



Smith County

Regional Solutions

Your COG at Work
Fiscal Year 2021





ETCOG is here to provide a forum for local elected officials to solve common problems and to be a solutions provider for our members.



Part 1

Economic Development

ETCOG assists jurisdictions and the business community through programs to facilitate grassroots planning, grants, and loan services.



Economic Development

\$350K

Community Development Block Grants through Texas Department of Agriculture for **sewer line replacement along Cade, North Main, Gay Street, and E. Longview Street in Arp.**

3
YEAR

Broadband Planning Grant from EDA totaling \$375K is underway — utilized for the development of a **Broadband Strategic Plan for Smith County and the remaining counties in the ETCOG region.**



Part 2

Environmental Programs

ETCOG utilizes regional goals and waste diversion resources to coordinate projects that benefit health and safety.



A \$798 Grant

was awarded in Smith County to the City of Tyler for the cost of local enforcement cameras to help monitor illegal dumping.



Part 3

Public Safety

ETCOG assists the region with Public Safety planning to help our local communities and first responders coordinate resources and training.





145

PEACE OFFICERS TRAINED



\$31,654

**INVESTED IN REGIONAL
POLICE TRAINING**



ETCOG has been designated by the Office of the Governor

as the responsible entity for Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Planning in our 14-county region.

A close-up, low-angle shot of a police car's roof and windshield. The car is white with a blue stripe. The emergency lights are flashing, with red lights on the left and blue lights on the right. The background is a blurred green forest. The image has a blue color cast.

\$73,366 in Grants

were awarded to cities in Smith County to improve public safety and justice assistance.



An \$82K Grant

from the Office of the Governor's (OOG) Homeland Security Division was awarded to the City of Tyler for the purchase of equipment for the development of the Tyler Fire Bomb Team. This funding from the OOG assists Texas jurisdictions in building, sustaining, and delivering core capabilities to further the National Preparedness Goal which is, "A secure and resilient Nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk."

Part 4

Senior Services

We administer the Area Agency on Aging of East Texas, whose programs are tailored to meet the social, nutritional, educational, and logistical needs of residents aged 60 years and older.





1,753

SENIORS SERVED



\$1.06M

INVESTED TO SERVE SENIORS



131,064

SENIOR MEALS SERVED




394

SPONSORED SENIOR TRIPS



ETCOG administers the *Area Agency on Aging of East Texas*

with programs tailored to meet the social, nutritional, educational, and logistical needs of residents aged 60 years and older, caregivers, or individuals receiving Medicare, regardless of age.



The AAA provides short-term services to help seniors remain independent and make future plans.

Services may include:

- Homemaker services
- Limited personal assistance
- Emergency Response System
- Community resources and referrals
- Other services can address needs identified by assessment and care planning

\$221,788

**INVESTED IN CASE
MANAGEMENT SERVICES**





150

**SENIORS SERVED WITH
BENEFITS COUNSELING**



\$26,689

**INVESTED IN BENEFITS
COUNSELING SERVICES**



254

**SENIORS ASSISTED WITH
INFORMATION AND
REFERRALS**



The Area Agency on Aging of East Texas provides

legal advice and referrals for East Texans who are Medicare beneficiaries or 60 years of age or older. Our certified benefits counselors cannot recommend any policy or plan but provide factual, unbiased information and assistance and act as advocates when needed.

A photograph of an older man with white hair and glasses, wearing a green and blue plaid shirt. He is focused on working on a door handle with a screwdriver. The background shows a home interior with a white door, framed pictures, and a lamp.

**\$32,119
in Grants**

for senior residential repairs.



\$8,380 was invested in Health and Wellness Evidence- Based Intervention Programs

The AAA's Health and Wellness Programs offer proven techniques and tools to promote overall health and prevent disease among older adults and adults with disabilities.

Part 5

Public Transportation

ETCOG provides a safe, reliable, and friendly transit services to East Texas through GoBus, a rural, demand response public transit system.





12,807

CUSTOMERS SERVED



\$629,335

INVESTED IN SERVICES



233,479

POPULATION SERVED



ETCOG serves as the area's rural transit district

providing safe, reliable, and friendly transit services to the
fourteen counties through GoBus.

Part 6

Workforce Development

By offering a trained, first-class workforce, we can attract employers and make a difference in the economy and quality of life in East Texas.





5,661

EMPLOYERS SERVED



32,601

WORKFORCE CENTER
VISITS & CALLS



\$337,812

INVESTED IN EMPLOYMENT
TRAINING SERVICES



979

UNEMPLOYMENT
CLAIMANTS WERE SERVED



ETCOG administers Workforce Solutions East Texas

which delivers no-cost recruitment and employment services to
businesses and job seekers in the East Texas area.



1,781

**CUSTOMERS RECEIVED
CHILD CARE SERVICES**



\$5.1M was invested
to provide child care
services enabling
families to work

Workforce Solutions East Texas' child care program provides temporary financial aid for eligible families and provides professional development opportunities for early care and education providers.

16

TEXAS RISING STAR
PROVIDERS IN SMITH COUNTY



\$89,000

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
FUNDS DISTRIBUTED



102

TEXAS RISING STAR FACILITY
MENTOR VISITS



142

TEXAS RISING STAR CENTER
STAFF TRAINED



Child Care providers that go above state requirements
are certified to become Texas Rising Star partners.

These providers are eligible for additional quality improvement funds for
their programs and facilities.



Message from the Executive Director

David Cleveland

On behalf of the board and staff of ETCOG, I wanted to express our deepest gratitude for your continued membership, support, and partnership with us!