



LIFE JACKET GRANT AWARDED TO PARKS AND RECREATION

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Purpose

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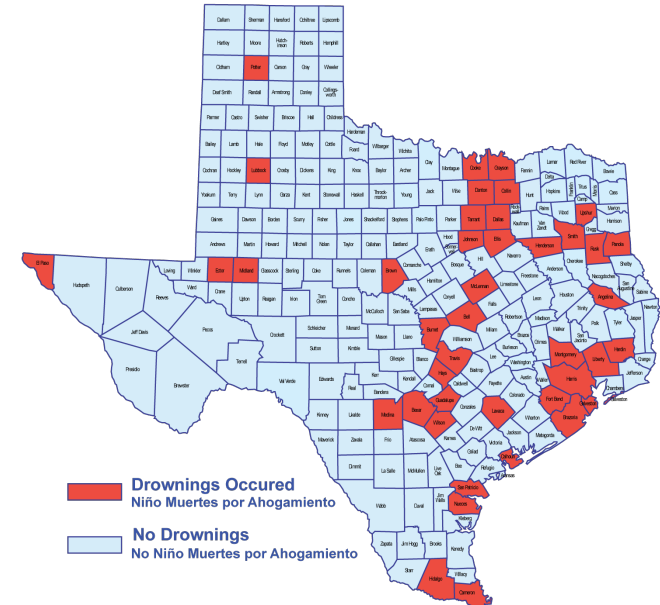
- Notification of lifejacket grant awarded to Killeen Parks and Recreation through the Sea Tow Foundation in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard.



Background

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- Bell county drowning rates are higher than the national average (1.16 per 100,000).
 - ▣ 1.83 Drownings per 100,000 overall
 - ▣ 2.48 Drownings per 100,000 in minority groups
- Several programs are available to help combat this statistic.



Benefits

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- ❑ State of the art lifejackets for patrons to use at city aquatic facilities and local boating areas.
- ❑ Step-by-step training and instruction to staff and patrons on how to safely use lifejackets.
- ❑ Eliminate cost of city purchasing up to 200 lifejackets and storage for aquatic facilities yearly.
 - ▣ Save up to \$6,200 each year on lifejacket replacement costs due to theft or regular wear and tear.
 - ▣ Minimize up to \$908 in annual costs for lifejacket stands and signage needed because of routine wear and tear.

Operations

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- ❑ Mandatory lifejacket station and monthly use reporting will be maintained by Aquatics Supervisor.
- ❑ Lifejacket station will be located at Lion's Club Park.
 - ▣ Family Aquatic Center May-September
 - ▣ Family Recreation Center September-May

Lifejacket Station

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QUESTIONS?