



# REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

RS-21-122

September 7, 2021

# Background

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- ❑ The idea of 9-1-1 was created in 1967 by President Johnson's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice
- ❑ Telephone industry agreed on 9-1-1 in 1968
- ❑ In 1987, the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) was created to implement and administer 9-1-1 service throughout the State.
- ❑ At that time, there were some Emergency Communication Districts (ECDs) and some municipalities providing 9-1-1 service.
- ❑ In order to bring 9-1-1 service to the rest of the state, CSEC created 24 Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs)

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- 3 types of all services providers in Texas
  - ▣ Regional Planning Council
  - ▣ Emergency Communication Districts
  - ▣ Home Rule Cities

Killeen is part of the CTCOG Regional Planning Council

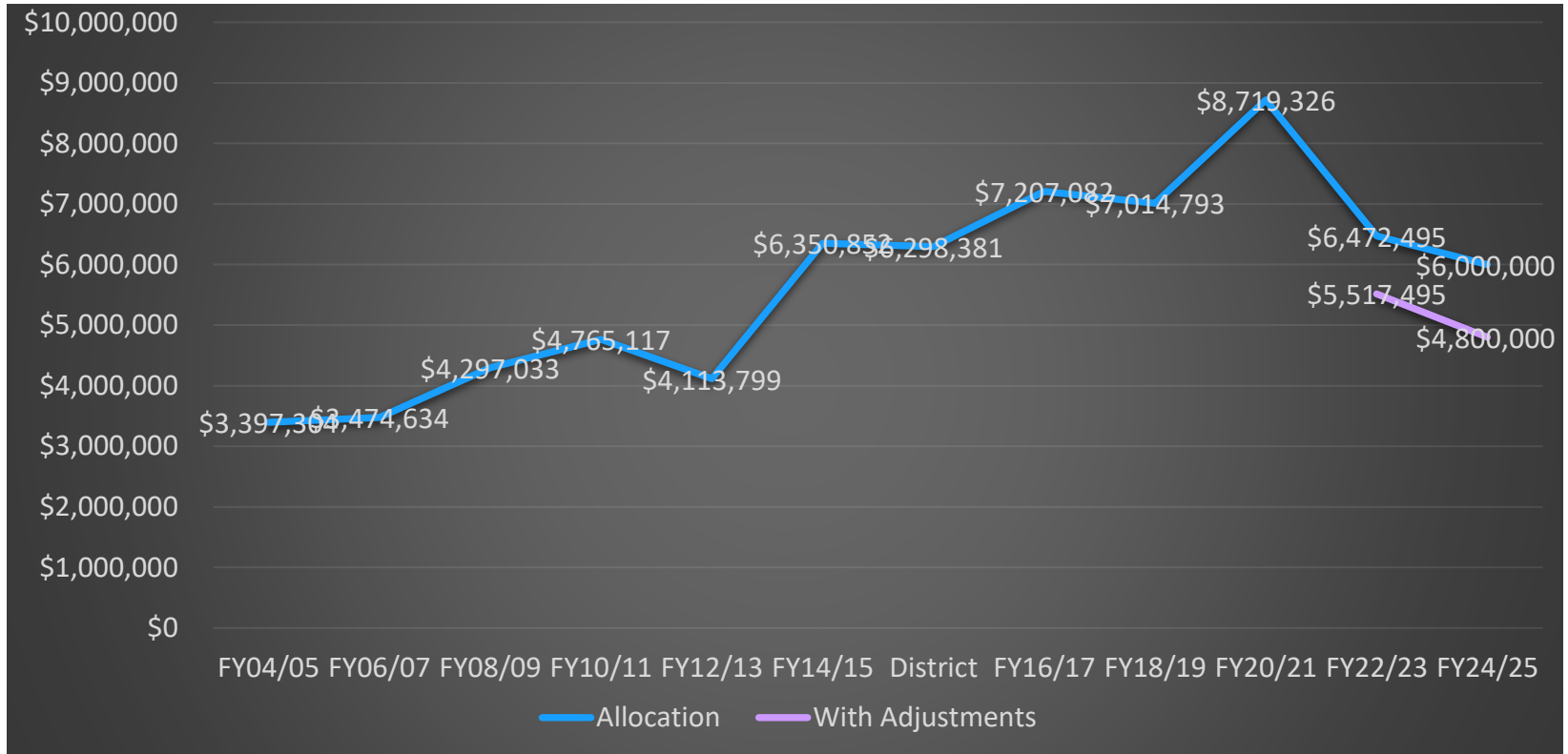
# Why Become a District

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- ❑ Local Control
  - ▣ Cuts out the State Commission on Emergency Communication.
  - ▣ Eliminates the State Regulatory Rules.
- ❑ Greater Control over Funding
  - ▣ Funds flow directly from the Comptrollers Office to CTCOG.
  - ▣ More predictable funding cycle.
- ❑ No Increase in the Current Fee
- ❑ Not a Taxing Entity

# Historical Funding Levels

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# Bottom Line

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- ❑ Last week CSEC announced an “overestimation” of 9-1-1 Service Fee Revenue of \$25.6 million. This shortfall will be made up by:
  - ▣ Deferral of all Equipment Replacement until further notice; and
  - ▣ Cancel all IT security projects currently planned.
- ❑ The total estimated budgetary impact to CTCOG is just over \$2.1 million dollars over the next two biennia.
- ❑ Our current generated fee is estimated at \$6,000,000 versus the estimate of \$5,517,495 in FY 22/23 and \$4,800,000 in FY 24/25 through CSEC.

# Projected Timelines and Considerations

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- ❑ If approved, work on the required documents will begin immediately.
- ❑ Information packets with sample resolutions will be sent out this week.
- ❑ CTCOG Staff will be available to meet with any requesting municipality and attend meetings if requested.
- ❑ CTCOG Staff will meet with other Districts and CSEC Staff to establish the best target date for creating the District.
- ❑ Current estimates are that the best date for cutover will be sometime prior to the end of calendar year 2021.
- ❑ 30-60 days after cutover, funds will flow directly from the State Comptrollers Office to CTCOG.
- ❑ CTCOG Executive Committee will be the initial governing Board of Managers.

# Recommendation

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- Staff recommends that the City Council approve the creation of a Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District