



VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

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Senate Bill 1180, 86th Legislature, requires that the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) provide a report, on December 1st of each year, to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of the Legislature. In accordance with Texas Government Code Title 2., Subtitle K., Chapter 124, the contents of the report must contain Veterans Treatment Court information from the preceding fiscal year, to include (a) the number of veteran defendants who participated in each veteran's treatment court program, (b) the number of veteran defendants that successfully completed each program, (c) the number of veteran defendants that did not successfully complete the program, and (d) the amount of grant funding received by each Veterans Treatment Court must also be included in the report.

Texas Government Code defines a Veterans Treatment Court program as having the following essential characteristics: 1) the integration of services in the processing of cases in the judicial system; (2) the use of a nonadversarial approach involving prosecutors and defense attorneys to promote public safety and to protect the due process rights of program participants; (3) early identification and prompt placement of eligible participants in the program; (4) access to a continuum of alcohol, controlled substance, mental health, and other related treatment and rehabilitative services; (5) careful monitoring of treatment and services provided to program participants; (6) a coordinated strategy to govern program responses to participants' compliance; (7) ongoing judicial interaction with program participants; (8) monitoring and evaluation of program goals and effectiveness; (9) continuing interdisciplinary education to promote effective program planning, implementation, and operations; (10) development of partnerships with public agencies and community organizations, including the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and (11) inclusion of a participant's family members who agree to be involved in the treatment and services provided to the participant under the program.

Texas Veterans Commission's is pleased to present the Veterans Treatment Court Program Annual Report. At the publication of this report, there are 31 verified Veterans Treatment Courts (VTC) covering 38 Texas counties in operation. The data contained in this report is presented as received by the submitting Veterans Treatment Courts from the preceding State fiscal year. There are no standardized statewide reporting requirements for Veterans Treatment Courts, and each Court has the autonomy to track data at their discretion.

The Texas Veterans Commission's Veterans Mental Health Department (VMHD) provides support to all Veterans Treatment Courts as part of its role in ensuring access to competent mental health services for service members, veterans, and their families. In addition to directly connecting veterans and families to local mental health and supportive services, VMHD works with partners at the national, state, and local levels to address veteran-specific issues including suicide prevention, veteran homelessness, military cultural competency, peer support services, military-related trauma, women and rural veterans, and justice involvement. Across all VMHD programming, services including training and technical assistance are offered freely to all who are in need. VMHD accomplishes these tasks by providing training, certification, and technical assistance across its six programs: Justice Involved Veteran (JIV) Program; Homeless Veteran Initiative; Military Veteran Peer Network; Community & Faith-Based Program; Veteran Provider Program; and Veteran Suicide Prevention Program. In collaboration with the other VMHD programs, the Justice Involved Veteran Program works to improve veteran services across the entire criminal justice continuum at each intercept of the sequential intercept model. A crucial function of the JIV Program is to serve as a resource to all the Veterans Treatment Courts across Texas. In Fiscal Year 2022, the JIV Program provided Veterans Treatment Courts with *117 instances* of technical assistance aimed at bolstering best practice standards. The JIV Program also provides support to the TVC-Certified Peer Service Coordinators of the Military Veteran Peer Network who participate in the Veterans Treatment Courts as local support resources and court mentors. VMHD's JIV Program Managers are also committed to working with counties and local stakeholders who are interested in starting Veterans Treatment Courts in their areas in accordance with local needs, available resources, and best practices proven to be effective. The

JIV Program also collaborates with the local jails, sheriff departments, law enforcement and statewide stakeholders including the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas Commission on Jail Standards, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, Texas Health and Human Services, the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, and others. The JIV Program also works closely with national partners including the Department of Veterans Affairs, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, and the National Institute of Correction as an active member of the nationwide Justice Involved Veterans Network.

The Texas Veterans Commission also supports VTCs through the Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) reimbursement grants intended to support the rehabilitation of justice involved veterans to best prepare them for reintegration with their communities. FVA grant funding can be applied to reimburse: substance use detection; probation officers; bailiffs; program/court coordinators; licensed mental health providers and/or counselors applying evidence-based practices; life skills and community reintegration training programs; financial assistance to participating veterans for mortgage, rent, and utilities; transportation assistance; substance use treatment; anger management/batterer intervention/domestic violence programs; and other expenses that provide or support veteran services. As of the publication of this report, FVA is supporting 17 Veteran Treatment Courts with a total of \$3,835,000 aimed at serving approximately 1,042 justice involved veterans.

The Texas Veterans Commission acknowledges and commends the continued dedication and excellent work of the Veterans Treatment Courts as they make a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of Texas veterans and their families. We also wish to commend state leaders for their continued support of Texas veterans and the stakeholders who collaborate at the community levels to improve veteran lives, fulfill the promises made to those who served, and reduce recidivism across Texas while promoting mental health wellness. While there are excellent services being provided that keep Texas at the forefront of veteran services, there is still much work ahead for those who aim to address the mental health and supportive needs for the growing number of veterans who make their home in the Lone Star State.

<u>Total Data for all Veteran Courts Reporting in FY 2022</u>	
Number of Veterans Served	1432
Number of Veterans Successfully Completed	520
Number of Veterans Unsuccessfully Completed	112
Grant Funding Amount Total:	\$6,287,177.81

<u>Reported Grant Funding Sources</u>
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD)
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
TVC-Fund for Veterans Assistance (TVC-FVA)
State Criminal Justice Fund 421 (SF (421) Fund)
Bureau of Justice Assistance
United Way of Tarrant Count

The Veterans Court data was provided by the following counties for the purposes of this report:

Bell, Bexar (Misdemeanor), Bexar (Felony), Brazoria, Cameron, Comal, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Galveston, Guadalupe, Harris (Felony), Harris (Misdemeanor), Hays, Hidalgo, McLennan, Midland, Montgomery, North Texas Regional (Collin, Fannin, Grayson, Kaufman, Rockwall), Nueces, Potter, Smith (Felony), Smith (Misdemeanor), Tarrant (Felony), Tarrant (Misdemeanor), Travis, Webb Regional (Duvall, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Maverick, Starr, Val Verde, Webb, Zapata), Williamson.

The following counties did not submit their data for this report: **Ft Bend, Jefferson, Liberty.**

Reporting data totals are listed for all reporting counties and listed by individual county (in alphabetical order) with a breakdown of funding sources for each county.

Bell County

Name of Court:	Bell County Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Bell	TVC-FVA	\$30,000.00
		SF (421) Fund	41,044.50
Number of veterans served	52		
Number of veterans successfully completed	19		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	5		
		Total:	\$71,044.50

Bexar County (Felony)

Name of Court:	Felony Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Bexar	TVC-FVA	\$75,000.00
	Totals	Bureau of Justice Assistance	\$500,000.00
Number of veterans served	41		
Number of veterans successfully completed	9		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1		
		Total:	\$575,000.00

Bexar County (Misdemeanor)

Name of Court:	Misdemeanor Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Bexar	TVC-FVA 9/21-6/22	\$250,000.00
	Totals	TVC-FVA 7/22-8/22	\$500,000.00
Number of veterans served	189	CJD	\$115,654.76
Number of veterans successfully completed	79		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	4		
		Total:	\$865,654.76

Brazoria County

Name of Court:	Brazoria County Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Brazoria	TVC-FVA	\$300,000.00
	Totals	SF (421) Fund	161,286.25
Number of veterans served	21		
Number of veterans successfully completed	7		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1		
		Total:	\$461,286.25

Cameron County

Name of Court:	Cameron County Veteran Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Cameron		
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	23		
Number of veterans successfully completed	6		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1		
		Total:	\$0.00

Comal County

Name of Court:	Eugene E. Hooper Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Comal	CJD	\$150,000.00
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	55		
Number of veterans successfully completed	17		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2		
		Total:	\$150,000.00

Dallas County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court CDC #4	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Dallas	TVC-FVA	\$500,00.00
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	85		
Number of veterans successfully completed	16		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	41		
		Total:	\$500,000.00

Denton County

Name of Court:	Criminal Court #3	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Denton	CJD	\$120,016.00
	Totals	SAMHSA	\$284,680.00
Number of veterans served	55		
Number of veterans successfully completed	17		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2		
		Total:	\$404,696.00

El Paso County

Name of Court:	346th El Paso Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	El Paso		
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	56		
Number of veterans successfully completed	9		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	5		
		Total:	\$0.00

Galveston County

Name of Court:	Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Galveston	TVC-FVA	\$250,000.00
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	32		
Number of veterans successfully completed	23		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2		
		Total:	\$250,000.00

Guadalupe County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Guadalupe	TVC-FVA	\$100,000.00
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	26		
Number of veterans successfully completed	13		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2		
		Total:	\$100,000.00

Harris County (Felony)

Name of Court:	Felony Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Harris	CJD	\$101,087.02
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	45		
Number of veterans successfully completed	19		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2		
		Total:	\$101,087.02

Harris County (Misdemeanor)

Name of Court:	Misdemeanor Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Harris	CJD	\$55,967.63
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	22		
Number of veterans successfully completed	6		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2		
		Total:	\$55,967.63

Hays County

Name of Court:	Hays County Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Hays	TVC-FVA	\$300,000.00
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	46		
Number of veterans successfully completed	14		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	3		
		Total:	\$300,000.00

Hidalgo County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Hidalgo	CJD	\$86,064.30
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	24		
Number of veterans successfully completed	7		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	3		
		Total:	\$86,064.30

McLennan County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	McLennan	TVC-FVA ended 6/30/22	\$150,000.00
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	27		
Number of veterans successfully completed	8		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	7		
		Total:	\$150,000.00

Midland County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Midland		
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	20		
Number of veterans successfully completed	5		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2		
		Total:	\$0.00

Montgomery County

Name of Court:	Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Montgomery	TVC-FVA	\$200,000.00
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	43		
Number of veterans successfully completed	10		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	0		
		Total:	\$200,000.00

North Texas Regional Veterans Court

Name of Court:	North Texas Regional Veterans Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Collin, Fannin, Grayson, Kaufman, Rockwall	TVC-FVA	\$500,000.00
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	158		
Number of veterans successfully completed	39		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	12		
		Total:	\$500,000.00

Nueces County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Nueces	TVC-FVA	\$200,000.00
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	42		
Number of veterans successfully completed	17		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	0		
		Total:	\$200,000.00

Potter County

Name of Court:	Panhandle Regional Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Potter		
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	19		
Number of veterans successfully completed	8		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	3		
		Total:	\$0.00

Smith County (Felony)

Name of Court:	Felony Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Smith		
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	3		
Number of veterans successfully completed	1		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	0		
		Total:	\$0.00

Smith County (Misdemeanor)

Name of Court:	Misdemeanor Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Smith		
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	64		
Number of veterans successfully completed	58		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1		
		Total:	\$0.00

Tarrant County (Felony & Misdemeanor Courts Combined)

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court (Felony & Misdemeanor)	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Tarrant	TVC-FVA	\$300,000.00
	Totals	CJD	\$152,000.35
Number of veterans served	135 (23 F, 112 M)	United Way of Tarrant County	\$15,000.00
Number of veterans successfully completed	61		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	6		
		Total:	\$467,000.35

Travis County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Travis	TVC-FVA	\$50,000.00
	Totals		
Number of veterans served	55		
Number of veterans successfully completed	24		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1		
		Total:	\$50,000.00

Webb Regional Veterans Court

Name of Court:	406th Veterans Treatment Court	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Duval, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Maverick, Starr, Val Verde, Webb, Zapata	SAMHSA	\$300,000.00
	Totals	TVC-FVA	\$300,000.00
Number of veterans served	35		
Number of veterans successfully completed	5		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1		
		Total:	\$600,000.00

Williamson County

Name of Court:	Williamson County CC #2	Grant Funding Sources	Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Williamson	TVC-FVA	\$30,000.00
	Totals	CJD	\$88,920.00
Number of veterans served	59	DOJ	\$80,457.00
Number of veterans successfully completed	23		
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	3		
		Total:	\$199,377.00

Veterans Treatment Court Contacts

Veterans Treatment Court	Judge	Court Contact
Bell	Rebecca Depew	254-444-8918
Bexar-Felony	Lori Valenzula / Jefferson Moore	210-753-4368
Bexar-Misdemeanor	Wayne Christian	210-335-2156
Brazoria	Terri Holder	979-864-2147
Cameron	David Sanchez	956-547-7034
Comal	Charles Stephens	830-221-1180
Dallas	Dominique Collins	214-653-5935
Denton	Forrest Beadle	940-349-2188
El Paso	Patricia Baca	915-546-2119
Fort Bend	Jeffrey McMeans	281-341-4446
Galveston	Mark Henry	409-756-2679
Guadalupe	Kyle Kutscher	830-303-4188
Harris-Felony	George Powell	713-755-2559
Harris-Misdemeanor	Erica Hughes	713-755-2559
Hays	Chris Johnson	512-618-0474
Hidalgo	Israel Ramon	956-587-6000
Jefferson	Kent Walston	409-835-8550
Liberty	Mark Morefield	346-988-5221
McLennan	Gary Coley	254-759-7557
Midland	Robin Darr	432-688-4385
Montgomery	Kathleen Hamilton	936-539-7900
North Texas Regional: (Collin, Fannin, Grayson, Kaufman, Rockwall)	John Roach	469-974-7731
Nueces	Jack Pulcher	361-779-7987
Potter	Walt Weaver	806-379-2375
Smith-Felony/Misdemeanor	Jack Skeen, Jr. / Taylor Heaton	903-590-2950
Tarrant Felony/Misdemeanor	Brent Carr / Charles Vanover	817-884-3754
Travis	Brad Urrutia	512-854-3856
Webb Regional: (Duvall, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Maverick, Starr, Val Verde, Webb, Zapata)	Oscar Hale, Jr. / Rebecca Palomo	956-523-4710
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