



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Never stop

improving.
dreaming.
trying something new.



Letter from the Board Chair

Never Stop

What a fitting theme for this year's Annual Report. I feel extremely fortunate and blessed to have been a small part in this year's accomplishments.

As Chairman of the 2022 Board of Directors, I have had a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the excellence of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. The Board of Directors, Executive Director, Program Directors, Advisory Boards, and all of the employees have advanced PRPC through the past few difficult years. Always giving their best to serve with their mission of assisting local governments with improving the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens in the Texas Panhandle. Unfortunately, some names have changed, but the level of talent and commitment has not. As in the past, we have had individuals step up and take on the challenge of new roles of leadership. That can only be accomplished with a worthy goal and ability to attract some of the most talented individuals I have known. "TEAM" PRPC accepts the challenge and delivers on the promise of service to communities.

As I read through this year's annual report, I cannot help but notice the resiliency, the positive attitude, and most of all, the Pride of PRPC. PRPC Directors and staff have led the Texas Panhandle communities through a time where a lot of organizations were pulling back and downsizing.

The "Never Stop" attitude has propelled this great organization forward and thus kept our local communities thriving and being responsive to their citizens, even during some very trying times.

It has been my honor to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors this year. Thank you, Kyle, for your leadership, guidance, and friendship this year. Thank you, Dustin, for accepting the challenge of filling some very large shoes. I know the future looks bright under your leadership and devotion to this organization. I must also thank my fellow board members for giving me this opportunity and having confidence in me for this responsibility. Thank you to our Executive Committee Members and especially our past Chairmen and next year's Chairman, Tobe Shields. You have always been there for me and I will do my best to be there for you.

I look forward to the challenges of the future and rest easy knowing that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission will meet those challenges head on and NEVER STOP!



Dan Looten
2022 PRPC Board Chairman



2022 Board of Directors



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From the new Executive Director

It is through the combined collective efforts of a talented and dedicated PRPC staff and the tremendous leadership of the PRPC Board of Directors and former Executive Director, Kyle Ingham, that PRPC has not only continued, but excelled in providing an exceptional level of service to the communities of the Texas Panhandle. While the past couple of years have been a time of uncertainty, hardships, and challenges for many people across the region, PRPC has responded to these challenges through a willingness to work together, seek innovative solutions, and continue the strong traditions of the organization that included: service, regionalism, and professional civility that make our region unique.

The mission of the PRPC is to work to best serve the communities in the Texas Panhandle. Over the course of the last two years, PRPC staff has worked to learn how to best fulfill this mission whether that is through learning the intricate rules of the American Rescue Plan to provide technical assistance or offering new services or researching and applying to new grant programs. It is the mission of PRPC to serve the communities in the Texas Panhandle and to respond to their needs that epitomizes the Panhandle spirit of working hard and working together to overcome adversity and achieve great things.

I am truly honored and humbled to have the privilege to serve the Texas Panhandle in the role of Executive Director of the PRPC. Over the course of the last eight years, I have developed a true passion for working with and assisting communities throughout the Panhandle. I have especially enjoyed the many relationships that I have made and been inspired by the true passion that people have for the work they put into their communities.

Similarly, over that same time, I have come to know Kyle as a boss, mentor, and friend and greatly respect and appreciate the work that he did for the organization and with previous boards. In 2022, through outstanding leadership provided by Kyle and the PRPC Board of Directors and carried out by the departmental directors, our organization has been on the forefront of adapting services and solutions in an ever-changing and challenging environment.

As we look ahead to the next chapter for PRPC, I am very excited about the great things that can be achieved through the continued collaboration of leaders and volunteers working for the mission of regionalism and serving the Texas Panhandle.

I am reminded of an anonymous quote, “Do not feel bad if people remember you only when they need you. Feel privileged that you are like a candle that comes to their mind when there is darkness.” I am excited to continue to light the path for the communities of the Texas Panhandle and the future of the PRPC.



Dustin Meyer
PRPC Executive Director





PRPC Executive Team

The PRPC executive office staff provides administrative support for board members, committee members, and the PRPC staff as they serve the region conducting a wide range of leadership and managerial functions directly benefiting all PRPC programs and projects.

Left to right: Lori Woolf, Dustin Meyer (Executive Director), Julie Arvello

Area Agency on Aging



The Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle provides services, coordinates resources, and advocates for older adults (age 60 and older) and their family caregivers across the Texas Panhandle. With the mission of promoting dignity, independence, and quality of life for seniors, the AAA offers a range of comprehensive and coordinated programs designed to assist eligible individuals with a variety of complex issues.



The Older Americans Act of 1965 is the authorizing statute for more than 600 Area Agencies on Aging nationwide. Programs are administered by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the State Unit on Aging, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which provides funding and oversight to 28 AAA's across the state.



Top: John Atchison, Sundee Rossi (Director), Dana Hoyler, Melissa Tye Whitaker
Bottom: Lisa Hancock, Terrie Campbell, Laurie McAfee, Kathryn English, Janet Schulte, Jamie Sharp, Ashley Olivarez-Duran, Felicia Shaffer



Independence



Empowering older adults to live independently and thrive in their own home and community.

thrive



Volunteers from the Texas Ramp Project in Amarillo

Care Coordination

Residential Repair

Mobility is a vital component of independent living that starts at home. For many older adults, getting in and out of their residence can be a challenge. For over 15 years, the AAA has partnered with the Texas Ramp Project to build handicap accessible ramps.

Their dedicated team of local volunteers share their time and skills in constructing beautiful and functional ADA-compliant wooden ramps that enable individuals to safely access their homes and community. Additionally, the AAA has partnered with the City of Amarillo to make minor home repairs. In FY22, the AAA enhanced the mobility and safety of older peoples' homes in 19 households across the City of Amarillo.



Transportation

ACT-Connect

Access is essential to participating in public life. From medical to hair appointments, grocery shopping to visiting friends, we rely on transportation access to connect us to essential services and the activities we enjoy. If individuals no longer have the ability or the means to safely drive themselves, the AAA has partnered with the City of Amarillo to provide eligible individuals over the age of 60 a number of free rides on ACT-Connect. In FY22, the AAA increased access to the community for 382 older adults in the City of Amarillo.





Title III-C Nutrition Services

Collingsworth County

Proper nutrition is crucial for living a happy, healthy life. The AAA financially supports 12 nutrition programs across the Panhandle. Collingsworth County Home Delivered Meals has been providing healthy, nutritious meals free of cost to adults over the age of 60 across the City of Wellington and surrounding areas.



The Zephyr Foundation recognized the importance of the meal service to the well-being of older individuals in the community and approached CCHDM Director Linda Duke with the opportunity to expand the program to provide congregate meals.

The project began in 2022 to renovate the Bura Handley Community Center and add on a fully-equipped commercial kitchen to the existing 1930's-era infrastructure, originally a project of the Public Works Administration (PWA). This marks the opening of the first new congregate site in over 10 years. The AAA financially supports 12 nutrition programs that have improved the nutrition of 1,551 older adults across the Panhandle in FY22.

Hilltop Senior Citizens Association

FoodNET is the AAA's home-delivered meal program serving residents of Potter and Randall County. Hilltop Senior Citizens Association is one of six meal sites across the City of Amarillo that has a team of dedicated volunteers who deliver a box of five frozen meals on a weekly basis to program participants. In FY22, the AAA FoodNET Program helped to reduce hunger and food insecurity for 315 older adults in the City of Amarillo.



Volunteer with Hilltop Senior Citizens Association delivering meals.



Melissa Carter Memorial Grant

Melissa Carter served as the Area Agency on Aging Director of the Panhandle for fifteen years prior to her passing on June 29, 2021. Melissa was a passionate advocate for older adults. She will be remembered as having a lasting impact on her family and friends, her AAA team, with the clients whose lives she touched, and on those in the field of aging. Over \$8,000 was given in her memory to the AAA.

Through a grant application process, the AAA awarded the funds to the following non-profit organizations with a demonstrated need and projects to benefit Panhandle residents over the age of 60.

ACTS Community

Hall County Home Delivery Meals

Hedley Senior Citizens Association

Hereford Senior Citizens Association

Hilltop Senior Citizens Association

Top of Texas Silver Star Board

Tri County Home Delivered Meals

Wesley Community Center

Aging Well



Empowering residents of the Panhandle to connect with health and wellness resources necessary to age well.



Mayor Pro Tem Freda Powell (City of Amarillo) pictured with AAA staff and Frank Pierz at Older Americans Month Celebration.

Educational Programming

Older Americans Month

Lifelong learning is paramount in enriching our lives. Every May, the AAA leads the celebration of Older Americans Month. This year's theme was *Age My Way!* Just as every person is unique, so too is how they age and how they choose to do it – and there is no “right” way. Classes on art, writing, gardening, exercise, and technology helped connect over 100 older adults to their community and engage in ways to age well.

The event featured Jerry Hodge as the keynote speaker, a proclamation of May as Older Americans Month by Mayor Pro Tem Freda Powell, and a talent show that highlighted the many ways individuals in the Panhandle are aging in their own way.



connect

Volunteering



Inspiring people to connect to local volunteer opportunities to strengthen communities.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Volunteer Spotlight

Advocacy is the cornerstone of protecting the rights of long-term care residents. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program consists of AAA staff and community volunteers from all across the Texas Panhandle who serve as advocates for residents of long-term care facilities. Certified Ombudsmen conduct regular visits to nursing homes and assisted living facilities to protect residents' health, safety, welfare and rights, and to promote the highest attainable quality of life.

The Ombudsman program began as a grassroots response for nursing home reform in communities across the nation. Teams of volunteers led the way for making improvements in resident care. Today, Ombudsman volunteers remain the program's most significant asset as they share their time, skills, and kindness in their local long-term care facilities and account for almost three-quarters of the total Ombudsman force in the United States.



Pictured above are Ombudsman volunteers Ross Wellesley, Steve Akeroyd, Vickie Littlefield, and Rhonda McWhorter.



Vicki Littlefield

Vicki has been a certified Ombudsman volunteer for 16 years visiting both the Tulia Health and Rehab and Swisher Memorial Health in Tulia, Texas.

Vicki has dedicated over 1,220 hours and 138 facility visits advocating for long-term care residents in Tulia.



Frank Pierz

Frank has played a vital role in the AAA and served as a certified, trained volunteer with the Benefits Counseling Program, Senior Medicare Patrol, and the Ombudsman Program for 15 years.

From preparing monthly Caregiver newsletters and stuffing envelopes, to making calls to clients and always being quick with a joke, Frank is a valuable asset to the AAA team.



HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program)

Destination Medicare

Healthcare choices can be difficult to make and are complicated by misinformation and targeted advertising. Certified benefits counselors assist individuals in navigating their Medicare benefits as the designated Health Information Counseling & Advocacy Program of Texas (HICAP). Benefits counselors offer unbiased, factual information to help empower individuals to make informed healthcare choices.

The AAA launched a new educational series called Destination Medicare to inform individuals aging into Medicare about topics ranging from enrollment and program benefits to comparing coverage and managing healthcare costs.

4,026
Beneficiary Client Contacts



420 Medicare Beneficiaries Educated

190 Group Presentations and Community Events



86 presentations: accessing affordable healthcare

64 presentations: safeguarding Medicare info

MIPPA (Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act)

Access to affordable healthcare is pivotal to leading a healthy life. The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) includes outreach related to Medicare Preventive Services, Medicare Savings Programs, and programs to help with prescription drug costs.

Senior Medicare Patrol

Safeguarding your personal healthcare information is important to not only protect yourself, but to ensure Medicare funds are available for years to come.

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) educates Medicare beneficiaries to prevent, detect, and report healthcare fraud.



Caregiver Support

Peer Support Group

Peer support is essential to navigating the caregiver journey. While the AAA provides resources, education, and a wide variety of services to caregivers, the most support can come from individuals who are walking that journey with them.

The AAA facilitates a monthly caregiver support group at the Central Church of Christ Commons Room in Amarillo the first Wednesday of every month. Individuals discuss the challenges of caregiving, meet others with similar experiences, share feelings in a safe place, and find local resources and guidance from professionals.



Pictured above Caregiver Support Specialist Jaime Sharp, facilitating a Caregiver Support Group meeting.

Caregiver Respite

Respite Voucher

Respite is an all-important aspect of self-care for family caregivers. Often it is the individual providing care who faces an increased risk of adverse health conditions, prolonged fatigue, and high levels of stress due to the myriad of challenges of caring for their loved ones.

One of the many ways the AAA aims to help support caregivers is by providing a break in the form of temporary in-home care. These short-term breaks are designed to promote the caregiver's overall health and well-being, to give them the ability to relax, and to provide them an opportunity to rest from their caregiving duties. In FY22, the AAA lessened the stress of 83 caregivers across the Panhandle.



Workforce Development

Workforce Development connects employers and job seekers by helping Texas Panhandle employers recruit, hire, and retain qualified workers while helping job seekers find and keep stable employment.

Workforce Governance



Serves as Fiscal and Administrative Agent for the Panhandle Workforce Development Board (PWDB) and functions as the Employer of the eight PWDB's staff in PRPC's Workforce Development Division.

Kathy Cabezuella, Gracie Aragon, Yvette Gaytan, Marin Rivas (Director), Leslie Hardin, Heather Reid



Panhandle Workforce Development Consortium's Governing Body

Created in 1996, membership of the body is comprised of the Mayor of the City of Amarillo and six elected officials, selected by a vote of their peers, from among the County Judges serving the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle making up the Panhandle Workforce Development Area.

The governing body appoints the members of the Panhandle Workforce Development Board and oversees the functions of the Board and its PRPC staff.



Created by the Texas Legislature in 1995 consolidating the State's employment functions with related education and job training programs.

Serves as the funding source for the Workforce Development and Child Care Services grants through PRPC, under the "brand" of Texas Workforce Solutions.



The Amarillo Economic Development Corporation purchased two simulators under the High Demand Job Training Grant (a total of \$23,211). Pictured here are two of our Panhandle Workforce Development Board members, Mr. Texas "Tex" Buckhaults and Ms. Heather Freeman, with one of the simulators.



Crystal Hermesmeier, Jay Barrett, John Roberts, Michael Wright, Kevin Caddell and Lisa Lillard

Panhandle Workforce Development Board

A 25-member group of business and community leaders, responsible for overseeing area workforce development programs. Originally created under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to develop workforce development services as "One-Stop Centers," Panhandle Workforce was structured to have an organization (such as the PRPC) serving as fiscal agent.



Bottom Row: David Parker, Magi York, Geneva Tiller, Francisco Apodaca, Tamara Clunis
 Top Row: Irene Arnold, Lisa White, Kristi Hanes, Charlie Rivas, Ryan Bradley, Michelle Griffin



Job Seeker Services

Workforce Solutions Panhandle helps job seekers build connections with employers and provide access to computers, telephones, and other resources all at no cost.



Workshops

Workforce Solutions Panhandle offers free workshops with creative tools that help job seekers navigate today's job market. Workshops Include:

- Make a Great Resume with the Goldmining Technique
- Job Readiness Workshop
- New WorkInTexas.com Website for Job Seekers Workshop
- Interviewing in the 21st Century Workshop
- Job Search When You Are Over 50 Workshop
- Job Search Using Social Media

Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment

This program identifies unemployment benefits claimants who are likely to exhaust unemployment benefits and connects them with reemployment services to help them quickly return to work.



Services to Veterans

It is our privilege to serve veterans and their spouses. We offer veterans priority service that is catered to individual needs with the help of our partnerships with the Texas Veterans Commission and local employers and organizations.

Veteran Status	Distinct Users	Total Services
Yes <= 180 days	47	238
Yes, Eligible Veteran	744	6,786
Yes, Other Eligible Person	19	175
Total	810	7,199

Job Fairs

 191
Events

 7
Large Job Fairs

 649
Employers

 4
Career Fairs

 5,142
Job Seekers



Amarillo Job Fair

185
Employers

1,008
Job Seekers

Hiring Red, White & You! Veterans Job Fair

52
Employers
35 in-person
17 virtual

112
Job Seekers

Business and Employer Services

Workforce Solutions Offices

Employers schedule job fairs, hiring events, manager meetings, trainings, interviews, as well as cubicles to use as office space.

Services to Employers

Workforce Solutions Panhandle provides Texas Panhandle employers with resources to find, hire, and retain hard-working employees, all free of charge.

Employer Services

11,885

SERVICES PROVIDED

1,280

EMPLOYERS SERVICED

249

NEW EMPLOYERS ADDED

Job Postings

7,462

JOB POSTINGS ENTERED

12,334

TOTAL JOB OPENINGS



3 Total Rapid Responses

Employers and Groups Utilizing Meeting Spaces

- Panhandle Human Resources Association
- West Texas Healthcare Association
- Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
- Pantex
- Quick Quack Car Wash
- Sonic Drive-In
- Amazon
- Xcel Energy
- Los Barrios de Amarillo
- and many more



Youth Career + Training Services

Placement Service | Internships and Shadowing | Training

Youth in Training PROGRAMS

- Tractor Trailer Operator
- Law Enforcement
- Administrative Assistant
- Cyber Security
- Vocational Nurse
- Registered Nurse
- Aircraft Mechanic
- Firefighter
- Mental Health Tech
- Business Admin
- Phlebotomist



41 Total Graduates

Trained youth	55
Workforce-paid internships	22
Staff-assisted job search	12
Career guidance	72
Financial literacy	63
Total served	92
Rural participant % in 2022	27.8%

Presentations + Events + Partnerships

19
presentations

17
events

5
partnerships

Summer Programs 2022

Program

Summer Earn and Learn	47
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Summer Youth	52

Participants

99
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS



Subsidized Child Care Services

Child care is essential for working parents, and in many cases, its significance can be the difference between keeping a job or losing one. Workforce Solutions Panhandle Child Care Services (CCS) helps low-to-moderate income families with assistance in paying for child care while parents work, attend school, or participate in a training program as they become more self-sufficient. CCS also supports child care providers through quality improvement projects.



2,073

CHILDREN SERVED



1,381

FAMILIES SERVED



1,030

CHILDREN IN TEXAS RISING STAR CENTERS

Provider Services

47

Students received scholarship of which 36% were new students

81%

Maintained their Texas Rising Star Certification Level

108

Total Providers – 32% Texas Rising Star certified

\$80k

In scholarships to child care teachers and directors

\$35k

Provided for classroom expansion



Special Initiatives + Training Projects

SkillUp Panhandle

To educate and reach as many people as possible, Workforce Solutions Panhandle teamed up with the Downtown Women’s Center, Goodwill Career Resource Center and Panhandle Community Services to launch an e-learning website to help seekers increase their skill set with more than 5,000 courses offered.



3,045
COURSES



465
STUDENTS

Special Initiatives + Training Projects

\$855,000

INVESTED IN STUDENTS

Future of the Panhandle
Workforce

High-Demand Job Training

This program brings funding to the Panhandle to develop and expand career and technical education programs in regional secondary and post-secondary schools.

PRPC has partnered with: Economic Development Corporations in Amarillo, Borger, Dalhart, and Shamrock. The Independent school districts of: Amarillo, Bushland, Canyon, Highland Park, River Road, Frank Phillips College Borger Campus and Dalhart Campus, and Clarendon College, Shamrock Campus.

Choices Program

Choices Program assists applicants, recipients, and former recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) with cash assistance to transition from welfare to work. Assistance also includes job search assistance, job readiness classes, subsidized employment, child care and transportation assistance, and help with work-related expenses.

Supplemental Nutrition & Assistance Program

Career specialists help identify and address barriers to gainful employment. Customized success plans include an assessment of educational strengths, vocational aptitudes, and skills.

812
Served

168
Employed

226
Support Services

11
Paid Internships

Teacher Externships

Teacher Externships offer a unique professional development opportunity for educators by connecting the classroom to the workplace, providing educators a way to work alongside industry professionals to learn how classroom content and learning strategies are applied in the workplace.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Amarillo ISD	Canyon ISD	Follett ISD
Bushland ISD	Dimmitt ISD	Lazbuddie ISD

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

575 Pizzeria	BSA Health System	Texas Wheat Producers
Amarillo Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	Metropolitan	Western Equipment
Amarillo Police Dept.	Sage Oil Vac.	Whiteface Ford
Amarillo National Bank	Shelton's Flowers	Workforce Solutions Panhandle
Brown Automotive Group	Sunday's Kitchen	



Workforce Solutions Panhandle Career & Training Services for Adult and Dislocated Workers

Designed to help job seekers secure the education, training, and support necessary to succeed in the workforce while providing skilled workers to match local employer's needs. This program is funded by the Department of Labor through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Commercial Driver's License	98
Associate Degree in Nursing	12
Certified Nursing Assistant	18
Licensed Vocational Nurse	23
Registered Nurse	22
Work related items-customers	52
Medical Assistant	3
Mental Health Technology	4
Phlebotomy	8
Regional Law Enforcement	8
Regional Firefighter Training	4
Other trainings	4
Welding	3
Instrumentation & Electrical	3



Customers went to work: (exited customers showing employed at time of exit)

PARTNERS

Amarillo College

Frank Phillips College

Clarendon College

MET Inc.

Panhandle Community Services

Projects

Enrolled six individuals

Statewide funds and NDWL funds to pay for tuition, required uniforms and supportive services.

Regional Firefighter Training

Enrolled seven individuals

Regional Law Enforcement Training

Assisted eight individuals

All eight have been hired by the following local law enforcement agencies: Canyon Police, Pampa Police, TSA Transportation, Deaf Smith Co Sheriffs, Hereford Police, Hartley Co Sheriff's, Gray County Sheriff's, Castro County Sheriff's, Potter Co Sheriff's Office, and Hutchinson County Sheriff's office.



Total Enrollments

40,834

Workforce Visitor
Sign-Ins

8,946

Unique Visitors

34,440

601 WF Solutions
Panhandle

8,053

601 WF Solutions
Panhandle Unique Visitors

6,394

669 WF SOL
Panhandle

893

69 WF SOL Panhandle
Unique Visitors

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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
PANHANDLE

The Panhandle's "brand-name" for the General Public's access to Workforce Development and Child Care Services. Customers, both businesses and individuals, can access services:

**Offices in Amarillo, Hereford and Borger
Mobile Unit | Online Services**



Success Story

CRAFTING A CAREER PATH

A welding student at Amarillo College, Vanessa obtained her Welding Level II Certificate in April 2022. Vanessa applied for assistance through the WIOA program to assist with the purchase of tools and supplies required for her welding classes. WIOA also assisted Vanessa with training and transportation expenses for her drive to East Campus for classes. Congratulations on your certification, Vanessa.

Local Government Services

Local Government Services assists Panhandle cities and counties in applying to State and Federal grant programs, such as the Texas Community Development Block grant Program (TxCDBG) and funding opportunities through Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Economic Development Administration (EDA), for public infrastructure improvements for water, sewer, and paving projects and performs project administration for the resulting projects.

The Department also works with communities on Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) grant programs for projects ranging from playgrounds to community pools. Outside of grant programs, Local Government Services performs contract city management services, facilitates professional searches for senior staff positions for communities, and is the administrator of the Region a Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG), Groundwater Management Area (GMA) #1, and the Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red Flood Planning Group.

Jarian Fred, Christopher Jackson, Paige Witthar, Alex Guerrero (Director), Connor Neale, Nicole Moore





Community Development Block Grant Program

Texas Rural Community Paramedic Program

This collaborative program was designed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the lack of accessible medical resources our rural communities face on a daily basis. Dallam County was chosen as the lead recipient in the State of Texas for this pilot program, which is acquiring eight paramedicine vehicles that will be disseminated across the Panhandle region.

Fire, Ambulance and Service Truck Fund (FAST) - New Fire and Tanker Trucks

City of Tulia received FAST funds through the Texas Department of Agriculture in 2021 to purchase a new fire brush and tanker truck for its Volunteer Fire Dept.

The Panhandle and West Texas has experienced one of the driest 10-month periods in the last 75 years putting strain on farmers and ranchers while also causing many destructive wildfires throughout the Panhandle region making it a desperate time to maintain fire truck reliability and the need for this FAST Fund program through the TDA.

Downtown Revitalization

Cities of Borger and Memphis finished 2020 Downtown Revitalization Projects funded under the Community Development Block Grant. Borger fully revamped their parking lot providing much needed walking avenues in their downtown area and increased parking.

\$2.45M

received in grant funding for Downtown Revitalization Projects.

\$2.45M

in grant funding for waste-water and sewer infrastructure.

\$500k

In 2021
1 Fire Brush Truck +
1 Tanker Truck - Tulia



Searches and City Management

PRPC has provided city management services to the Villages of Timbercreek Canyon and Lake Tanglewood since early 2000.

LGS staff worked with the Village of Timbercreek Canyon to write an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Community Resiliency Program. The Village was awarded \$1.5 million in grant funds for a Senior Center Facility. The building will offer programming for seniors including exercise classes, healthy eating demonstrations, and other evidence-based programs to encourage positive health outcomes for persons over 60. The Village scored #1 out of 48 applications across the State of Texas.

PRPC professional search services continues to be highly sought after. PRPC staff has continually assisted communities to conduct search services for professional staff ranging from City Secretaries to Police Chiefs and City Managers. Over the course of a 12-month period, PRPC has assisted in four professional searches filling vital positions within Texas Panhandle Communities.



LAST FIVE YEARS



Parks

Local Government Services Staff worked with the City of Quitaque on a Texas Parks & Wildlife application in 2019 and administered the resulting \$53,000 grant award for the Quitaque City Park project to replace playground equipment that was over 50 years old.

Staff worked with the City of Cactus on a Texas Parks & Wildlife application in 2018 and administered the resulting \$500,000 grant award for the Cactus Aquatic Center project. Cactus's existing pool had degraded and was creating an unsafe environment for swimmers. Construction began in August 2021 and was completed in 2022.



The new Cactus Aquatic Center contains over 7,000 square feet of surface water with several aquatic features.

Economic Development

PRPC was first designated as the Economic Development District (EDD) for the Texas Panhandle by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) in 1978. As the EDD for the Texas Panhandle region, Staff have coordinated and implemented the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) plan for the region and worked on a multitude of applications and subsequent projects for EDA assistance over that time.

Economic Development Activities

In 2021, Economic Development Staff facilitated and drafted a new five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Texas Panhandle. The Texas Panhandle CEDS plan is the basis for EDA grant applications that are submitted from communities in the Texas Panhandle and helps guide regional economic efforts.

PRPC hosted two first-time economic development events in Spring 2022 as part the implementation of the CEDS Action Plan.

On May 17, 2022, PRPC hosted **Homegrown Economic Development**, an economic development workshop for communities in the Texas Panhandle. The workshop gave attendees the opportunity to meet and network with economic development experts, state agency staff, and other EDCs throughout the region; and spark ideas for community projects.

June 7, 2022 Staff organized Home on the Panhandle Plains, an event for cities to meet with local developers, builders, contractors, and real estate professionals to discuss housing needs and opportunities across Texas Panhandle communities.



Home on the Panhandle Plains, Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza (was attended by leaders from 12 cities). Lee Davila, City Manager of Friona told the Friona Star, "Events like these are critical to our communities because it allows us to network with local developers. It also gives us the opportunity to showcase how the city of Friona is implementing change while still respecting the rich heritage of the community."

THE EVENT INCLUDED PRESENTATIONS FROM

36 attended the event representing

- Underwood Law Firm
- Borger Economic Development Corporation (Borger, Inc.)
- The Office of the Governor - Economic Development & Tourism Division
- Texas Department of Agriculture

16 communities

- The High Ground of Texas
- America's Small Business Development Center at WTAMU
- WT Enterprise Center

2021 National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Impact Award

PRPC received a NADO Impact Award for the commission's role in downtown revitalization throughout the Texas Panhandle. With the assistance of PRPC Staff, Texas Panhandle communities have received over **\$4.7 million in grant funds** since 2018 for infrastructure improvements throughout downtown districts in the Texas Panhandle to make downtown areas safer, attract new customers, and fill building vacancies.

Economic Development Administration (EDA) Projects

In late 2021, PRPC Staff worked with Amarillo Economic Development Corporation and the City of Amarillo on an EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance grant application for Phase I infrastructure in the South Georgia Business Park in Amarillo. The project will provide the necessary road, water, and sewer infrastructure for companies to locate in the business park. Cacique Foods, LLC., the first company in the South Georgia Business Park, is building an \$88 million plant, which is expected to create at least 205 jobs initially. EDA announced a \$2.4 million investment for the project in May 2022.

Milestones

- ✓ One EDA award has been made in the region to Amarillo Economic Development Corporation and the City of Amarillo in 2022, which will aid in the creation of **205 jobs** and a **\$88 million private investment**.
- ✓ Two (2) first-time economic development events were hosted in 2022.
- ✓ The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has invested **\$9.8 million in six projects** in the region in the last five years.
- ✓ One National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Impact Award was received by PRPC.



Transportation

The PRPC continued its long-time service as the administrator of the Panhandle Regional Organization to Maximize Public Transportation. This committee brings together transit providers, transit riders, representatives of advocacy organizations for the elderly, disabled, and low-income persons, and veterans. PRPC has been involved in regional transportation planning for underserved communities since 2006.



\$250k	grant dollars for (2) transit programs
\$160k	grant dollars from the Federal Transit Administration
06	meetings with transportation planning boards



LGS staff worked with Nobox Creative to launch the Panhandle Rides Public Information Campaign with a Kick-Off event in conjunction with the Amarillo Sod Poodles. Over 80 students and families from the Eastridge Neighborhood in Amarillo received a bus ride, a meal, and a ticket to the Sod Poodles Opening Day game courtesy of Fanbase, First Bank Southwest, Amarillo City Transit, and the Amarillo Sod Poodles!

Staff applied for two new projects to improve the transit system in the region. Each project will bring \$125,000 in Federal Funding. The projects consist of a Ride Share Voucher Program and a Return Home from Hospitalization Study.

Return Home from Hospitalization Pilot Program

The idea for this project came from reports by area nurses regarding patients that were too sick to be treated at a local hospital and were transferred to a hospital in Amarillo. In one instance, a patient was discharged so late on a weekend day that the only available person to pick the patient up and bring them home was a custodial staffer.



Water & Flood Planning

Region 1 Canadian-Upper Red Regional Flood Planning Group

The Region 1 RFPG will formally consider the first ever Region 1 Regional Flood Plan Draft in July, 2022 and then will be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for consideration on August 1, 2022.

Panhandle Water Planning Group – 2026 Regional Water Plan and Contract Amendment

On April 7, 2022, the PWPG authorized the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to execute the Amendment

\$149,303

PWPG Funding TWDB contract amount

to the TWDB Contract regarding the Complete Scope to the development. PRPC has been involved in water planning since 1997. Over the years, PWPG has been instrumental in safe guarding this important resource for the planning region.



Ben Weinheimer

Panhandle Water Planning Group *New Chairman*

After C.E. Williams stepped down as Chairman on June 29, 2021 after 23 years serving on the PWPG, Ben Weinheimer, President & CEO of Texas Cattle Feeders Association, was nominated to serve as the new Chairman for the PWPG.

Regional Services

Regional Services provides guidance and services within the Emergency Preparedness, Solid Waste Management, and Criminal Justice Programs to our area local governments and organizations. We provide support through workshops, seminars, facilitation of round-table discussions, grant writing assistance, management of projects, communication for first responders, and various grant funds.

Daphne Morcom, Shane Brown, Lori Gunn (Director), Delaney Pruett



Regional Programs

The Regional Solid Waste Management Program

This program works to assist our local governments in diverting waste from the landfills, encouraging recycling initiatives, and developing the region's Solid Waste Management Plan. In 1996 the RSWMAC formed the Panhandle Environmental Partnership (PEP), to help transport waste to recycling mills and divert it from the region's landfills.

PRPC PAID

17

monthly lease payments

8

yearly lease payments

3

yearly land lease payments

11

utilities on tower sites

1,200 tons

of material diverted from landfills to recycling mills

97

 Service Calls

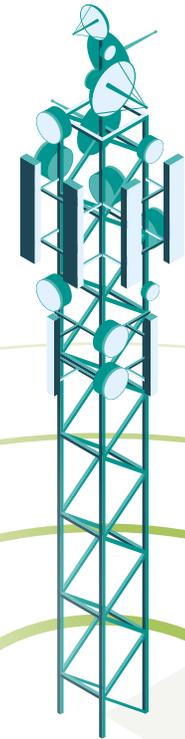
Not all service calls are the result of a system outage, but in the past year, all system failures were restored back to normal operation within three hours.

By building new towers in Collingsworth and Wheeler counties using HS grant funds, we were able to cancel the lease agreements on our two most expensive towers.

This saved the PANCOM system \$1,437.50 per month.

Regional Emergency Preparedness Program

Our goal is to better prepare those that show up first. This program works to help local first responders respond to, recover from, or thwart disasters. PRPC is able to minimize disruptions in service through 24/7/365 on-call and having access to equipment and supplies to repair critical equipment when needed. The PANCOM system is funded through contributions from cities, counties, Homeland Security, and 9-1-1 funds.



Regional 9-1-1 Network

The Regional 9-1-1 Network is responsible for the maintenance and ongoing improvement of the network, equipment, and software needed to deliver every 9-1-1 call in the Texas Panhandle. The 9-1-1 Network also assists public safety professionals with software and equipment training, certification requirements, and intra-regional collaboration.

Khasi Campos, Becky Blair, Mike Peters (Director), Craig Wolf, John Schaumburg



Ensuring Reliable 9-1-1 Equipment

The 9-1-1 Network replaced and tested all 10 of the primary call-handling servers and replaced integral equipment at each of the 21 PSAPs with more current and dependable hardware. The 9-1-1 Network strives to replace and upgrade hardware and software on a regular basis to improve reliability and decrease downtime. The 9-1-1 Network was able to switch and modernize the needed equipment without losing call-delivery functionality.

 **95,292**
Calls from Cell Phones

 **6,866**
Text Conversations with 9-1-1



Saving Lives and Property

The principal objective of the Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network is to save lives and property. As the 9-1-1 Network discovers new and obscure problems encountered by emergency responders, we work to provide solutions.

In 2022, the 9-1-1 Network learned that dispatchers sometimes struggle to identify railroad crossings during an emergency on the tracks. Within days, the 9-1-1 Network added a new layer to the 9-1-1 dispatch computers that allows a dispatcher quick access to railroad crossing identifiers and information that can help them stop an oncoming train as quickly as possible.

Striving for Response Accuracy

Texas Panhandle communities rely on the 9-1-1 mapping data to be as accurate as possible. We are constantly looking for inconsistencies within the mapping data to ensure proper call routing, quick response and information to aid dispatchers during emergencies.

 **120,880** Total 9-1-1 Calls

Dispute Resolution

The PRPC's Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) is designed to empower residents of this region to resolve all types of conflict through the use of mediation.

9,787 Mediations since inception

120 Mediations settled or substantially settled

Christian Campbell, Trent Taylor



Mediation Assistance

Dispute Resolution offers cost-effective mediation assistance to residents from trained impartial mediators, to help resolve conflict of all types, including divorce/custody, visitation arrangements, consumer complaints, minor criminal mischief, personal injury, landlord/tenant disputes, property and damage disputes, threats and trespassing, financial disputes, police and court referrals, employer/employee conflicts, and neighborhood and community conflicts. Such resolution is achieved with the assistance of a rotation of trained, impartial mediators who facilitate meetings between the disputing parties.

Because of mediation, many cases avoid going to trial which helps clear the court dockets, and clients enjoy an affordable cost along with a higher than average monetary settlement amount compared to litigated cases. Clients can also take satisfaction in knowing the outcome of their case is in their realm of control, as opposed to having their case decided by judge or jury.



Virtual Mediations

Since 2020 a significant number of mediations have been conducted over Zoom. This has allowed more flexibility for mediation participants by limiting travel time and cost, and has allowed the DRC to increase its mediation capacity,

REMOTE
MEDIATIONS

191

IN-HOUSE
MEDIATIONS

64



Finance

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. This was the 36th consecutive year that the PRPC has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

The Finance staff provides professional accounting services necessary to establish and maintain financial policies, practices and controls to ensure the highest degree of financial accountability and fully safeguard all funds entrusted to PRPC.

Stephine Neuwirth, Heike Todd, Trent Taylor (Director), Julie Lyles, Cristy Henderson

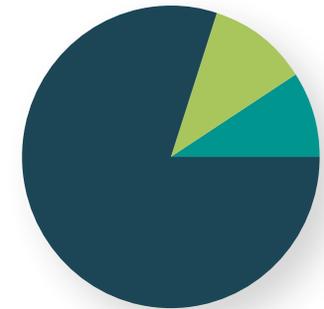


Financial Summary - for the year ending September 30, 2021


 REPRESENTING OVER 80 FUNDING STREAMS
 REPRESENTING 50+ PROGRAMS

SOURCE OF REVENUE

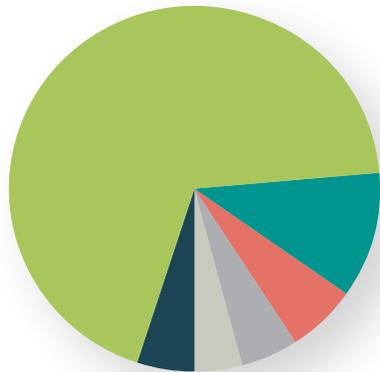
	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
STATE + FEDERAL FUNDS	80%	\$23,275,835
STATE + FEDERAL COVID-19 FUNDS	11%	\$3,107,836
LOCAL + IN-KIND	9%	\$2,702,554
OTHER	0%	\$88,646



\$29,174,971

EXPENDITURES BY DIVISION

	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5%	\$1,451,093
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	68%	\$19,424,899
AGING SERVICES	11%	\$3,052,354
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	6%	\$1,786,948
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	4%	\$1,236,352
OTHER PROGRAMS	5%	\$1,411,526



\$28,363,172

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is an organization of, by, and for local governments.

The PRPC was created based on the concept that more can be accomplished by local governments acting cooperatively rather than alone.

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of cities, counties, and special districts in the Texas Panhandle. Established in 1969, the Planning Commission assists local governments in planning, developing, and implementing programs designed to improve the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens in the Texas Panhandle.

Since 1969, the Planning Commission has been involved in a wide range of projects and programs. Activities currently include initiatives in the areas of workforce development, aging, local government services, economic development, dispute resolution, 9-1-1 services, criminal justice, solid waste management, emergency preparedness, transportation planning, water planning, regional services, and technical assistance to the local governments of the Panhandle.



PRPC Cities



Adrian	Dodson	Lake	Silverton
Amarillo	Dumas	Tanglewood	Skellytown
Bishop Hills	Estelline	Lakeview	Spearman
Booker	Farwell	Lefors	Stinnett
Borger	Follett	McLean	Stratford
Bovina	Friona	Memphis	Sunray
Cactus	Fritch	Miami	Texhoma
Canadian	Groom	Mobeetie	Texline
Canyon	Gruver	Nazareth	Timbercreek
Channing	Happy	Palisades Village	Tulia
Childress	Hart	Pampa	Turkey
Clarendon	Hedley	Panhandle	Vega
Claude	Hereford	Perryton	Wellington
Dalhart	Higgins	Quitaque	Wheeler
Darrouzett	Howardwick	Sanford	White Deer
Dimmitt	Kress	Shamrock	

PRPC Counties

Armstrong	Moore
Briscoe	Ochiltree
Carson	Oldham
Castro	Parmer
Childress	Potter
Collingsworth	Randall
Dallam	Roberts
Deaf Smith	Sherman
Donley	Swisher
Gray	Wheeler
Hall	
Hansford	
Hartley	
Hemphill	
Hutchinson	
Lipscomb	



PRPC Special Districts



Canadian River Municipal Water Authority
Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial
Water Authority

Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority
Palo Duro River Authority

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
Red River Authority

Advisory Committees

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council

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Monty Hysinger	Dumas
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Joseph Loftus	Amarillo
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Sara Northrup	Amarillo
Nina Parvin	Amarillo
Traci Rogers	Amarillo
Hattie Sanderson	Wellington
Randall Sims	Amarillo

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Chuck Speed	Amarillo
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Phil Vanderpool	Pampa
Doug Woodburn	Amarillo

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Karen Haddon	Lipscomb County
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Daniel Jackson	Castro County
Nancy Manley	Roberts County
Guy Young	Briscoe County
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Brenda Robinson	Carson County
Mike Running	Moore County
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Bonnie Thompson	Hansford County
Colby Waters	Ochiltree County
Guy Young	Briscoe County

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Zack Wilson	Regional

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Susan Leary	Amarillo
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David Morris	White Deer
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Adam Schaer	Amarillo
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Sarah Osbourne	Friona
Lee Porter	Levelland
	Canyon

Kyle Ingham

Serving the PRPC 2000-2022

Kyle came to work at PRPC as a student intern with West Texas A&M University in 2000. Little did he know that internship would be the first step in a career that would span over 18 years and result in Kyle leading the PRPC as the Executive Director. Kyle's mark, whether directing the Local Government Services Department or as Executive Director, is significant, and he has impacted not just the organization but the entire Texas Panhandle.

Kyle wrote grant applications for countless projects throughout the region that brought untold millions of dollars and improvements to the region, ranging from community swimming pools, water and sewer infrastructure, new business parks, truck driving simulators, or any number of other projects that impacted peoples' lives and well-being.

Kyle has a servant's heart and spent his career at PRPC working tirelessly to provide the leadership and service that he valued and achieved. Kyle's impact can be seen in the people that he trained and worked closely with who will attest to his authenticity in his desire to help and his astounding knowledge on local government.

Kyle worked to always find a way. While government bureaucracy can be daunting and present significant challenges, hurdles and roadblocks, Kyle had an amazing ability to find the solution to all of the problems with which he was presented.

Best wishes to Kyle on his next chapter.

Kyle Ingham is the epitome of integrity. I've never worked with someone whose analysis of a given situation I trust more. Beyond his intellect and his integrity, Kyle is a good human. His presence in any room makes anyone in that room better – professionally and personally”.

Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart
PRESIDENT, AMARILLO COLLEGE



Kyle's destiny to become an influential and cohesive leader was neither by choice or chance! His success and monumental positive impact to our region is the result of being raised by his legendary city manager father, Greg Ingham, and his previous mentor and supervisor, the "Dean of all COG's", Gary Pitner. He imparted their wisdom, work ethic, and skills into his own career, and has now established a higher level of public servant leadership.

David Landis
CITY MANAGER, CITY OF PERRYTON

I would not be in the position I am today without the leadership that Kyle provided throughout my career at PRPC. I have learned so much from Kyle on how to have a servant mentality and how important our organization is to ensuring that we assist the communities in the Texas Panhandle to succeed and to look for ways to bring regionalism and cooperation to the forefront of solutions.

Dustin Meyer
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PRPC

It was my privilege to come in contact with many aspiring public administrators over the years. Kyle distinguished himself as one of those unique West Texas individuals who not only brought an outstanding skill set to the table, but more importantly, a sincere, heartfelt understanding of and desire to serve the people of the Panhandle.

Gary Pitner
FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PRPC

I had the privilege to work with Kyle for almost his entire career at PRPC. He was excellent working with the PWPG technical consultants and members to ensure that all the required elements of the plans were compiled and ready for submission. As Executive Director he would deliver the formal submissions to the Texas Water Development Board for approval for the entire region.

C.E. Williams
FORMER GENERAL MANAGER, PANHANDLE GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

It is impossible to know how many citizens of the Texas Panhandle have been positively impacted by Kyle in the past 18 years of service at PRPC. His knowledge and leadership to make all of our communities a better place to live will have a lasting affect both now and in the future to come. Thank you for your guidance and friendship.

Dan Looten
COUNTY JUDGE, CARSON COUNTY

I can remember when Kyle started at PRPC and it was evident then that he had an ability and drive that would lead him in serving the people of the Panhandle. His professionalism and dedication to service was something you don't find in a lot of young people today. His influence will be felt for years to come. Every life in the Panhandle is better because of Kyle.

Don Allred
COUNTY JUDGE, OLDHAM COUNTY

I met with Kyle when I began looking at a career in local government, upon finishing my graduate degree. Soon after that, he hired me in the Local Government Services Department at PRPC. Looking back on our time working together in LGS, I learned a great deal with our team efforts and I have personally carried that with me through my career. More than anything, I learned from Kyle about the importance of genuine professional relationships within our field of local government. The professional friendships and collaborations are at the center of our core values, especially in West Texas. We learn more from those professional friendships than anything else.

Joe Price
CITY MANAGER, CITY OF CANYON

I echo the words of Dustin Meyer in saying that Kyle has a servant's heart. Anyone doing this kind of work doesn't do it for honor or praise, they do it because there is a need for it to be done. Kyle certainly fit into that profile.

Nancy Tanner
COUNTY JUDGE, POTTER COUNTY



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