

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

2017 Annual Work Program and Budget



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INTRODUCTION

Many regional projects and services have been accomplished since the inception of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) in 1967. In an effort to assess current services and to provide for the continuance of progressive programs, the LRGVDC Membership evaluates and adopts an annual plan of programs. This annual plan is referred to as the LRGVDC Annual Work Program (AWP). Subject to review and approval, the AWP and Budget Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors and Membership that the AWP document be adopted as the LRGVDC Annual Work Program. This document also provides the funding agencies and the general public with a better understanding of the LRGVDC's functions.

This document contains three major components:

- (1) LRGVDC's Organizational Structure which describes the its purpose and composition;
- (2) LRGVDC's Programs listed according to major functions, as related to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Strategic Plan's Goals, Objectives and Specific Tasks; and
- (3) LRGVDC's Annual Budget.

LRGVDC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The LRGVDC is a voluntary association of local governments formed under Texas Law to address issues and planning needs that cross the boundaries of individual local governments that require regional attention. The LRGVDC coordinates planning efforts, provides a regional approach to problem solving through cooperative action and sometimes provides direct services.

LRGVDC's mission statement is as follows:

ENCOURAGE AND PERMIT LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT TO JOIN AND COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR ECONOMIC INTERESTS, CITIZEN GROUPS, AND GROUPS EXPERIENCING ECONOMIC DISTRESS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THEIR CITIZENS AND TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.

The LRGVDC also serves an important role by implementing specific designated responsibilities as directed by local, state and federal agencies such as the following:

- 1) The Region's Economic Development District (EDD) as designated by the United States Department of Commerce under the Economic Development Administration (EDA). All EDA funded projects must be processed and recommended through the EDD office.
- 2) The Area Agency on Aging as designated by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission under the Older American's Act of 1965 as amended provides direct and contract services for the elderly.
- 3) The Area wide Wastewater Management Planning Agency (AWMPA) as designated by the Governor's Office.
- 4) The Regional Solid Waste Management Planning Agency.
- 5) The regional transportation agency provides services and operates transit routes in rural and urban areas under the Valley Metro banner.
- 6) The regional 9-1-1 Planning Agency as designated by the Commission on State Emergency Communications. Emergency Communication services for Hidalgo and Willacy Counties are managed by the LRGVDC.
- 7) The LRGVDC is the Administrative/Fiscal Agent for the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO).
- 8) The LRGVDC is the designated political subdivision to perform administrative and financial accountability for the Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (RGRWPG) (Region M) which covers eight (8) counties in South Texas.

- 9) The LRGVDC Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Departments are designated by The Office of the Governor (OOG) under direction from the Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD) and Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to provide assistance within the LRGVDC Region. LRGVDC Homeland Security Department provides support to local counties, city governments and first responders in homeland security grant guidance and management, emergency planning and preparedness, project monitoring and reporting. LRGVDC Criminal Justice Department assists in administering, monitoring and reviewing grants for a range of activities that are locally planned, designed, and coordinated through local governments. These include crime prevention, intervention, diversion, law enforcement, prosecution, technological advances for law enforcement, information sharing, and victims' services programs.
- 10) The LRGVDC has been designated a "non-profit" entity for several years and is currently under the auspices of the Economic Development Department. The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Corporation (LRGVDC) was created to provide services and programs that are beneficial to the general public and its welfare.

The LRGVDC is active in the fields of economic and industrial development; homeland security, criminal justice and law enforcement training; transportation planning and transit services; solid waste planning; water quality and quantity planning; services for the elderly; health; emergency communication; regional training and disaster recovery.

Formed in 1967 by a merger of the Texas Southmost Economic Development District and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Council of Governments, the LRGVDC is one of twenty-four (24) State Planning Regions; as chartered by the State (V.A.C.S. 1011m). The LRGVDC is considered the appropriate body to ensure coordination of development programs and to ensure local control of federal and state funded projects. This organization has also become a governmental forum to discuss and develop local efforts for the resolution of common problems and issues.

Geographically, the LRGVDC comprises the three (3) southernmost counties of Texas; Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy and encompasses 3,643 square miles. Membership in the LRGVDC consists of the governing bodies of Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties, forty (40) municipalities, twelve (12) educational institutions, thirty (30) special purpose districts, one (1) grassroots representative and nine (10) members at large. These entities represent the entire tri-county population estimated at 1,286,363 in 2015.

The LRGVDC is governed by a twenty-six (26) member Board of Directors. This Board is primarily responsible for the direction of all LRGVDC functions, and meets this responsibility through LRGVDC policies, committees, plans and programmatic activities. The Board has established numerous standing committees, which function in an advisory capacity.

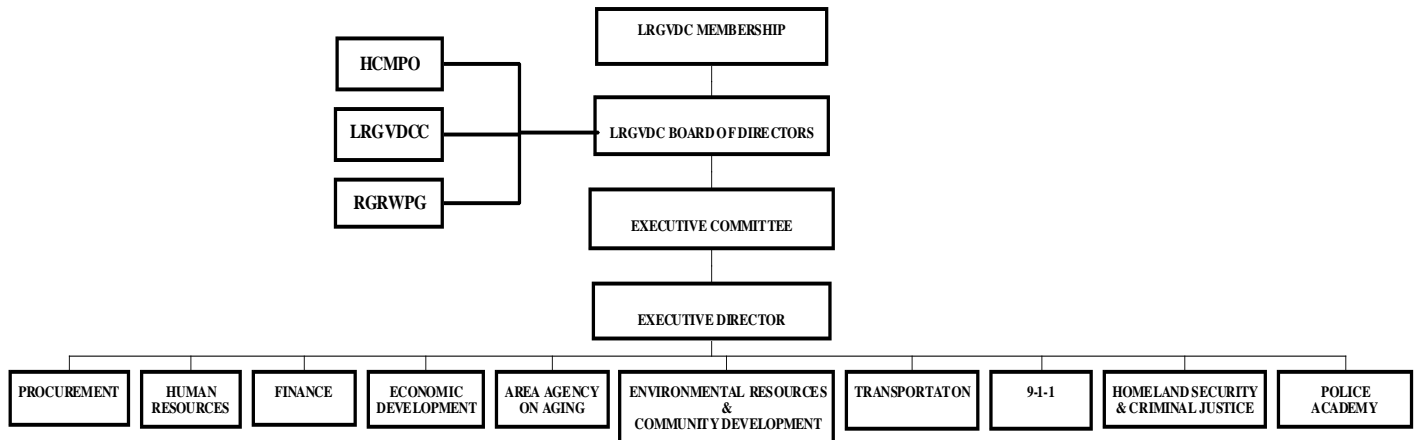
Program activities are carried out by a professional staff of approximately one hundred and fifty-four (154). Most projects are implemented with the assistance of twenty-five (25) standing committees consisting of volunteer members. A significant amount of volunteer time is provided by Valley residents, which is coordinated with existing resources and programs.

A chart depicting the LRGVDC Organizational Structure is provided immediately after this narrative. Also included are the following: LRGVDC Staff Directory, Board of Directors, Membership, and Standing Committees.

Historically, the LRGVDC has provided ongoing assistance to local governments in the areas of management services; human resources development; law enforcement and criminal justice; public health; economic and industrial development; natural resources management; data research and development; intergovernmental services; community development and transportation planning and services. These comprehensive planning functions conducted by the LRGVDC relate to all segments of the population, the economy and governmental activities.

Funding to support these programs originates from local, state and federal sources. Members of the LRGVDC contribute membership fees which are based on population for general purpose governments and a fixed fee for special purpose entities. These and other funds are then utilized as local match contributions to secure federal and state funds from the Economic Development Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Transit Administration, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Water Development Board, State Office on Criminal Justice, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Department of Transportation, Commission on State Emergency Communications, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas General Land Office and the Texas Department of Health.

LRGVDC ORGANIZATIONAL CHART MANAGEMENT



HCMPO - Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization
 LRGVDC - Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Corporation
 RGRWPG - Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group

2016-2017 LRGVDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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2016-2017 LRGVDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER

REPRESENTATIVE

COUNTIES:

*CAMERON COUNTY	Commissioner Sofia C. Benavides
*HIDALGO COUNTY	Commissioner Eduardo “Eddie” Cantu
*WILLACY COUNTY	Judge Aurelio Guerra

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WESLACO I.S.D. Dr. Filomena Leo, Superintendent

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CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #5 Mr. Alan Moore

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*DELTA LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT Mr. Troy Allen

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EL JARDIN WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION Mr. Mario Sais

PORT OF HARLINGEN AUTHORITY Mr. Michael Perez

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HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEMS Mr. Darrell Gun

HIDALGO & CAMERON COUTNY I.D. #9 Mr. Randy Winston

HIDALGO CO. IRRIGATION DIST. #6 Mr. Joe Aguilar

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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS CAMERON	Mr. Pat Hobbs
*PORT MANSFIELD PUB & WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT	Mr. Ronald Mills

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Commissioner Pete Garcia

*Mayor Rick Cavazos

Commissioner Leo Muñoz

Ms. Diana Serna

Mr. Eleazar “Yogi” Garcia, Jr.

Mr. Brian Godinez

Mayor Pro-tem Esmeralda Lozano

GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS

* Center for Economic Opportunities

Mr. Arturo Ramirez

* **Board of Directors**

** **Executive Committee**

LRGVDC STANDING COMMITTEES & SUB-COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION:

LRGVDC Membership - Meets January & May of every year

LRGVDC Board of Directors - 4th Wednesday of every month unless otherwise approved

LRGVDC Executive Committee*

Annual Work Program (AWP)/Budget & Finance Committee - January of every year

Nominating Committee - May of every year

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee – 3rd Thursday of every month

Hidalgo County MPO Technical Advisory Committee – 1st Tuesday of every month

AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA):

AAA Advisory Council Committee - 2nd Tuesday of every month

Ad-Hoc Committee*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee*

Regional Small Cities Coalition Committee (RSCCC) – 2nd Thursday of every month

Regional Large Cities Coalition Committee (RLCCC) *

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group*

Solid Waste Advisory Committee - Meets quarterly

Regional Review Committee - Minimum of 2 times a year

Regional Housing Advisory Committee*

9-1-1 DEPARTMENT:

911 Advisory Committee – Meets quarterly

REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICES:

Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP)*

Regional Rail Coalition*

HOMELAND SECURITY:

Homeland Security Advisory Committee*

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee - Minimum of 4 times a year

Citizen Corps Council*

Metropolitan Medical Response System*

Rio Grande Regional Response Association (HAZMAT)*

REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY:

Police Academy Advisory Committee - Meets quarterly

***MEETS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS**

LRGVDC STAFF DIRECTORY

Administration Department	
Name	Dept./Title
Ron Garza	Executive Director
Deborah (Debby) Morales	Executive Assistant I
Anna M. Hernandez	Director of Human Resources
Aime Garcia	Human Resources Specialist I
Amy Lee Atkinson	Human Resources Specialist I
Victor Morales	Director of Procurement
Carolina Leal	Purchaser II
Rebecca Mariscal	Purchaser I
Finance Department	
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Joanna Saenz	Accountant IV
Celeste A. Nepomuceno	Accountant II
Anabel Saldaña	Accountant I
Alma Guerrero	Fiscal Analyst I
Diana De Anda	Accounting Technician II
Diana Alvarado	Accounting Technician II
Adalia Gonzalez	Accounting Technician I
Priscila Navarro	Accounting Technician I
Eduardo Alvarado	Technician III
Area Agency On Aging	
Jose L. Gonzalez	Director
Richard Flores	Assistant Director
Elida Carranza	Technician IV
Mary Rojas	Administrative Assistant IV
Mary Villarreal	Planner I
Yolanda Cuellar	Receptionist/Admin
Case Management – Area Agency on Aging	
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Jaime Garza	Case Manager/Case Reviewer
Kathrine Martinez	Case Manager - Harlingen Office
Terrie Lozano	Case Manager – (Caregiver) – Harlingen Office
Monica A. Rocha	Case Manager – Harlingen Office
Vivianna Moreno	Case Manager
Israel S. Yañez	Technician III
Rosie Recio	Technician III – Care Coordination
Aleida Tirado	Technician III – Access & Assistance
Amenda Garcia	Technician III – Care Coordination

Community- Based Care Transitions Program	
Adalinda Gaytan	Technician IV - Care Transition Hospital Navigator
Yadira Flores	Technician IV - Care Transition Intervention Coach
Rosemary Valdez	Technician IV - Care Transition Intervention Coach
Sandra Salinas	Technician IV - Care Transition Hospital Navigator
Elder Rights – Area Agency on Aging	
Debra Lachico	Program Supervisor II
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Anna M. Treviño	Technician IV– (Ombudsman) Harlingen Office
Anna De Leon	Technician IV – (Public Benefits) Harlingen Office
Albina Castro	Technician IV – (Public Benefits)
Veronica (Ronnie) Alegria	Technician IV - (Public Benefits)
Noemi Rodriguez	Technician III (Caregiver Info. Services)
RIO-Net- Aging and Disability Resource Center	
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Bettina Escalon	Technician IV – ADRC Client Services
Alma Salinas	Technician III – ADRC – IR&A
Miguel Garcia	Technician IV – ADRC Housing Navigator
Economic Development Department	
Terrie Salinas	Director
Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	
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Gloria Banda-Gonzalez	Administrative Assistant IV
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Braulio Garza	Transportation Planner I
Berenice Gonzalez	Transportation Planner I
Environmental Resources & Community Development	
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Ludivina (Ludy) Saenz	Assistant Director
Valerie Ramos	Planner II
Brenda Salinas	Administrative Assistant III
Priscilla Delgado	Administrative Assistant II

9-1-1	
Sergio Castro	Director
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Magdalena (Maggie) Garza	Program Supervisor II
Raul Madero	Program Supervisor II
Juan E. Chapa	Program Supervisor II
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Juan Torres	Planner I
Oscar L. Garza	Planner I
Jennifer Ochoa	Planner I
Mary N. Strough	Planner I
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Jose Luis Hernandez	Customer Service Representative III
Brendaly Cuellar	Customer Service Representative II
Leonel A. Valdez	Customer Service Representative II
Selenne Isabel Vallejo	Customer Service Representative II
Ray Watson	Customer Service Representative II
Cynthia Sanchez	Customer Service Representative II
Jacqueline Castillo	Customer Service Representative II
Homeland Security and Criminal Justice	
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Dennis Moreno	Research Specialist I
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Guillermo Zapata	Program Supervisor II
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Dora Cruz	Customer Service Representative III
Yolanda Hernandez	Customer Service Representative II
Doris L. Elias Mendoza	Customer Service Representative I
Jessica Sandoval	Customer Service Representative I
Leticia Gazca	Customer Service Representative I

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Santiago Velasquez Jr.	Mechanic I
Jorge Esparza	Mechanic I
Romeo Aldape	Mechanic I
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Paul Dulcet	Vehicle Driver III
Andres Martinez	Vehicle Driver III
Gilbert Morales	Vehicle Driver III
Armando Robledo	Vehicle Driver III
Fernando Rodriguez	Vehicle Driver III
Alfred Rogers	Vehicle Driver III
Rodolfo Alejandro	Vehicle Driver II
Rumaldo C. Avalos	Vehicle Driver II
James Benson	Vehicle Driver II
Martin A. Caceras	Vehicle Driver II
Guillermo Carrillo	Vehicle Driver II
Xavier Claudio	Vehicle Driver II
Juan Davila	Vehicle Driver II
Jose De La Garza	Vehicle Driver II
Sean Deloatch	Vehicle Driver II
Rafael Diaz	Vehicle Driver II
Jose Galvan	Vehicle Driver II
Ceferino Garcia	Vehicle Driver II
Roberto Guzman	Vehicle Driver II
Juan Hernandez	Vehicle Driver II
Felipe Miranda	Vehicle Driver II
Everardo Morales	Vehicle Driver II
Pedro Olivera	Vehicle Driver II
Juan M. Parga	Vehicle Driver II
Mario Perez	Vehicle Driver II
Andres Ramirez	Vehicle Driver II
Andres Rodriguez	Vehicle Driver II
Rodolfo Rosales	Vehicle Driver II
Daniel Saldaña	Vehicle Driver II
Dan Sanchez	Vehicle Driver II
Julio Sanchez	Vehicle Driver II
Jesus Segura	Vehicle Driver II

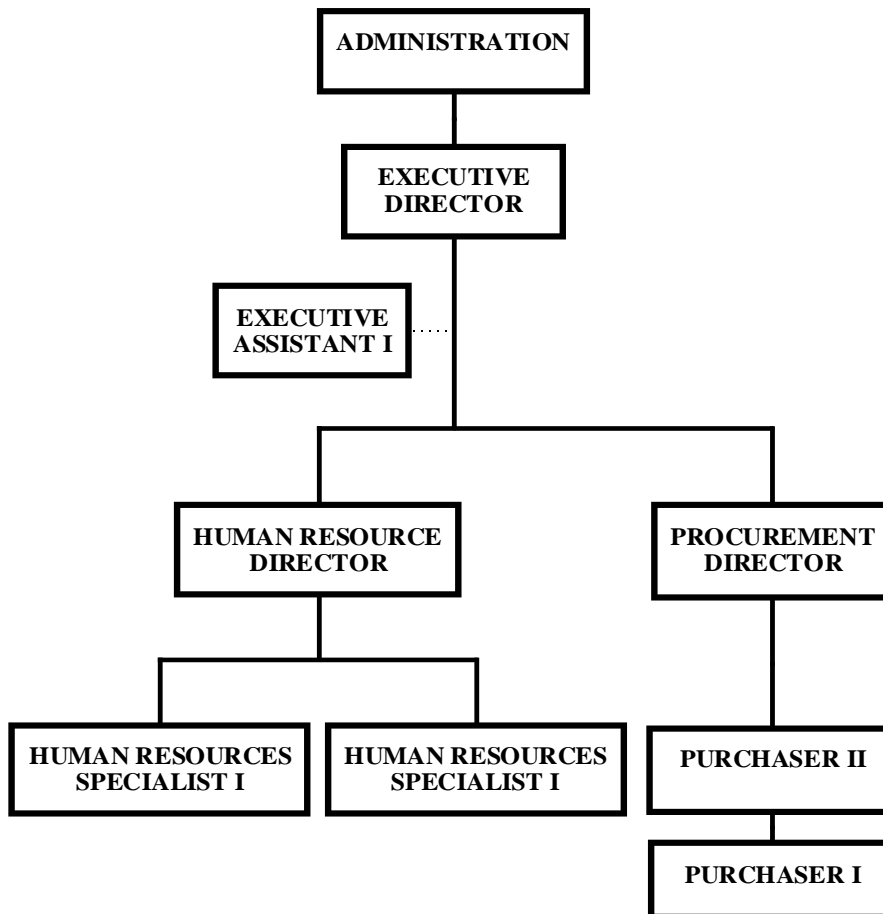
Valley Metro Rainbow Line Drivers

Andres Benavides	Vehicle Driver I
Maria Dolores Cantu	Vehicle Driver I
Eleazar Diaz	Vehicle Driver I
Romeo Garcia	Vehicle Driver I
Maribel Ricano	Vehicle Driver I
Javier Rico	Vehicle Driver I
Rosaisela Zamora	Vehicle Driver I

ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCES

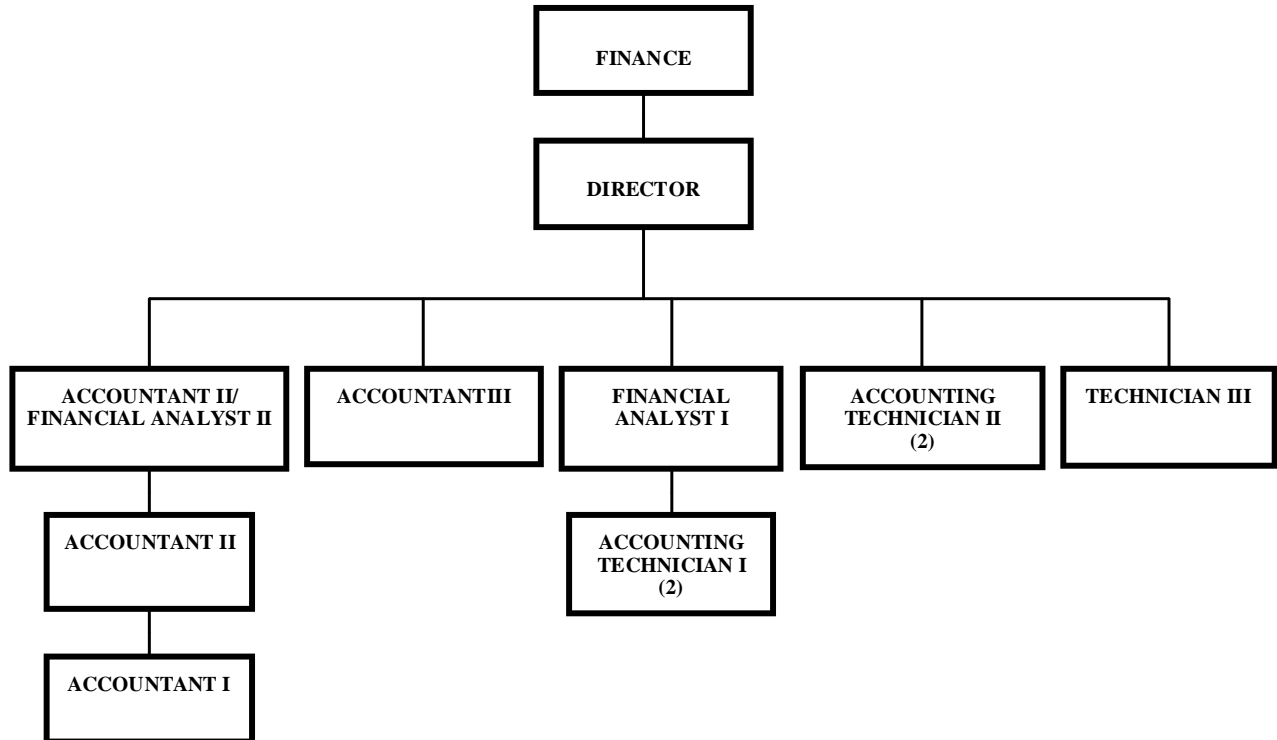
The Executive Director is the Chief Administrative Officer of the LRGVDC and is responsible for the formulation of the Personnel Policies and Procedures of the LRGVDC.

The Executive Director has assigned the Human Resources Department to be the custodian of the LRGVDC Personnel records, maintain and update the Personnel Policies and Procedures, Personnel and Medical files, I-9's, and W-4's, ensuring compliance with equal employment criteria, the Fair Labor Standards Act, Classification Act, and other state and federal laws and regulations. This department is also responsible for maintaining the medical, dental, and supplemental insurance(s) for all LRGVDC employees.



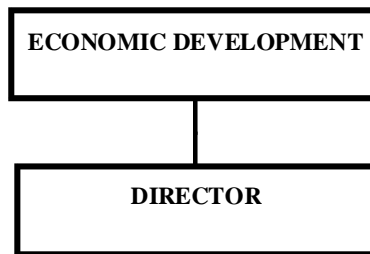
FINANCE

The Finance Department is responsible for all financial matters of LRGVDC affairs and maintains all accounting files. The Finance Department is also responsible for budget projections and LRGVDC audits.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The LRGVDC is an Economic Development District (EDD) designated and authorized by the U.S. Department of Commerce and Economic Development Administration (EDA). EDA has six offices throughout the United States with our Regional Office being located in Austin, Texas. The Austin Region oversees a five-state area consisting of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. EDA's national policy is to invest in the growth, expansion, and creation of businesses that will establish a foundation for sustainable job growth.



ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the LRGVDC's Economic Development Department is to generate and retain jobs and stimulate industrial and commercial growth. The Economic Development District provides grants for infrastructure development, local capacity building, international trade, manufacturing, and business development through EDA. It finances long-term investments to help diversify local economies and foster the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit that is abundant in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV). Economic Development is vital to the urban and rural growth of the RGV and its proactive stand on energy conservation and developing an educated and qualified workforce will help plan for a premier quality of life.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (A): Enhance marketing strategies to current and potential residents and visitors which highlight the region's high quality of life factors such as outdoor recreational activities, ecotourism and geographic assets.

Implementation Strategies:

- Partner with recreational, tourist, state and local governments to create a Regional Marketing Plan to enjoy, promote and protect the area's natural beauty and recreational opportunities.
- Promote and educate the public on ecotourism and the region's historical significance while protecting the RGV's wildlife and natural beauty.
- Help identify the RGV's environmental, and recreational potential in order to foster sound economic development benefits for each community
- Create and develop a "Regional" marketing strategy to market the RGV as one region.

Measurable Outcomes: Support tourism by promoting and attending regional events. Promote regionalism and provide public education/training on the RGV's natural assets and economic benefits. Assist in the coordination of developing one (1) Regional Marketing Plan that is comprehensive and inclusive of rural and urban tourist attractions and recreational opportunities.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (B): Diversify economic development of the entire region (urban and rural) by developing collaborative strategies, resources and initiatives between business, industry, and government.

Implementation Strategies:

- Enable/encourage an ever-advancing infrastructure to properly serve the demands of a growing regional economy.
- Encourage continued development of new industry clusters that encourage job growth and business expansion, thereby, creating a stronger and more stable economy.
- Explore benefits of Regional Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) designation.
- Create a regional Geographic Information System (GIS) and economic database.

Measurable Outcomes: Provide technical assistance on regional infrastructure development projects. Partner with economic development organizations in developing and identifying industry clusters. Assist the Large Cities Coalition in exploring the benefits of a Regional MSA. Seek financial resources to expand the centralized GIS/Economic Data Base.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (C): Maintain international competitiveness by increasing foreign trade and direct Investment opportunities.

Implementation Strategies:

- Provide education, regional training, and information to promote trade as a vital component of the region's economy.
- Identify and support the infrastructure needed to support the advancement of international trade (i.e., ports and bridges) including education on national free-trade policies.
- Support border security and training initiatives using high technology for faster transportation of goods and products.
- Help local businesses forge connections with foreign trade groups, international governments, and global companies and help strengthen existing relationships.

Measurable Outcomes: Provide technical assistance and training to businesses to prepare them for dealing in international trade. Partner with higher educational institutions and manufacturing companies to improve international communication with trade alliances, global companies and international governments. Research international technology projects and training initiatives that focus on securing the border, as well transporting goods and services faster and more securely across international boundaries.

While diverse in setting, the RGV will collaborate and work together as one region in order to leverage resources, engage our leaders, and build comprehensive strategies that are essential for our workforce's prosperity and quality of life.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (D): Ensure the region's human capital development includes essential strategies and resources to effectively prepare a well-educated, highly-skilled professional and technical workforce.

Implementation Strategies:

- Support the advancement of emerging technology for job creation, communication, and collaboration among businesses, manufacturing, and educational entities
- Support a coordinated system between employers and education providers to maximize skill training for the region's workforce
- Support educational programs such as: leadership training, financial literacy, drop-out prevention, retraining efforts, etc.
- Promote public dissemination of information by providing internet training, adult education classes and grant writing training in order to improve access to workforce resources and job training opportunities
- Encourage employer "Alternative Financing Programs" such as tuition reimbursement and internship opportunities in order for students to obtain higher education degrees

Measurable Outcomes: Meet with state and local workforce commissions to plan and develop workforce strategies that include emerging technologies and collaboration among businesses, manufacturing, and educational entities. Provide technical assistance in developing training programs, i.e., leadership, grant writing and drop-out prevention. Provide technical assistance to businesses and workforce organizations in creating internship opportunities. Support financial literacy by providing classes using the MoneyWise curriculum.

A well-balanced plan to diversify the region's economy and helping communities prepare for unexpected downturns by ensuring that a trained and educated workforce is available can strengthen our economic resiliency.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (E): Strengthen economic resilience through the advancement of emerging high-tech & high value industries (e.g., healthcare, tourism, construction, etc.), reinvestment of agricultural/aquaculture and plans for effective disaster recovery.

Implementation Strategies:

- Promote the research and development of new technologies for the purpose of attracting high value industries
- Help increase access to GIS technology and broadband connectivity in rural and urban areas
- Support the space technology and infrastructure needed to attract more aero-spaceport related businesses and innovative technology companies
- Provide support, technical assistance, and innovative opportunities for the expansion of agriculture and agriculture-related businesses, including aquaculture
- Support economic disaster recovery

Measurable Outcomes: Support economic resilience by promoting and attending regional events. Assist in the coordination and collaboration of efforts to attract high-tech and high-value industries. Work with agricultural providers, community groups, and other agencies to provide support and technical assistance to the agriculture and aquaculture sector for business development opportunities. Provide assistance to emergency management offices to ensure continuity of operations for business and their economic recovery.

The small business sector is the highest employer and has had that distinction over larger businesses and manufacturing companies for years. Therefore, it is critical to maintain and strengthen our economy by enabling business growth, retention, and development. As a vital link to our economic stability we should ensure the viability of all small businesses.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (F): Improve economic disproportionality through diversified strategies for small business incubation, entrepreneurial innovation, information, technology infrastructure and access to capital.

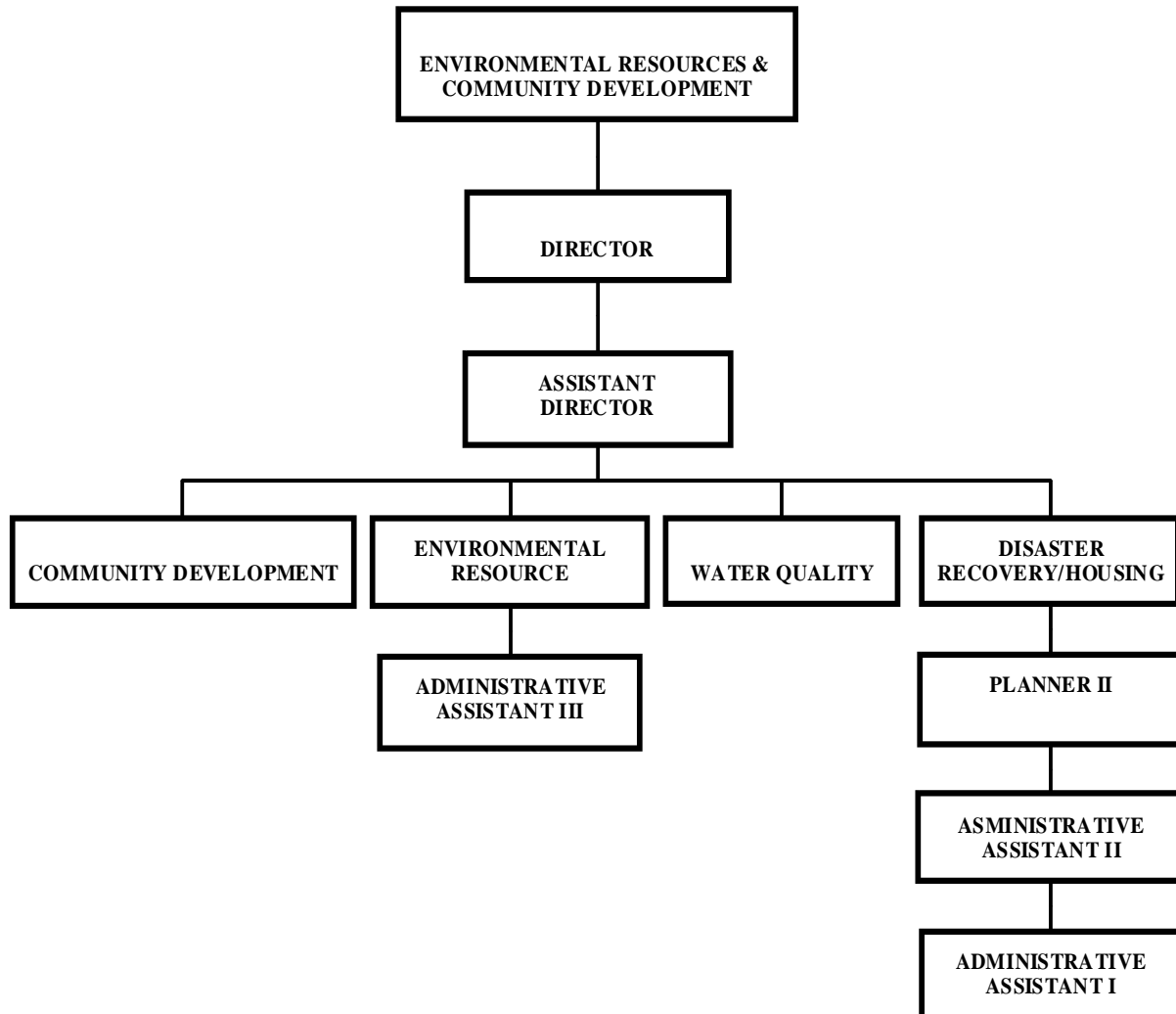
Implementation Strategies:

- Support the development of business incubators, high growth businesses, and entrepreneurial technology centers to enhance economic development and international competition.
- Support and continue to provide Financial Literacy Programs, such as MoneyWise to the public.
- Provide assistance to rural communities in gaining access to information technology and training specializing on economic models and GIS.
- Identify financial resources and help businesses obtain access to capital to retain, expand or create new businesses.
- Promote, educate, and train businesses on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program and other energy efficiency programs that will save money and conserve energy.

Measurable Outcomes: Provide technical assistance and grant administrative services to local governments, educational institutions, special districts, and economic development corporations for economic and business development. Assist and support efforts to develop more business incubators, entrepreneurial training facilities, and innovative research and products. Support and attend local, regional, and state business and commerce events. Provide information on available financial resources and grant opportunities. Conduct trainings or provide information on the MoneyWise Financial Literacy Program. Partner with local and state programs/organizations that provide information technology and GIS. Obtain designation as a PACE District in order to administer, promote and educate businesses on the PACE Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Environmental Resources and Community Development Department provides RGV governmental entities with a variety of services for urban and rural growth. Through funding from the Texas General Land Office, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and Texas Water Development Board the department provides a wide range of technical assistance, planning, education and outreach services to ensure appropriate infrastructure and housing development for the Region. The department also strives to conserve and protect our most precious natural resources which include water, our native habitat, agriculture and the environment.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The LRGVDC administers the State of Texas' allocation of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for non-entitlement communities. As part of this effort, it supports the Regional Review Committee, a body appointed by the Governor with responsibility for identifying regional priorities and establishing scoring procedures for community development grant funds.

The program is funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The TDA is dedicated to helping rural Texans strengthen their communities by providing funds for basic public facilities and infrastructure needs.

Regional Strategic Plan Goals (A, B, D): Expand the availability of suitable and affordable housing options for all RGV families and residents. Ensure appropriate housing and resources are available to underserved populations which may include economically disadvantaged, elderly, displaced women and children, and those with chronic health conditions and disabilities. Promote and protect fair housing rights for all residents of the RGV.

Implementation Strategies:

- Promote development of affordable housing facilities for the elderly and citizens needing modified accommodations.
- Encourage RGV communities to establish housing programs for families in need.
- Ensure fair housing for all residents of the Lower RGV.
- Distribute printed material at housing events to promote public awareness of Fair Housing.
- Attend Fair Housing meetings to increase knowledge of fair housing trends in order to effectively continue to work with other entities to address ongoing issues and improve quality of life for residents.

Measurable Outcomes: Support Regional Review Committee (RRC) and provide technical assistance to non-entitlement communities in the region and technical support to the RRC and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) staff.

HOUSING PROGRAM

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) was designated as the entity responsible to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the grant administration of the CDBG Disaster Recovery funding on behalf of the State of Texas. In this capacity, GLO is responsible for execution of the CDBG grant award, development of Action Plan amendments, completion of quarterly reports, and the end of the award report. GLO will also oversee the distribution of CDBG funds for all non-housing disaster activities. GLO was designated as the agency responsible for housing activities and will continue to administer disaster recovery funding for those activities. Regional Councils of Governments (COGs) in the areas most impacted by the disasters have developed Methods of Distribution (MODs) for housing and non-housing funds not termed as categorical competitive activities or set asides (affordable rental housing, innovative housing approaches, and title clearance and legal assistance).

The LRGVDC received funds to administer the housing program for the LRGVDC Region. The LRGVDC has adopted a regional approach to disaster recovery housing programs in an effort to address issues present in the various fair housing documents reviewed. The regional approach will help ensure housing needs are addressed throughout the area, achieve economies of scale, ensure program consistency, and build organizational capacity. Various documents related to fair housing were provided to staff and consulting firm to develop housing programs in a manner that those issues would be addressed in conjunction with housing recovery associated with Hurricane Dolly.

Housing activities to be undertaken will vary dependent upon the completed “Needs Assessment” required by GLO. The primary objective is to ensure that each eligible family is placed in a habitable home that conforms with standard specifications including local and state building codes, housing quality standards (HQS), energy efficiency and necessary elevations to meet flood zone requirements. The Disaster Recovery Program will directly improve housing infrastructure while at the same time reviving the local economy by creating jobs for contractors and general laborers. The program will also bring forth a positive, long-term change for all communities within the region.

Regional Strategic Plan Goals (B, D): Ensure appropriate housing and resources are available to underserved populations which may include economically disadvantaged, elderly, displaced women and children, and those with chronic health conditions and disabilities. Promote and protect fair housing rights for all residents of the RGV.

Implementation Strategies:

- Promote efforts to reduce the number of substandard and dilapidated dwellings.
- Promote development of affordable housing facilities for the elderly and citizens needing modified accommodations.
- Partner with Housing Providers and local communities to assist with the rehab expenditures of subsidized rental housing units which serve the senior communities.
- Partner with cities to meet all housing needs and land development.
- Ensure fair housing for all residents of the Lower RGV.
- Distribute printed material at housing events to promote public awareness of Fair Housing.
- Attend Fair Housing meetings to increase knowledge of fair housing trends in order to effectively continue to work with other entities to address ongoing issues and improve quality of life for residents.

Measurable Outcomes: Perform the successful implementation of Housing Disaster Recovery Funds available to the LRGVDC Region and comply with GLO deadlines and bench marks for utilization of Disaster Funds available.

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is the designated agency responsible for developing and updating the State of Texas Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). The WQMP identified water quality issues, formulated alternatives, recommended cost effective solutions and provided current monitoring of conditions. This work plan serves as a basis to accomplish necessary regional water quality planning data for construction funding, and aiding the management, coordination and enhancement of natural resources in the Rio Grande Valley.

Regional Strategic Plan Goals (C, D): Support water conservation measures by addressing water quality and quantity concerns. Improve flood control/drainage.

Implementation Strategies:

- Support Implementation of Arroyo Colorado Watershed Protection Plan.
- Coordinate efforts to develop and research education and outreach material.
- Increase education and outreach activities to improve public awareness.
- Support the maintenance of the EDA “Regional Economic Adjustment Plan for Building Disaster Resilient Communities” for flood control.

Measurable Outcomes: LRGVDC will disseminate information on Water Quality Programs to the public by attending public meetings, presentations to educational institutions and providing updates to TCEQ for inclusion on the TCEQ web site and the LRGVDC’s web site.

REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE PLANNING

The Rio Grande is our main source of water. Drought, international treaty issues, and increased demand are impacting long-term water availability. Because of this, the LRGVDC is leading efforts to develop strategies for long-term water supply alternatives.

The LRGVDC has been designated as the political subdivision to assist the Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (RGRWPG) (Region M) which is the designated group to develop the Eight County Regional Water Plan as required by Senate Bill 1. The Region is composed of Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata Counties. This plan has been successfully completed for 2016 and the LRGVDC will continue to coordinate RGRWPG's future water supply planning activities.

Regional Strategic Plan Goals (A, C): Encourage innovative projects and initiatives which promote environmentally sustainable development. Support water conservation measures by addressing water quality and quantity concerns.

Implementation Strategies:

- Involve community leaders to the greatest extent possible.
- Update Regional Water Supply Plan including system upgrades.
- Support implementation of Regional Water Supply Plan (Region M)
- Encourage public participation and seek federal legislative and state support for the implementation of the plan.
- Cooperation between local, state, federal and international entities to address water supply and maintain safe water flow levels.
- Maintain and implement regional water supply plans.

Measurable Outcomes: Attend all RGRWPG Meetings; and fulfill Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requirements regarding water plan updates.

REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

The LRGVDC is the state designated agency for solid waste management issues in the region. The Solid Waste Management program, funded by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), includes the development of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, carried out under the guidance of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). The main focus of Solid Waste Department is to assist local governments and communities with solid waste management issues important to the region.

Regional Strategic Plan Goals (A, B, E): Encourage innovative projects and initiatives which promote environmentally sustainable development. Promote recycling and waste reduction through development of effective disposal systems for sewage, solid waste, tires, brush and hazardous materials. Protect, conserve and restore regional ecosystem and native habitat.

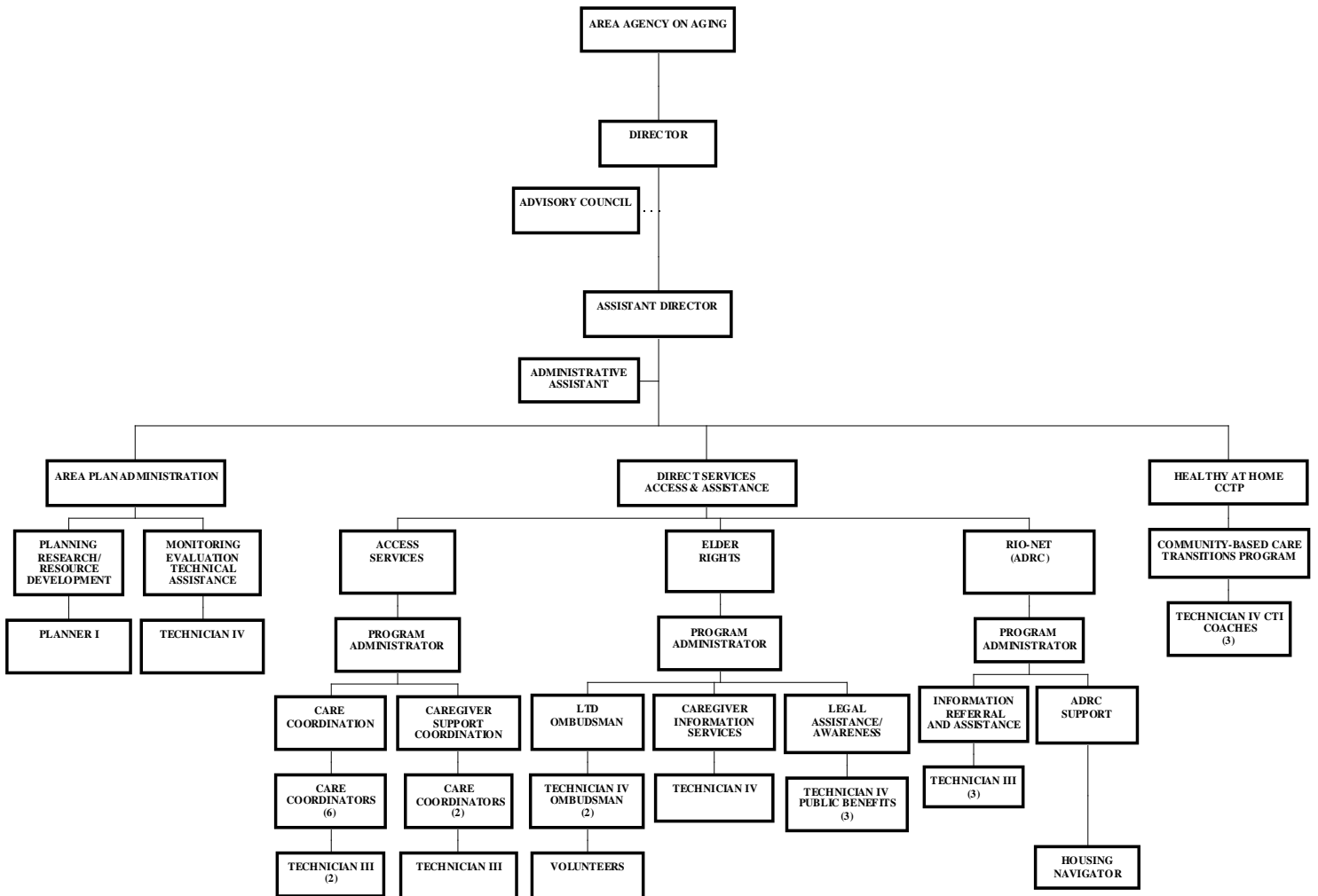
Implementation Strategies:

- Disseminate information on the economic benefits of establishing sustainable development projects.
- Support implementation of “Smart Growth” ordinances and other regulations that preserve open space and agriculture projects.
- Promote use of alternative energy sources.
- Encourage responsible, sustainable economic development and efficient use of land infrastructure resources.
- Improve awareness for protection and conservation of our natural resources.
- Promote public environmental education programs that help reduce illegal dumping, increase code compliance and local enforcement and conduct community cleanup events.
- Increase and expand on recycling programs and promote proper waste reduction, recycling and reuse programs both for solid waste materials.
- Support regional recycling and solid waste reduction initiatives and community alliances in order to promote recycling programs, policies and projects.
- Develop more environmental education programs to address these goals.
- Assist and promote proper waste collection and minimization sites within the county’s rural areas including colonia areas.
- Implement LRGVDC Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Promote habitat restoration.
- Promote nature recreation.
- Improve the awareness and understanding of nature’s habitat.

Measurable Outcomes: Distribute the plan and inventory to all appropriate entities. Coordinate and conduct Solid Waste Advisory Committee meetings as required. Maintain a resource center of regional solid waste information and reference materials. Assist TCEQ with the review all permit applications for municipal solid waste management facilities submitted to the LRGVDC. Prepare a proposed Implementation Project Funding Plan to identify specific projects, project categories and regional funding priorities for the Region and conduct public meetings as required by TCEQ. Select projects for funding on a competitive basis. Conduct a Request for Applications (RFA) process to announce the availability of funding and to solicit applications. Conduct an application process for all competitive and non-competitive applications. Conduct an initial screening of all applications to identify projects that meet the minimum screening criteria for project selection. Coordinate with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to review and rank all applications and project proposals. Submit information on projects selected for funding to the TCEQ. Establish a list of additional projects from the applications submitted, to be funded if and when additional funding becomes available. Ensure that all projects meet private industry notification process. Enter into legal agreements with each sub-grant recipient to award funding and set the standards and requirements that must be adhered to by the sub-grant recipient. Administer and manage each sub-grant in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Establish and administer a financial management program to make reimbursements to sub-grant recipients. Complete Progress, financial and final result reports on all projects funded.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The LRGVDC is designated as one of twenty-eight (28) Area Agencies on Aging in the State of Texas under the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The LRGVDC is also designated as one of twenty-two (22) Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) in the State. It is the representative agency of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Lower Rio Grande Valley and functions as the coordinating and planning agency for services to persons who are 60 years of age and older and their caregivers. The overall objective of the Area Agency on Aging is to improve the quality of life of older persons through the development and expansion of a comprehensive and coordinated social service delivery system at the regional level. The AAA has continually provided direct services through access and assistance services which consist of case management, information, referral, and assistance, legal awareness, legal assistance, and long term care ombudsman. Most project funds are subcontracted to social service agencies in Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties.



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Regional Strategic Plan Goal (A): Encourage development of a comprehensive strategy to address the impact of our local aging population.

Implementation Strategies:

- Strategize to connect available resource directories such as 2-1-1, Area Agency on Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Center, etc. to create a more seamless network of access.
- Expand and enhance community senior centers to promote quality aging in a socially engaging manner.
- Increase advocacy and support from local community leaders to initiate and implement evidence-based programs that show outcome based results.

Measurable Outcomes: Implementation of all local strategies identified in the Area Plan. Implementation of scope of work under the ADRC contract.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

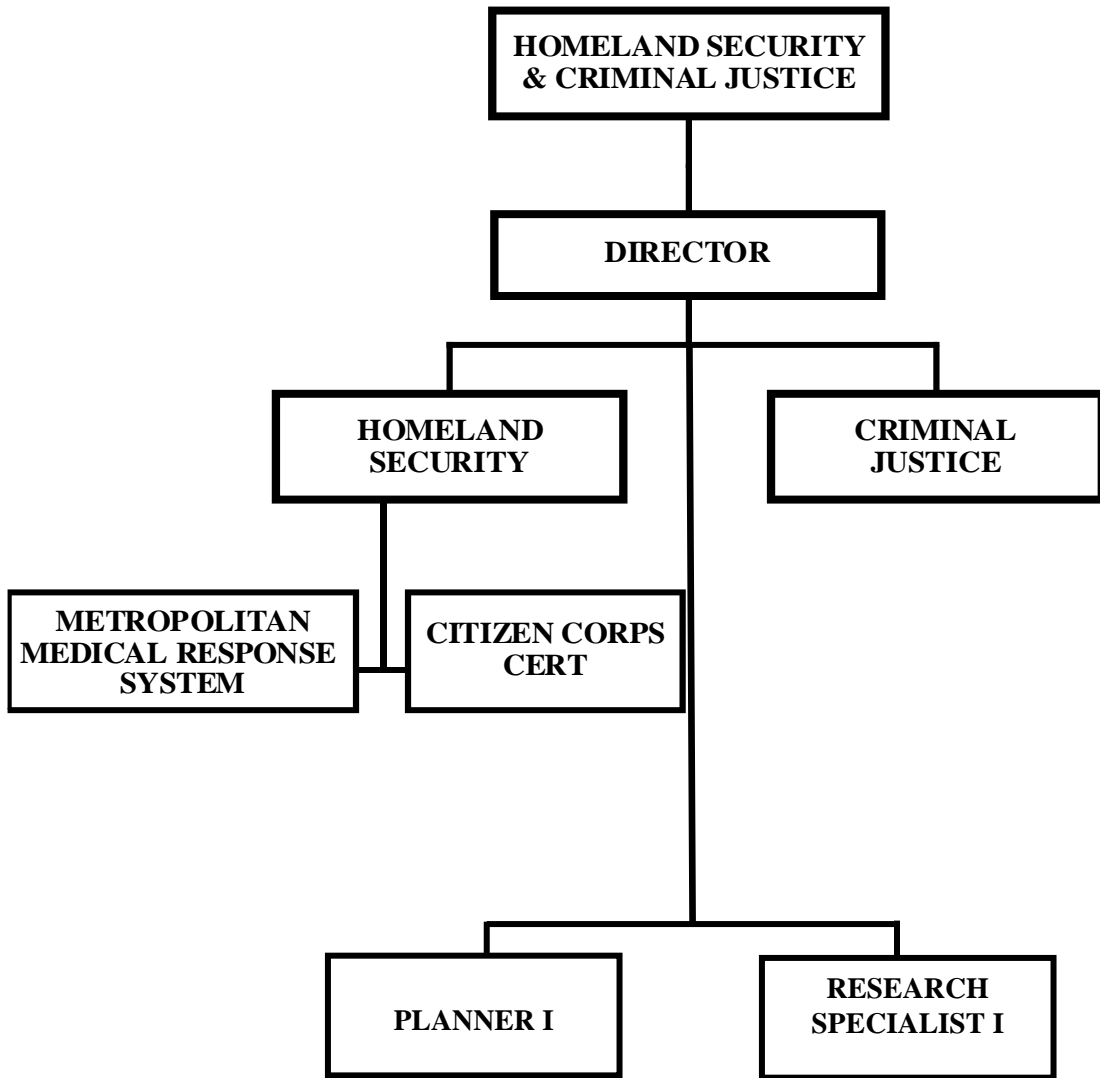
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HOMELAND SECURITY

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Prevent violent and juvenile related crimes in the Rio Grande Valley and reduce violent crime.

The Governor's CJD directive is for the LRGVDC to focus on the enhancement of the RGV's capabilities by the creation and support of programs to prevent crime, provide service and treatment options, enforce laws, train staff and volunteers, and the restoration of crime victims to full physical, emotional and mental health.

Violent Crime: Violent crime remains a serious problem. It continues to inflict a heavy toll on communities across the RGV, limiting the quality of life for its citizens, paralyzing neighborhoods, and stretching local, state and federal law enforcement resources to their limits. While a small number of cities are equipped to handle issues involving violent crimes such as; rape, assaults, kidnapping and homicide and gang violence, many smaller cities and towns are easily overwhelmed by the violence and criminal activity that gangs bring to their communities.

Juvenile Crime: The ongoing rise of urban violence involving our youth is particularly troubling. Often, local law enforcement efforts are hampered by a lack of resources to implement creative programs that would stem the violent criminal activity involving young people in our communities. Municipalities need to work with their community organizations to develop programs with the highest potential for benefit in their community to begin addressing this issue.

Regional Strategic Goal (C): Prevent and reduce incidents of violent crimes across the RGV.

Implementation Strategies:

- Reduce the number of rapes, assaults, kidnappings, and homicides in the RGV by building the capacity of law enforcement agencies and providing equipment.
- Train law enforcement, schools and youth centers on subject matters of child and adult abuse, and sexual assault.
- Raise public awareness of family violence, violence in the workplace, schools, adult and teen dating situations, stalking and hate crimes.
- Raise community and public safety awareness on gang recruitment.
- Enhance public safety intelligence gathering and sharing resources to reduce local gang violence.
- Criminal Justice Computerized Criminal History (CCH) data entry awareness to ensure requirements meets state and federal regulations and mandates

Measurable Outcomes: Assist as many as twenty-six (26) entities which include local governments, non-profit agencies, and school districts in the development, coordination, and operation of 26 projects within the three-county region funded through the Criminal Justice Division of the State of Texas. Analyze the three (3) county criminal justice environments and establish goals, priorities, and standards for criminal justice, juvenile justice, victim restoration, and crime stoppers programs that increase public safety and reduce crime. Conduct three (3) grant application workshops within the LRGVDC area of responsibility (Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy). Provide outreach material such as pamphlets and/or promotional items on crime prevention and deterrence to ten (10) agencies.

Increase Technology for Public Safety

The Governor's CJD directive is for the LRGVDC to promote the use of resources available in our region for coordination of services provided by law enforcement agencies, family violence centers, and civic groups for increased safety and protection for victims. Communities want and must need to feel safe in their respective environments. Therefore, public safety should include increasing the number of police officers on patrol with better response times; providing alternatives for expelled students and gang activities; providing advanced technology and upgrades to law enforcement equipment; and decreasing drug distribution and contraband trafficking. There is a compelling need for technological equipment for the regions' law enforcement agencies.

Regional Strategic Goal (E): Ensure regional agencies and personnel maintain adequate access to technological advancements in law enforcement equipment and resources.

Implementation Strategies:

- Continue to improve automation of imaging, fingerprinting, and mug shot systems.
- Work towards setting up a database to link local law enforcement agencies together and eventually with other agencies nationwide.
- Establish infrastructure to promote uniform information sharing among agencies to facilitate planning. Install CAD Systems in all law enforcement departments.
- Purchase interoperability equipment to move from level 4 to 6 (P25) compliance.
- Work with law enforcement agencies to promote the use of the data to combat gang activities.

Measureable Outcomes: Ensure that networking amongst the agencies remains in existence through the facilitation and notification to all local, state and federal agencies of our grant workshops and planning process held in all three counties. Estimated attendance of sixty (60) participants is expected for the workshops. Provide technical assistance, as needed, to as many as twenty-six (26) eligible entities in the development of their grant applications with direction on where to seek statistical data. Provide guidance to fifty-seven (57) public safety agencies in identifying the standard and up-to-date computer hardware and software for law enforcement offices, radio communications equipment, and mobile data terminals for patrol units.

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Enhance Homeland Security in the Lower Rio Grande Valley

Homeland security in the LRGV region encompasses all efforts, both strategic and tactical, that optimally position our region to prevent, protect from, prepare for, and respond to all hazards. The term “all hazards” refers to all disasters, human-caused and natural, from a terrorist attack to a catastrophic hurricane. Homeland security includes all activities aimed at preventing terrorist attacks within the region, gathering intelligence and analyzing threats, reducing vulnerability, protecting our critical infrastructures, and coordinating responses to all hazards.

Although the LRGV region has dedicated significant resources to the prevention of terrorist acts and protection of our critical infrastructures and key resources, not every disaster can be prevented. The region must continue enhancing its capabilities and prepare to respond and recover from man-made and natural disasters. Addressing the consequences of a disaster requires a unified effort encompassing multiple jurisdictions and disciplines, including emergency management, law enforcement, firefighting, public works, public health, citizen volunteers, recovery workers, health and safety professionals, emergency medical services and the private sector. Our goal is to minimize loss of life in the event of a disaster and normalize life during the recovery process as rapidly as possible. We will build on the significant success achieved to date.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (A): Enhance homeland security in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Implementation Strategies:

- Secure and provide homeland security grant funds to perform homeland security planning and emergency preparedness related activities within the region.
- Enhance and maintain emergency and strategic plans for first responders.
- Provide forums on emergency response activities for Homeland Security.
- Assist local governments in completing risk/threat/capability assessments as required by Department of Homeland Security.
- Provide additional training opportunities to enhance first responder’s capabilities.
- Aid local governments and response organizations in meeting requirements for adopting and implementing National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- Assist jurisdictions in updating and creating emergency management plans.
- Assist in the completion of a regional assessment for newly-created jurisdictions and update regional assessments.
- Distribute state guidelines and eligibility requirements to forty-six (46) jurisdictions on the basic and intermediate level of emergency preparedness.

Measurable Outcomes: Conduct at least one (1) planning workshop with the Homeland Security Advisory Committee to update the LRGVDC Homeland Security Strategic Plan - Implementation Plan. Assist and participate in one (1) regional communications exercise and request participation from 100% of the jurisdictions that have utilized homeland security funding. Assist in identifying regional capability gaps by conducting one (1) regional state preparedness report workshop. Enhance the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) by conducting, at a minimum, one (1) workshop. Identify and define needs to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from an incident, man-made or natural, by disseminating state and federal preparedness guidelines to all forty-three (43) jurisdictions.

Improve the Capability of Local Governments to Prepare for and Respond to Terrorist and other Hazardous Incidents.

Preventing a terrorist attack requires law enforcement, security personnel, medical/EMS first responders, and volunteers trained to recognize the suspicious activities, tradecraft, and precursor crimes that often precede a terrorist attack. These can include theft of explosives or chemicals used in explosives, surveillance activities, rental of self-storage space to store chemicals or mixing apparatus, unusual deliveries to residential or rural addresses, signs of chemical fires or toxic odors in hotels or apartment complexes, the modification of vehicles to handle heavier loads, small test explosions in remote areas, and other suspicious activities.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (B): Improve the capability of local governments to prepare for and respond to terrorist and other hazardous incidents.

Implementation Strategies:

- Provide and coordinate specialized training opportunities of state courses for local first responders.
- Determine and identify Homeland Security training shortfalls requirement within the region and implement strategies to address the issues.
- Recognizing, responding to, and reporting precursor activities and crimes must be incorporated into law enforcement, homeland security and medical/EMS first responder personnel training and activities across the region.
- Conduct training to recognize the indicators of a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) presence and know how to respond appropriately.

Measurable Outcomes: Continue to assist the forty (40) current eligible jurisdictions over the course of the year in maintaining eligibility status and assist newly eligible jurisdictions with standards to maintain eligibility status. Distribute state guidelines and eligibility requirements to forty-three (43) jurisdictions on the basic, intermediate, and advanced level of emergency preparedness. Continue to facilitate the new implementation requirements of NIMS to forty (40) current eligible jurisdictions within the region. Assist in coordinating two (2) Incident Command System (ICS) Courses for first responders in order to meet the NIMS standards and NIMS certification of local jurisdictions' first responders as well as senior level management and elected officials.

Provide Resources and Assistance to Local Agencies to Establish and Maintain a Statewide Interoperable Communication Radio System.

Interoperability Communications is the ability of public safety agencies (e.g., police, fire, EMS) and service agencies (e.g., public works, transportation, public health, and hospitals) to talk within and across agencies and jurisdictions via radio and associated communications systems, exchanging voice, data and/or video with one another on demand, in real time, when needed, and when authorized. Emergency responders must have direct communications between agencies and practitioners via wireless radio and associated communications systems to exchange voice, data and/or video with one another. Direct communications must be available in real time, when needed, and when authorized, in order for responders to adequately discharge their obligation to protect life and property in a safe, efficient, and cost-effective manner.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (C): Provide resources and assistance to local agencies to establish and maintain a statewide interoperable communication radio system.

Implementation Strategies:

- Enhance standard operating procedures and training for all public safety.
- Disseminate information to all jurisdictions on Homeland Security Grant programs, annual state requirements, and deadlines and continue to enhance the regions RICP on a yearly basis to identify and close any gaps.
- Establish Level 6 of Interoperable Communications.
- Enhance funding mechanism for the maintenance and upkeep of the Regional Radio System and Spanish Severe Early Weather Warning Notification System and increase regional coverage.

Measurable Outcomes: Collaborate with existing Homeland Security Advisory Committee, other Steering Committees, and three (3) counties to identify the best avenue to continue to enhance a statewide interoperable communications system. Encourage the forty-three (43) jurisdictions to participate as a region and develop projects that will improve the LRGVDC region and coincide with the LRGVDC Regional Interoperability Communications Plan (RICP) and State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP), which addresses Interoperable Communications standards and procedures. Disseminate information to the forty-three (43) jurisdictions on homeland security grant programs, state and federal requirements, and deadlines which will continue to enhance the regions RICP on a yearly basis to identify and close any gaps. Conduct one (1) focus group session and update the status of the regions' capabilities.

To Increase Individual and Community Preparedness, Response, and Recovery in the Region

Following the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001, state and local government officials have increased opportunities for citizens to become an integral part of protecting the homeland and supporting the local first responder community. In over 95% of all emergencies, bystanders or victims themselves are the first to provide emergency assistance or perform a rescue. Officials agree that the formula for ensuring more secure and safer communities consists of preparedness, training, and citizen involvement in supporting first responders.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (D): Increase individual and community preparedness, response, and recovery in the region.

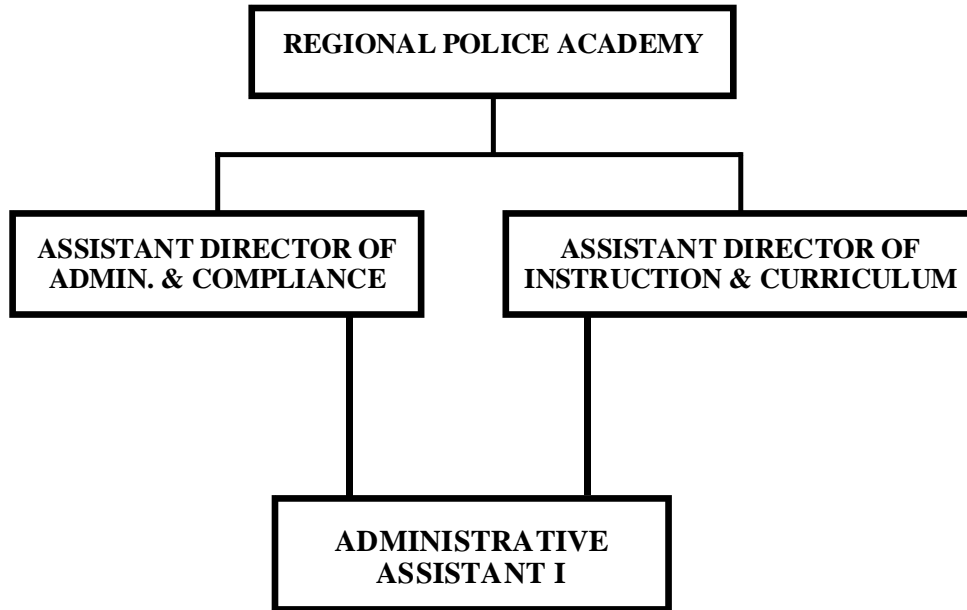
Implementation Strategies:

- Support initiatives of the LRGVDC Citizen Corps and volunteers in the region.
- Promote individual and community preparedness, response and recovery capabilities at the local level.
- Identify training and volunteer opportunities that build the capacity of citizens to prepare for and respond to emergencies in the communities of the RGV.
- Continue to support agencies that initiate and sustain CERT and MRC programs.
- Support regional efforts to build medical surge capability.
- Include the People with Access and Functional Needs (PAFN) population in preparedness and response plans.

Measurable Outcomes: Provide resources to one (1) Citizen Corps Council. Provide guidance to two (2) agencies or community groups in Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) training. Provide assistance to the Regional Citizen Corps Council, Harlingen Citizen Corps Council/CERT, and Rio Grande Valley CERT in establishing future volunteers for the need of the region throughout the year. Through the Homeland Security Advisory Committee, encourage forty-three (43) jurisdictions to participate in making their communities safer, stronger and better prepared in order to prevent and respond to all crimes and disasters by engaging with their communities and providing them with preparedness material. Assist in the coordination of one (1) community outreach meeting. Collaborate with faith based agencies, local community organizations, and two (2) organization of higher education within the region.

REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY

The Regional Police Academy (RPA) delivers the Basic Peace Officer Certification (BPOC) course as stipulated by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). Currently the BPOC is set at a minimum of 643 contact hours; however, as delivered by the RPA, the BPOC consists of at least 818 hours. The RPA includes subjects suggested by local agencies: OC Spray, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), and expandable baton to name a few. Additionally, the RPA provides in-service training to existing law enforcement officers to accommodate state mandated continuation education requirements. The RPA provides professional training and professional development to the region. Such courses include, but are not limited to: Decisions for Teens, Alcohol and Other Drug Awareness, Distracted Driving, Safety Awareness for Juvenile Probation and Juvenile Detention Officers, Safety Awareness for Transit Operators, etc. Upon request, the Regional Training Center can design courses tailored to meet the needs for stakeholders.



REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY

Within the region emphasis is placed on upgrading and increasing the availability of training for law enforcement officers. The State of Texas, through the Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), requires a minimum of 643 hours of training for participants in the Basic Peace Officer Course.

In addition to this basic training, TCOLE requires each peace officer to receive a minimum of 40 hours of professional development within each 24-month training unit and a total of 80 hours of professional development within each 48-month training cycle. As part of this ongoing training, each officer must receive training in topics specified by the state legislature each biennium. Officers must also receive specialized training in areas unique to their duty assignments and their individual license level (basic, intermediate, advance or master). For many officers, the level of certification can mean higher pay, promotion, and transfer.

Attrition in law enforcement, the ever-changing criminal sophistication, and demands of stakeholders necessitates a program of continuing education from the Basic Peace Officer Course to specialized advanced training. In addition, changes in state and federal statutes, court decisions, development of new procedures and techniques, and the development of advanced technology require that continuously updated training is provided. Improved training and education enhances the law enforcement officer's capabilities to perform the more complicated and intricate nuances required and demanded by modern society and allow officers to specialize in certain areas (e.g. investigations, homicide, juvenile justice, family violence, traffic, etc.)

This law enforcement training is provided through the LRGVDC's RPA and Training Center. The RPA is monitored by TCOLE and the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor to ensure that training needs and standards comply with state requirements and meet the needs of the agencies serviced by the RPA. Funds for the operation of the LRGVDC RPA and Training Center are obtained from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor, and tuition and other fees.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (A): Promote the development of highly qualified law professionals by providing quality education and training in alignment with requirements set forth by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE).

Implementation Strategies:

- Provide the basic certification courses for those individuals wishing to obtain their Texas Peace Officer license or Telecommunicators license.

Measurable Outcomes: Conduct Basic Peace Officer Course throughout the region through day and night course offerings. Maintain TCOLE contractual obligations through ongoing communications with state agency personnel, attend required conferences/training, and update BPOC curriculum as revised.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (B): Provide continuing professional developmental instruction and resources to ensure law enforcement personnel remain dynamic, skilled, and proficient across the region.

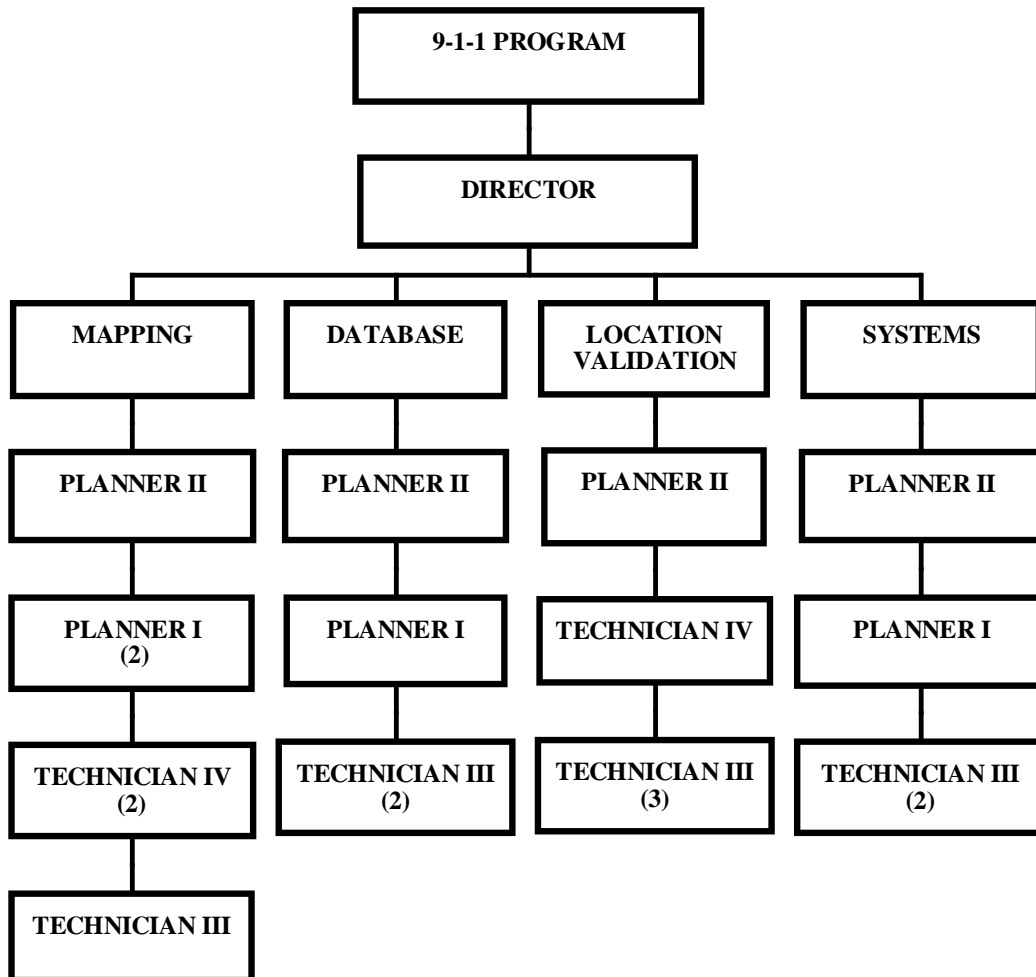
Implementation Strategies:

- Provide professional development opportunities for incumbent TCOLE licensees (peace officers, county jailers, telecommunicators and school marshals) to maintain their license proficiency and acquire higher level proficiency certificates based on the license(s) held (basic, intermediate, advance, master).
- Provide professional development opportunities for those individuals wishing to attain instructor level certifications and/or proficiency certifications as subject matter experts
- Facilitate professional development opportunities with local law enforcement agencies.

Measurable Outcomes: Conduct a minimum of twenty-five (25) in-service trainings utilizing Academy staff instructors and adjunct instructors throughout the region.

9-1-1 DEPARTMENT

The 9-1-1 Department provides quicker access for assistance with an emergency to the public who need law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The 9-1-1 Department also provides administrative functions under the LRGVDC by maintaining the 9-1-1 database, location validation, updating maps, providing appropriate 9-1-1 trainings to call takers and staff, and educating the public on the proper use of 9-1-1.



9-1-1 DEPARTMENT

In 1987, the 70th Legislature of the State of Texas passed House Bill 9-1-1 which allows for the planning, financing and implementation of Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service in communities throughout the State of Texas. It required counties with a population of 120,000 or more to have 9-1-1 emergency service by September 1, 1995. A city or county with a population of less than 120,000 can also participate by resolution of its governing body. House Bill 9-1-1 required each of the 24 Regional Planning Councils of Government to develop a plan for providing 9-1-1 services throughout their geographic territory. The plan includes: levels of 9-1-1 service, equipment and operational standards, cost of service, administration, budget and funding allocations and more. The LRGVDC Regional 9-1-1 Plan was developed in 1989 and the LRGVDC is currently implementing and maintaining that plan.

Regional 9-1-1 Plan

Through coordination with the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC), telephone companies, local governments, and public safety entities, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties received 9-1-1 services in September 1992. Hidalgo and Willacy Counties have fully implemented Phase II 9-1-1 systems during the fall of 2008, while providing continued training of Call Takers at Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) and upgrading current equipment. As of October 2016, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties have fully implemented Text-to-9-1-1 for all the PSAP as well.

Regional Strategic Plan Goals (A, B, C): Provide a continuous, reliable operation of regional 9-1-1 systems. Implement emerging Next Generation 9-1-1 technologies. Promote 9-1-1 public safety education to all public, private and educational agencies.

Implementation Strategies:

- Harden cyber security in the 9-1-1 Call Centers and Administrative Offices.
- Provide accurate, reliable and current GIS data to all of our PSAPs.
- Establish Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with Emergency Service Districts to improve medical pre-arrival instructions and minimize delays at the arrival of emergencies.
- Implement Continuous Improvement best practices for 9-1-1 Call Centers and Administrative Offices.
- Perform Cell Phone Tower testing to align sectors to correct PSAP, validate new smartphone technology, and prove compliance with federal standards.
- Confirm Location Data is transfer between neighboring 9-1-1 jurisdictions.
- Provide long term recorder and generators used for 9-1-1 calls.
- Provide professional develop and certifications to our Telecommunicators and administrative staff.
- Transition from older telephone legacy networks to newer cloud and service based networks and servers, with required security for NG911.
- Implement backup networks that ties regional PSAPs to state and national ESInets.
- Ensure compatibility of emerging Smartphone Applications that feed 9-1-1 call centers.

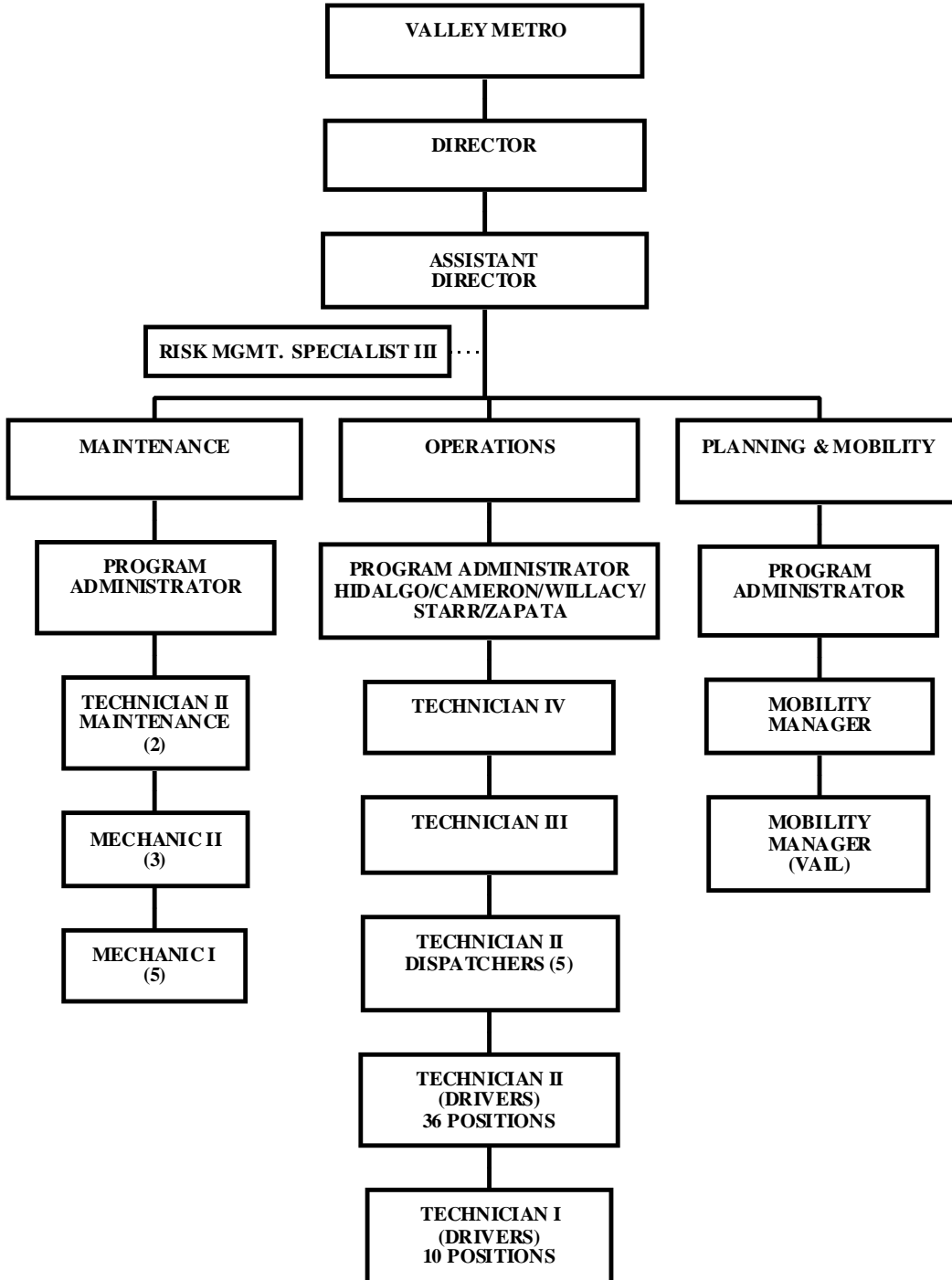
Implementation Strategies (continued):

- Certify customized geolocation equipment through testing with approved labs.
- Maintain state formatted geospatial data and servers used to route NG911 calls.
- Use signage, graphics, animations, and maps to tell the real story to at risk communities.
- Promote compliance with Kari's Law in businesses, government offices, and universities.
- Collaborate with neighboring 9-1-1 entities to synergize goals. (South Texas 9-1-1, TARC, CBCOG, MRGDC, CC911, RGVAUG).
- Participate in state committees and conferences (PETS, TNT, SCAUG).
- Adopt standards and certifications developed through national and international associations (NENA, Mexico NENA, APCO, and ESRI).
- Improve public education activities through geospatial analysis within the region.

Measurable Outcomes: Maintain and implement the regional 9-1-1 plan for Hidalgo and Willacy Counties.

VALLEY METRO
(Public Transit Service)

The need for public transportation services has long been recognized as one of the Lower Rio Grande Valley's priorities. The LRGVDC administers and operates both rural and urban systems. Valley Metro provides a much-needed service to the population of the region, particularly the elderly, disabled, students, veterans, and the economically disadvantaged.



VALLEY METRO

As the designated recipient for both state and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding, Valley Metro operates transit service in the McAllen urbanized area (most of Hidalgo County), Harlingen urbanized area (covering Harlingen, San Benito, and neighboring cities), and the non-urbanized areas of Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy, Starr and Zapata Counties. Valley Metro is the lead agency for regional public transportation planning and coordinates the Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) composed of transit, workforce, health and human services, and non-profit organizations among others.

Service in the McAllen urbanized area reaches Mercedes, Weslaco, Donna, Alamo, San Juan, Pharr, Mission, Edcouch, Elsa, La Villa, La Joya, Peñitas, Alton, Palmview, Edinburg and most cities located adjacent to Interstate I-2 through fourteen (14) bus routes. The routes assist low-income people, the disabled, veterans, students, the elderly, and others to reach medical appointments, schools, training sites, shopping locations, and employment-related services. The routes connect with Valley Metro's rural routes and routes operated by Metro McAllen at the McAllen Central Station. Service in the Harlingen urbanized area reaches Harlingen, San Benito, La Feria, Combes, and Santa Rosa through five (5) bus routes. These routes connect at the Valley Transit Company bus station in downtown Harlingen and to the transit system in Brownsville through the La Plaza terminal. Service in rural areas is provided through seven (7) flexible routes in Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr Counties, demand-response and commuter bus service routes in Starr, Willacy and Zapata Counties.

Maintaining an effective transit system is vital to a region's economic development by transporting workers to jobs at a low cost and empowering the general public by providing mobility throughout the region. Furthermore, increased efficiency allows the transit system to save resources and allocate them to high-need areas.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (A): Establish a seamless transportation system to increase connectivity and accessibility for people and freight, emphasizing regional planning efforts to meet the growing population demands of the region and ensure strategic development of urban and rural areas.

Implementation Strategies:

- Maintain and or increase transit ridership.
- Coordinate new and existing services with other transit providers.
- Continue to maintain a healthy relationship with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in the region.

Measurable Outcomes: 1) Increase one-way passenger trips by at least 2.5% over the previous year on both rural and urban systems for the span from January 2017 to January 2018, 2) Introduction of ADA Para-transit service in both Hidalgo and Cameron urbanized areas, 3) Secure additional funding through 85th legislative session for additional transit service, 4) Continue to attend and contribute as a member of the regional MPO boards.

Community involvement is essential to public transportation services as it can dramatically impact a person's and/or a community's quality of life. Projects being proposed to policymakers are of higher quality if they have undergone a thorough public involvement process.

Regional Strategic Plan Goal (B): Further adopt and implement multi-modal transportation infrastructure, policies and resources to develop healthier, safer, livable communities.

Implementation Strategies:

- Increase stakeholder involvement in project planning, design and implementation.
- Build upon existing relationships to cross reference new and existing methods/policies.
- Continue to research and find new funding sources to be able to provide healthier, safer, and more reliable transportation.
- Develop new marketing strategies to promote Valley Metro services as a whole.

Measurable Outcomes: 1) Attend at least fifteen (15) public outreach activities for stakeholders throughout the service area; 2) Hold at least one open house in conjunction with the Hidalgo County MPO to discuss the annual program of projects; 3) Continue to coordinate the RTAP and attend the local MPO meetings; (4) Introduction of Valley Metro Marketing Campaign Plan.

Client comfort and satisfaction begins with nurturing a safe and reliable bus system by all transit staff. By concentrating on prevention of accidents/incidents, the transit providers strive to ensure every customer has a great experience when being transported. Staff must be updated on the industry's top safety practices and must encourage passengers to practice safety at all times.

The RGV is a rapidly growing area that requires added capital investments in transit infrastructure and modes. Terminals, bus stops, mixed-use facilities and the like allow the community more opportunities to ride public transportation and are a vital resource in community enhancement projects.

2017 ANNUAL BUDGET

2017 INDIRECT COST SCHEDULE

	2016 BUDGET	2017 BUDGET
A. INDIRECT COSTS		
1. PERSONNEL		
a. Salaries	1,014,162	999,207
b. Fringe Benefits	<u>534,058</u>	<u>527,282</u>
SUB-TOTAL PERSONNEL	<u>1,548,220</u>	<u>1,526,489</u>
2. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE		
a. Building/Parking	196,269	217,737
b. Communications	65,000	60,000
c. Travel	68,000	68,000
d. Equip. Repairs/Maint.	120,000	120,000
e. Printing	25,000	25,000
f. Dues/Fees	20,000	20,000
g. Supplies	30,500	27,000
h. Insurance/Bonding	26,000	32,000
i. Audit	30,000	33,000
j. Postage	13,000	13,000
k. Computer Costs	16,000	10,000
l. Furniture/Equipment	95,000	50,000
m. Training	5,500	8,000
n. Legal	15,000	10,000
o. Contractual Services	45,000	15,000
p. Bank Charges	12,000	10,000
q. Other Costs	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
SUB-TOTAL OPERAT./MAINT.	<u>789,769</u>	<u>726,237</u>
(A) TOTAL INDIRECT COST	<u><u>\$2,337,989</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,252,726</u></u>
B. DIRECT SALARIES & FRINGE BENEFITS		
1. Direct Salaries	4,957,528	4,550,687
2. Fringe Benefits	<u>2,610,634</u>	<u>2,401,398</u>
(B) TOTAL DIRECT SALARIES & FRINGE BENEFITS	<u><u>\$7,568,162</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,952,085</u></u>
C. INDIRECT COSTS COMPUTATION		
INDIRECT COST RATE (A:B)	<u><u>30.89%</u></u>	<u><u>32.40%</u></u>

NOTE: Based on Total Budget Expenditures the Indirect Rate for the LRGVDC for FY 2017 would be 9.82%

2017 FRINGE BENEFIT RATE SCHEDULE

	2016 BUDGET	2017 BUDGET
A. RELEASED TIME AND FRINGE BENEFITS		
1. Vacation	\$355,576	\$339,462
2. Holidays	284,964	243,235
3. Sick Leave	<u>259,058</u>	<u>291,882</u>
SUB-TOTAL RELEASED TIME	<u>899,598</u>	<u>874,579</u>
4. F.I.C.A. Taxes	525,654	491,472
5. Hospitalization Ins.	1,077,484	974,949
6. T.W.C. Taxes	36,639	27,018
7. Workmen's Compensation	114,771	104,740
8. Retirement	<u>490,740</u>	<u>455,713</u>
SUB-TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	<u>2,245,288</u>	<u>2,053,892</u>
(A) TOTAL RELEASED TIME & FRINGE BENEFITS	<u><u>3,144,886</u></u>	<u><u>2,928,471</u></u>
B. CHARGEABLE SALARIES		
1. Total Salary Costs	\$6,871,288	\$6,424,473
2. Less Released Time	<u>899,598</u>	<u>874,579</u>
(B) CHARGEABLE SALARIES	<u><u>\$5,971,690</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,549,894</u></u>
C. FRINGE BENEFIT RATE COMPUTATION		
FRINGE BENEFIT RATE A:B	<u><u>52.66%</u></u>	<u><u>52.77%</u></u>

2017 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

SOURCE	2017 BUDGETED
FTA - TRANSPORTATION	\$5,502,920
FTA/TXDOT - METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION	\$1,309,890
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION	319,901
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION	6,387,598
COMMISSION ON STATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	5,945,047
GENERAL LAND OFFICE	3,172,771
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	1,997,122
TCEQ/SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	209,628
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD	85,685
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION	398,445
TDPS/STATE HOMELAND SECURITY	434,305
TCEQ/WATER QUALITY	31,765
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	7,078
MEMBERSHIP DUES	244,450
LOCAL CASH	<u>736,842</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u><u>\$26,783,447</u></u>

2017 DUES STRUCTURE

THE DUES STRUCTURE FOR THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IS BASED ON A PER CAPITA OF \$.18 FOR GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENTS, WITH A \$50 MINIMUM, AND \$300 FOR SPECIAL GOVERNMENTS. DUES FOR 2017 HAVE BEEN ASSESSED AS FOLLOWS:

MEMBERS	POPULATION *	2017 DUES BUDGETED
CAMERON COUNTY	106,521	\$19,174
HIDALGO COUNTY	263,334	\$47,400
WILLACY COUNTY	7,591	\$1,366
ALAMO	19,246	\$3,464
ALTON	15,760	\$2,837
BAYVIEW	390	\$70
BROWNSVILLE	183,887	\$33,100
COMBES	3,059	\$551
DONNA	16,523	\$2,974
EDCOUCH	3,316	\$597
EDINBURG	84,497	\$15,209
ELSA	6,647	\$1,196
GRANJENO	299	\$54
HARLINGEN	65,774	\$11,839
HIDALGO	13,709	\$2,468
INDIAN LAKE	642	\$116

2017 DUES STRUCTURE

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MEMBER	POPULATION *	2017 DUES BUDGETED
LAGUNA VISTA	3,212	\$578
LA FERIA	7,338	\$1,321
LA JOYA	4,291	\$772
LA VILLA	2,600	\$468
LOS FRESNOS	6,582	\$1,185
LOS INDIOS	1,114	\$201
LYFORD	2,607	\$469
MCALLEN	140,269	\$25,248
MERCEDES	16,657	\$2,998
MISSION	83,298	\$14,994
PALMHURST	2,687	\$484
PALM VALLEY	1,294	\$233
PALMVIEW	5,715	\$1,029
PENITAS	4,715	\$849
PHARR	76,538	\$13,777
PORT ISABEL	5,016	\$903

2017 DUES STRUCTURE

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MEMBER	POPULATION *	2017 DUES BUDGETED
PRIMERA	4,626	\$833
PROGRESO	5922	\$1,066
PROGRESO LAKES	251	\$50
RAYMONDVILLE	11,139	\$2,005
RIO HONDO	2,445	\$440
SAN BENITO	24,496	\$4,409
SAN JUAN	36,556	\$6,580
SAN PERLITA	566	\$102
SANTA ROSA	2,876	\$518
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND	2,884	\$519
WESLACO	39,474	\$7,105
SUB-TOTAL	1,286,363	231,550

BASED ON JULY, 2015 ESTIMATES PROVIDED
BY THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU.

2017 DUES STRUCTURE

**** SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT DUES ****

MEMBERS	2017 DUES BUDGETED
BROWNSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	\$300
BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD	\$300
MCALLEN PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD	\$300
MCALLEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	\$300
PORT MANSFIELD PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$300
WESLACO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	\$300
AGUA SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT	\$300
BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT	\$300
CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #2	\$300
CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1	\$300
CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #5	\$300
DELTA LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT	\$300
EAST RIO HONDO WATER SUPPLY	\$300
EL JARDIN WATER SUPPLY CORP.	\$300
HARLINGEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT CAMERON CO. #1	\$300
HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM	\$300
HIDALGO & CAMERON CO. IRRIGATION DISTRICT #9	\$300

2017 DUES STRUCTURE

**** SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT DUES ****
CONTINUED

MEMBERS	2017 DUES BUDGETED
HIDALGO CO. IRRIGATION DISTRICT #6	\$300
HIDALGO CO. WATER CONTROL & IMPROV. DIST. #18	\$300
HIDALGO M.U.D. NO. 1	\$300
LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT	\$300
MILITARY HIGHWAY WATER SUPPLY	\$300
NORTH ALAMO WATER SUPPLY	\$300
OLMITO WATER SUPPLY	\$300
PORT ISABEL/SAN BENITO NAVIGATION DISTRICT	\$300
PORT OF HARLINGEN AUTHORITY	\$300
SHARYLAND WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION	\$300
UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT	\$300
VALLEY M.U.D. #2	\$300
WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT	\$300
WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS - CAMERON/BOARD	\$300
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE	\$300
TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$300
DONNA I.S.D.	\$300

2017 DUES STRUCTURE

**** SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT DUES ****
CONTINUED

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>2017 DUES BUDGETED</u>
HARLINGEN C.I.S.D.	\$300
MCALLEN I.S.D.	\$300
MERCEDES I.S.D.	\$300
MONTE ALTO I.S.D.	\$300
PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO I.S.D.	\$300
RIO HONDO I.S.D.	\$300
SAN BENITO C.I.S.D.	\$300
VALLEY VIEW I.S.D.	\$300
WESLACO I.S.D.	\$300
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	SUB-TOTAL \$12,900
	GRAND TOTAL <u><u>\$244,450</u></u>

2017 EXISTING GRANT SCHEDULE

COST CATEGORY	EDA	CJD	TCEQ/WQ	TXDOT
Personnel	\$36,561	\$48,482	\$14,890	\$522,821
Fringe Benefits	18,539	25,530	7,841	274,543
Indirect Costs	18,062	22,862	7,022	240,497
Contracted Services	259,901	0	0	101,515
Travel	1,400	4,289	100	8,372
Supplies	438	1,565	300	10,691
Capital	0	0	0	147,000
Other	0	8,606	1,612	460,718
TOTAL	334,901	111,334	31,765	1,766,157

2017 EXISTING GRANT SCHEDULE

COST CATEGORY	HHSC	TDA	CSEC	SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
Personnel	\$846,384	\$2,816	\$577,897	\$48,876
Fringe Benefits	445,706	1,436	304,321	22,887
Indirect Costs	399,127	1,363	272,517	22,460
Contracted Services	2,879,170	0	201,000	110,118
Travel	51,409	0	60,414	150
Supplies	8,013	250	36,850	250
Capital	10,000	0	656,514	0
Other	255,245	1,213	1,873,668	4,887
TOTAL	4,895,054	7,078	3,983,181	209,628

2017 EXISTING GRANT SCHEDULE

COST CATEGORY	MPO	FTA	HOMELAND SECURITY Planning
Personnel	\$319,190	\$418,914	\$60,128
Fringe Benefits	159,205	220,600	31,663
Indirect Costs	157,348	197,546	28,354
Contracted Services	170,000	145,835	0
Travel	38,460	11,264	7,500
Supplies	7,520	3,891	2,000
Capital	25,000	1,787,439	0
Other	105,694	1,693,752	11,547
TOTAL	982,417	4,479,241	141,192

2017 EXISTING GRANT SCHEDULE

COST CATEGORY	HOMELAND SECURITY M&A	HOMELAND SECURITY Equipment	GENERAL LAND OFFICE
Personnel	\$26,019	\$0	\$148,520
Fringe Benefits	13,702	0	78,211
Indirect Costs	12,270	0	70,037
Contracted Services	0	0	2,865,803
Travel	1,600	0	1,000
Supplies	0	0	1,200
Capital	0	239,053	0
Other	469	0	8,000
TOTAL	54,060	239,053	3,172,771

2017 EXISTING GRANT SCHEDULE

COST CATEGORY	POLICE ACADEMY	TWDB	TOTAL
Personnel	\$88,177	\$0	\$3,159,675
Fringe Benefits	45,113	0	1,649,297
Indirect Costs	43,253	0	1,492,718
Contracted Services	3,000	85,685	6,822,027
Travel	3,000	0	188,958
Supplies	2,707	0	75,675
Capital	0	0	2,865,006
Other	2,250	0	4,427,661
TOTAL	187,500	85,685	20,681,017

2017 PROPOSED GRANT SCHEDULE

COST CATEGORY	CJD	POLICE ACADEMY	TXDOT
Personnel	\$16,160	\$29,392	\$174,273
Fringe Benefits	8,510	15,038	91,514
Indirect Costs	7,620	14,418	79,164
Contracted Services	0	1,000	33,838
Travel	1,430	1,000	2,790
Supplies	522	902	3,563
Capital	0	0	49,000
Other	2,869	750	154,573
TOTAL	37,111	62,500	588,715

2017 PROPOSED GRANT SCHEDULE

COST CATEGORY	HHSC	CSEC	MPO
Personnel	\$340,818	\$284,636	\$109,065
Fringe Benefits	179,475	149,889	54,399
Indirect Costs	160,718	134,225	53,765
Contracted Services	900,390	99,000	55,000
Travel	7,136	29,756	6,780
Supplies	3,166	18,150	2,325
Capital	3,022	323,358	4,000
Other	36,960	922,852	42,139
TOTAL	1,631,685	1,961,866	327,473

2017 PROPOSED GRANT SCHEDULE

COST CATEGORY	FTA	TOTAL
Personnel	\$139,637	\$1,093,981
Fringe Benefits	73,533	572,358
Indirect Costs	65,848	515,758
Contracted Services	48,612	1,137,840
Travel	3,285	52,177
Supplies	2,037	30,665
Capital	595,810	975,190
Other	564,318	1,724,461
TOTAL	1,493,080	6,102,430

2017 GRANTS MATCHING DATA SCHEDULE

	2017 BUDGETED
MATCHING SHARE REQUIREMENTS	CASH
Federal Transit Administration	\$469,401
Economic Development Admin	15,000
Health and Human Services Commission	139,141
Texas Department of Transportation	357,750
TOTAL	\$981,292

MATCHING SHARE RESOURCES	
Membership Dues	\$244,450
Local Cash	
Transportation Fares	120,000
Miscellaneous Providers	616,842
TOTAL	\$981,292

2017 SALARY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	RELEASED TIME	INDIRECT	TOTAL
Executive Office	\$84,939	\$519,426	\$604,365
Finance	85,384	479,781	565,165
TOTAL	\$170,323	\$999,207	\$1,169,530

2017 SALARY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	RELEASED TIME	EDA	TOTAL
Economic Development Administration	\$14,712	\$76,363	91,075
TOTAL	\$14,712	\$76,363	\$91,075

2017 SALARY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	RELEASED TIME	CJD	HOMELAND SECURITY PLANNING	HOMELAND SECURITY M&A	TOTAL
Homeland Security	\$21,714	\$64,642	\$39,281	\$25,438	\$151,075
	\$21,714	\$64,642	\$39,281	\$25,438	\$151,075

2017 SALARY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	RELEASED TIME	TCEQ/WQ	TDA	GENERAL LAND OFFICE	SOLID WASTE MANGT.	TOTAL
Regional Planning & Local Government Services	\$34,736	\$14,890	\$2,816	\$154,761	\$48,876	\$256,079
	\$34,736	\$14,890	\$2,816	\$154,761	\$48,876	\$256,079

2017 SALARY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	RELEASED TIME	POLICE ACADEMY	LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL
Regional Police Academy/ Regional Training Center	\$18,733	\$117,569	\$7,770	\$144,072
	\$18,733	\$117,569	\$7,770	\$144,072

2017 SALARY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	RELEASED TIME	CSEC	TOTAL
9-1-1	\$114,483	\$713,583	\$828,066
TOTAL	\$114,483	\$713,583	\$828,066

2017 SALARY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	RELEASED TIME	TXDOT	FTA	LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL
Transportation	\$239,196	\$693,559	\$555,017	\$429,105	\$1,916,877
	\$239,196	\$693,559	\$555,017	\$429,105	\$1,916,877

2017 SALARY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	RELEASED TIME	HHSC	TOTAL
Area Agency on Aging	\$194,499	\$1,181,907	\$1,376,406
	\$194,499	\$1,181,907	\$1,376,406

2017 SALARY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>RELEASED TIME</u>	<u>MPO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MPO	\$66,184	\$425,109	491,293
TOTAL	\$66,184	\$425,109	\$491,293

2017 RELEASED TIME SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	ANNUAL SALARIES	ANNUAL LEAVE	SICK LEAVE	HOLIDAYS	CHARGEABLE SALARIES
Executive Office	\$604,365	\$33,800	\$23,245	\$27,894	519,426
Finance	565,165	37,562	21,737	26,085	479,781
Economic Development	91,075	7,006	3,503	4,203	76,363
Homeland Security	151,075	8,930	5,811	6,973	129,361
Regional Planning & Local Government Services	256,079	14,877	9,027	10,832	221,343
Regional Police Academy/ Regional Training Center	144,072	6,543	5,541	6,649	125,339
9-1-1-	828,066	44,416	31,849	38,218	713,583
Transportation	1,916,877	83,682	70,688	84,826	1,677,681
Area Agency on Aging	1,376,406	78,034	52,938	63,526	1,181,908
MPO	491,293	24,612	18,896	22,676	425,109
TOTAL	\$6,424,473	\$339,462	\$243,235	\$291,882	\$5,549,894

2017 FRINGE BENEFITS SCHEDULE

DEPARTMENT	ANNUAL SALARIES	FICA	HOSPITAL INSURANCE	T.W.C.	WORKMEN'S COMP	RETIREMENT	CHARGEABLE SALARIES
Executive Office	\$604,365	\$46,234	\$63,308	\$1,710	\$6,629	\$48,306	\$519,426
Finance	565,164	43,235	75,970	2052	7,955	39,561	479,781
Economic Development	91,075	6,967	6,331	171	663	6,375	76,363
Homeland Security	151,075	11,557	18,993	513	1,989	10,575	129,361
Regional Planning & Local Government Services	256,080	19,590	37,985	1026	3,977	17,926	221,343
Regional Police Academy/ Regional Training Center	144,072	11,022	18,993	513	1,989	10,085	125,339
9-1-1-	828,067	63,347	139,278	3762	14,584	57,965	713,583
Transportation	1,916,877	146,641	329,204	9576	37,123	134,181	1,677,681
Area Agency on Aging	1,376,406	105,295	227,910	6156	23,865	96,348	1,181,908
MPO	491,292	37,584	56,978	1539	5,966	34,390	425,109
TOTAL	\$6,424,473	\$491,472	\$974,949	\$27,018	\$104,740	\$455,713	\$5,549,894

2017 INDIRECT COST SUMMARY

A. SALARIES

Executive Director
Executive Secretary
Director of Human Resources
Human Resource Specialist I
Human Resource Specialist I
Director of Procurement
Purchaser II
Purchaser I
Director of Finance
Accountant III
Accountant II/Financial Analyst II
Accountant II
Accountant I
Accountant I
Financial Analyst I
Accounting Technician II
Accounting Technician II
Accounting Technician I
Accounting Technician I
Technician III

B. AUDIT

Through Procurement Policy with LRGVDC Board approval

C. SPACE COSTS

The LRGVDC purchased the property situated at 205, 301, and 305 West Railroad St., Weslaco, Texas. The LRGVDC is responsible for the water, electricity, insurance, sewer, and garbage services. The LRGVDC purchased the property located on 200 West Railroad St., Weslaco, Texas for parking. This cost is paid by indirect.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

Communication costs are direct billed into grants except for costs incurred by administration, finance, human resources and procurement.

E. EQUIPMENT REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

Estimate based on prior years

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F. SUPPLIES

Estimate based on prior years

G. POSTAGE

Estimate based on prior years

H. PRINTING

Estimate based on prior years

I. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

Estimate based on prior years

J. LEGAL

Estimate based on prior years

K. DUES/FEES

Texas Association of Regional Councils
National Association of Development Organizations
Texas Municipal League
Society of Human Resource Management
APCO International
Southwest Region Executive Directors Association
State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program

L. TRAVEL

Estimate based on prior years

M. INSURANCE/BONDING

General Liability
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Public Officials' Liability

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Auto Liability/Physical Damage

N. FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT

Anticipated office acquisitions with a value of less than \$5000.

2017 FRINGE BENEFITS SUMMARY

A. ANNUAL LEAVE

10 days per year

10 days maximum may be accrued for the first five years

1 additional day maximum per year may be accrued after
five years, up to 20 days maximum

10 days average taken each year by each employee

B. SICK LEAVE

12 days per year per employee

40 days maximum may be accrued

*Sick Leave Limitations: No sick leave in excess of 6 days during a calendar year will be approved unless such absence was authorized by an attending physician. A midyear evaluation of the sick leave policy will be made to assure compliance with budgeted fringe benefit rate.

C. HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Presidents' Day

Good Friday

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Veteran's Day

Thanksgiving (2 days)

Christmas (2 days)

D. HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

Council pays total premium of \$527.57 monthly per employee.

E. RETIREMENT

Insurance benefit for active full time employees retiring in 2017 and beyond that have been employed at the LRGVDC for no less than 25 years and are at least 62 years of age, may request reimbursement up to \$250.00 per month for health insurance.

F. Other BENEFITS

F.I.C.A. Taxes - 7.65% Council share

T.W.C. Taxes - 01.9% Council share

2017 MILEAGE & PER DIEM RATE SCHEDULE

A. MILEAGE RATE

To adopt the same travel reimbursement rate as the State of Texas

B. PER DIEM RATES

To adopt the same travel reimbursement rate as the State of Texas

CERTIFICATION OF INDIRECT COSTS

This is to certify that I have reviewed the indirect cost rate proposal submitted herewith and to the best of my knowledge and belief.

All costs included in this proposal for the calendar year ending December 31, 2017 to establish billing (provisional) or final indirect costs rate for FY 2017 are allowable in accordance with the requirements of the Federal or State awards to which they apply and the provisions of 2 CFR 200. Unallowable costs have been adjusted for in allocating costs as indicated in the costs allocation plan.

All costs included in this proposal are properly allocable to Federal or State awards on the basis of a beneficial or causal relationship between the expenses incurred and the agreements to which they are allocated in accordance with applicable requirements.

Further, the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs have not been claimed as direct costs. Similar types of costs have been accounted for consistently and the Federal Government or State will be notified of any accounting changes that would affect the predetermined rate.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

Governmental Unit: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Signature:  _____

Name of Official: Ron Garza
Title: Executive Director
Date of Execution: January 3, 2017

Signature:  _____

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