



**Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting
(RCJAC)**

**October 7, 2026
8:30 AM MDT**

**El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department
6400 Delta
El Paso, TX 79905**

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of the minutes of meetings held on April 7, April 8, and April 15, 2026
2. Public Safety Office
3. FY 2028 Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) – Election of Officers
4. FY 2028 Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) – Bylaws
5. FY 2028 Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) – Membership
6. FY 2028 Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – Sustainability
7. FY 2028 Planning Alliance Group Policies and Procedures
8. FY 2028 Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – Regional Criminal Justice Regional Priorities
9. FY 2028 Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (RCJAC) – Scoring Instruments
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment



Agenda Item # 1

To: RIOCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director

Date: October 7, 2026

Subject: Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – Minutes

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED

Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held on April 7, April 8, and April 15, 2026



Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting
April 7, 2026
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by The Honorable Joanna (Jojo) Mackenzie
Committee Members Present (see attached roll-call list)

Welcome/Call the Meeting to Order
Honorable Judge Mackenzie

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
Honorable Judge Mackenzie

1. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting held on January 7, 2026**

Judge MacKenzie requested approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2026, meeting. Ms. Silvia Serna requested a correction to the attendance sheet, which indicated that she was not present; however, she did, in fact, attend the meeting. Judge Mackenzie requested a motion to approve the minutes of the held on January 7, 2026, with the correction reflecting that Ms. Serna was present. Mr. Pete Hensgen made a motion with the noted correction. Mr. Cody Davis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

2. **Review and Discuss the FY 2027 Regional Budget Estimates**

Informational Item; no action needed

Ms. Quintanilla informed the Committee that the FY 2027 Regional Budget Estimates (RBEs) had not yet been released by the Public Safety Office (PSO) – Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division. However, she provided the Committee with an overview of the purpose and use of the RBEs.

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

Ms. Quintanilla referenced the FY 2027 applicant's matrix, reviewed the applicant's funding requests, and any changes made by the PSO.

This was an information item; no action was required.

3. **Conflict of Interest Rule**

This was an information item; no action was required

Judge Mackenzie informed the Committee that the Conflict-of-Interest guidelines had not changed. She asked the Committee to take a few minutes to review the guidelines.

4. <u>Review and Discuss the FY 2027 VA General Victim Assistance Program</u>	
<i>DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED</i>	
1) Application No.: 3840608 Alpine ISD Campus Victim Assistance Program K-12 Presenter: Dr. Michelle Rinehart Abstentions: NONE	Time: 8:45 AM
2) Application No.: 1817418 Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend Assistance to Victims of Crime Presenter: Ms. Webbie Carvajal, Finance Director Abstentions: NONE	Time: 9 AM
3) Application No.: 5500002 Sul Ross State University Campus Crime Victim Services Presenter: Mr. Ronnie Harris, Counselor Abstentions: Dr. Ben Telesca	Time: 9:15 AM
4) Application No.: 2914310 Child Crisis Center of El Paso Emergency Shelter Services Presenter: Mr. Andrew Castaneda, Director of Operations Abstentions: NONE	Time: 9:30 AM
5) Application No.: 5419402 Children's Grief Center of El Paso Comprehensive Grief Support & Treatment Services for Victimized Youth & Their Families Presenter: Ms. Kathryn Revtyak, Executive Director Abstentions: NONE	Time: 9:45 AM
6) Application No.: 4821504 United Way of El Paso County El Paso United Family Resiliency Center Presenter: Mr. Albert Ruiz, Senior Director of Community Resiliency Abstentions: NONE	Time: 10 AM
7) Application No.: 3428109 University of Texas at El Paso College Campus Initiative Presenter: Dr. Jaime Mendez, Assistant Dean of Student Support Abstentions: Pete Hensgen and Captain Lintz	Time: 10:15 AM

8) Application No.: 3432107 YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region Shelter and Assistance to Survivors of Violence Experiencing Homelessness Presenter: Ms. Sierra Ulibarri, Supportive Housing Administrator Abstentions: NONE	Time: 10:30 AM
9) Application No.: 2910109 El Paso Child Guidance Center Improving Access to Evidenced-Based Therapy Program for Victims of Crime Presenter: Ms. Cathy Gaytan, Chief Executive Officer Abstentions: NONE	Time: 10:45 AM
10) Application No.: 1885717 Center Against Sexual and Family Violence Crime Victim Assistance for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Presenter: Ms. Sandra Garcia, Executive Director Abstentions: NONE	Time: 11 AM
11) Application No.: 3264208 El Paso Center for Children Inc CSEY Drop-In Center Presenter: Ms. Beth Senger, CEO Abstentions: NONE	Time: 11:15 AM
12) Application No.: 3325609 El Paso Center for Children Inc Youth Shelter and Victim's Services Presenter: Ms. Beth Senger, CEO Abstentions: NONE	Time: 11:30 AM
13) Application No.: 2393114 El Paso County Direct Victim Services for Sheriff's Office Presenter: Ms. Mariana Vega, Victims Specialist Abstentions: Commander Washington, Chief Marco Vargas and Ms. Gladys Carmona	Time: 11:45 AM
14) Application No.: 5366502 El Paso County County Attorney – Victim Advocate Program Presenter: Mr. Aaron Setliff, Trail Team Chief Abstentions: Judge Joe Gonzalez	Time: 12:30 PM
15) Application No.: 1362526 El Paso County District Attorney - Victim Assistance Program Coordinators Presenter: Ms. Elizabeth Rios, Director of Victim Assistance Programs Abstentions: Ms. Andra Litton and Ms. Silvia Serna	Time: 12:45 PM

16) Application No.: 5416702 El Paso County Domestic Relations Office - Victim Resource Program for Supportive Supervision and Guardian ad Litem Presenter: Mr. Brian Stanley, Executive Director Abstentions: NONE	Time: 1 PM
17) Application No.: 2592813 El Paso, City of General Victim Services FY2026 Presenter: Lieutenant Picard Abstentions: Commander Reggie Moton	Time: 1:15 PM
18) Application No.: 2570813 La Posada Home Inc Direct Victim Services Program Presenter: Ms. Monica Martinez Abstentions: NONE	Time: 1:30 PM
19) Application No.: 3645509 Paso del Norte Center of Hope Direct Services for Adult Human Trafficking Survivors in El Paso, Texas Presenter: Ms. Nicole Schiff, Executive Director Abstentions: NONE	Time: 1:45 PM

5. **Other Business**

Next CJAC meeting, April 8 and 15, 2026

6. Mr. Cody Davis motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commander Moton passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

RIOCOG – Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
FY 2027 Criminal Justice Advisory Committee - Prioritization Meeting
April 7, 2026

ORIGINAL

ROLL CALL	COUNCIL MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
1.	The Honorable Ms. Joanna (Jolo) Mackenzie	✓	
2.	The Honorable Curtis Evans	✓	
3.	The Honorable Oscar Carrillo		✓
4.	The Honorable Joe M. Gonzalez Proxy for Honorable Christina Sanchez	✓	
5.	The Honorable James Montoya Proxy Andrea Litton	✓	
6.	Captain Omar Holguin Proxy for Honorable Greg Henington	✓	
7.	Mr. Cody Davis Proxy for Honorable Carlos Urias	✓	
8.	Commander Jerome Washington Proxy for Honorable Oscar Ugarte	✓	
9.	Commander Reggie Moton Proxy for Chief Peter Pacillas	✓	
10.	Captain Micki Lintz Proxy for Chief Cliff Walsh	✓	
11.	Lt. Tommy Flores Proxy for Chief Jose L. Ramirez	✓	
12.	Mr. Enrique Correa Proxy for Ms. Kristen D. Daugherty	✓	
13.	Ms. Elizabeth Servantes Proxy for Chief Rosie Medina	✓	
14.	Ms. Gladys Carmona Proxy for Ms. Laura Moreno	✓	
15.	Mr. David Peter Hensgen Proxy for Ms. Teresa Todd	✓	
16.	Ms. Lilia Worrell	✓	
17.	Ms. Silvia Serna	✓	
18.	Chief Marco A. Vargas	✓	
19.	Dr. Ben Telesca	✓	
OTHER ATTENDEES			
1.	Ms. Jennifer Reynosa, RIOCOG Staff	✓	
2.	Mr. Salvador Saenz, RIOCOG Staff	✓	
3.	Ms. Marisa Quintanilla, RIOCOG Staff	✓	
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Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting
April 8, 2026
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by The Honorable Joanna (Jojo) Mackenzie
Committee Members Present (see attached roll-call list)

Welcome/Call the Meeting to Order

The Honorable Joanna (Jojo) Mackenzie

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

The Honorable Joanna (Jojo) Mackenzie

1. Review and Discuss the FY 2027 Regional Budget Estimates

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Informational Item; no action needed

2. Conflict of Interest Rule

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The Honorable Joanna (Jojo) Mackenzie informed the Committee that the Conflict-of-Interest guidelines had not changed. She asked the Committee to take a few minutes to review the guidelines.

3. Review and Discuss the FY 2027 TP-Truancy Prevention Grant Program

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED

1. Application No.: 3650109
Alpine ISD
Truancy Prevention Program
Presenter: Dr. Michelle Rinehart, Superintendent

Abstentions: Captain Omar Holguin

Time: 8:45 AM

2. Application No.: 5373802
Sierra Blanca ISD
Truancy Prevention Program
Presenter: Ms. Ronni McGraw, Superintendent

Abstentions: NONE

Time: 9 AM

3. Application No.: 4968303 Socorro ISD Truancy Prevention Presenter: Ms. Adraina Romero, Grant Writer Abstentions: NONE	Time: 9:15 AM
4. <u>Review and Discuss the FY 2027 DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program</u> <i>DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED</i>	
1) Application No.: 5826001 Sul Ross State University Campus Emergency Interoperability Project Presenter: Chief Rickey George, Chief of Police Abstentions: Dr. Ben Telesca	Time: 9:30 AM
2) Application No.: 5826001 Sul Ross State University RMS Technology Upgrade Presenter: Officer Socorro Nevarez Abstentions: Dr. Ben Telesca	Time: 9:45 AM
3) Application No.: 5453902 Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso Mentoring Youth with Justice-Involved Families Presenter: Ms. Bobbi Jo Ortiz, Executive Director Abstentions: Ms. Elizabeth Servantez	Time: 10 AM
4) Application No.: 4769404 Center Against Sexual and Family Violence Teen Intervention and Prevention Program Presenter: Ms. Sandra Garcia, Executive Director Abstentions: Ms. Elizabeth Servantez and Judge Joe Gonzalez	Time: 10:15 AM
5) Application No.: 4976203 El Paso Center for Children Inc Life Skills and Community Prevention Services Presenter: Ms. Beth Senger, CEO Abstentions: Ms. Elizabeth Servantez	Time: 10:30 AM
6) Application No.: 5688201 El Paso County (Sheriff's Office) SO Public Safety JAG Presenter: Sergeant Andres R. Sanchez Abstentions: Commander Washington, Ms. Gladys Carmona and Chief Marco Vargas	Time: 10:45 AM
7) Application No.: 5880701 El Paso ISD Incident Response Equipment Presenter: Mr. Daniel Vasquez, Fund Development and Partnership Specialist	Time: 11 AM

Abstentions: NONE	
8) Application No.: 5381302 El Paso, City of Justice Assistant Grant FY 2027 Presenter: Lieutenant Magali Franco	Time: 11:15 AM
Abstentions: Commander Reggie Moton	
9) Application No.: 5483802 Project Vida Project IDEAL Presenter: Ms. Vanessa Hill, Education Programs Supervisor	Time: 11:30 AM
Abstentions: NONE	
10) Application No.: 4989403 Town of Anthony Developing Leaders for Texas Law Enforcement and Crime Scene Presenter: Chief Carlos Enriquez, Chief of Police	Time: 11:45 AM
Abstentions: NONE	
11) Application No.: 5729901 El Paso County – Criminal Justice Coordination CJC Public Safety Education Program Presenter: Ms. Li Rosario, Senior Justice & Rehabilitation Services Manager	Time: 12:30 PM
Abstentions: NONE	
12) Application No.: 5724801 El Paso County – Council of Judges Council of Judges Radio Program Presenter: Chief Alexander Mietlinski, Chief Administrator of Bailiffs	Time: 12:45 PM
Abstentions: NONE	
13) Application No.: 5689701 El Paso County – Sheriff's Office Gang and Narcotics Criminal Justice Grant Program Presenter: Ms. Deborah Candia, Stonegarden Administrative Coordinator	Time: 1 PM
Abstentions: Commander Washington and Ms. Gladys Carmona	
14) Application No.: 5856401 Philosophic Systems Institute Shadows to Light Life Skills Training Presenter: Ms. Mika Cohen, Vice-President of Programs	Time: 1:15PM
Abstentions: NONE	
5. <u>Review and Discuss the FY 2027 SF-State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund</u>	
<i>DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED</i>	
1) Application No.: 4939303 Big Brothers Big Sisters Successful Pathways: Empowering Youth through Mentoring for Truancy Prevention	Time: 1:30 PM

Presenter: Ms. Bobbi Jo Ortiz, Executive Director Abstentions: NONE	
2) Application No.: 5426902 Boys & Girls Clubs of El Paso Project EP Launch Presenter: Mr. Anthony Tomasheski, CEO Abstentions: NONE	Time: 1:45 PM
3) Application No.: 3291610 Creative Kids Project Able (Art Brokers Learning Experiences) Presenter: Ms. Andrea Gates, Executive Director and Mr. Stephen Ingle, Creative Director Abstentions: NONE	Time: 2 PM
6. <u>Review and Discuss the FY 2027 WF-Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program</u> <i>DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED</i>	
1) Application No.: 2431617 El Paso County Protective Order Court Presenter: The Honorable Selina Saenz Abstentions: Judge Joe Gonzalez and Elizabeth Servantez	Time: 2:15 PM
2) Application No.: 5509402 Rio Grande Council of Governments Regional Violence Against Women Project Presenter: Ms. Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director Abstentions: NONE	Time: 2:30 PM

8. Other Business

Next CJAC Meeting: April 15, 2026

9. Adjournment

Mr. Cody Davis motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ben Telesca; passed unanimously.

RIOCOG – Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
FY 2027 Criminal Justice Advisory Committee - Prioritization Meetings
April 8, 2026

ROLL CALL	COUNCIL MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
1.	The Honorable Ms. Joanna (JoJo) Mackenzie	✓	
2.	The Honorable Curtis Evans	✓	
3.	The Honorable Oscar Carrillo		X
4.	The Honorable Joe M. Gonzalez Proxy for Honorable Christina Sanchez	✓	
5.	Ms. Andra Litton Proxy for The Honorable James Montoya	✓	
6.	Captain Omar Holguin Proxy for Honorable Greg Henington	✓	
7.	Mr. Cody Davis Proxy for Honorable Carlos Urias	✓	
8.	Commander Jerome Washington Proxy for Honorable Oscar Ugarte	✓	
9.	Commander Reggie Moton Proxy for Chief Peter Pacillas	✓	
10.	Captain Micki Lintz Proxy for Chief Cliff Walsh	✓	
11.	Lt. Tommy Flores Proxy for Chief Jose L. Ramirez	✓	
12.	Mr. Enrique Correa Proxy for Ms. Kristen D. Daugherty	✓	
13.	Ms. Elizabeth Servantes Proxy for Chief Rosie Medina	✓	
14.	Ms. Gladly Carmona Proxy for Ms. Laura Moreno	✓	
15.	Mr. David Peter Hensgen Proxy for Ms. Teresa Todd	✓	
16.	Ms. Lilia Worrell	✓	
17.	Ms. Silvia Serna	✓	
18.	Chief Marco A. Vargas	✓	
19.	Dr. Ben Telesca	✓	
OTHER ATTENDEES			
1.	Ms. Jennifer Reynosa, RIOCOG Staff	✓	
2.	Mr. Salvador Saenz, RIOCOG Staff	✓	
3.	Ms. Marisa Quintanilla, RIOCOG Staff	✓	
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5.	Carl Fadi		
6.	Frank Wender		
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Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting
April 15, 2026
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Honorable Joanna (Jojo) Mackenzie
Committee Members Present (see attached roll-call list)

Welcome/Call the Meeting to Order
Honorable Joanna (Jojo) Mackenzie

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
Honorable Joanna (Jojo) Mackenzie

1. RCJAC Review, Discuss, and Finalize the FY 2027 Regional Priority Lists
Discuss and Act upon as Needed

Ms. Quintanilla provided the Committee with the FY 2027 Regional Budget Estimation for General Victim Assistance Program in the amount of \$2,866,385.90, Truancy Prevention Grant Program in the amount of \$134,561.25, Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program in the amount of \$269,719.74, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$597,601.66, and State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund in the amount of \$126,847.47.

1. SF-State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund
Juvenile Justice Projects
Discuss and Act upon as Needed

The Committee discussed the funding allocation and the deficit. Judge Jojo Mackenzie recommended that the Committee reduced each of the entity's requests by \$3,141. Another recommendation made by Chief Rosie Medina was to fund the high-scoring project at 100% and reduce the second and third ranked projects by \$1,570.64. Judge Joe Gonzalez commented that another option would be to fund the first and second ranked projects at 100%, while reducing the third ranked project by \$3,141. The Committee discussed the proposed options.

Judge Curtis Evans motioned to approve the recommendation to fund the first and second ranked projects at 100%, while the third ranked project would be reduced by \$3,141. Commander Reggie Moton seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

2. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program
Discuss and Act upon as Needed

The Committee discussed the funding allocation and the deficit. After considerable discussion, the Committee recommended funding projects ranked 1 through 6 at 100%. Thereafter, project ranked #7, recommended funding for personnel only. The Committee also recommended to the PSO that, should additional funds become available, the applicant be funded at its full requested amount of

\$90,000. Project ranked #8, the Committee recommended funding for the purchase of 13 P25 APX Next radios in the amount of \$120,272.10. The Committee also recommended to the PSO that, should additional funds become available, the applicant be funded at its full requested amount of \$462,560. Project ranked #10, the Committee recommended funding for the purchase of ballistic shields in the amount of \$71,258. The Committee also recommended to the PSO that, should additional funds become available, the applicant be funded at its full requested amount of \$127,600. Project ranked #11 and #12, the Committee also recommended to the PSO that, should additional funds become available, these applicants be funded at its full requested amounts. The Committee did not recommend funding for projects ranked #13 and #14.

Mr. Cody Davis motioned to approve the funding recommendations as noted above. Mr. Pete Hensgen seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

3. WF-Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program
Discuss and Act upon as Needed

The Committee discussed the funding allocation and the deficit. Mr. Pete Hensgen recommended funding the high-scoring project 100% and reducing the second ranked project by \$14,677.19. Mr. Cody Davis motioned to approve the recommendation to fund the first projects at 100%, while the second ranked project would be reduced by \$14,677.19. Judge Curtis Evans seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

4. TP-Truancy Prevention Grant Program
Discuss and Act upon as Needed

The Committee reviewed the funding allocation and discussed each project, including concerns regarding the proposed activities. Chief Rosie Medina commented that Socorro ISD generates the highest number of referrals to Juvenile Probation Department. The Committee discussed the need to add comments that directly outline the Committee's funding recommendations.

Ms. Andra Litton motioned to fund the highest scoring project at 100%, and the second ranked project be funded at \$84,413. The Committee also recommended to the PSO that, should additional funds become available, the applicant be funded at its full requested amount of \$100,000. The third ranked project would not be recommended for funding. However, the Committee further recommended to the PSO that, if additional funds should become available, only the administrative services component of the project be funded and not the Schools Resource Officers (SROs).

Judge Curtis Evans seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. VA-General Victim Assistance Program
Discuss and Act upon as Needed

The Committee reviewed the funding allocation and discussed various funding scenarios, including project sustainability. After considerable discussion, the Committee agreed to fund only personnel (direct services) outlined in the applications for ranked projects 1 through 18 and did not recommend funding to project ranked #19.

Mr. Cody Davis motioned to fund only personnel outlined in the applications for ranked projects 1 through 18 and not recommended funding to project ranked #19. Judge Curtis Evans seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

2. Criminal Justice Gap Assessment – Phase II

The Committee reviewed the Phase II Program Effectiveness and Outcome Evaluation quote proposal. Approval was requested to allow Regional Services to release the quote proposal.

Mr. Pete Hensgen motioned to approve the release the quote proposal. Mr. Cody Davis seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

3. Other Business

The FY 2027 Regional Priority list will be presented to RIOCOG Board of Directors for approval on May 8, 2026.

The Committee will convene the FY 2027 CJAC Planning process on October 7, 2026, at El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cody Davis. Second by Judge Curtis Evans, motion passed unanimously.

RIOCOG – Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
FY 2027 Criminal Justice Advisory Committee - Prioritization Meetings
April 15, 2026

ROLL CALL	COUNCIL MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
1.	The Honorable Ms. Joanna (JoJo) Mackenzie	✓	
2.	The Honorable Curtis Evans	✓	
3.	The Honorable Oscar Carrillo		✓
4.	The Honorable Joe M. Gonzalez Proxy for Honorable Christina Sanchez	✓	
5.	Ms. Andra Litton Proxy for The Honorable James Montoya	✓	
6.	Captain Omar Holguin Proxy for Honorable Greg Henington	✓	
7.	Mr. Cody Davis Proxy for Honorable Carlos Urias	✓	
8.	Commander Jerome Washington Proxy for Honorable Oscar Ugarte	✓	
9.	Commander Reggie Moton Proxy for Chief Peter Pacillas	✓	
10.	Captain Micki Lintz Proxy for Chief Cliff Walsh		✓
11.	Lt. Tommy Flores Proxy for Chief Jose L. Ramirez	✓	
12.	Mr. Enrique Correa Proxy for Ms. Kristen D. Daugherty	✓	
13.	Chief Rosie Medina	✓	
14.	Ms. Gladys Carmona Proxy for Ms. Laura Moreno	✓	
15.	Mr. David Peter Hensgen Proxy for Ms. Teresa Todd	✓	
16.	Ms. Lilia Worrell	✓	
17.	Ms. Silvia Serna	✓	
18.	Chief Marco A. Vargas	✓	
19.	Dr. Ben Telesca		✓
OTHER ATTENDEES			
1.	Ms. Jennifer Reynosa, RIOCOG Staff	✓	
2.	Mr. Salvador Saenz, RIOCOG Staff	✓	
3.	Ms. Marisa Quintanilla, RIOCOG Staff	✓	
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Agenda Item # 2

To: RIOCOC Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director
Date: October 7, 2026
Subject: Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – Public Safety Office

Information Item; no action is required

Presentation of key takeaways from recent workshop with the Office of Public Safety – Criminal Justice Division regarding existing programs



Agenda Item # 3

To: RIOCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director

Date: October 7, 2026

Subject: Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – Election of FY 2028 Officers

Discuss and Act Upon as Needed

Approve and authorize the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee to elect the FY 2028 Officers; positions – Chair and Vice-Chair

Chairperson	The Honorable Joanna (JoJo) Mackenzie
Vice-Chairperson	The Honorable Joe M. Gonzalez

OFFICERS. The Committee will have a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to serve as its Officers. The Committee shall appoint members of the CJAC Committee to serve as the Committee's Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, with the approval of the RIOCOG Board of Directors. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall not be Officers of the RIOCOG Board of Directors. The Chairperson will preside over all meetings of the Committee and will be the representative of the Committee in all matters. The Vice-Chairperson will perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence. If the Vice-Chairperson is not available to perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence, the Chairperson may appoint a pro-tem Chairperson to preside in the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson's absence. In the event of the Chairperson seat becoming vacant during office due to the reasons set forth in Paragraph IV, the seat will be filled by the Vice-Chairperson. In the event of the Vice-Chairperson seat becoming vacant due to the reasons specified in Paragraph IV, the seat will be filled by a member of Committee. A RIOCOG staff member will serve as the Secretary of the Committee in an ex-officio capacity and shall have no vote. The RIOCOG President can serve on the Committee in an ex-officio capacity and shall have no vote



Agenda Item # 4

To: RIOCOC Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director

Date: October 7, 2026

Subject: Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – Bylaws

Discuss and Act Upon as Needed

Approve and authorize the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee to amend the FY 2028 Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Bylaws



REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

- I. **NAME.** The Committee shall be known as the Rio Grande Council of Governments Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee herein referred to as the "Committee."
- II. **AUTHORITY & PURPOSE.** The Committee is created under authority of the Bylaws of the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RIOCOC) and in compliance with the Public Safety Office within the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (PSO/OOG CJD) as indicated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, Rule §3.3(c). The Committee shall advise the RIOCOC Board of Directors on all matters relating to criminal justice plans, unmet priorities and programs within the six-county area of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio counties (collectively referred to as the "Region"). The Committee reserves the right to appoint such sub-committees as are necessary to accomplish these duties.
- III. **COMMITTEE'S SCOPE & RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Committee will analyze gaps in services, establish priorities and goals, comment on proposed projects and grant applications concerning the Criminal Justice Division (CJD), and analyze the effectiveness of activities in the Region. The Committee's recommendations will be presented to the RIOCOC Board of Directors.

Administrative support will be provided to the Committee by staff members of the RIOCOC, including without limitation, facilitation of the Committee meetings, preparation of notices, agendas and maintenance of records, and designation of a staff member to serve as the Committee's Secretary. Technical Assistance will be provided to the Committee by staff members from both RIOCOC and PSO/OOG.

MEMBERSHIP. The Committee will be composed of a multidisciplinary representation of members from the Region. The CJAC's membership must include the following disciplines: education; juvenile justice; law enforcement; mental health; prosecution or courts; and victim services, with at least one victim services member from a non-governmental agency. Each individual member may either represent one of the required disciplines or be classified as an "other" discipline. No single discipline, including the "other" category, may constitute more than one third (1/3) of the CJAC. No reduction in the current membership of nineteen (19) may be made unless corresponding vacancies exist as a result of the death, incapacity, resignation, retirement, removal of position (office) for ethical misconduct, expiration of membership term, lack of attendance or participation or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the Committee or as otherwise set forth in these Bylaws. Misconduct is defined as engaging in activity that violates local, state or federal laws in a manner that impacts the reputation or operations of the Committee or the RIOCOC. In the event of a Committee member is unable to complete his/her term for the reasons set forth in this Paragraph, the Committee will elect a replacement at the next meeting to serve the remainder of the term of that member.

Each voting member may designate an alternate for any scheduled meeting, provided such alternate is directly affiliated with the same entity being represented. Alternates shall provide



written authorization to proxy when a meeting is called to order. Alternates will possess all privileges and powers of the member they represent for the duration of the meeting.

- IV. **MEMBER NOMINATION.** The Committee may recommend for appointment such persons as the Committee may deem appropriate. Committee members will be subject to the approval of the RIOCOG Board of Directors.

Nominations may be submitted by RIOCOG member governments, professional organizations, citizen's groups, current Committee members, and RIOCOG staff. To facilitate the CJAC's comprehensive review and recommendation process, new CJAC applicants will participate in a preliminary in-person meeting with the CJAC Chair, a designated CJAC Officer, and/or a nomination CJAC sub-committee member(s). This meeting will occur after the submission of the application and before its presentation to the CJAC Nomination Sub-Committee or the full CJAC Committee.

RIOCOG staff will present all nomination applications to the Committee for review and recommendation to the RIOCOG Board of Directors.

- V. **MEMBERSHIP TERM.** The term of membership will be for one (1) year. Members are eligible for renewal of their one (1) year terms not to exceed four (4) years, unless a majority vote of the Committee allows for Members to exceed four years of service on the Committee. Members will serve on a staggered basis. Membership will be reviewed by the RIOCOG Board of Directors every year to ensure the direction and focus for the Region is maintained.
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~~October 9th, 2025~~ October 7, 2026

Honorable Joanna (JoJo) Mackenzie Chairperson

These bylaws are hereby ratified by the RIOCOC Board of Directors on ~~October 29th, 2025~~ November 6, 2026

Honorable ~~Curtis Evans~~ Lily Limón, RIOCOC President



REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

- I. **NAME.** The Committee shall be known as the Rio Grande Council of Governments Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee herein referred to as the "Committee."
- II. **AUTHORITY & PURPOSE.** The Committee is created under authority of the Bylaws of the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RIOCOG) and in compliance with the Public Safety Office within the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (PSO/OOG CJD) as indicated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, Rule §3.3(c). The Committee shall advise the RIOCOG Board of Directors on all matters relating to criminal justice plans, unmet priorities and programs within the six-county area of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio counties (collectively referred to as the "Region"). The Committee reserves the right to appoint such sub-committees as are necessary to accomplish these duties.
- III. **COMMITTEE'S SCOPE & RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Committee will analyze gaps in services, establish priorities and goals, comment on proposed projects and grant applications concerning the Criminal Justice Division (CJD), and analyze the effectiveness of activities in the Region. The Committee's recommendations will be presented to the RIOCOG Board of Directors.

Administrative support will be provided to the Committee by staff members of the RIOCOG, including without limitation, facilitation of the Committee meetings, preparation of notices, agendas and maintenance of records, and designation of a staff member to serve as the Committee's Secretary. Technical Assistance will be provided to the Committee by staff members from both RIOCOG and PSO/OOG.

MEMBERSHIP. The Committee will be composed of a multidisciplinary representation of members from the Region. The CJAC's membership must include the following disciplines: education; juvenile justice; law enforcement; mental health; prosecution or courts; and victim services, with at least one victim services member from a non-governmental agency. Each individual member may either represent one of the required disciplines or be classified as an "other" discipline. No single discipline, including the "other" category, may constitute more than one third (1/3) of the CJAC. No reduction in the current membership of nineteen (19) may be made unless corresponding vacancies exist as a result of the death, incapacity, resignation, retirement, removal of position (office) for ethical misconduct, expiration of membership term, lack of attendance or participation or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the Committee or as otherwise set forth in these Bylaws. Misconduct is defined as engaging in activity that violates local, state or federal laws in a manner that impacts the reputation or operations of the Committee or the RIOCOG. In the event of a Committee member is unable to complete his/her term for the reasons set forth in this Paragraph, the Committee will elect a replacement at the next meeting to serve the remainder of the term of that member.

Each voting member may designate an alternate for any scheduled meeting, provided such alternate is directly affiliated with the same entity being represented. Alternates shall provide



written authorization to proxy when a meeting is called to order. Alternates will possess all privileges and powers of the member they represent for the duration of the meeting.

- IV. **MEMBER NOMINATION.** The Committee may recommend for appointment such persons as the Committee may deem appropriate. Committee members will be subject to the approval of the RIOCOC Board of Directors.

Nominations may be submitted by RIOCOC member governments, professional organizations, citizen's groups, current Committee members, and RIOCOC staff. To facilitate the CJAC's comprehensive review and recommendation process, new CJAC applicants will participate in a preliminary in-person meeting with the CJAC Chair, a designated CJAC Officer, and/or a nomination CJAC sub-committee member(s). This meeting will occur after the submission of the application and before its presentation to the CJAC Nomination Sub-Committee or the full CJAC Committee.

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Agenda Item # 5

To: RIOCOC Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director
Date: October 7, 2026
Subject: Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – FY 2028 RCJAC Membership

Discuss and Act Upon as Needed

Approve and authorize the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – FY 2028 RCJAC Membership

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Agenda Item # 6

To: RIOCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director
Date: October 7, 2026
Subject: Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – Sustainability Policy

Discuss and Act Upon as Needed

Discuss, approve and authorize the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Sustainability Policy

CJAC Sustainability and Continuation Policy

CJAC grant funding is intended to support the development, implementation, improvement, and continuation of programs addressing documented regional criminal justice needs. Applicants receiving recurring CJAC-supported funding are expected to make reasonable efforts to diversify project resources and reduce unnecessary dependence on a single funding source.

Beginning with an applicant's fifth consecutive year of CJAC-supported funding for substantially the same project or service, the applicant shall submit a Sustainability and Continuation Plan demonstrating: (1) measurable program outcomes; (2) continuing regional need; (3) current and prospective non-CJAC funding or resources; (4) documented efforts to obtain alternative funding; and (5) a reasonable strategy for maintaining successful services if CJAC funding is reduced or discontinued.

Continued CJAC funding after five years shall not be automatically prohibited or automatically reduced. Rather, continued funding shall be competitively evaluated based upon demonstrated need, performance, regional value, funding diversification, and the reasonableness of the applicant's sustainability strategy.

CJAC may consider circumstances affecting an applicant's ability to diversify funding, including rural service delivery, sole-source or limited-provider conditions, statutory responsibilities, availability of alternative funding, and the consequences that loss of funding would have on essential regional services.

Receipt of prior CJAC funding does not create an entitlement or presumption of continued funding.

If CJAC funding were reduced by 25% next year, what would happen?

What type of assistance are you providing to victims and what other local or regional organizations provide, those types of services (e.g. if you indicate that you provide information about obtaining a protective order or assist them with applying for a protective order, what other organization does that). Have you met with any of those organizations to find out their processes and what if any coordination is possible.



Agenda Item # 7

To: RIOCOC Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director

Date: October 7, 2026

Subject: Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – FY 2028 RCJAC Policies/Procedures

Discuss and Act Upon as Needed

Approve and authorize the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee to amend the FY 2028 RCJAC Policies/Procedures

RIOCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Policies and Procedures

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The following policies and procedures are established for the purpose of defining the rules and regulations that govern the Fiscal Year ~~2027-2028~~ application process set forth by the Rio Grande Council of Governments, Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, herein referred to as the Committee, in regard to funding sources available through the Public Safety Office within the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (PSO/OOG CJD) which include: General Victim Assistance-direct Services Programs; Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects-Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking; Criminal Justice Programs; General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs, which may include Truancy Prevention; and any other funding streams directed by PSO/OOG. All applications will be submitted to the PSO/OOG, which will determine eligibility. Thereafter the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RIOCOG) staff will be provided with copies of all eligible applications in order to be prioritized by the Committee. The Committee will provide grant priorities and recommendations to RIOCOG's Board of Directors for consideration before submitting its recommendations to PSO/OOG for approval. All funding and application policies are subject to change as determined by PSO/OOG.

I. **APPLICANT POLICY STATEMENT**

Project Ranking

- a. Applications will be ranked in order of highest to lowest as a result of the scoring process within each of the following funds:
 - ☞ General Victim Assistance-direct Services Programs;
 - ☞ Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects-domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking;
 - ☞ Criminal Justice Programs; and
 - ☞ General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs, which may include Truancy Prevention.
- b. The Committee will analyze the availability of funding resources from the prior funding year, current regional budget expectations (RBEs), and review priorities and goals for the six-county planning area of West Texas. For Plan Year ~~2027-2028~~, the Committee will identify local priorities related to criminal justice systems improvements, juvenile justice system improvements, direct victim services, and mental health/substance abuse treatment.

The Committee's strategic mission as it relates to criminal justice issues is:

The mission of the Rio Grande Council of Government Criminal Justice Advisory Committee is to provide Region 0800 with a collaborative and coordinated representation of the criminal justice needs of the region to the Board of Directors and to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for approval.

- c. Applicants are required to be present and provide a brief **10 minute** presentation during the scheduled review of the application. Failure of applicant to be present will result in their application not being scored or ranked for funding recommendation, unless a majority of the Committee finds good cause.
- d. RIOCOG staff will notify each applicant of the scheduled date, tentative time and location in which the application will be reviewed, scored and prioritized.

II. **Project Ranking Criteria**

The Committee with the guidance of the RIOCOG staff shall implement the scoring instrument that evaluates specific elements of the application by PSO/OOG. The Committee members reviewing the

applications prioritize the applications using a scoring instrument to record and tabulate application scoring. RIOCOG staff tabulates scores and/or compiles an accurate priority list(s) for submission to PSO/OOG using the format required by PSO/OOG, and in the event of a tie, the RIOCOG will be responsible for breaking all ties. The RIOCOG Board of Directors reviews and approves the Committee's priority listing prior to submitting them to PSO/OOG in compliance with the applicable provisions of Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3.

All Committee's proceedings will be documented by: 1. Tape recordings, AND 2. Written minutes – certified by the signature of a Committee member who was in attendance.

III. Scoring Review Process Minimum and Maximum Score

Following procedures will be implemented:

- a. No minimum score is required to be recommended for funding.
- b. Maximum points 100.
- c. High and low scores in each category will not be counted; as this is an aggregated score.
- d. The funding sources included in this requirement are:
 - ☞ General Victim Assistance-direct Services Programs;
 - ☞ Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects-domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking;
 - ☞ Criminal Justice Programs; and
 - ☞ ~~General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs, which may include Truancy Prevention, and Youth Division.~~

IV. Years of Funding and Budget Exceptions

- a. Projects will be funded on a yearly basis. All applicants will be considered as “new” applicants until the review of these policies/procedures during each grant cycle.
- b. The Committee will analyze the availability of funding resources from previous funding year, current regional budget expectations (RBEs), and review local priorities and goals for the six-county planning area of West Texas.
- c. Budget Exceptions: The Committee reserves the right to recommend an amount less than the requested amount based on eligibility, reasonableness, and cost-effectiveness of the proposed project.
- d. Budget Exceptions: The Committee reserves the right to decline to recommend funding on any application, ineligible activity or line item that is not permitted under the funding source. In the event that the Committee deems not to recommend full or partial funding of an application, RIOCOG staff will notify the PSO/OOG.

V. Attendance Requirements

The grant cycle begins:

Fund Source	Performance Period
Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects-domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking	September 1, 2026-2027 - August 31, 2027-2028
General Victim Assistance-direct Services Programs,	October 1, 2026-2027 - September 30, 2027-2028

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- a. Each potential applicant or grantee is responsible for designating an agency or department representative to attend and participate in the Planning Alliance meetings (El Paso County Planning Alliance/Far West Texas Planning Alliance), application workshop(s) and other relevant meetings as assigned by the RIOCOG staff. There must be an assigned representative from each fiscal agent seeking funding through the PSO/OOG. In the event that the fiscal agent is seeking funding under multiple funding sources, the fiscal agent must designate a representative for each funding source.
- b. In the event that an applicant submits an application to the PSO/OOG, without having attended and participated in the Urban and Rural Planning Alliance meetings, application workshop(s) and other required meetings as assigned by the RIOCOG staff; the Committee:

In reference to:

1. Urban (City/County of El Paso):
If a fiscal agent is submitting an application that addresses and identifies urban unmet needs in the City/County of El Paso, the designated representative must attend the El Paso County Planning Alliance meetings.
2. Rural (Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Brewster and Presidio):
If a fiscal agent is submitting an application that addresses and identifies rural unmet needs in Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Brewster and/or Presidio counties, the designated representative must attend the Far West Texas Planning Alliance meetings.
3. Urban and Rural:
If a fiscal agent is addressing and identifying unmet needs in both urban and rural settings, the designated representative must attend both Planning Alliance meetings.
4. Application workshop:
All applicants are **required** to attend the RIOCOG's application workshop each grant cycle. The RIOCOG staff will notify potential applicants and grantees of the scheduled workshop(s) via email, RIOCOG's website www.riocog.org, and/or the Texas Register (www.sos.state.tx.us). All grant application workshop(s) will be conducted under the guidance of the PSO/OOG. Failure to attend the mandatory application workshop will result in a five (5) point penalty which will be assessed by the Committee when the application is scored. Current or first-time grantees that are unable to attend the application workshop shall be required to attend a technical assistance visit with the RIOCOG staff a minimum of ten (10) days prior to submitting the application to PSO/OOG.

VI. Due Dates and Late Applications

- a. All applications must be submitted via eGrants located at <https://egrants.gov.texas.gov> as indicated in the PSO/OOG, website and application. The PSO/OOG determines whether a late application will be accepted. The Committee designates the RIOCOG Regional Services Division staff to inform potential applicants and grantees of the fund sources available through the PSO/OOG. Potential applicants and grantees will be notified of funding opportunities and application submission deadlines through the El Paso County Planning Alliance and the Far West Texas Rural Planning Alliance.
- b. RIOCOG staff shall notify all applicants in writing within fourteen (14) calendar of the approved region's priorities after the RIOCOG Board of Directors approves the priority listing.

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Applicants must first pursue a remedy at the RIOCOG level.

VIII. Texas Open Meeting Act Compliance

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IX. Duplication of Services

The Committee will consider all applicants' coordinated efforts to avoid the duplication of services requested by each grant applicant when scoring an application.

X. Performance Management

The Committee will consider in their scoring progressive results in previously funded Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division grants (if applicable) to include sustainability processes that will allow for the implementation of new projects, while continuing to support regional criminal justice priorities and current efforts made by existing programs. Any programmatic audits/evaluations and program improvement plan(s). The programmatic audit/evaluation to include the improvement plan(s) needs to be incorporated in the Performance Management section of the application.

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For the Planning Alliance Groups

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The following policies and procedures are established for the purpose of defining the rules and regulations that govern the Fiscal Year 2028 application process set forth by the Rio Grande Council of Governments, Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, herein referred to as the Committee, in regard to funding sources available through the Public Safety Office within the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (PSO/OOG CJD) which include: General Victim Assistance-direct Services Programs; Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects-Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking; Criminal Justice Programs; General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs, which may include Truancy Prevention; and any other funding streams directed by PSO/OOG. All applications will be submitted to the PSO/OOG, which will determine eligibility. Thereafter the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RIOCOG) staff will be provided with copies of all eligible applications in order to be prioritized by the Committee. The Committee will provide grant priorities and recommendations to RIOCOG's Board of Directors for consideration before submitting its recommendations to PSO/OOG for approval. All funding and application policies are subject to change as determined by PSO/OOG.

I. APPLICANT POLICY STATEMENT

Project Ranking

- a. Applications will be ranked in order of highest to lowest as a result of the scoring process within each of the following funds:
 - ☞ General Victim Assistance-direct Services Programs;
 - ☞ Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects-domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking;
 - ☞ Criminal Justice Programs; and
 - ☞ General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs, which may include Truancy Prevention.
- b. The Committee will analyze the availability of funding resources from the prior funding year, current regional budget expectations (RBEs), and review priorities and goals for the six-county planning area of West Texas. For Plan Year 2028, the Committee will identify local priorities related to criminal justice systems improvements, juvenile justice system improvements, direct victim services, and mental health/substance abuse treatment.

The Committee's strategic mission as it relates to criminal justice issues is:

The mission of the Rio Grande Council of Government Criminal Justice Advisory Committee is to provide Region 0800 with a collaborative and coordinated representation of the criminal justice needs of the region to the Board of Directors and to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for approval.

- c. Applicants are required to be present and provide a brief 10 minute presentation during the scheduled review of the application. Failure of applicant to be present will result in their application not being scored or ranked for funding recommendation, unless a majority of the Committee finds good cause.
- d. RIOCOG staff will notify each applicant of the scheduled date, tentative time and location in which the application will be reviewed, scored and prioritized.

II. Project Ranking Criteria

The Committee with the guidance of the RIOCOG staff shall implement the scoring instrument that evaluates specific elements of the application by PSO/OOG. The Committee members reviewing the

applications prioritize the applications using a scoring instrument to record and tabulate application scoring. RIOCOG staff tabulates scores and/or compiles an accurate priority list(s) for submission to PSO/OOG using the format required by PSO/OOG, and in the event of a tie, the RIOCOG will be responsible for breaking all ties. The RIOCOG Board of Directors reviews and approves the Committee's priority listing prior to submitting them to PSO/OOG in compliance with the applicable provisions of Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3.

All Committee's proceedings will be documented by: 1. Tape recordings, AND 2. Written minutes – certified by the signature of a Committee member who was in attendance.

III. Scoring Review Process Minimum and Maximum Score

Following procedures will be implemented:

- a. No minimum score is required to be recommended for funding.
- b. Maximum points 100.
- c. High and low scores in each category will not be counted; as this is an aggregated score.
- d. The funding sources included in this requirement are:
 - ☞ General Victim Assistance-direct Services Programs;
 - ☞ Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects-domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking;
 - ☞ Criminal Justice Programs; and
 - ☞ Juvenile Justice and Youth Division.

IV. Years of Funding and Budget Exceptions

- a. Projects will be funded on a yearly basis. All applicants will be considered as “new” applicants until the review of these policies/procedures during each grant cycle.
- b. The Committee will analyze the availability of funding resources from previous funding year, current regional budget expectations (RBEs), and review local priorities and goals for the six-county planning area of West Texas.
- c. Budget Exceptions: The Committee reserves the right to recommend an amount less than the requested amount based on eligibility, reasonableness, and cost-effectiveness of the proposed project.
- d. Budget Exceptions: The Committee reserves the right to decline to recommend funding on any application, ineligible activity or line item that is not permitted under the funding source. In the event that the Committee deems not to recommend full or partial funding of an application, RIOCOG staff will notify the PSO/OOG.

V. Attendance Requirements

The grant cycle begins:

Fund Source	Performance Period
Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects-domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking	September 1, 2027 - August 31, 2028
General Victim Assistance-direct Services Programs,	October 1, 2027 - September 30, 2028

Criminal Justice Programs	October 1, 2027 - September 30, 2028
General Juvenile Justice and Youth Division	October 1, 2027 - September 30, 2028

- a. Each potential applicant or grantee is responsible for designating an agency or department representative to attend and participate in the Planning Alliance meetings (El Paso County Planning Alliance/Far West Texas Planning Alliance), application workshop(s) and other relevant meetings as assigned by the RIOCOG staff. There must be an assigned representative from each fiscal agent seeking funding through the PSO/OOG. In the event that the fiscal agent is seeking funding under multiple funding sources, the fiscal agent must designate a representative for each funding source.
- b. In the event that an applicant submits an application to the PSO/OOG, without having attended and participated in the Urban and Rural Planning Alliance meetings, application workshop(s) and other required meetings as assigned by the RIOCOG staff; the Committee:

In reference to:

1. Urban (City/County of El Paso):

If a fiscal agent is submitting an application that addresses and identifies urban unmet needs in the City/County of El Paso, the designated representative must attend the El Paso County Planning Alliance meetings.

2. Rural (Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Brewster and Presidio):

If a fiscal agent is submitting an application that addresses and identifies rural unmet needs in Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Brewster and/or Presidio counties, the designated representative must attend the Far West Texas Planning Alliance meetings.

3. Urban and Rural:

If a fiscal agent is addressing and identifying unmet needs in both urban and rural settings, the designated representative must attend both Planning Alliance meetings.

4. Application workshop:

All applicants are **required** to attend the RIOCOG's application workshop each grant cycle. The RIOCOG staff will notify potential applicants and grantees of the scheduled workshop(s) via email, RIOCOG's website www.riocog.org, and/or the Texas Register (www.sos.state.tx.us). All grant application workshop(s) will be conducted under the guidance of the PSO/OOG. Failure to attend the mandatory application workshop will result in a five (5) point penalty which will be assessed by the Committee when the application is scored. Current or first-time grantees that are unable to attend the application workshop shall be required to attend a technical assistance visit with the RIOCOG staff a minimum of ten (10) days prior to submitting the application to PSO/OOG.

VI. Due Dates and Late Applications

- a. All applications must be submitted via eGrants located at <https://egrants.gov.texas.gov> as indicated in the PSO/OOG, website and application. The PSO/OOG determines whether a late application will be accepted. The Committee designates the RIOCOG Regional Services Division staff to inform potential applicants and grantees of the fund sources available through the PSO/OOG. Potential applicants and grantees will be notified of funding opportunities and application submission deadlines through the El Paso County Planning Alliance and the Far West Texas Rural Planning Alliance.
- b. RIOCOG staff shall notify all applicants in writing within fourteen (14) calendar of the approved region's priorities after the RIOCOG Board of Directors approves the priority listing.

VII. Appeal Process

Applicants must first pursue a remedy at the RIOCOG level.

VIII. Texas Open Meeting Act Compliance

The Committee undertakes to substantially comply with the posting requirements of the Texas Open Meeting Act. Executive sessions shall not be permitted under this authority.

IX. Duplication of Services

The Committee will consider all applicants' coordinated efforts to avoid the duplication of services requested by each grant applicant when scoring an application.

X. Performance Management

The Committee will consider in their scoring progressive results in previously funded Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division grants (if applicable) to include sustainability processes that will allow for the implementation of new projects, while continuing to support regional criminal justice priorities and current efforts made by existing programs. Any programmatic audits/evaluations and program improvement plan(s). The programmatic audit/evaluation to include the improvement plan(s) needs to be incorporated in the Performance Management section of the application.



Agenda Item # 8

To: RIOCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director

Date: October 7, 2026

Subject: Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – FY 2028 RCJAC Criminal Justice Regional Priorities

Discuss and Act Upon as Needed

Approve and authorize the FY 2028 Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – Criminal Justice Regional Priorities

Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
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Criminal Justice Grant Program

The purpose of this fund source promotes public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

"Criminal Justice Purposes" is defined as activities pertaining to crime prevention, control, or reduction, or the enforcement of the criminal law, including, but not limited to, police efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or to apprehend criminals (including juveniles), activities of courts having criminal jurisdiction, and related agencies (including but not limited to prosecutorial and defender services, juvenile delinquency agencies and pretrial service or release agencies), activities of corrections, probation, or parole authorities and related agencies assisting in there habilitation, supervision, and care of criminal offenders, and programs relating to the prevention, control, or reduction of narcotic addiction and juvenile delinquency.

1. Law enforcement – Includes championing a supportive, professional, respected law enforcement system with specialized resources that are adaptive and flexible to ever-changing crimes and situations.

Priority Areas include:

- a. Intelligence-based Investigations (Violent Crime, Border Crime, Gangs)
- b. Community Policing Programs
- c. Specialized Officer Training
- d. Officer Wellness Programs

2. Prosecution and Courts – Includes fostering an informed, collaborative, and multi-disciplinary system that ensures appropriate penalties offenders and services for the community and victims.

Priority Areas include:

- a. Pre-trial Diversion Programs
- b. Reduce Evidence Testing Backlog
- c. Courtroom Personnel Training

3. Crime Prevention and Education – Includes cultivating an individualized, understanding-based system that takes a multi-pronged approach, infused with basic life skills and alternative tracks to crime prevention.

Priority Areas include:

- a. Life-skills Training Programs
- b. Community-based Prevention Programs

4. Corrections and Community Corrections – Includes promoting an assessment-driven, treatment-focused system that targets an individual's risk and needs appropriately.

Priority Areas Include:

- a. Probation/Parole Officer Training
- b. Risk/Needs Assessment for Diversion Programs
- c. Jail/Prison-based Co-occurring Treatment

5. Reentry Programs; and

6. Assessment and Evaluation Programs.

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Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program

The purpose of this fund source is to promote a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach to improve the justice system's response to violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

1. Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
2. Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
3. Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims;
4. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
5. Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other state agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
6. Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault;
7. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals;
8. Developing and promoting state or local policies that enhance best practices for responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
9. Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault as defined in Chapter 351 of Local Government Code, subchapter J;
10. Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims; and
11. Identifying and conducting inventories of backlogs of sexual assault evidence collection kits and developing protocols and policies for responding to and addressing such back logs, including protocols and policies for notifying and involving victims.

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General Victim Assistance Grant Program

The purpose of this program is to provide services and assistance directly to victims of crime to speed their recovery and aid them through the criminal justice process.

Services may include the following:

- Responding to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims;
- Assisting victims in stabilizing their lives after a victimization;
- Assisting victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and
- Providing victims with safety and security.

Crisis Services

- Services that respond to immediate needs (other than medical care), emotional, psychological, and physical health and safety including:
 - Crisis intervention services;
 - Accompanying victims to hospitals for medical examinations;
 - Hotline counseling;
 - Safety planning;
 - Emergency food, clothing, and transportation;
 - Window, door, or lock replacement or repair, and other repairs necessary to ensure a victim's safety;
 - Costs of the following, on an emergency basis (i.e., when the State's compensation program, the victim's health insurance plan, Medicaid, or other health care funding source, is not reasonably expected to be available quickly enough to meet the emergency needs of a victim (typically within 48 hours of the crime): Non-prescription and prescription medicine, prophylactic or other treatment to prevent HIV/AIDS infection or other infectious disease, durable medical equipment (such as wheel-chairs, crutches, hearing aids, eyeglasses), and other healthcare items; in all cases the grant must be considered the option of last resort; and
 - Emergency legal assistance, such as for filing for restraining or protective orders, and obtaining emergency custody orders and visitation rights.
- Personal advocacy and emotional support including: Working with a victim to assess the impact of the crime;
 - Identification of victim's needs;
 - Case management;
 - Management of practical problems created by the victimization;
 - Identification of resources available to the victim;
 - Provision of information, referrals, advocacy, and follow-up contact for continued services, as needed;
 - Traditional, cultural, and/or alternative therapy/healing (e.g., art therapy, yoga – with appropriate training, certification, or licensure);
 - Transportation of victims to receive services and to participate in criminal justice proceedings; and
 - Public awareness and education presentations (including the development of presentation materials, brochures, newspaper notices, and public service announcements) in schools, community centers, and other public forums that are designed to inform crime victims of specific rights and services and provide them with (or refer them to) services and assistance, this activity will only be funded in conjunction with programs providing direct services.

Forensic Interviews (with the following parameters):

- Results of the interview will be used not only for law enforcement and prosecution purposes, but also for identification of needs such as social services, personal advocacy, case management, substance abuse treatment, and mental health services;

- Interviews are conducted in the context of a multi-disciplinary investigation and diagnostic team, or in a specialized setting such as a child advocacy center; and
- The interviewer is trained to conduct forensic interviews appropriate to the developmental age and abilities of children, or the developmental, cognitive, and physical or communication disabilities presented by adults.

Legal Advocacy

- Facilitating participation in criminal justice and other public proceedings arising from the crime, including:
 - Advocacy on behalf of a victim;
 - Accompanying a victim to offices and court;
 - Transportation, meals, and lodging to allow a victim who is not a witness to participate in a proceeding;
 - Interpreting for a non-witness victim who is deaf or hard of hearing, or with limited English proficiency;
 - Providing child care and respite care to enable a victim who is a caregiver to attend activities related to the proceeding;
 - Notification to victims regarding key proceeding dates (e.g., trial dates, case disposition, incarceration, and parole hearings);
 - Assistance with Victim Impact Statements;
 - Assistance in recovering property that was retained as evidence; and
 - Assistance with restitution advocacy on behalf of crime victims.
- Legal assistance services (including those provided on an emergency basis), where reason able and where the need for such services arises as a direct result of the victimization, including:
 - Those (other than criminal defense) that help victims assert their rights as victims in a criminal proceeding directly related to the victimization, or otherwise protect their safety, privacy, or other interests as victims in such a proceeding; and
 - Those actions (other than tort actions) that, in the civil context, are reasonably necessary as a direct result of the victimization.

Multi-Disciplinary Teams and Case Coordination

- Representatives of several agencies meet regularly to discuss common cases and share information to enhance investigation, prosecution, and victim restoration. Cases are followed through in this manner to closure. Participating agencies may include Child Protective Service, law enforcement, prosecutors' offices, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners or other medical personnel, mental health professionals, etc.

Peer Support Groups

- Peer-support, including activities that provide opportunities for victims to meet other victims, share experiences, and provide self-help, information, and emotional support.

Professional Therapy and Counseling

- Mental health counseling and care, including, but not limited to, out-patient therapy/counseling provided by a person who meets professional standards to provide these services in the jurisdiction in which the care is administered.

Protective Order Assistance:

- Legal representation provided by program staff and/or staff attorneys to obtain protective orders and assistance;
- May be provided by law enforcement personnel, prosecution staff or other service providers; and
- Services may be available at non-traditional locations and times.

Shelter

- Providing a safe place for victims/survivors and their children;
- Short-term (up to 45 days) in-home care and supervision services for children and adults who remain in their own homes when the offender/caregiver is removed; and
- Short-term (up to 45 days) nursing-home, adult foster care, or group-home placement for adults for whom no other safe, short-term residence is available;

Transitional Housing

- Travel, rental assistance, security deposits, utilities, and other costs incidental to relocation of survivors into transitional housing, as well as voluntary support services such as childcare and counseling. Provision of this service is limited to 18 months in duration per client and must require active participation in program services designed to enable self-sufficiency of the client. PSO should be considered the payee of last resort for this service. To be eligible, this service must be included in the original application budget prioritized by the local Council of Government's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

Victim-Offender Meetings

- Meetings between the survivor and the offender who perpetrated the crime against the survivor. At a minimum, grantees must consider: The safety and security of the survivor;
- The benefit of therapeutic value to the survivor;
- The procedures for ensuring that participation of the survivor and offender are voluntary and that everyone understands the nature of any meeting or other activity;
- The provision of appropriate support and accompaniment for the survivor;
- Appropriate debriefing opportunities for the survivor after a meeting;
- The credentials of the facilitators; and
- The opportunity for a survivor to withdraw from the process at any time.

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Juvenile Justice & Youth Diversion Grant Program

The purpose of this fund source to prevent violence in and around school; and to improve the juvenile justice system by providing mental health services, **truancy prevention**, diversion services and intervention through community-based and school programs.

Mental Health Services. Programs providing mental health services for youth in custody in need of such services including, but are not limited to assessment, development of individualized treatment plans, and discharge plans.

School Programs. Education programs or supportive services in traditional public schools and detention/corrections education settings to encourage youth to remain in school; or alternative learning programs to support transition to work and self-sufficiency, and to enhance coordination between correctional programs and youth's local education programs to ensure the instruction they receive outside school is aligned with that provided in their schools, and that any identified learning problems are communicated.

Community-Based Programs and Services. These programs and services are those that work pre- and post-confinement with: a) parents and other family members to strengthen families to help keep youth in their homes; b) youth during confinement and their families to ensure safe return of youth home and to strengthen the families; and c) parents with limited English-speaking ability.

Youth Diversion Services – Early intervention education programs and/or related diversion services designed to prevent delinquency, including prevention services for children considered at-risk of entering the juvenile justice system and intervention services for juveniles engaged in misconduct.

Juvenile Case Managers - Individuals designated to provide services in court cases involving juvenile offenders including assisting the court in administering the court's juvenile docket and supervising the court's orders in juvenile cases. May also provide prevention services to a child considered at-risk of entering the juvenile justice system and intervention services to juveniles engaged in misconduct before cases are filed.



Agenda Item # 9

To: RIOCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director

Date: October 7, 2026

Subject: Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee – FY 2028 Scoring Instruments

Discuss and Act Upon as Needed

Approve and authorize the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory the FY 2028 RCJAC Scoring Instruments

RIOCOG: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
FY 2028 PROJECT SCORE SHEET
EQUIPMENT

Funding Opportunity: Applicant Jurisdiction: Project Title: Point of Contact: Amount Requested:		Date:	
<i>If you have a conflict of interest you are exempt from scoring or commenting on this and any other application for this funding opportunity.</i>			
Question		Max Points Allowed	Score
Problem Statement (5pts)			
1	Is there an adequate explanation as to why the proposed project is needed?	5	
Supporting Data (5pts)			
2	Is there sufficient local data identifying the need or gap in services for this project? Does the local data provide evidence that the problem exists and its effects on the target population?	5	
Project Approach & Activities (15pts)			
3	How does the approach and activities solve the stated problem? Are the activities to be conducted reasonable and will they adequately accomplish the goals of the project? Does this project avoid duplication or overlapping of existing resources or programs available within the project's proposed service area and target population?	15	
Capacity & Capabilities (15pts)			
4	Indicate: (1) the number of staff employed at your agency for all services you perform; (2) the number for this grant; (3) total project cost. Does the organization have a documented track record of doing this type of work and have the right staff members to do so?	15	
Performance Management (25pts)			
5	Has the organization shown progressive results in previously funded grants? Are the project goals and objectives clearly defined and tie into the stated problem? Do the output and outcome measures tie to one or more objectives and indicate progress towards success? When was the last time your program was internally or externally was audited/evaluated (not a fiscal financial audit)? What were the findings and plan(s) of improvement? What is the applicant's sustainability plan that would allow them to continue services beyond CJD funding? **Describe your maintenance, upgrade or calibration plan for the intended equipment purchases?	25	

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EQUIPMENT

Target Group (10pts)			
6	Is the target group size affected by the proposed project clearly described? Is the target group appropriate and clearly described? Is this organization a sole source provider of services for this target group?	10	
Practices (10pts)			
7	Does the applicant describe the evidence based or promising model(s) and corresponding approach(es) and activity(ies) that will be used in the proposed project?	10	
Budget (10pts)			
8	Are the budget line items reasonable and essential to meeting the goals of the project? Considering the proposed budget, can this project meet its projected outputs? **Are there any budgetary increases that justify the increase of the scope of the project?	10	
Local Priorities (5pts)			
9	Does the proposed project address at a minimum one of the local priorities identified by the CJAC?	5	
10	Non-Attendance: Mandatory Application Workshop <i>(Deduction of 5 points)</i>		
TOTAL		100	
Application Prioritization Process			
If the application is recommended for funding that is less than what is being requested, can the project still be implemented?			Yes/No

 Printed Name and Signature of Committee Member

The RCGOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee reserves the right to recommend a lesser or higher funding amount based upon availability of funding.

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Check If Exempt

Reason:

RIOCOG: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
FY 2028 PROJECT SCORE SHEET
PERSONNEL

Funding Opportunity:		Date:	
Applicant Jurisdiction:			
Project Title:			
Point of Contact:			
Amount Requested:		Total Score:	

If you have a conflict of interest you are exempt from scoring or commenting on this and any other application for this funding opportunity.

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Capacity & Capabilities (15pts)		
4 Indicate: (1) the number of staff employed at your agency for all services you perform; (2) the number for this grant; (3) total project cost. Does the organization have a documented track record of doing this type of work and have the right staff members to do so?	15	
Performance Management (25pts)		
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PERSONNEL

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9	Does the proposed project address at a minimum one of the local priorities identified by the CJAC?	5	
10	Non-Attendance: Mandatory Application Workshop <i>(Deduction of 5 points)</i>		
TOTAL		100	

Application Prioritization Process	
If the application is recommended for funding that is less than what is being requested, can the project still be implemented?	Yes/No

 Printed Name and Signature of Committee Member

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Check If Exempt

Reason:



Agenda Item # 10

To: RIOCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director
Date: October 7, 2026
Subject: Other Business

Discuss and Act Upon as Needed

April 2027

Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee FY 2028 Review, Score, and Prioritize the Criminal Justice grant applications



Agenda Item # 11

To: RIGCOG Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

From: Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director

Date: October 7, 2026

Subject: Adjournment

Discuss and Act Upon as Needed

Adjournment