



Public Safety Office
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Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Interoperability and Investments

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Public Safety Office Overview

- The Public Safety Office (PSO) is a Division of the Office of the Governor (OOG) that administers both state and federal grant programs.
- The PSO uses the OOG's eGrants system to manage approximately 2,300 active grants totaling more than \$250 million per year.
- The Regional Councils of Governments (COGs) help the OOG by facilitating terrorism preparedness planning within, and ranking/prioritizing proposed grant projects from, their respective regions.



The eGrants Calendar

<https://egrants.gov.texas.gov>

- Lists each funding opportunity
- Provides the “Due Date”
- Has links for each Request for Applications (RFA) or “Announcement”
- The RFA provides specific details for each grant program
- The RFA also describes “how to apply” and the selection process used
- New opportunities are added throughout the year

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

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★ Funding Schedule Calendar

The Office of the Governor (OOG) may solicit applications for grants in the form of a Request for Applications (RFA) through the Secretary of State's Texas Register. RFA notices serve to inform potential applicants of available funding opportunities. In addition to an RFA, OOG may solicit applications for grants in the form of a Request for Proposals (RFP). The chart below lists each funding opportunity along with the method used to solicit applications and the deadline for submitting applications through eGrants to OOG.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY	DETAILS	DATE AVAILABLE	DUE DATE 5 PM CST
Body Worn Camera Program	Announcement	12/18/2017	2/20/2018
Border Prosecution Unit (BPU)	Announcement	1/19/2018	3/29/2018
County Essential Services Program (" Pre-approval Req'd)	Announcement	10/1/2017	8/31/2018
Crime Stoppers Program	Announcement	1/8/2018	3/9/2018
Emergency and Long-Term Residential Services for Child Sex Trafficking Victims	Announcement	12/18/2017	2/20/2018
General Victim Assistance Program	Announcement	12/18/2017	2/20/2018
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program	Announcement	12/18/2017	2/20/2018
Juvenile Justice Grant Program	Announcement	12/18/2017	2/20/2018
Local Border Security Program (LBSP)	Announcement	1/19/2018	3/29/2018
Music Education and Community Grant (MECG) Program	Announcement	9/7/2017	4/30/2018
National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)	Announcement	2/1/2018	4/2/2018
Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)	Announcement	2/14/2018	3/16/2018
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program	Announcement	12/18/2017	2/20/2018
Specialty Courts Program	Announcement	12/18/2017	2/20/2018
State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - LETPA Activities	Announcement	12/15/2017	2/28/2018
State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - Regular Projects	Announcement	12/15/2017	2/28/2018
Truancy Prevention and Intervention Program	Announcement	12/18/2017	2/20/2018
Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program	Announcement	12/18/2017	2/20/2018

* Prior approval is required before the grant applicant can submit certain types of applications (referenced above) to OOG. Contact the [eGrants Help Desk](#) by email and include a brief description of your proposed project, the funding opportunity you are interested in, and the contact information of the person responsible for preparing the grant application.

Each applicant is required to submit a complete Grant Application Kit to OOG through eGrants. Instructions for submitting an application kit are available [here](#).

Grant applicants are responsible for contacting their appropriate regional council of governments (COG) regarding their applications. Each of Texas' 24 COG's holds its own grant development workshops and facilitates application prioritization for the following programs within its region:

- General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Programs;
- Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects;
- Juvenile Service Projects;
- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Programs; and
- State Homeland Security Programs.

Grants Administered by HSGD

HSGD administers over \$100 Million annually

- Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
 - State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
 - Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
 - Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)
- Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP)
- Local Border Security Program (LBSP)
- Border Prosecution Unit (BPU)
- Other Border-related Grant Programs



Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

- Projects must align with the State's Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Report (SPR).
- HSGP provides funding for **P**lanning, **O**rganization, **E**quipment, **T**raining, and **E**xercises (POETE) to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.
- Sub-recipients must demonstrate the “**dual-use**” quality for any activities implemented that are not explicitly focused on **terrorism preparedness**.



Coordination with the SWIC

RFA Requirements

HSGP RFA Prohibited Item: “amateur radios and equipment, FMS radios, GMRS radios, or other radio equipment that is not P25 compliant”

Investment - Interoperable Emergency Communications

- i. Building capabilities to meet P-25 standards.
- ii. Sustaining existing capabilities (e.g. life cycle replacement)
- iii. Projects must enhance current capabilities or address capability gaps identified by Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) or Texas Interoperable Communications Coalition (TxICC) in either the Texas Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) or DPS Report on Interoperable Communications to the Texas Legislature.



Coordination with the SWIC

RFA Requirements (continued)

Note: *Projects to increase voice communications interoperability for counties with the lowest interoperability levels are preferred over other communication projects.*

iv. Prior to purchase, planned expenditures must receive validation from the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC). Note: Radios purchased must: a) follow the Statewide Radio ID Management Plan; b) be programmed following the Statewide Interoperability Channel Plan, and c) include encryption options capable of Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) encryption, IF encryption is being purchased.

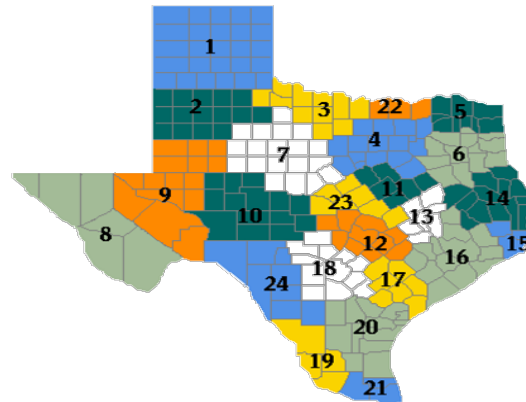


Coordination with the SWIC

Subject Matter Expert (SME) Review: SWIC personnel review all interoperable communication projects to ensure alignment with state interoperable communication priorities.

Condition of Funding: Grantees must coordinate with the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) for review of planned equipment purchases when using grant funds to buy mobile radios, portable radios, or repeaters.

Note: *Sub-recipients are asked to copy appropriate COG personnel when contacting the SWIC for approval of planned purchases.*



2018 & 2019 Overview of Available Funds

2018

- HSGP Award = **\$89.9M**
- SHSP Allocation = **\$20,591,000**
- \$ available to regions = **\$15,572,800**
- UASI Allocation = **\$39.1M**
 - Dallas/Ft. Worth/Arlington
 - Houston
 - San Antonio

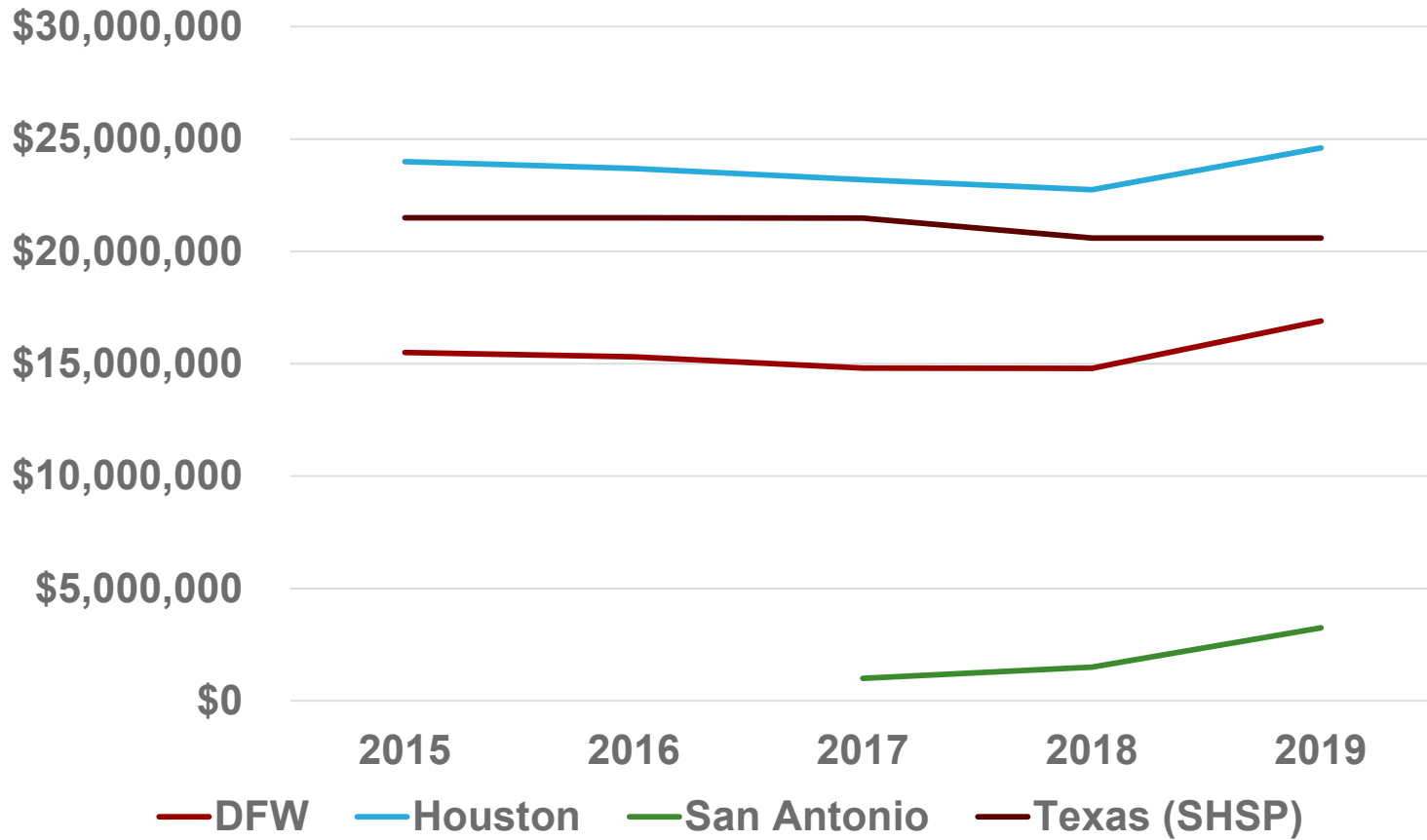
2019

- HSGP Award = **TBD***
- SHSP Allocation = **\$20,591,000** (same as 2018)
- \$ available to regions = **\$15,572,800** (same as 2018)
- UASI Allocation = **\$44.8M** (**14.6% increase over 2018**)
 - Dallas/Ft. Worth/Arlington
 - Houston
 - San Antonio

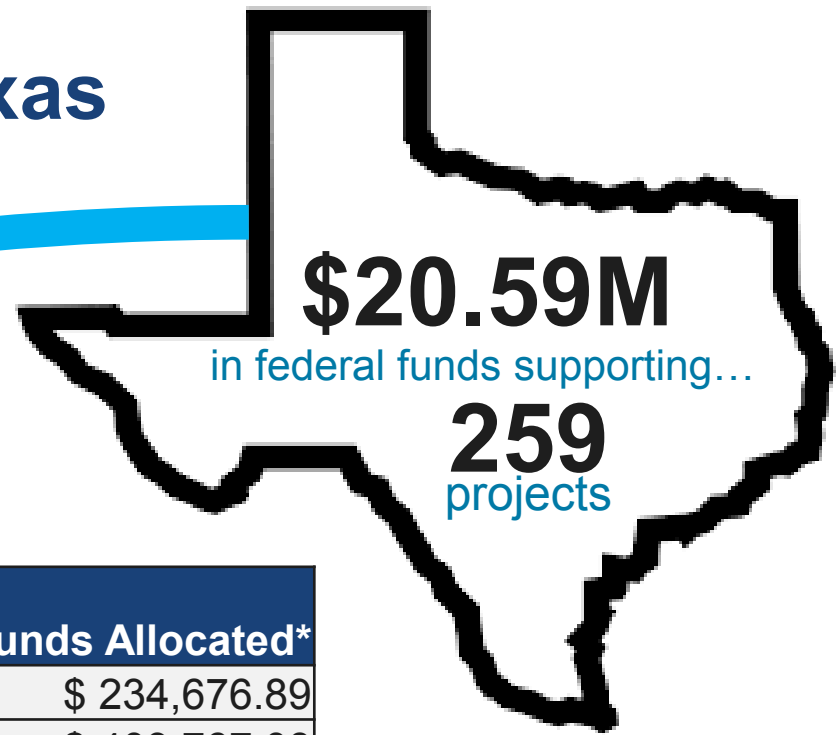
** The HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) identifies SHSP and UASI allocations by State, however OPSG is a competitive program and final allocations under OPSG are announced later in the year (July/August).*



2015-2019 SHSP & UASI Allocation Trend



2019 SHSP Overview - Texas



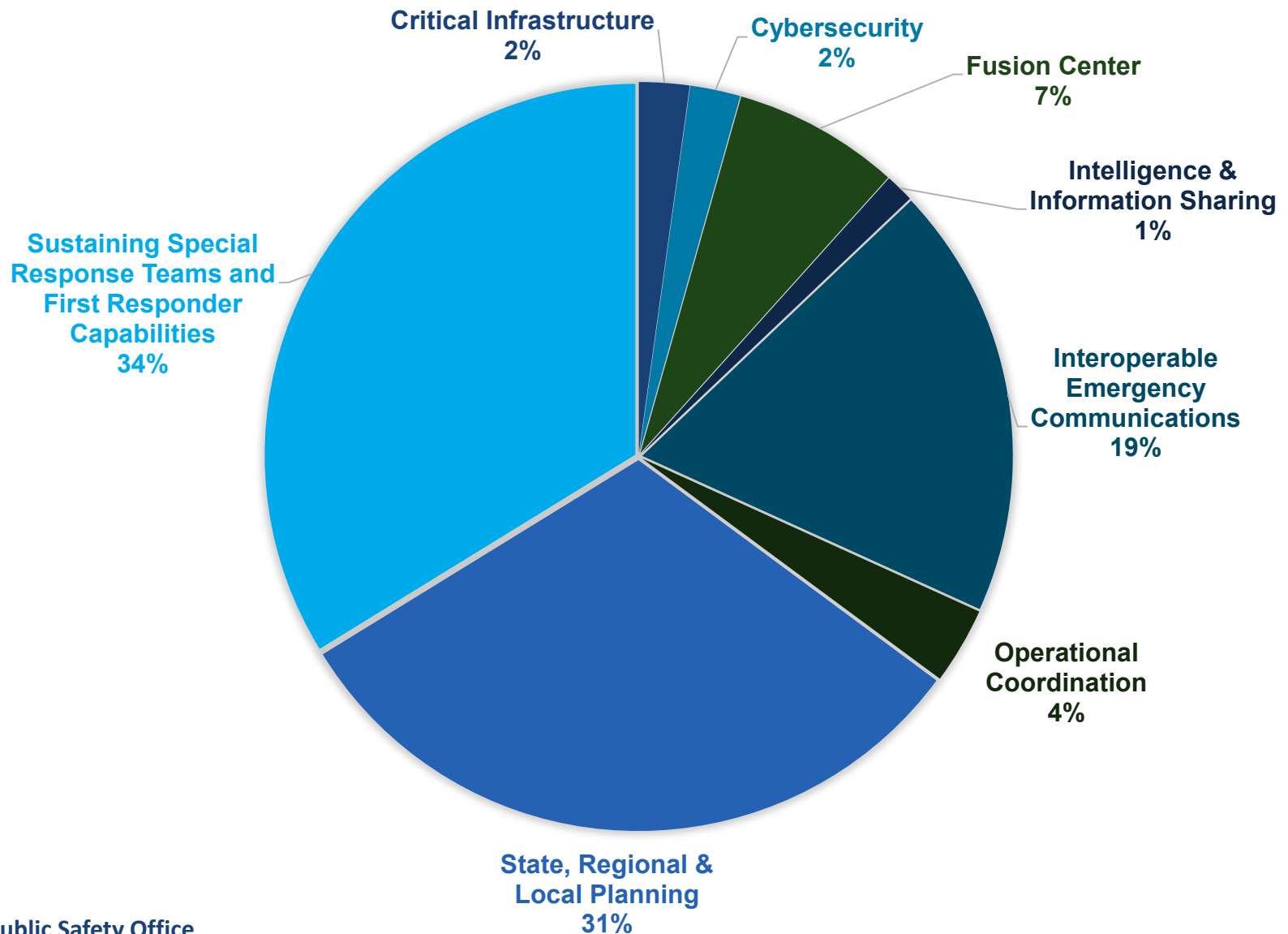
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Investment Areas	Funds Allocated*
Intelligence and Information Sharing	\$ 234,676.89
Critical Infrastructure	\$ 409,767.08
Cybersecurity	\$ 409,497.00
Operational Coordination	\$ 624,881.93
Fusion Center	\$ 1,357,263.68
Interoperable Emergency Communications	\$ 3,520,822.84
State, Regional, and Local Planning	\$ 5,804,807.90
Sustaining Special Response Teams and First Responder Capabilities	\$ 6,304,132.68

*Investment amounts do not include funds retained for SHSP and OPSG M&A.



2019 SHSP Funds by Investment Area



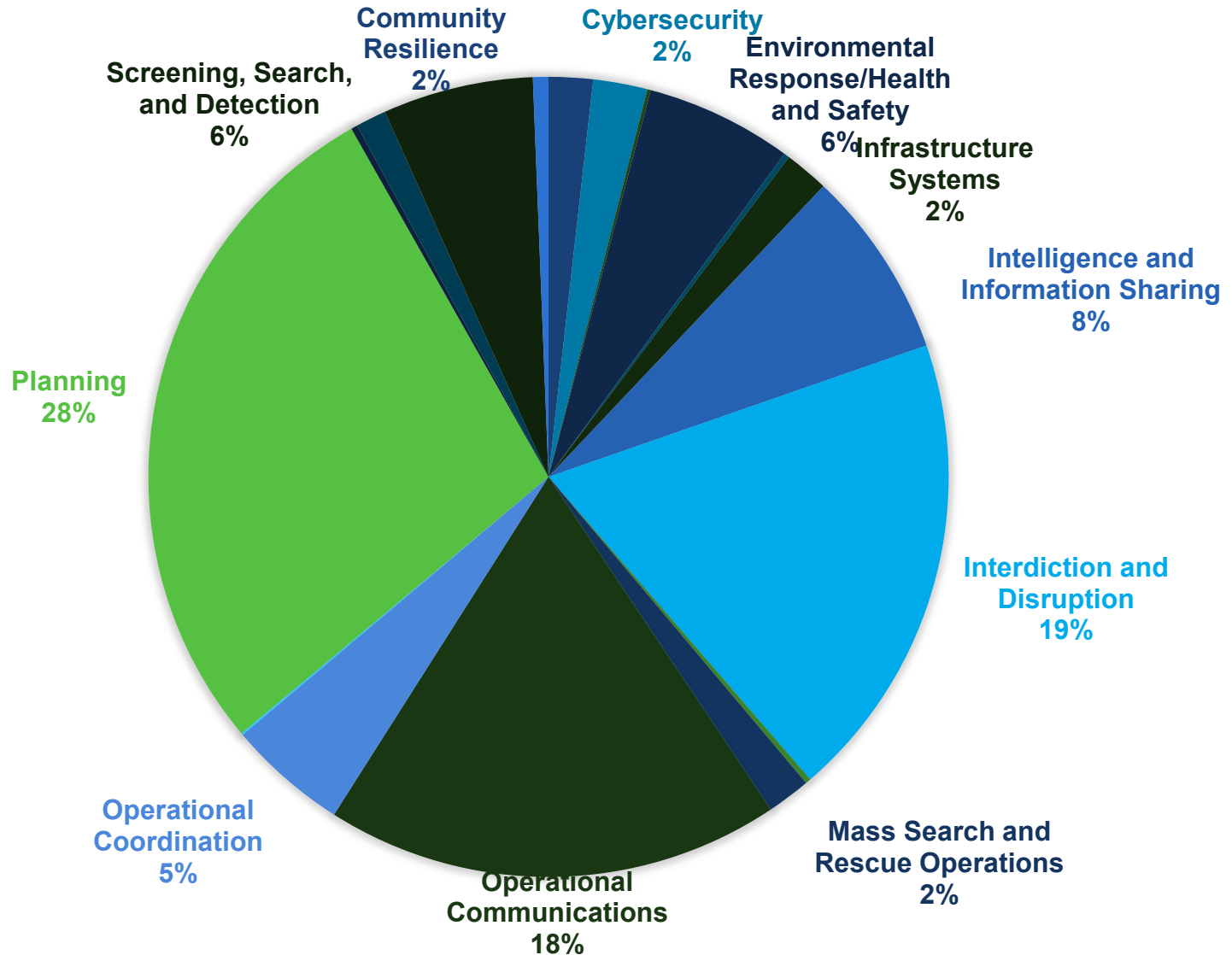
2019 SHSP Overview - Texas

18 core capabilities addressed

Core Capabilities	Funds Allocated*
Community Resilience	\$ 333,319.00
Cybersecurity	\$ 409,497.00
Economic Recovery	\$ 25,000.00
Environmental Response/Health and Safety	\$1,105,190.75
Fire Management and Suppression	\$ 42,201.33
Infrastructure Systems	\$ 335,010.00
Intelligence and Information Sharing	\$1,421,817.57
Interdiction and Disruption	\$ 3,542,229.35
Logistics and Supply Chain Management	\$ 41,000.00
Mass Search and Rescue Operations	\$ 328,978.19
Operational Communications	\$ 3,428,988.88
Operational Coordination	\$ 904,285.19
Physical Protective Measures	\$ 14,329.36
Planning	\$ 5,203,777.64
Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services	\$ 47,173.50
Public Information and Warning	\$ 232,123.00
Screening, Search, and Detection	\$ 1,134,279.24
Threats and Hazards Identification	\$ 116,650.00
*Amounts do not include funds retained for SHSP and OPSG M&A.	



2019 SHSP Funds by Core Capability



2019 UASI Overview

Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington

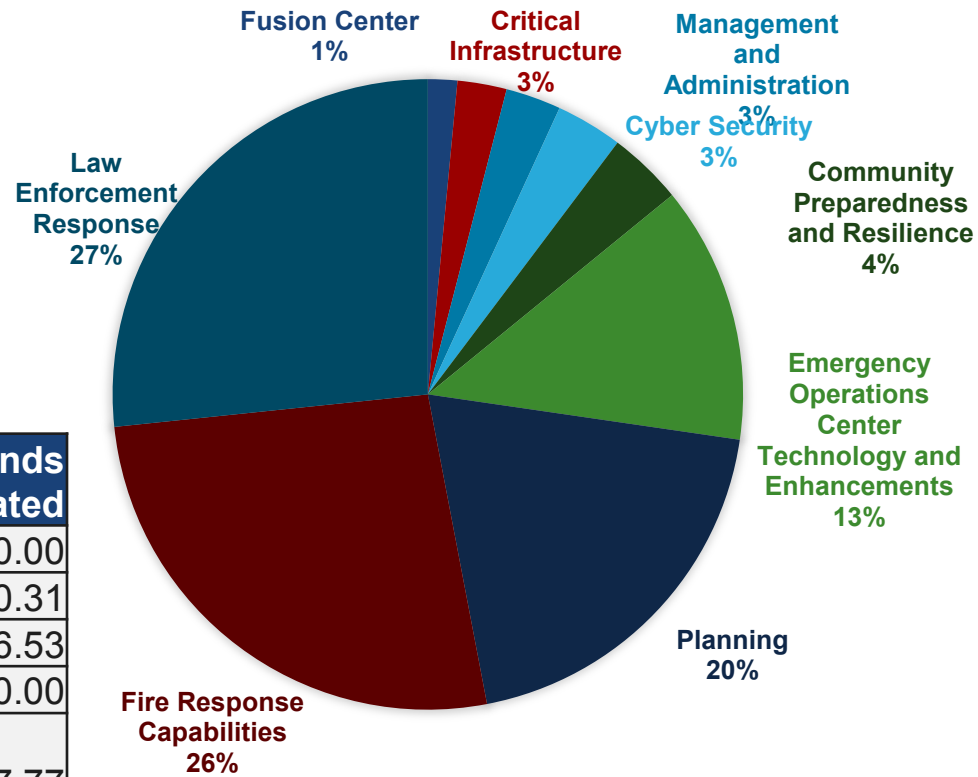
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in federal funds supporting...

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projects investment areas

Investment Areas	Funds Allocated
Fusion Center	\$ 241,000.00
Critical Infrastructure	\$ 405,070.31
Management and Administration	\$ 455,276.53
Cyber Security	\$ 549,000.00
Community Preparedness and Resilience	\$ 614,917.77
Emergency Operations Center Technology and Enhancements	\$ 2,117,923.09
Planning	\$ 3,161,503.18
Fire Response Capabilities	\$ 4,232,435.56
Law Enforcement Response	\$ 4,277,873.56



2019 UASI Overview

Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land

\$24,600,000

in federal funds supporting...

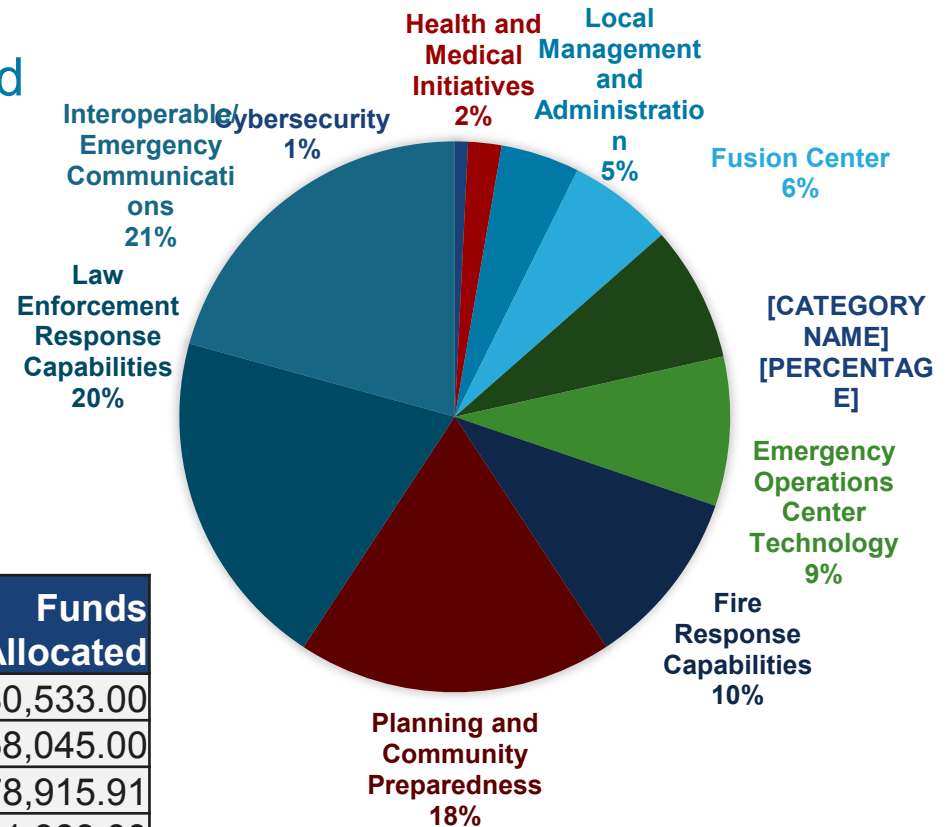
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projects

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investment areas

Investment Areas	Funds Allocated
Cybersecurity	\$ 180,533.00
Health and Medical Initiatives	\$ 458,045.00
Local Management and Administration	\$ 1,078,915.91
Fusion Center	\$ 1,441,983.00
Risk Management/Infrastructure Protection	\$ 1,859,978.00
Emergency Operations Center Technology	\$ 2,046,695.05
Fire Response Capabilities	\$ 2,451,593.53
Planning and Community Preparedness	\$ 4,329,417.46
Law Enforcement Response Capabilities	\$ 4,680,954.84
Interoperable/ Emergency Communications	\$ 4,841,884.21



2019 UASI Overview

San Antonio-New Braunfels

\$3,250,000

in federal funds supporting...

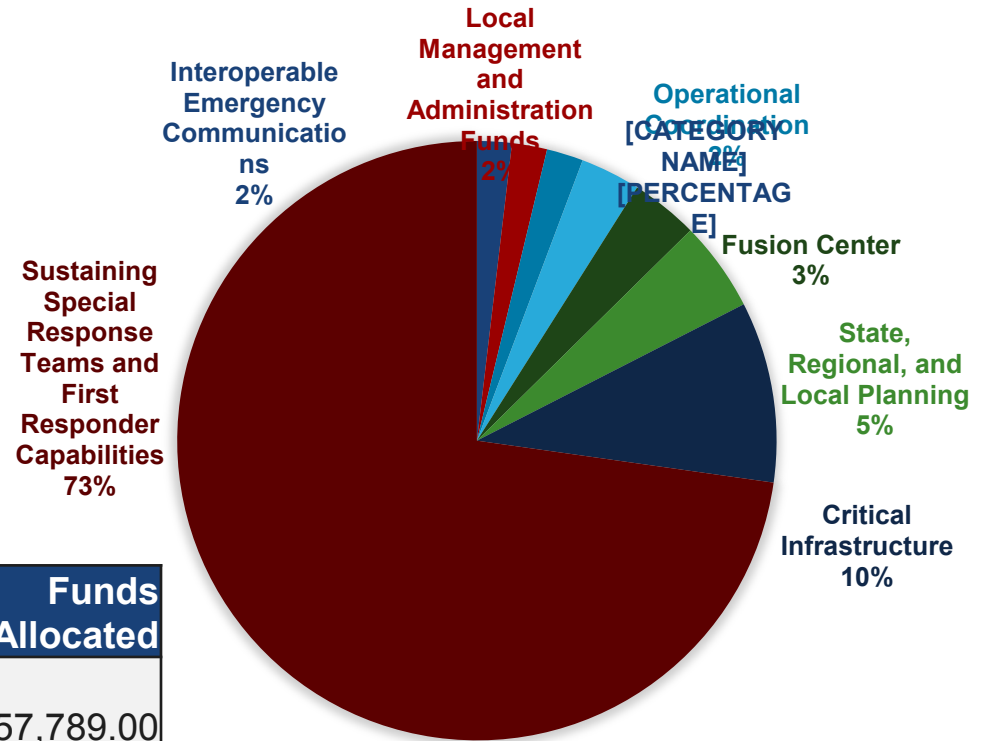
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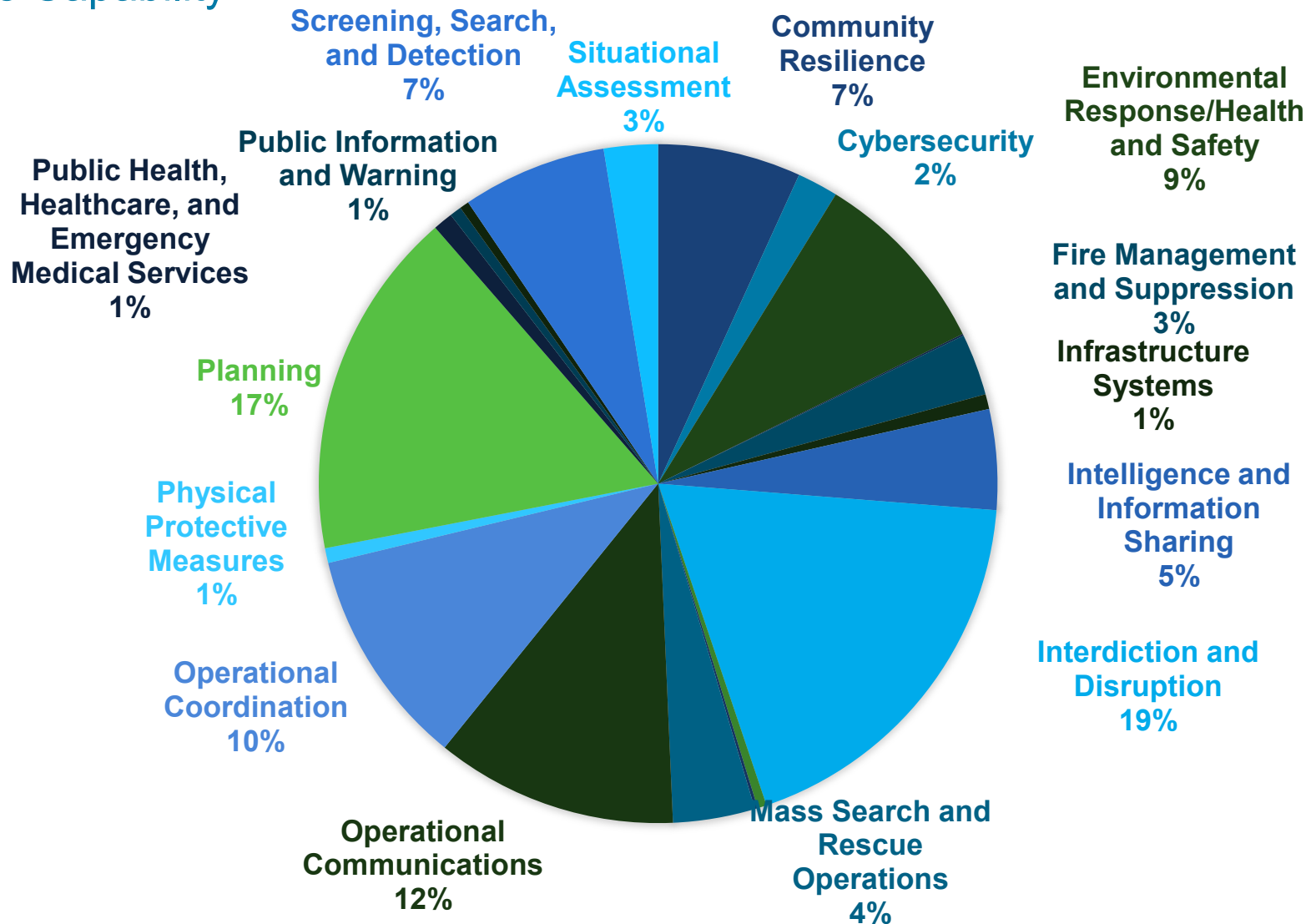
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Investment Areas	Funds Allocated
Interoperable Emergency Communications	\$ 57,789.00
Local Management and Administration	\$ 58,455.00
Operational Coordination	\$ 61,000.00
Cybersecurity	\$ 100,000.00
Fusion Center	\$ 112,472.00
State, Regional, and Local Planning	\$ 150,000.00
Critical Infrastructure	\$ 301,245.00
Sustaining Special Response Teams and First Responder Capabilities	\$ 2,246,539.00



2019 UASI Overview

Core Capability



Interoperability Investments* 2015-present

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
SHSP Allocation \$21,481,000	SHSP Allocation \$21,481,000	SHSP Allocation \$21,481,000	SHSP Allocation \$20,591,000.00	SHSP Allocation \$20,591,000.00
Interop: \$7,808,436	Interop: \$6,024,911	Interop: \$5,356,173	Interop: \$3,759,178	Interop: \$3,520,823
UASI Allocation \$39,500,000	UASI Allocation \$38,995,000	UASI Allocation \$38,995,000	UASI Allocation \$39,050,000	UASI Allocation \$44,750,000
Dallas Interop: \$433,372	Dallas Interop: N/A	Dallas Interop: N/A	Dallas Interop: \$221,000	Dallas Interop: N/A
Houston Interop: \$4,420,182	Houston Interop: \$5,660,005	Houston Interop: \$5,222,610	Houston Interop: \$4,109,032	Houston Interop: \$4,841,884
		San Antonio Interop: N/A	San Antonio Interop: N/A	San Antonio Interop: \$57,789

* Data as of July 2019.

2019 SHSP Projects - Examples

- **\$55,915** - *The City of SAMPLE SWAT Team project will purchase 1 mobile radio, 10 portable radios, 2 portable radios including encryption, Lithium Ion Batteries, and Ion 3100T Batteries.*
- **\$214,751** - *The SAMPLE County will fund contractual services for installation of a tower -3 foot wide by 450 foot tall guyed tower...to improve communications locally and regionally.*
- **\$4,957** - *“will purchase P-25 compliance portable radios for the SAMPLE County Sheriff's Office. This project will upgrade and enhance outdated portable radios.”*
- **\$117,000** – *“City of SAMPLE Radio Repeater Project will purchase and install three base radios, one repeater and one antenna for the Regional Radio System ...”*
- **\$37,500** – *“...will purchase 25 mobile radios for the SAMPLE Fire Department...will replace equipment at the end of serviceable life cycle and upgrade to SCIP compliance.”*



2019 SHSP Projects - Examples

- **\$242,500** - *“The project will manage, maintain, operate and enhance a robust and resilient region-wide interoperable communications system...across a 26-county region by funding two personnel, services, and equipment.”*
- **\$502,607** - *This project will fund the State Satellite Network’s bandwidth for 12 months. The network provides secure emergency communications and ...supports data connectivity bandwidth for an additional 20 state and local agencies.*
- **\$61,625** – *“The project will fund 125 Motorola WAVE communicator smartphone applications, two Network Ethernet Switches and two Uninterruptible Power Supplies for the SAMPLE Region. This project will enhance operational communications capabilities and improve coordination between SAMPLE military base and local agencies.*



Future Funding and Requirements

- **HSGP**
 - Formula updates by FEMA in 2018
 - Estimating similar SHSP/UASI allocations for 2020
 - Questions: New FEMA Priorities? or Match?
 - Cybersecurity continues to be emphasized
- **Interoperable Emergency Communications**
 - FEMA NOFO requirements - planning & exercising
 - Continues to be a priority in many COG regions
 - There are not enough federal and state funds to continue to build and to sustain capabilities



86th Legislative Session Highlights



• **Effective PSO-SWIC Coordination**

- Meetings with Legislators
- Talking Points – Need and Priorities
 - Infrastructure for Counties at or below “Level 3”
 - Regional projects to connect existing systems
 - Funds for Maintenance and Operations
- HB 2952 (Guillen) - Emergency Radio Infrastructure grant program (*effective 9/1/19*)
- SB 346 (Zaffirini) – Consolidation and allocation of court costs and fees (*effective 1/1/20*)
- OOG Rider 26 – Grants for Technology Infrastructure



86th Legislative Session Highlights



- **HB 2952**

- **Uses:** *“Planning, development, provision, enhancement or ongoing maintenance of an interoperable statewide emergency radio infrastructure...other public safety purposes.”*
- *“Money in the account (5153) may be used only for grants made under this subchapter.”*
- **Eligible Recipients:** COGs and State Agencies
- **Prohibitions:** *“May NOT be used to purchase or maintain radio subscriber equipment”*

- **SB 346**

- Changed GR dedicated account 5153 distribution from 5.0034% to 3.4418%
- Revenue estimated to increase due to higher costs/fees/applicability
- \$112,867 = estimated average annual increase



86th Legislative Session Highlights



- **OOG Rider 26**

“Grants for Technology Infrastructure. In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2019 (estimated to be \$0), in General Revenue-Dedicated Emergency Radio Infrastructure Account No. 5153 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2019, to provide grants to local units of government to upgrade technology infrastructure to implement incident based reporting or maintain interoperable communication systems. Incident based reporting technology infrastructure purchased using grant funds shall be compatible with the National Incident Based Reporting System and the Texas Incident Based Reporting System. Interoperable communications technology infrastructure purchased using grant funds must sustain or enhance current capabilities or address capability gaps identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) in the Texas Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP).”



Questions?

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