



TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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VETERAN TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear State Leaders,

It is my honor and privilege to submit the Veterans Treatment Court Annual Report on behalf of the Texas Veterans Commission's Veterans Mental Health Department (VMHD). The VMHD was formally created by HB19 of the 84th Legislature in 2015, and through an inter-agency contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the Texas Veterans Commission supports HHSC's Mental Health Program for Veterans and works to connect veterans to the resources they need, to include support for Justice Involved Veterans.

In this support role, part of VMHD's mission is to provide training and technical assistance to agencies and organizations spanning the Texas Criminal Justice System in an effort to improve diversion and mental health treatment options for justice involved veterans who have suffered military-related traumas, to include veteran treatment courts and assisting justice involved veterans with claims assistance.

Senate Bill 1180, 86th Legislature, further requires that the Texas Veterans Commission 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. The report contains the following Veteran Treatment Court information from the preceding fiscal year: the number of veteran defendants who participated in each veteran treatment court program, the number of veteran defendants who successfully/unsuccessfully completed each program, and the amount of grant funding each Veteran Treatment Court program received.

I commend our state leaders for their continued support of our veterans and their efforts to fulfill our promises to Texas veterans. Texas continues to lead the nation in serving our veterans, and is widely recognized as the "Texas Model," which is known for its superior service to veterans. Texas is home to the second largest veteran population in the nation, estimated at 1.7 Million. Despite the dedicated efforts of those working to assist veterans with mental health issues, there remains a persistent need and demand for veteran mental health services. Thank you for giving the members of Texas Veterans Commission Veterans Mental Health Department the opportunity to engage in this important work.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Palladino
Executive Director
Texas Veteran Commission

Total Data for all Veteran Courts Reporting in 2019

Number of Veterans Served	1551
Number of Veterans Successfully Completed	610
Number of Veterans Unsuccessfully Completed	143
Grant Funding Amount Total:	\$5,715,807.64

<u>Funding Sources</u>
Texas Veterans Commission
Office of the Governor, CJD
Department of Justice
JAG
DOJ Grant
SAMHSA Grant

Data was provided by 33 Veterans Courts and was compiled to provide the data required for the purposes of this report:

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

Data was not provided by the Veterans Courts in the following two Counties:

Gregg and Hidalgo

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

Bexar County Misdemeanor

Name of Court:	Bexar Co. VTC (Misdemeanor)		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Bexar County		TVC FVA VTC 18-0595	\$300,000	
	Totals		Office of the Gov. CJD Grant #2390209	\$144,226	
Number of veterans served	147				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	70				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	6				
			Total:	\$444,226.00	

Bexar County (Felony)

Name of Court:	Felony Veterans Treatment		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Bexar		TVC (2018)		
	Totals		TRAVEL	\$6,591.00	
Number of veterans served	42		SUPPLIES	\$2,009.00	
			CLIENT SERVICES	\$0.00	
Number of Veterans successfully completed	2		INDV COUNSELING	\$98,280.00	
			GROUP COUNSELING	\$29,484.00	
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2		INDIRECT COSTS	\$13,636.00	
			Total:	\$150,000.00	

Brazoria County

Name of Court:	Veterans Court Program		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Brazoria County		Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor	\$147,554.00
	Totals		Texas Veterans Commission	\$200,000.00
Number of veterans served	40			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	9			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	3			
			Total:	\$347,554.00

Cameron County

Name of Court:	Cameron County Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Cameron County		Office of the Governor	\$130,311.20	
	Totals				
Number of veterans served	42				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	12				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	7				
			Total:	\$130,311.20	

Comal County

Name of Court:	County Court at Law #2 VTC		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Comal		TVC	\$100,000.00	
	Total				
Number of veterans served	36				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	11				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2				
			Total:	\$100,000.00	

Dallas County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Dallas		Office of the Governor - CJD	\$83,899.43	
	Totals		Texas Veterans Commission	\$333,333.34	
Number of veterans served	83				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	35				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	4				
			Total:	\$417,232.77	

Denton County

Name of Court:	Denton		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Denton		Governor's Grant	\$148,645.00	
	Totals		DOJ Grant	\$216,352.00	
Number of veterans served	34		SAMHSA Grant	\$138,263.00	
Number of Veterans successfully completed	11				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1				
			Total:	\$503,260.00	

El Paso County

Name of Court:	El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program		Texas Veterans Commission, Fund for Veterans Asst	\$300,000.00	
	Totals		Bureau of Justice Assistance, Drug Court Grant	\$127,855.00	
Number of veterans served	77				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	25				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	9				
			Total:	\$427,855.00	

Galveston County

Name of Court:	Galveston County VTC		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Galveston County		Texas Veterans Commission	\$150,000.00	
	Totals		Office of the Governor CJD	\$24,000.00	
Number of veterans served	23		Department of Justice - JAG	\$14,000.00	
Number of Veterans successfully completed	19				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	4				
			Total:	\$188,000.00	

Guadalupe County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Guadalupe County		None	\$0.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	17			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	9			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	3			
			Total:	\$0.00

Harris County (Felony)

Name of Court:	Felony Veterans' Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Harris		CJD	\$125,185.16	
	Totals				
Number of veterans served	78				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	22				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	8				
			Total:	\$125,185.16	

Harris County (Misdemeanor)

Name of Court:	Misdemeanor Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Harris County		CJD	\$62,186.25	
	Totals				
Number of veterans served	58				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	40				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	4				
			Total:	\$62,186.25	

Hays County

Name of Court:	Hays County Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Hays		TVC	\$200,000.00	
	Totals		CJD	\$76,069.00	
Number of veterans served	47				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	15				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2				
			Total:	\$276,069.00	

Jefferson County

Name of Court:	Jefferson County VTC		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Jefferson County		Office of the Governor	\$0.00	
	Totals				
Number of veterans served	27				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	6				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2				
			Total:	\$0.00	

Midland County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Midland		N/A	\$0.00	
	Totals				
Number of veterans served	41				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	13				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1				
			Total:	\$0.00	

Montgomery County

Name of Court:	Montgomery Co. Veterans Treatment Ct.		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Montgomery County		TX Veterans Commission	\$100,000.00
	Totals		7/1/18-6/30/19	
Number of veterans served	49			
			TX Veterans Commission	\$200,000.00
Number of Veterans successfully completed	11		7/1/19-6/30/20	
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	38			
			Total:	\$300,000.00

North Texas Regional Veterans Court

Name of Court:	North Texas Regional Veterans Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Collin, Rockwall, Grayson, Kaufman, & Fannin Counties		TVC 2018 - 2019	\$250,000.00	
	Totals		TVC 2019 - 2020	\$400,000.00	
Number of veterans served	125				
(Collin - 56, Rockwall - 24, Grayson - 17, Kaufman - 15, Fannin - 13)					
Number of Veterans successfully completed	29				
(Collin - 8, Rockwall - 7, Grayson - 3, Kaufman - 7, Fannin - 4)					
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	15				
(Collin - 8, Rockwall - 2, Grayson - 2, Kaufman - 0, Fannin - 3)					
			Total:	\$650,000.00	

Nueces County

Name of Court:	105th District Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Nueces		TVC	\$75,000.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	28			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	10			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	1			
			Total:	\$75,000.00

Smith County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Smith		N/A	\$0.00
	Totals			
Number of veterans served	35			
Number of Veterans successfully completed	25			
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	0			
			Total:	\$0.00

Tarrant County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Tarrant		Texas Veterans Commission	\$200,000.00	
	Totals		Governor's Office (CJD)	\$200,000.00	
Number of veterans served	172		United Way of Tarrant County	\$50,000.00	
Number of Veterans successfully completed	74				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	3				
			Total:	\$450,000.00	

Travis County

Name of Court:	Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	Travis County		TVC Vet Court Grant	\$50,000.00	
	Totals		County Contribution	\$185,573.81	
Number of veterans served	109				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	51				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	8				
			Total:	\$235,573.81	

Webb Regional Veterans Court

Name of Court:	406th Veterans Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts
County of Court:	Webb, Zapata, Starr, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Val Verde		SAMHSA	\$300,000.00
	Totals		TVC	\$300,000.00
Number of veterans served	43			
(Webb - 26; Starr - 3; Jim Hogg -3; Jim Wells - 5; Val Verde - 3; Zapata - 3)				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	12			
(Webb - 9; Starr - 2; Jim Hogg - 1)				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	7			
(Webb - 3; Starr - 1; Jim Hogg - 1; Jim Wells - 2)				
			Total:	\$600,000.00

Williamson County

Name of Court:	Williamson County Veteran's Treatment Court		Grant Funding Sources	Grant Funding Amounts	
County of Court:	CC #2		Governor's Office	\$104,000.00	
	Totals		TVC	\$30,000.00	
Number of veterans served	95				
Number of Veterans successfully completed	57				
Number of veterans unsuccessfully completed	2				
38 currently in the program who will graduate in the 2019-2020 year Governor's Grant helps to support some core personnel and trainings. The TVC grant helps with the continuation of mental health services provided to veterans participating in the WCVTC program and their dependents. These services allow veterans to receive prompt access to treatment for behavioral health issues.			Total:	\$134,000.00	