

## Program completes FY 2011 grants

The Community Development Partnership Program (CDPP) has become a highly successful and important resource to communities in LCRA's mostly rural service area since the program began in 1995. LCRA and its electric and water customers sponsor the program to help meet community development needs.

The CDPP Review Committee selects and awards grants to qualified recipients. Groups eligible for the CDPP grants include cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations involved in community and economic development in LCRA's electric and water service areas.

In FY 2011, the committee reviewed 70 applications from groups requesting \$1.3 million in funding. The committee's scoring process takes into account the geographical distribution of funds in LCRA's serve area, community needs, matching funds and the geographical area affected by the projects.

For Fiscal Year 2011, organizations in 26 counties in LCRA's service area received a total of 51 CDPP grants totaling \$982,281. The communities matched these grants with an additional \$6,826,619, resulting in a total investment of \$7,808,900. CDPP grants awarded in FY 2011 supported community improvement projects such as community center renovations, nature trails and rainwater catchment systems.

Since the program's inception in 1995, we have awarded 1,193 CDPP grants totaling \$20,547,217. The communities invested an additional \$114,336,274, making a total investment in the communities of \$134,883,491.

## Frio Canyon Garden Club Grant Application

The Frio Canyon Garden Club received a \$25,000 grant to build a water catchment system and raised garden beds for the public, including the elderly, handicapped and school students.

The club plans to use the water catchment system to show people how to use previously captured rainwater when there is a lack of rain. The water catchment system and garden beds will demonstrate how to grow food and flowers.

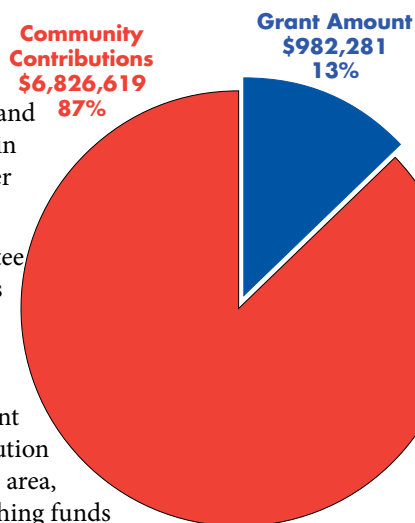
The project helped create jobs locally related to the project installation, electrical work, cement work, dirt work and construction labor.

Additionally, the local sheriff's department sent people to help with the labor, effectively serving two purposes – providing labor for the project and providing work for people who need to satisfy community service requirements. In general, the community will benefit by learning to grow food and to conserve water.

Garden club members will maintain the project – their membership includes both master gardeners and construction workers. The club also will pay all utilities and funds needed to maintain the location.

Garden club members, local businesses and citizens provided in-kind matching funds and donations in the amount of \$6,500. These funds, when combined with the CDPP grant, completely covered the project costs.

The project took about six months to complete, and the garden club members began watering their plants and trees with the water from the water catchment system this summer.



## Paige Community Center Grant Application



The Paige Community Center requested a grant to help build a pavilion for the center. The community center was established with the intent that all organizations and clubs will have a local place for meetings as well as community functions. Local groups like the Lions Club, Boy Scouts and 4-H club meet on a regular basis at the center, which also hosts a monthly game and music night that allows everyone in the Paige community to get to know their neighbors.

The center also is rented for family reunions as well as wedding and anniversary parties. It is centrally located in Paige so that all the churches have access to it for functions they may have as well as funeral receptions. The center is also the local voting location and a place for community fundraisers. It celebrates an annual

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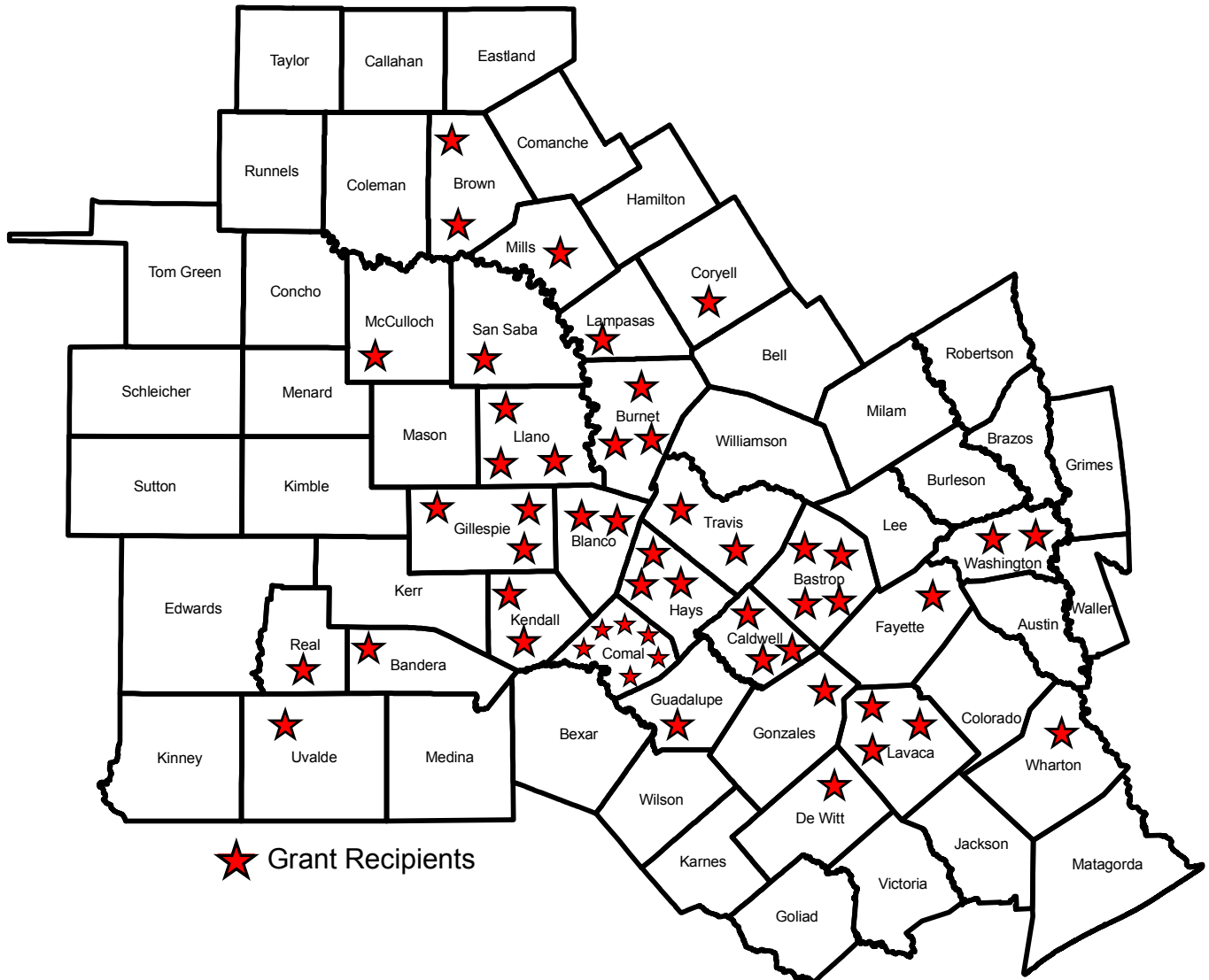
Founders Day Picnic and Trade Days twice a year. The U.S. Census also uses this facility for training.

This lengthy, varying list of uses demonstrates the importance of the center as a place for people to come together. It is used by different individuals who need a large facility to have different benefits or fundraisers. This month we have a music benefit for a cancer victim to help with the family's medical expenses.

The center is used often by many people and organizations in the

Paige community. It is a much-needed facility in our community, but as their community has grown, they have seen the need for more covered space for functions. The pavilion will enable the center to have a covered area for the community's Founders Day picnic as well as being used for their music nights and annual Trade Days. The pavilion also enables the local clubs to have more outside functions.

With the help of LCRA's CDPP grant, the Community Center was able to complete this project.



County	Organization Name	Grant Amount
Bandera	Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department	\$24,430
Bastrop	Bastrop County Historical Society	\$25,000
Bastrop	Upstart, Incorporated	\$7,898
Bastrop	Paige Community Center	\$25,000
Bastrop	Pines and Prairies Land Trust	\$25,000
Blanco	Blanco County Sheriffs Department Search and Rescue	\$3,235
Blanco	Blanco Volunteer Ambulance Corps	\$8,772

County	Organization Name	Grant Amount
Brown	Brownwood Art Association	\$23,000
Brown	City of Brownwood	\$25,000
Burnet	Friends of Spicewood Community Library	\$25,000
Burnet	Highland Arts Guild, Incorporated	\$4,900
Burnet	Old Spicewood Community School House	\$25,000
Caldwell	Maxwell Community Volunteer Fire Department	\$25,000
Caldwell	Maxwell Social Club	\$23,568

County	Organization Name	Grant Amount
Caldwell	Delhi Volunteer Fire Department	\$25,000
Comal	Bulverde Little League	\$16,900
Comal	City of New Braunfels	\$25,000
Comal	Comal County Emergency Services District #4 - Spring Branch Fire and Rescue	\$23,921
Comal	Community Resource and Recreation Center of Canyon Lake	\$24,801
Comal	Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country	\$25,000
Comal	Bulverde-Spring Branch EMS	\$20,550
Coryell	Evant Independent School District	\$19,500
DeWitt	Garfield Shooting Club, Incorporated	\$20,480
Fayette	Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas Lodge #1	\$20,000
Gillespie	Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools	\$16,892
Gillespie	Harper Community Park Association, Inc.	\$15,000
Gillespie	Harper Independent School District	\$23,609
Gonzales	City of Waelder	\$24,900
Guadalupe	City of Cibolo	\$20,000
Hays	Wimberley Emergency Medical Service Systems	\$21,543
Hays	City of Dripping Springs	\$25,000
Hays	Wimberley Valley Watershed Association	\$3,025

County	Organization Name	Grant Amount
Kendall	Bergheim Volunteer Fire Department	\$12,456
Kendall	Kendall County	\$4,375
Lampasas	City of Kempner	\$25,000
Lavaca	Lavaca Historical Museum	\$25,000
Lavaca	City of Yoakum	\$25,000
Lavaca	Moulton Volunteer Fire Department	\$18,000
Llano	Llano County Historical Society, Inc.	\$4,984
Llano	Castell Community Club	\$4,950
Llano	Lone Grove Community Club	\$24,000
McCulloch	Voca Volunteer Fire Department	\$19,975
Mills	Goldthwaite Independent School District	\$22,478
Real	Frio Canyon Garden Club	\$25,000
San Saba	San Saba County Historical Museum Foundation	\$24,880
Travis	Humanities Texas	\$9,497
Travis	Manor Youth Association	\$25,000
Uvalde	Utopia Volunteer Emergency Medical Services	\$8,240
Washington	Heritage Society of Washington County	\$16,450
Washington	Washington County	\$20,072
Wharton	Plaza Theatre, Incorporated	\$25,000
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$982,281</b>

## LCRA's wholesale electric customers

Bandera Electric Cooperative  
 Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative  
 Sharyland Utilities  
 Central Texas Electric Cooperative  
 City of Bastrop  
 City of Bellville  
 City of Brady  
 City of Boerne  
 City of Brenham  
 City of Burnet  
 City of Cuero  
 City of Flatonia  
 City of Fredericksburg  
 City of Giddings  
 City of Goldthwaite

City of Gonzales  
 City of Hallettsville  
 City of Hempstead  
 City of La Grange  
 City of Lampasas  
 City of Lexington  
 City of Llano  
 City of Lockhart  
 City of Luling  
 City of Mason  
 City of Moulton  
 City of San Marcos  
 City of San Saba  
 City of Schulenburg  
 City of Seguin

City of Shiner  
 City of Smithville  
 City of Waelder  
 City of Weimar  
 City of Yoakum  
 Fayette Electric Cooperative  
 Georgetown Utility Systems  
 Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative  
 Hamilton County Electric Cooperative  
 Kerrville Public Utility Board  
 New Braunfels Utilities  
 Pedernales Electric Cooperative  
 San Bernard Electric Cooperative