS, the Prioritization Subcommittee of the Public Protection Committee (PPC) met on April 11th, 2024, reviewed, scored, prioritized, and discussed funding recommendations for the Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program applications, and presented the results and recommendations to the PPC at the PPC meeting held April 17th, 2024. The PPC and the Prioritization Subcommittee concurred with the results and recommendations listed below.

2024 - 2025 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA - VAWA PROGRAM - RBE - \$157,652.30						
RANK	SCORE	GRANT #	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	REQUESTED AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1	141.33	3363008	Duval County	Violent Crimes Investigator	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
2	134.42	1517126	Corpus Christi, City of	Victim Assistance Program	\$59,609.00	\$59,609.00
3	128.5	2987410	Nueces County	Monitoring Offenders Against Women	\$21,651.14	\$21,651.14
TOTAL					\$116,260.14	\$116,260.14
3						\$41,392.16 UNDER RBE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coastal Bend Council of Governments has reviewed the scores, ranks, and recommendations as indicated above, and concurs and supports with the favorable recommendation of the PPC, to submit results and recommendations as indicated above to the Office of the Governor, PSO.

Duly adopted at a meeting of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, this 26th day of April, 2024.

The Honorable Judge David Krebs, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mr. Peter Collins, Secretary

(ATTACHMENT A-5)
COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 4091

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FY2025 SOLICITATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office (PSO), has solicited applications for the General Victim Assistance Grant Program for projects to provide services and assistance directly to victims of crime to speed their recovery and aid them through the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, PSO has required each COG review and score these applications, prepare a priority listing of these applications, make funding recommendations for each proposed project, and submit results and recommendations to the Office of the Governor, PSO no later than May 10th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Club of Alice, City of Corpus Christi, Duval County, The Ecumenical Center, Family Counseling Services, Jim Wells County, Kleberg County, New Life Refuge Ministries, Nueces County, and Women’s Shelter of South Texas have submitted applications; and

WHEREAS, the Prioritization Subcommittee of the Public Protection Committee (PPC) met on April 11th, 2024, reviewed, scored, prioritized, and discussed funding recommendations for the General Victim Assistance Grant Program applications, and presented the results and recommendations to the PPC at the PPC meeting held April 17th, 2024. The PPC and the Prioritization Subcommittee concurred with the results and recommendations listed below.

2024 - 2025 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT FORMULA PROGRAM/VOCA - RBE - \$2,610,773.46						
RANK	SCORE	GRANT #	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	REQUESTED AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1	142.57	1750717	Women's Shelter of South Texas dba The Purple Door	Comprehensive Supportive Services	\$776,280.77	\$776,280.77
2	142	2092413	Family Counseling Services	Crime Victim Services	\$95,132.00	\$95,132.00
3	141.33	2397912	Duval County	Duval County Victims of Crime Assistance Program	\$46,833.88	\$46,833.88
4	140.28	4821402	Boys & Girls Club of Alice	Art Therapy for Victims of Crime	\$99,792.90	\$99,792.90
5	137.14	3876206	Jim Wells County	Jim Wells & Brooks Counties Victim Assistance Program	\$302,432.00	\$302,432.00
6	131.25	2899708	Kleberg County	Kleberg/Kenedy - Victim Assistance Program	\$64,059.47	\$64,059.47
7	128	3951705	New Life Refuge Ministries	Long Term Restorative Care Program	\$248,183.17	\$248,183.17
8	127	1522322	Corpus Christi, City of	Victims of Crime Act	\$318,816.56	\$318,816.56
9	122.62	5012301	Alice, City of	Crime Victim	\$16,791.20	\$16,791.20
10	122.12	4227904	The Ecumenical Center	Coastal Bend Area Counseling Program	\$141,513.22	\$141,513.22
TOTAL					\$2,109,835.17	\$2,109,835.17
10						\$500,938.29 UNDER RBE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coastal Bend Council of Governments has reviewed the scores, ranks, and recommendations as indicated above, and concurs and supports with the favorable recommendation of the PPC, to submit results and recommendations as indicated above to the Office of the Governor, PSO.

Duly adopted at a meeting of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, this 26th day of April, 2024.

The Honorable Judge David Krebs, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mr. Peter Collins, Secretary

2024 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCORE AND RANK SUMMARY

The Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office (PSO) solicitation period for FY2025 Criminal Justice grant funding programs opened from Dec. 11, 2023 thru Feb. 08, 2024. These programs included: the Criminal Justice Program, Juvenile Justice Grant Program, Truancy Prevention Grant Program, Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (VAWA), and the General Victim Assistance Program (VOCA).

The Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office requires each COG to review and score the applications, and make funding recommendations for each proposed project. The application process for applicants who apply within the COG region is administered by the Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG). The CBCOG's Public Protection Committee (PPC) reviews, prioritizes, and discusses funding recommendations for the applications. The process includes a more in-depth review by the PPC's Prioritization Subcommittee and the use of a scoring instrument. The results and recommendations are to be submitted to the PSO no later than May 10th, 2024. The PPC now brings the priority listings and funding recommendations to the CBCOG General Membership for approval to submit the listings and recommendations to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office.

Please note: The Reasonable Budget Expectations (RBEs) are indicated for each program. RBEs are generated using a formula that considers population and crime statistics within the individual counties located in each respective region. All data used in the funding formula was derived from the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety. These RBEs are based upon a best guess estimate of the funding available for each of the CJ programs administered by the Public Safety Office (PSO). It is important that each Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) understand that these RBE's are only projections and are in no way a guarantee of a certain amount of funding within the region. The final amounts allocated to each region may go up or down depending on the federal award amounts the State of Texas receives from the Department of Justice (DOJ) as well as collections available within PSO's state appropriated fund sources.

(ATTACHMENT B-1)
COASTAL BEND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 4092

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR FY2024 - FY2027 WITH THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTOR: GIRLING HEALTH CARE, INC. D/B/A GIRLING PERSONAL CARE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR RESPITE IN-HOME AND PERSONAL ASSISTANCE AS ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS THAT WILL BE A PART OF THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING'S CONTRACTOR PURCHASE POOL FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR TARGETED OLDER PERSONS IN THE ELEVEN COUNTY COASTAL BEND AREA BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, the strategies relating to the provision of in-home and personal assistance supportive services (totaling approximately \$77,610 of Title III-B Supportive Services funds, \$36,043 in Title III-E Support Program funds, \$10,000 in State General Revenue funds III-E Match, \$55,000 in American Rescue Plan Title III-B, \$20,000 in ARP III-E funds, \$32,425 in PY Title III-B, \$17,977 in PY Title III-E, \$6,226 in PY ARP III-E funds for a total \$255,281 in Support Services for Respite in-Home, and Personal Assistance through a contractor's direct purchase pool which are part of the approved Area Agency on Aging's Action Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 - 2027; and

WHEREAS the Area Agency on Aging solicited applications for membership in a contractor's purchase pool with contracts ending in FY 2027 for the purpose of purchasing in-home and other supportive services for targeted elderly persons in an eleven-county area; and

WHEREAS these agreements enable the Area Agency on Aging to purchase needed services on a client-by-client basis, including personal assistance, respite in-home, respite out of home, respite out of home-overnight, respite voucher, adult day care, and other supportive services; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2024, the Advisory Council on Aging met and discussed the contract and funding totaling approximately \$77,610 of Title III B Supportive Services funds, \$36,043 in Title III-E Support Program funds, \$10,000 in State General Revenue funds III-E Match, \$55,000 in American Rescue Plan, Title III-B, \$20,000 in ARP III-E funds, \$32,425 in PY Title III-B, \$17,977 in PY Title III-E, \$6,226 in PY ARP III-E funds in Support Services for Respite In-Home and Personal Assistance through a contractor's direct purchase pool which is part of the approved Area Agency on Aging's Action Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 - 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coastal Bend Council of Governments authorizes its Interim Executive Director to sign contract Agreement with Girling Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Girling Personal Care to provide supportive services; and contractor will become part of the Area Agency on Aging's contractor purchase pool for the provision of various supportive services for targeted older persons in the eleven county Coastal Bend Area effective March 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2027.

Duly adopted at a meeting of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments this 26nd day of April 2024.

The Honorable Judge David Krebs, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mr. Peter Collins, Secretary

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF THE COASTAL BEND
CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT
FFY2024-FFY2027**

Girling Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Girling Personal Care, hereinafter referred to as Contractor, and Coastal Bend Council of Governments - Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend (AAACB), hereinafter referred to as AAACB, do hereby agree to provide services effective beginning **March 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2027**, in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA), as amended, regulations of the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the AAA Direct Purchase of Services Program and the stated Scope of Services.

The AAA Direct Purchase of Services Program is designed to promote the development of a comprehensive and coordinated service delivery system to meet the needs of older individuals (60 years of age or older) and their caregivers. Through the AAACB'S Coastal Bend Aging and Disability Resource Center, services are provided to persons of all ages with disabilities and their caregivers. This agreement provides a mechanism for the creation of an individualized network of community resources accessible to a program participant in compliance with the OAA and HHSC'S AAA Access and Assistance Guidelines.

The purpose of the system of Access and Assistance is to develop cooperative working relationships with service providers to build an integrated service delivery system that ensures broad access to and information about community services, maximizes the use of existing resources, avoids duplication of effort, identifies gaps in services, and facilitates the ability of people who need services to easily find the most appropriate provider.

Now and therefore, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and benefits stated herein, the parties now agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

a. The Contractor agrees to provide the following service(s) as identified below to program participants authorized by the AAACB staff, in accordance with the completed Contractor application, all required assurances, licenses, certifications and rate setting documents, as applicable.

(1) Service: Respite - In Home

(a) **Service Definition:** Temporary services provided to an eligible dependent care recipient for the relief of a caregiver. Services are provided in the eligible caregiver's home or the home of the care recipient on a short term, temporary basis while the primary caregiver is unavailable or needs relief.

(b) In addition to supervision, services may include meal preparation, housekeeping, assistance with personal care and social and recreational activities.

(c) An eligible Care Recipient must:

- be unable to perform a minimum of two activities of daily living identified through the Consumer Needs Evaluation (CNE); or

- require substantial supervision due to a cognitive or other mental impairment which causes them to behave in a manner that poses a serious health or safety hazard to themselves or to another person.

- a CNE is required per Area Agency on Aging Policies and Procedures Manual (AAAPPM), Section D-1040.

(d) **Unit of Service:** Hours. A partial hour may be reported to two decimal places, e.g. 0.25 hours. ,

(e) **Service Area:** Refer to DPS Application for listed service areas.

(2) Service: Personal Assistance

(a) **Service Definition:** Services to assist an older person who has difficulty performing a minimum of two activities of daily living as identified in the assessment process, with tasks a person would typically perform if they were able. This includes assistance in all activities of daily living.

(b) A CNE is required. (AAAPPM Section D-1040).

(c) Unit of Service: Hours. Partial hour may be reported to two decimal places, e.g. 0.25 hours. Does not include travel time, unless it is directly related to the older person's care plan.

(d) Service Area: Refer to DPS Application for listed service areas.

b. All Texas Administrative Code standards are located at the Texas Secretary of State website: www.sos.state.tx.us.

c. All Older Americans Act and other required rules and regulations are located at <https://acl.gov/about-acl/authorizing-statutes/older-americans-act>.

d. Targeting: AAACB services are designed to identify eligible program participants, with an emphasis on high-risk program participants and to serve older individuals with greatest economic and social need, low-income minorities and those residing in rural areas, as required by the OAA or as identified through other grantees, such as the Aging and Disability Resource Center's Respite Care Program.

e. Services & Reimbursement Methodology:

Service	Fixed Rate (include rate) *	Variable Rate (identify range)	Cost Reimbursement
Respite In-Home	\$20.00		\$20.00
Personal Assistance	\$20.00		\$20.00
Residential Repair	N/A	Variable Rate N/A	N/A

***Fixed Rates entered here must agree with Application Section.**

2. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

a. The Contractor agrees to:

(1) Provide services in accordance with current or revised HHSC policies and standards and the OAA.

(2) Submit billing with appropriate documentation including timesheets as required by the AAA by the close of business on the **5th calendar day** of each month following the last day of the month in which services were provided.

- If the 5th day falls on a weekend or holiday, the information shall be delivered by the close of business on the following business day.

- No reimbursement for services provided will be made if contractor payment invoices and supporting documentation are not correct and submitted to the AAA within **30 calendar days** of the month following the month in which services were provided.

- Any concerns regarding discrepancies between the invoiced services and payment must be made within **45 calendar days** after payment is mailed.

(3) The AAACB will encourage program participant contributions (program income) on a voluntary and confidential basis. Program participant contributions will be mailed directly by the program participant and/or his family to the AAACB office. AAACB will properly safeguard and accurately account for program participant contributions (program income) as receipts and expenditures on its financial reports.

AAACB agrees to expend all program participant contributions (program income) to expand or enhance the program/service under which it is earned. If the Contractor or their paid provider inadvertently receives a program participant contribution, Contractor must immediately contact AAACB send contribution to the AAACB and advise program participant and/or their family of the proper program participant contribution submission procedure. AAACB will also advise program participant and/or family of the proper program participant contribution procedure.

- Notify the AAA within 24 hours if, for any reason, the Contractor becomes unable to provide the service(s).

- Ensure that all required insurance(s), certifications), training(s), or license(s) do not lapse.

- Maintain communication and correspondence concerning program participants' status.

- Establish a method to guarantee the confidentiality of all information relating to the program participant in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. This provision shall not be construed as limiting AAA-CB or any federal or state authorized representative's right of access to program participant case records or other information relating to program participants served under this agreement.

- Keep financial and program supporting documents, statistical records, and any other records pertinent to the services for which a claim for reimbursement was submitted to the AAA. The records and documents shall be kept for a minimum of seven years after close of contractor's fiscal year.

- Make available at reasonable times and for required periods all fiscal and program participant records, books, and supporting documents pertaining to services provided under this agreement, for purposes of inspection, monitoring, auditing, or evaluations by AAA staff, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the State of Texas, through any authorized representative(s).

b. The Contractor further agrees:

- (1) The agreement may be terminated for cause or without cause upon the giving of 30 days advance written notice.

(2) The agreement does not guarantee a total level of reimbursement other than for individual units/services authorized, contingent upon receipt of funds.

(3) Contractor acknowledges it is an independent provider, NOT an agent of the AAACB. Thus, the Contractor indemnifies saves and holds harmless the AAACB against expense or liability of any kind arising out of service delivery performed by the Contractor. Contractor must immediately notify the AAACB if the Contractor becomes involved in or is threatened with litigation related to program participants receiving services funded by the AAACB.

(4) Employees of the Contractor will not solicit or accept gifts or favors of monetary value by or on behalf of program participants as a gift, reward, or payment.

c. Through the Direct Purchase of Services program, the AAACB agrees to:

(1) Review program participant intake, assessment forms and any other required forms completed by Contractor, as required, determining program participant eligibility. Service authorization is based on program participant need and the availability of funds.

(2) Provide timely written notification to Contractor of program participant's eligibility and authorization to receive services.

(3) Maintain communication and correspondence concerning the program participants' status.

(4) Provide timely technical assistance to Contractor as requested and as available.

(5) Conduct quality-assurance procedures, which will include on-site monitoring visits and customer satisfaction surveys annually, to ensure quality services are being provided and if applicable, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services exclusion reviews are conducted.

(6) Contingent upon the AAACB's receipt of funds authorized for this purpose from HHSC, reimburse the Contractor based on the agreed reimbursement methodology, approved rate(s), service(s) authorized, and in accordance with subsection Section II.A.2. of this document within approximately 45 days of receipt of invoice - providing such invoice includes all required attachments, is complete and is accurate.

3. ASSURANCES

a. The Contractor shall comply with:

(1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000d *et seq.*).

(2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794).

(3) Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*).

(4) Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107).

(5) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1688).

(6) Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. §200 *et seq.*).

(7) Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.

(8) Texas Senate Bill 1 - 1991, as applicable.

(9) HHSC administrative rules, as set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent applicable to this Agreement.

(10) HHSC AAA Policies and Procedures Manual, to the extent applicable to this Agreement.

(11) Certification Regarding Debarment - 45CFR §92.35 Subawards to debarred and suspended parties; this document is required annually as long as this agreement is in effect.

(12) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) State Medicaid Director Letter SMDL #09-001 regarding Individuals or Entities Excluded from Participation in Federal Health Care Programs.

(13) HHSC (legacy DADS) Information Letter 11-07 – Obligation to Identify Individuals or Entities Excluded from Participation in Federal Health Care Programs.

(14) HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions.

4. FOCAL POINT DESIGNATION

The following agencies have been designated by the AAACB as focal points for services for persons 60 or older in the Coastal Bend Region: Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend, Coastal Bend Aging & Disability Resource Center, Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living, Community Action Agency of South Texas, Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi, Inc., City of Corpus Christi, Kleberg County Human Services, Live Oak Senior Center, Nueces County Community Center, Portland Senior Center, and San Diego Civic Center.

5. ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Signed Data Use Agreement.
- (b) Signed Lobbying Certification.
- (c) Signed Prohibited Telecommunications and Video Services.
- (d) Signed HHSC Required Certifications.
- (e) Child Support Certification. (Only needed for For-Profit Organizations).
- (f) W-9.
- (g) Audit Certification Form – N/A (only for Non-Profit Organizations).
- (h) Conflict of Interest Form.

6. SIGNATURES

For the faithful performance of the terms of this agreement, the parties affix their signatures and bind themselves effective March 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2027.

Girling Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Girling Personal Care
~~Girling Personal Care/Gentiva Personal Care~~



Authorized Contractor Signature

Jesse Howard

Print Name

VP of Regional Operations

Title

21 February 2024

Date



Authorized Signature

Veronica A. Toomey
(Interim) Executive Director

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3-18-2024

Date



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Daily, across the nation, public safety telecommunicators are on the front lines, communicating and coordinating public safety services in the face of critical need. From car accidents and medical emergencies to threats of any kind, these highly trained professionals answer calls for help and address emergent needs with skill and speed. Dispatchers, 9-1-1 operators, and crisis communications specialists remain poised during stressful situations, reassure callers, and establish swift responses to any calamity.

Public safety telecommunicators provide essential services to their fellow Texans and remain devoted to their communities. Their ability to operate telephones, radios, and computers supports law enforcement, emergency medical services, and firefighters. Their professionalism, empathy, and commitment inspire people throughout the Lone Star State. More than 4,000 public safety telecommunicators work in 600 emergency 911 call centers, providing critical communications in the face of difficult circumstances.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications works with telecommunicators and local and state governments to ensure that Texans have reliable access to emergency telecommunications services. Each year, the commission brings awareness to public safety telecommunicators and recognizes their importance to public safety.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the impactful role these dedicated professionals play in our lives and to extend their appreciation to public safety telecommunicators. They ensure that help arrives swiftly to those in need.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 14–20, 2024, to be

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 4th day of April, 2024.



Governor of Texas