

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM**

**FY25 LOCAL PRIORITIES
IDENTIFIED VIA REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:

Law Enforcement:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Crime reduction (including improved police visibility in community, drug enforcement, traffic and/or DWI enforcement)
- Law enforcement training (including training on mental health-related calls, training for law enforcement-based victim advocacy staff)
- Projects that improve response times to emergency calls
- Specialized investigations (including family violence investigation, domestic violence investigation, child abuse investigation)
- Specialized technology/equipment improvements (including crime scene equipment/supplies, in-car computers and/or video systems, information sharing systems, radio systems, records management systems, body worn camera, body armor, K-9 equipment/supplies)

Judicial / Courts:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Reentry services for formerly incarcerated individuals
- Specialized investigators (including domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse)
- Specialized prosecutors (including domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault)
- Specialized courts (including mental health court, human trafficking court, domestic violence court, reentry court, veterans court)
- Treatment services for offenders

NOTE: Underserved Populations (not listed in order of priority): Homeless, non-English speaking, racial or ethnic minorities, youth

JUVENILE JUSTICE:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Counseling/therapy (including specialized mental health assessment/treatment, suicide prevention/intervention, dual diagnosis treatment)
- Projects focused on violence prevention
- Projects that promote character building, improve life skills and/or family stability
- Projects that improve school safety
- Specialized training for professionals who work with youth

NOTE: Underserved Populations (not listed in order of priority): Non-English speaking; youth dealing with trauma-related experiences, youth with mental health needs, LGBTQ

MENTAL HEALTH:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Assisting individuals in securing services
- Counseling/therapy (including dual diagnosis and intensive outpatient treatment)
- Projects focused on serving veterans
- Improving access to medications for people with mental illness
- Specialized training for law enforcement, victim advocates, and/or court personnel on mental-health related calls/cases

NOTE: Underserved Populations (not listed in order of priority): Homeless, non-English speaking, youth, persons with disabilities

SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Counseling/therapy for youth and/or adults (including dual diagnosis and intensive outpatient treatment)
- Residential treatment
- Culturally competent services
- Specialized drug courts
- Substance abuse prevention and/or intervention

NOTE: Underserved Populations (not listed in order of priority): Homeless, non-English speaking; racial or ethnic minorities, youth

VICTIM SERVICES:

Not listed in order of priority:

- Counseling/therapy for victims of crime
- Crisis intervention services for victims of crime (including law enforcement-based victim advocates, hotline, assistance with crime victim compensation claims, information and referral, safety planning)
- Emergency shelter services for victims of domestic violence
- Legal assistance (including navigating the justice system, court advocacy, protective orders)
- Projects focused on victims of sexual assault (adult and/or children)

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