

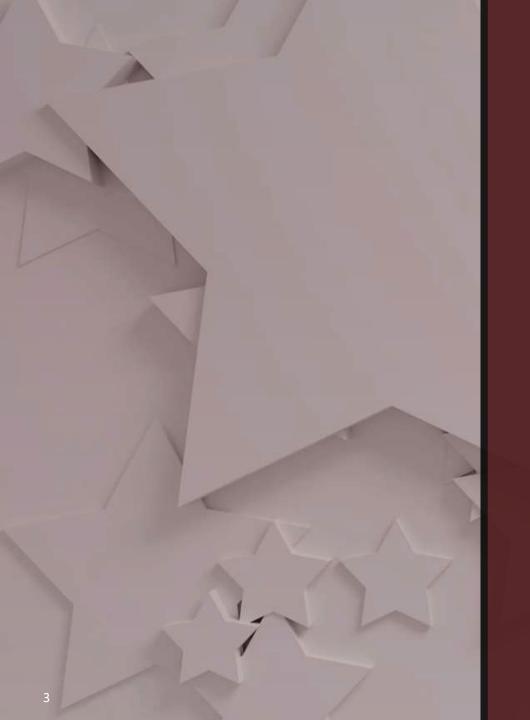
## **Transparency Stars Program**

COUNCIL POLICY AND VALUATION COMMITTEE: JANUARY 24, 2023

## Purpose of the Transparency Stars Program

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' Transparency Stars program recognizes local governments for going above and beyond in their transparency efforts. The program recognizes government entities that accomplish the following:

- Open their books not only in their traditional finances, but also in the areas of contracts and procurement, economic development, public pensions and debt obligations; and
- Provide clear and meaningful financial information not only by posting financial documents, but also through summaries, visualizations, downloadable data, and other relevant information.



## Type of Transparency Stars

You can apply for one or more Stars, up to five. Entities must first receive a Traditional Finances Star, but may apply for Stars in up to four other areas:

- Contracts and Procurement
- Economic Development;
- Public Pensions; and
- Debt Obligations

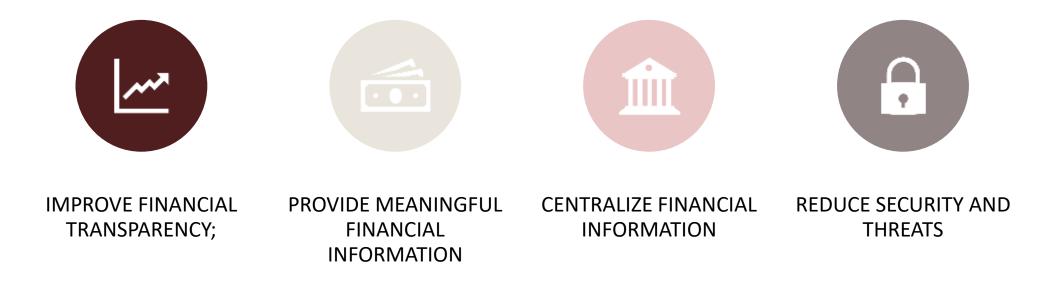
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## Each Star Stand on Its Own

The program recognizes great breadth and depth in the information presented for each specific Transparency Star awarded, making each star a prestigious achievement. The Stars stand on their own and are not awarded along a continuum or with an expectation that entities should be attaining five out of five stars.



### **Benefits of Transparency Stars Program**



The City of Burleson post on its website the following:

#### Current Transparency Practice

- Check Register
- Budget
- Annual Financial Reports

## Opportunity to Reduce Security Risk

Security risk and threats can be reduced by truncating the name of the payee. Comparisons are as follows: Currently Proposed Alan Plummer & Associates Alan AssureHire, Inc. Assur Brodart Co. Broda **Classic Chevrolet Buick** Class **Canon Business Solutions** Canon Lawson Production Inc. Lawso Liquid Stone Concrete Liqui

Statewide Award Recipients by Star



5 Stars: 12

4 Stars: 5

3 Stars: 12

2 Stars: 22

1 Star: 31

#### Award Recipients with 5 Stars





# Recommendation

Apply for the Transparency Stars program; and Truncate the names of the payee on the check register



# Questions, Comments & Direction