

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

**FY20 LOCAL PRIORITIES  
IDENTIFIED VIA REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:**

Law Enforcement:

*Not listed in order of priority:*

- Crime reduction (including increased police visibility in community, surveillance systems, traffic 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 crime scene investigation, domestic violence investigation, sexual assault investigation, child abuse investigation)
- Specialized technology/equipment improvements (including in-car computers and/or video systems, radio systems, records management systems, body worn camera, body armor)

Judicial / Courts:

*Not listed in order of priority:*

- Enhanced court security
- Reentry services for formerly incarcerated individuals
- Specialized family violence courts
- Specialized investigators and/or prosecutors (including domestic violence, child abuse, human trafficking)
- Specialized mental health courts

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

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:**

*Not listed in order of priority:*

- Counseling/therapy (including specialized mental health assessment/treatment, suicide prevention/intervention, aftercare/reentry after secure confinement)
- Employment skills/job training for juveniles
- Prevention and/or intervention focused on reducing the use of alcohol, tobacco, and/or illicit drugs
- Projects that promote character building, improve life skills and/or family stability (including after-school programs, community service initiatives, and/or parent education)
- Projects that support School Resource Officers

**NOTE:** Underserved Populations (not listed in order of priority): Non-English speaking; racial or ethnic minorities, rural

**MENTAL HEALTH:**

*Not listed in order of priority:*

- Assisting individuals in navigating the justice system and/or social services
- Counseling/therapy (including dual diagnosis)
- Housing needs for people with mental illness
- 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

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**SUBSTANCE ABUSE:**

*Not listed in order of priority:*

- Counseling/therapy for youth and/or adults
- Outpatient treatment programs
- Residential treatment
- Specialized drug courts
- Substance abuse prevention and/or intervention

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**VICTIM SERVICES:**

*Not listed in order of priority:*

- Counseling/Therapy for victims of crime
- Crisis Intervention services for victims of crime (including hotline, assistance with crime victim compensation claims, information and referral, safety planning)
- Housing services for victims of domestic violence (including emergency shelter and/or transitional housing)
- Legal assistance (including navigating the justice system, protective orders)
- Projects focused on victims of sexual assault (adult and/or children)