

## **Follow Up to Combined Grant Projects**

In response to questions asked at the recent TARC conference regarding combined grant projects: The Criminal Justice Division's (CJD) mission and vision for CJD-funded programs is to follow programmatic strategies that implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach to services. The regional Councils of Governments (COG's) play an important role in promoting these strategies.

To this end, COG's should evaluate each applicant's service provision in its entirety and, if necessary, recommend reductions to application budget line items for activities that do not address the COG's community priorities. Grantees have been asked to consolidate their requests rather than submitting multiple applications so that comprehensive and coordinated service provision can be identified and evaluated. Grant programs consolidated in the last funding cycle are encouraged to apply for continuation funding using the same grant number previously assigned.

CJD is committed to funding programs with innovative, effective, and comprehensive service strategies that address priorities identified at the local level and that compliment the Governor's statewide strategies. We appreciate your continued partnership and support. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Bingaman at 512-463-1942 or by email at [scott.bingaman@governor.state.tx.us](mailto:scott.bingaman@governor.state.tx.us).

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