

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2011 CHC Annual Report Summary

CHC Appointee Database as of September 1, 2012

- 252 counties have provided appointee rosters for their County Historical Commission (CHC).
- 242 (of the 252) have more than, or equal to, the statutory minimum of 7 appointees (no statutory appointee cap).
- 5,179 CHC appointees statewide.

CHC Reporting Statistics for the 2011 year of service

- 171 counties submitted CHC reports to the Texas Historical Commission (THC).
- 171 CHCs reported combined total of 418,922 volunteer hours for 2011.
 - 418,922 hours / 2,080 hours (40 hours a week for 52 weeks a year) = work of 201 full-time positions.
 - 418,922 hours × \$21.79 (2011 IRS volunteer hourly rate) = \$9,128,310.

CHCs contributed volunteer services in 2011 that have a value of \$9,128,310.

- 169 of reporting CHCs provided monetary totals for the 2011 year of service
- 153 (89%) of reporting CHCs noted that their county provided money and/or in-kind services

| Budgetary line items provided in the 2011 CHC annual report | Average per CHC | Totals for reporting CHCs |
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| Annual county allocation for 2011 (not including money for museums): | \$ 3,764.85 | \$ 636,260 |
| County money allotted for museums in 2011: | \$ 5,604.48 | \$947,157 |
| Any other money issued by county during 2011 (one-time amount for special project, etc.): | \$ 1,235.97 | \$ 208,879 |
| Total county monies invested in County Historical Commissions in 2011 | | \$ 1,792,296* |
| Value of in-kind contribution of volunteer hours from County Historical Commissions in 2011 | | \$9,128,310* |

*For every \$1 counties invest in CHCs, a statewide average of \$5 worth of service is returned. The \$1.7 million in county money provided to Texas CHCs was supplemented with an additional \$800,000 from grants, donations, and fundraisers used to accomplish projects for counties. In addition, CHCs make use of a variety of donations of in-kind services and equipment, increasing even more the return on CHC investment.

General information about CHCs in Texas

- Most counties have about 22 CHC appointees.
- CHCs usually hold monthly or bimonthly full commission meetings; they may also have committee meetings.
- Most CHCs provide about 2,500 volunteer hours per year; reporting high for 2011 was 59,100 hours (El Paso CHC).
- CHCs participate in a wide range of activities but some activities are more popular than others; see below.

| CHC activities with higher participation rates (out of 171 reporting CHCs) | # of participating CHCs |
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| Maintain an inventory of subject markers in your county | 129 |
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| Provided educational events/ information on historic preservation/local history to audiences outside CHC | 127 |
| Reviewed marker applications | 126 |
| Periodically assess the condition of subject markers in your county | 113 |
| Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives | 105 |

**reporting data correct as of 9/1/2012