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Statement By Governor Abbott On Establishment Of North Texas Anti-Gang Center

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott today released a statement following the Criminal Justice Division's \$1.2 million grant to the City of North Richland Hills to establish, furnish and equip the North Texas Anti-Gang Center, which will be tasked with combatting organized gang activity within an eleven-county region.

"We must do more to crack down on gang activity and prevent organized crime from taking root across Texas, and this grant is a crucial step toward that goal. I am proud of the work the Criminal Justice Division is doing on behalf of the State of Texas to combat illegal gang activity and I am grateful to the City of North Richland Hills for taking the lead on establishing this center," Governor Abbott said. "This new facility will replicate the successful anti-gang center in Houston and will directly challenge the gangs that threaten the safety of our communities."

The North Texas Anti-Gang Center is the second multi-agency center to be established in Texas. The Texas Anti-Gang Center in Houston was established in 2012 and the Department of Public Safety is working to establish the South Texas Anti-Gang Center in Weslaco. As part of his Bicentennial Blueprint's "Securing Texans" plan, Governor Abbott called for expanding the Texas Anti-Gang Program to include centers across the state.

The eleven counties benefiting from this grant are:

- Dallas
- Tarrant
- Collin
- Denton
- Kaufman
- Navarro

- Ellis
- Johnson
- Hood
- Parker
- Smith