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State awards local groups more than \$100K

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Local victim support organizations were among the beneficiaries Thursday of almost \$21 million grant funds announced by Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

The Comal County Family Violence Shelter, St. Jude's Emergency Children's Shelter and Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center each was awarded more than \$100,000.

The \$20.9 million Victims of Criminal Acts grant was shared by 179 programs designed to help victims of crime throughout the state.

"This is kind of support to our program is vital because it helps us further our mission in caring for the most vulnerable children," said St. Jude's Community Relations Coordinator Erika Curtis

Curtis said the shelter in New Braunfels went through a grant application process to receive the \$100,000 it requested.

Other area victim advocacy organizations receiving money are Comal County Family Violence Shelter, Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center and Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates.

"Texas has an obligation not only to protect its citizens but to offer support and rehabilitation in the event they become victims of crime," Perry said in press release.

BY THE NUMBERS

Area organizations receiving money

- * Comal County Family Violence Shelter Inc. - \$111,328
- * Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center - \$100,000
- * St. Jude's Ranch for Children Inc. - \$105,324
- * Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Inc. - \$3,611,681