

# TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## 2015 CHC Annual Report Summary

### Reporting statistics for the 2015 year of service

- The Texas Historical Commission (THC) received reports from 180 County Historical Commissions (CHC).
- CHCs reported combined total of **482,205** volunteer hours.
  - **482,205** hours / 2,080 hours (*40 hours a week for 52 weeks a year*) = work of **231** full-time employees
  - **482,205** hours × \$23.56 (*IRS volunteer rate\**) = **\$ 11,360,749**

### Texas CHCs contributed volunteer services that have a value of more than \$11 million.

- 180 of reporting CHCs provided financial information for the 2015 year of service.
- 68% of reporting CHCs noted an annual county allocation; 67% receive in-kind services from the county.

Budgetary line items provided in the 2015 CHC annual report	Average allocation	Reporting Totals
Annual county allocation for 2015 (not including money for museums):	\$ 4,931	\$ 887,613
County money allotted for museums in 2015 (44 CHCs provided amounts):	\$ 26,797	\$ 1,179,077
Any other money issued by the county during 2015:		\$ 65,786
<b>Total county monies invested in CHCs in 2015</b>		<b>\$ 2,132,476</b>
<b>Value of CHC volunteer services in 2015</b>		<b>\$ 11,360,749</b>

### For every \$1 counties invest in CHCs, more than \$5 worth of service is returned by CHCs.

CHCs supplemented the **\$2,132,476** million in county monies with **\$917,103** from grants, donations, and fundraisers used to support history- and preservation-related projects for counties.

### General information about CHCs in Texas

- The average size of reporting CHCs is 19 appointees.
- CHCs usually hold monthly or bimonthly full commission meetings; they may also have committee meetings.
- CHCs provide an average of 2,400–2,700 volunteer hours per year; reports show zero hours upwards to 10,000 hours.
- CHCs participate in a wide range of activities but some activities are more popular than others; see below.

Most popular activities among reporting CHCs for 2015 ( <i>out of 180 reporting CHCs</i> )	# of participating CHCs
Maintain an inventory of subject markers in the county	146
Review marker applications	137
Periodically assess the condition of subject markers in the county	135
Provide educational events/ information on historic preservation/local history to the public	134
Volunteer with local museums	134
Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives	127
Maintain an inventory of cemeteries in the county	126

\* Calculations used estimated volunteer hourly rate for 2015 as per [independentsector.org](http://independentsector.org).

Reporting data as of 6/1/16