

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOLUTIONS REPORT

AT A GLANCE

Snapshot of results delivered through ETCOG within your county during Fiscal Year 2025



\$1.16M RECEIVED IN REGIONAL GRANTS

- \$765,000 – TxCDBG Community Development Block Grant (City of Alto)
- \$337,135 – Victims of Crime Act Funding (Crisis Center of Anderson & Cherokee Counties)
- \$62,171.83 – Victims of Crime Act Funding (Cherokee County)

\$60.4K INVESTED IN THE 9-1-1 SYSTEM

ETCOG assists the region with public safety planning to help our local communities and first responders coordinate resources and training and strengthen the regional 9-1-1 system to keep East Texans safe.



703 JOB SEEKERS & EMPLOYERS SERVED

Through Workforce Solutions East Texas, we provide no-cost recruitment and employment services to businesses and job seekers in East Texas. Our programs serve veterans, local youth, individuals with disabilities, and adults. We are responsible for the planning, oversight, and evaluation of workforce development activities in the East Texas area.



**SENIOR MEALS
SERVED**



**PEACE OFFICERS
TRAINED**

307 SENIORS RECEIVED SERVICES


Our Area Agency on Aging of East Texas tailors programs to meet the social, nutritional, educational, and logistical needs of residents aged 60 years and older.


\$1.83M PROVIDED FOR CHILD CARE

Workforce Solutions East Texas also provides subsidized child care assistance to eligible low-to-moderate-income families in the region and heavily invests in increasing the quality of care and school readiness of children in the care of our system providers.

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EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



What are COGs?

Councils of Governments (COGs) are political subdivisions created under Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 391 to improve the health, safety, and general welfare of residents and to plan for future development.

What is ETCOG?

We are here to provide a forum for local elected officials to solve common problems and be a solutions provider for our members. We are one of 24 COGs in Texas, serving as the bridge between federal, state, and local governments, providing the services and support our communities need to grow and thrive.

Serving East Texas More than 50 Years!

- Formed in 1970, ETCOG consists of more than 140 member governments and organizations that represent the people of our 14-county region – Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood counties.
- ETCOG is governed by local elected officials through its Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Many policy and advisory committees assist ETCOG and its boards in taking beneficial actions for all in the region.

Mission & Vision

- **Vision Statement**—We are a trustworthy organization committed to providing leadership, education, and financial resources to our 14-county region.
- **Mission Statement**—In order to improve the Quality of Life for all of our Citizens, ETCOG pledges all of its resources to educate and assist its members to accomplish their goals.



ETCOG Activities Includes Planning & Services for...

Workforce Development

Broadband Planning

Emergency Communications

Transportation Planning & Rural Transit

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Planning

Community & Economic Development

GIS & IT Services

Services & Support for Seniors

Environmental Quality

How is ETCOG Funded?

COGs primarily receive funding through state and federal grants but also receive funding from local sources, such as our membership dues. These dues assist in grant matching requirements, helping draw more funding to East Texas.

With local elected official guidance and consent, ETCOG administers grants for four primary service areas: Workforce and Economic Development, Area Agency on Aging, Public Safety, and Transportation.

\$86 Million Budget

ETCOG has a balanced budget of \$86M to address regional issues and opportunities in FY 2026. Nearly 75% of the funds received go directly back into East Texas through grants, services, and program administration.

In addition to an independent audit, our agency is regularly monitored and audited by our funders. We're proud to report ETCOG has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 24 consecutive years!

The Value of Regionalism

- ✓ Cost-effective results
- ✓ Building partnerships
- ✓ Finding common ground across East Texas
- ✓ Local experts solving regional challenges

Solutions for Your County

We are here to provide regional solutions for East Texas. The reverse side of this document features key results delivered for your county. Be sure to scan the QR code to visit our website for even more fiscal year deliverables.

