TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK
TX BoS CoC General Meeting
January 11, 2017
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

CoC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held via webinar.

Attendance:

<u>THN Staff:</u>
Caitlin Bayer- Balance of State Programs Coordinator
Kraig Blaize-Fiero- CoC Program Assistant
Kameron Fowler- CoC Director
Laura Herridge- VISTA Member
Lindsay Marsh- Data Coordinator
Mary Rychlik- CoC Manager
Alexis Williams- VISTA Member

<u>CoC General Membership Attendees:</u>
Daphne Adams, Marisela Almeida, Holly Bates, Jennifer Belyeu, Mark Bethune, Shay Bills, Alice Bracken, Rebecca Bromley, Jenny Cantu, April Carl, Kelsey Carroll, Trevesia Chevis, Damian Clark, Sharell Clay, John Cooper, Joyce Dalzell, Jean East, Bobby Ehrig, Melissa Escamilla, Kelly Franke, Hermelinda Garcia, Roberta Gradel, Carol Gresham, Edward Griffin, Linda Hamblin, Debra Huffman, Melissa Juarez, Chesley Knowles, Cozetta LaMore, Jennifer Laurent, Wendy Leonard, Daisy Lopez, Dawn Manor, Laura Martinez, Jean May, Leslie Moseley, Jason Murphy, Sherry Murphy, Jo Ann Patillo, Monica Peña Rasmussen, Jeannie Peters, Kim Pickens, Carol Racz, Bill Reagan, Kim Redmon, Ginny Reinhardt, Beth Rolingson, Tiffany Ross, Estella Ruiz, Tonya Sheibelhut, Tanteta Scott, Dani Shaw, Tammy Smith, Anne Spanyers, Ginny Stafford, Erika Thomas, Veronica Thomas, Melanie Thornton-Lewis, Amanda Tindell, Kisha Vallejo, Randall Webster, Chad Wheeler, Andrea Wilson, Michelle Yates

Minutes:

Meeting began at 2:06 PM.

I. **Welcome and Introductions and Map-** Kameron welcomed everyone back for the first meeting of the New Year. Kameron was happy to see some new communities joining the meeting today.

II. **CoC Current Priority Projects**

    a. HUD Continuum of Care Program – FY 2016 Awards: Kameron provided an overview of the FY2016 CoC Award. The TX BoS CoC was awarded more new projects than any other CoC in the nation! The BoS CoC was awarded funding for 20 permanent housing projects, HMIS, and CoC planning. We saw a huge improvement in performance this year, thanks to your hard work and project reallocations. There's more to do when it comes to data and SPMs, but it is clear

that all of your hard work is paying off. We continue to encourage new projects to apply for the upcoming competition cycle.

b. TX BoS CoC Point-In-Time (PIT) Count – Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017.
  i. Lindsay provided general information on the PIT Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC). Yesterday, she "snail mailed" paper PIT surveys and HIC forms to those communities who need them. Communities may need to make additional copies of the "snail mailed" PIT forms. She also e-mailed the HIC forms to all ES, TH, RRH, and PSH projects she is aware of. *ALL* ES, TH, RRH, and PSH projects must fill out the HIC form and return the form to Texas Homeless Network. If using a paper form, please mail it back to us ASAP (by January 27th or 28th). Remember: Texas Homeless Network is collecting BOTH the HIC forms *and* the PIT surveys! Prioritize sending in your HIC form (can be sent via "snail mail" or e-mail) before moving on to PIT surveys. You may send your HIC form separately from your PIT surveys. All PIT survey data needs to be entered into Survey Monkey.
  ii. A training webinar for HMIS users was held on Jan. 10th. The training instructed users how to conduct the PIT count using HMIS. The recording of the webinar is currently available on THN's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzvG6z10l04
  iii. Questions and concerns about the PIT and HIC may be directed to Lindsay Marsh at Lindsay@thn.org.

c. Kameron announced that all data "shells" were included in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) this year, meaning the TX BoS CoC's data was of high enough quality that HUD accepted all of it! More information will be presented at the next meeting.

d. A special note for new and re-allocated CoC Program-funded projects: Information regarding grant start-up will be sent soon. Please wait for your HUD field office representative to contact you before moving forward on starting your project. In the meantime, it is helpful to review all resources listed in the BoS CoC's FY 2016 Request for Proposals (RFP), especially for new RRH projects. The "RRH Works" series by the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) is highly recommended. New projects should also review HUD startup materials, which are available on the THN website, http://www.thn.org/resources.

III. Announcements

a. State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)— [NOFA release Jan. 9th, webinar Jan. 10th, applications due March 31st] Mary presented on the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' (TDHCA's) ESG Program Competition. TDHCA allocates their ESG funds by CoC. Jan. 9 the NOFA was released. To apply, projects must submit an Intent to Apply form to TDHCA. (The form may be found on TDHCA's website and in Mary's presentation, which accompany these minutes). TDHCA provides the Applicant

access to the application once they receive the Intent to Apply form. The application includes a form called "Attachment A," which THN will work with applicants to complete. The form contains 5 questions about participation in CoC meetings, the PIT count, consultation with the CoC regarding the potential project, alignment with CoC goals, and use/implementation of Coordinated Entry. THN will post evaluation materials to the THN website so applicants can understand how these forms will be completed.

   i. Mary reviewed changes to the ESG application process in this year's competition. Single Applicants may apply for less money- $100,000 instead of $150,000. Collaborative Applicants may apply for a minimum of $150,000. Awards will be granted for 2 years, with each year receiving its own contract. There are also new naming conventions for application documents. No extra points will be awarded for choosing Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) as a grant component type. Bonus point areas: providing 110% match, serving rural areas, and serving Colonias.

b. National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Family Conference, Feb. 23rd - 24th, in Houston. Caitlin gave details about the conference and encouraged attendees to go, if they are able. Both Mary and Kameron will be in attendance. Registration is currently $525/participant. NAEH provides free registration to volunteers and provides a limited number of free registrations to persons currently or formerly homeless. There are still volunteer slots left. E-mail David Dirks at ddirks@naeh.org for more information about volunteering.

c. Homelessness Awareness Day at the Capitol, Feb. 28. Mary spoke about the biannual event, which occurs when the Texas Legislature is in session. Jennifer Paulsen at THN will produce a list of policy priorities for participants to advocate. Participants are also welcome to bring materials of their own that represent local interests, needs, and resources. THN encourages attendees to speak with their own legislators about specific community issues. There will be a webinar to help prepare for the event on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 11:30. Registration information is forthcoming.

d. CSH's Supportive Housing Onboarding Curriculum- Kameron presented on CSH's new resource for permanent housing programs. This training series has been much anticipated by THN for helping to onboard new staff to PSH projects. The training is approximately 3 hours in duration. Kameron mentioned that she has been impressed with CSH's online curriculum. To find the training, visit the CSH website: www.csh.org. Once there, hover over "CSH Solutions" to make a drop down menu appear. Click the "Supportive Housing Training Center" option. On the new page that appears, click on the yellow magnifying glass with the phrase "Browse Offerings" underneath it. Scroll down until you reach "Supportive Housing Onboarding Curriculum," then click on it.

IV.   **Q&A**

V.   **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 2:00 p.m., via webinar

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM

Meeting recording link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuoVqhgsKwE
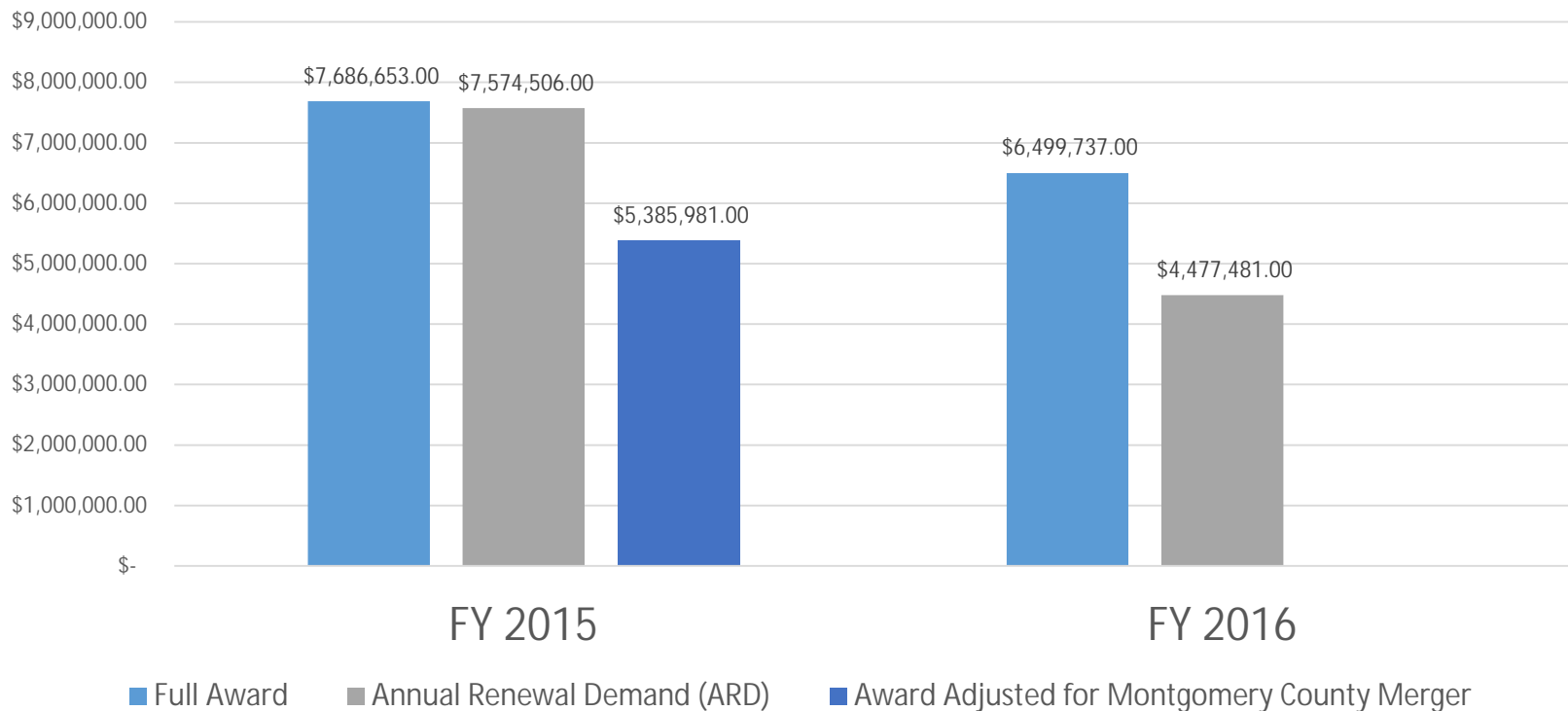
FY2015-2016 Award Comparison

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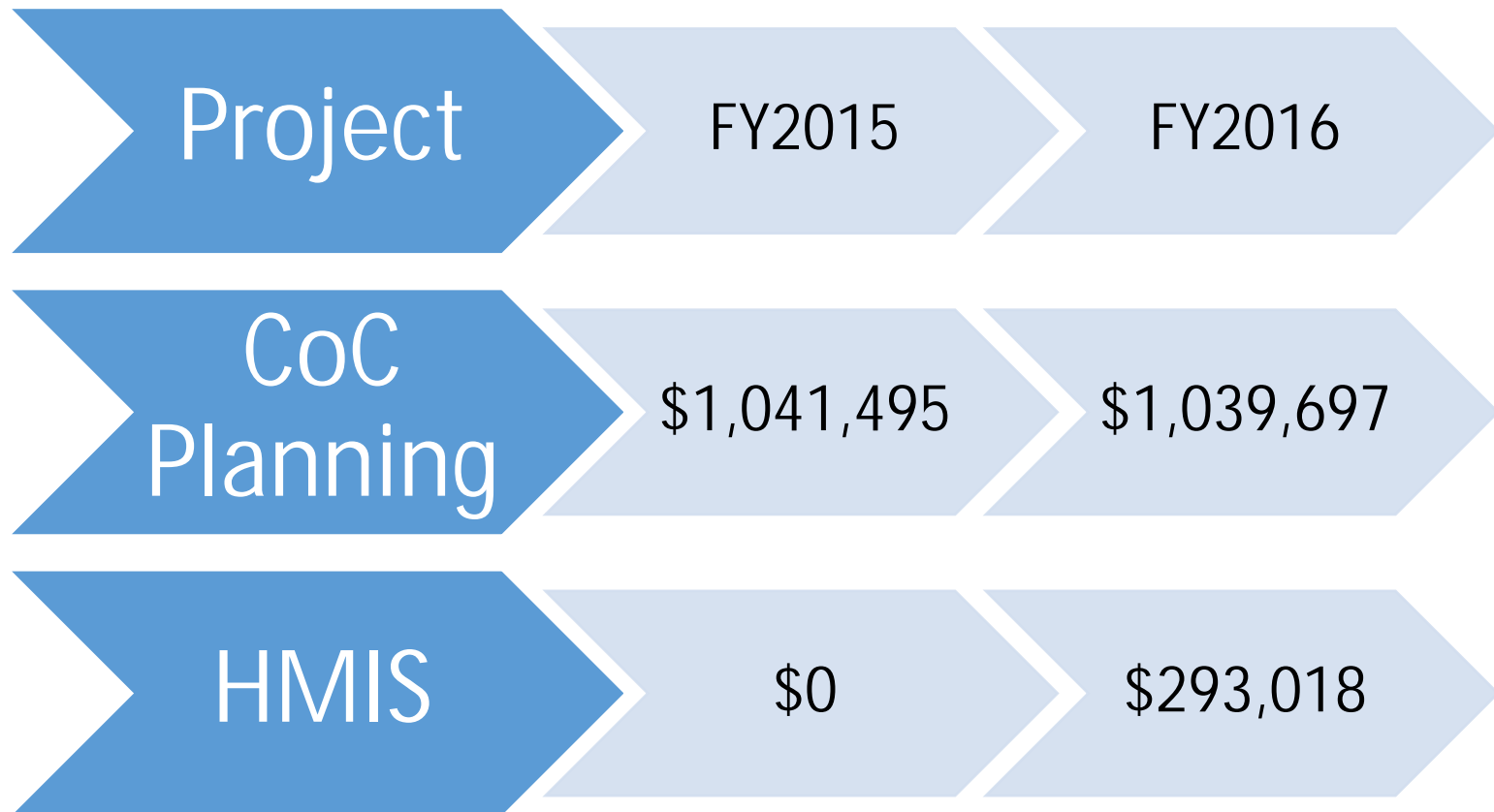
FY 2016 HUD CoC Program Award Announcement

- On December 20, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded a record $1.95 billion in grants to nearly 7,600 homeless assistance programs across the nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

- HUD's *Continuum of Care Program* grants provide critically needed support to local programs on the front lines of serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

- Texas CoCs received $86,315,343 in awards

- The TX BoS CoC received $6,499,737 in awards

Total TX BoS CoC Award Amounts

HUD CoC Program Award Amounts

	FY 2015	FY 2016
Full Award	$7,686,653.00	$6,499,737.00
Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	$7,574,506.00	$4,477,481.00
Award Adjusted for Montgomery County Merger	$5,385,981.00	

Legend:
- Full Award
- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
- Award Adjusted for Montgomery County Merger

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CoC Planning and HMIS Awards

Project	FY2015	FY2016
CoC Planning	$1,041,495	$1,039,697
HMIS	$0	$293,018

Housing Projects Awarded

Renewal Projects = 10   Reallocated Projects = 6

New Projects = 4   TOTAL Housing Projects = 20
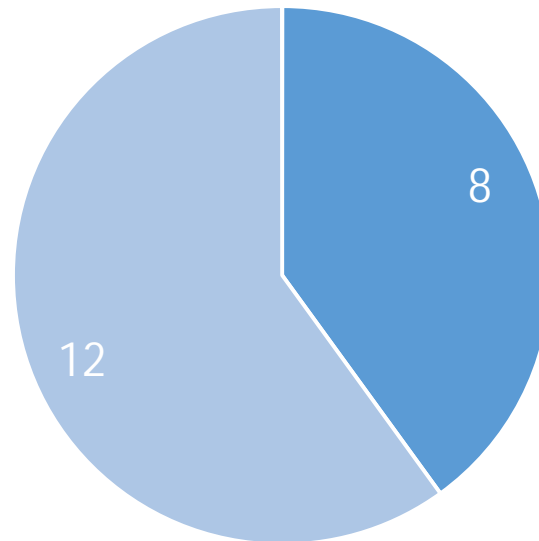
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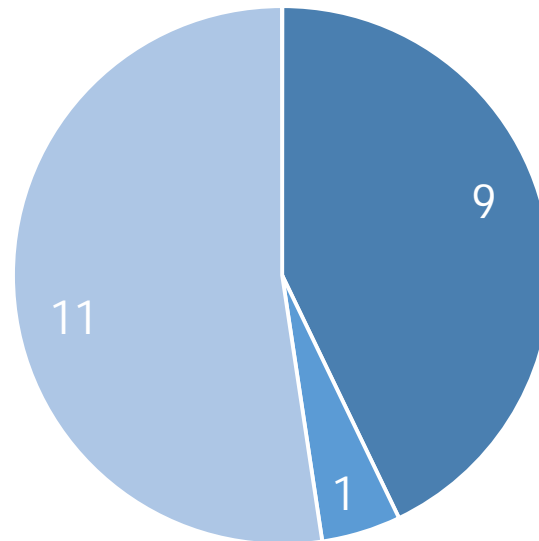
Geographic Distribution of FY2016 Awards
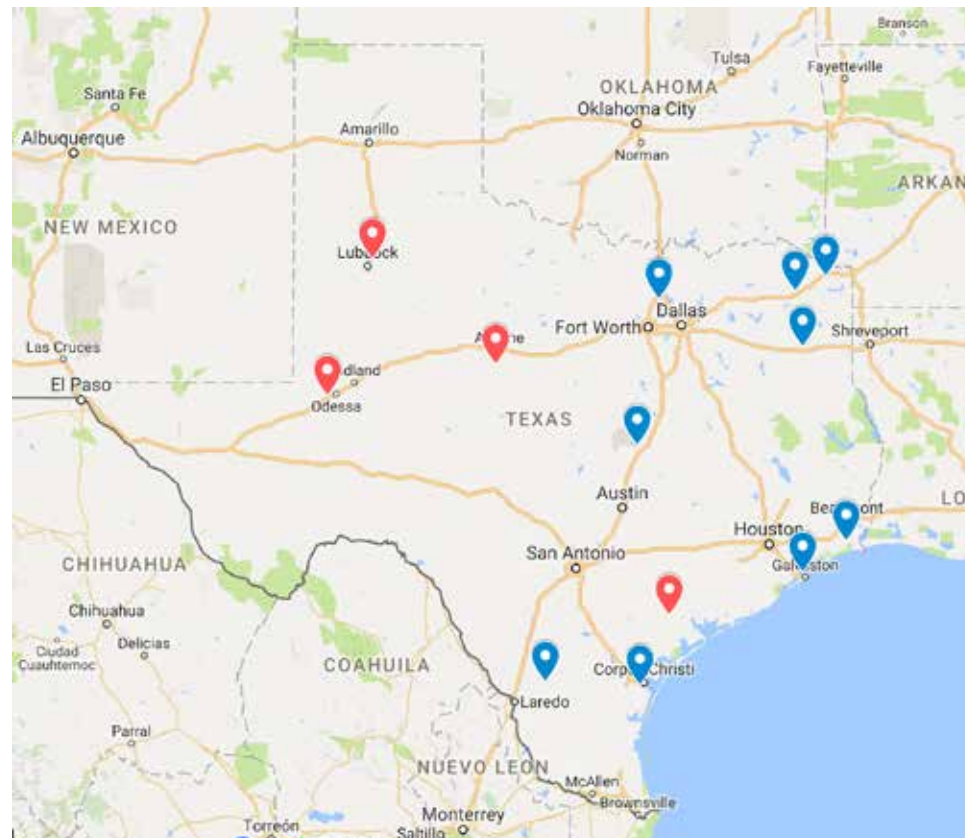
FY2016 Housing Project Award Listing

Grantee Name	Project Name/Type
The Gulf Coast Center	Gulf Coast Center Permanent Housing/PSH
Denton County MHMR	Connections SHP/PSH
Mid-Coast Family Services	Hope Net/PSH
Giving HOPE	Giving HOPE Permanent Supportive Housing/PSH
Neighborhood Development Corp	Homeless to Homes/PSH
City of Beaumont	Shelter Plus Care/PSH

FY2016 Housing Project Award Listing

Grantee Name	Project Name/Type
City of Longview	City of Longview CoC Renewal/PSH
City of Texarkana	Doorways Home/RRH
Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas	SAFE-T RRH/RRH
Women Opting for More Affordable Housing Now	WOMAN, Inc. Rapid Re-housing/RRH
Corpus Christi Metro Ministries	Transforming Lives/PSH
The Salvation Army of Corpus Christi	Project Bridge Rapid Re-Housing/RRH

FY2016 Housing Project Award Listing

Grantee Name	Project Name/Type
Families in Crisis	FIC RRH/RRH
Spindletop MHMR Services	Renew Permanent Supported Housing/PSH
Carpenter's Church	Carpenter's Housing First/PSH
Abilene Hope Haven	Hope Housing Services/RRH
Sabine Valley Center	Fredonia Homeless and Disabled Women and Children/RRH
West Care Texas	Next Step/PSH

FY2016 Housing Project Award Listing

Grantee Name	Project Name/Type
Mid-Coast Family Services	New Hope/PSH
Odessa Links	Project Hope/RRH

THANK YOU!

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Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

- Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) released Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Jan. 9th http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/docs/17-18-ESG-NOFA.pdf

- Must submit Intent to Apply to get application http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/docs/17-18-ESG-IntentApply.pdf

- Applications due to TDHCA March 31st

THN's Role (as TX BoS CoC Lead)

- THN will complete Attachment A (CoC Participation and Coordination)
  - Frequency of participation in CoC's General Meetings
  - Applicants' involvement in Point-In-Time (PIT) Count on Jan. 26, 2017
  - Consultation about proposed project (activities, partners, performance targets)
  - Alignment with CoC's goals
  - Applicants' use of Coordinated Entry
- More details to come...

Changes

- New minimum amount for Single Applicants in the TX BoS CoC: $100,000

- Awards are for two years, and each year will have its own contract

- Naming conventions for application documents

- No extra points for Rapid Re-Housing projects

- 110% match receives extra points

- Points awarded for rural areas and colonias

Changes (cont.)

- Description and capacity questions from Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

- Attachment C includes eCART reporting requirement—must coordinate with the HMIS Lead (THN for the TX BoS CoC)

Resources

- Application Guide
  http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/docs/17-18-ESG-AppGuide.pdf

- TDHCA's ESG Video Library
  http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/video-library.htm