

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2016 CHC Annual Report Summary

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

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) received reports from 169 County Historical Commissions (CHC) for the 2016 year of service. Below are primary reporting statistics that demonstrate the breadth and value of CHC services.

- **471,468 volunteer hours** reported by Texas CHCs
 - 471,468 hours / 2,080 hours (40 hours a week for 52 weeks a year) = **work of 266 full-time employees**
 - 471,468 hours × \$24.14 (IRS volunteer rate*) = **\$ 11,381,237 in volunteer services**
- 67% of reporting CHCs noted an annual county allocation; 74% receive in-kind services from the county.

Budgetary line items provided in the 2016 CHC annual report	Average allocation	Reporting Totals
Annual county allocation (114 CHCs received 2016 allocation):	\$ 5,565	\$ 634,432
County money allotted for museums (38 CHCs provided amounts):	\$ 30,020	\$ 1,140,759
Any other money issued by the county:		\$ 235,865
Total county monies invested		\$ 2,011,056
Value of CHC volunteer services		\$ 11,309,421

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

CHCs supplemented the \$2,011,056 in county monies with \$1,325,045 from grants, donations, and fundraisers used to support history- and preservation-related projects for counties.

General information about Texas CHCs

- Average size of reporting CHCs is 19 appointees and usually hold monthly or bimonthly commission meetings.
- CHCs provide an average of 2,800 volunteer hours per year; reports show zero hours upwards to 20,000 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 2016 (out of 168 reporting CHCs)	# of participating CHCs
Maintain an inventory of subject MARKERS in your county	138
Periodically assess the condition of subject MARKERS in your county	132
Provided educational events/presentations/information on historic preservation to public	129
Maintain an inventory of CEMETERIES in your county	128
Reviewed applications for historical MARKERS	125
Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives	117
Periodically assess the condition of CEMETERIES in your county	111

* Calculations used estimated volunteer hourly rate for 2016 as per independentsector.org.