

LRGVDC 2025-2026 Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) Grant Application Webinar

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Agenda

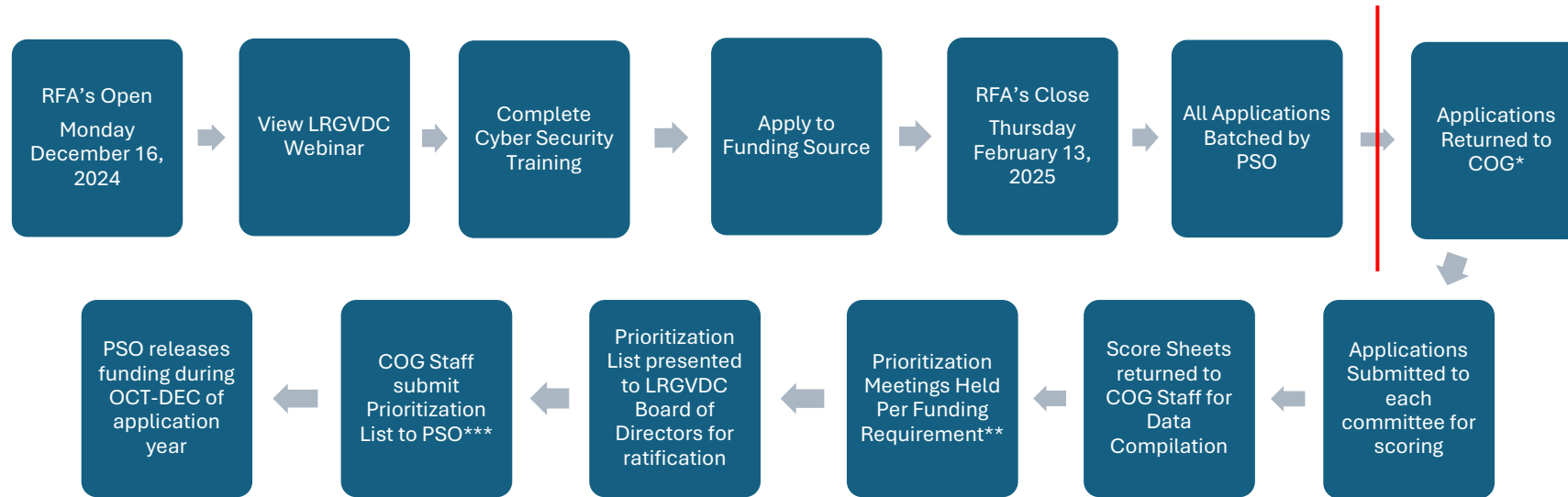
- Application process for all funding sources monitored by the LRGVDC
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- State Homeland Security Specific Funding Source Overview
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*The LRGVDC-Public Safety Department, along with the screening committees, will only recommend the prioritization of applications that are applied under the funding sources discussed in this presentation.

**All other funding sources from the PSO will be screened and reviewed directly by the PSO.

The PSO will make all final decisions based on eligibility, reasonableness, availability of funding and cost-effectiveness.

Application process for all funding sources monitored by the LRGVDC



*State Homeland Security Program Regular and LETPA (SHSP R&L) and Criminal Justice applications are returned separately with different due dates for prioritization submission

** Each Grant Funding Source will have a different deadline for prioritization. Deadline is determined by the PSO. Each Committee will host a special meeting that is open to the public and all applicants on a designated time that is based on the PSO deadline to submit the prioritization.

*** The LRGVDC Public Safety Department, along with the scoring committees, **only recommends prioritization according to expected available funding**, the department, the committees and the LRGVDC with it's Board of Directors, does not determine who or what organization receives funding.

FINAL DETERMINATION FOR FUNDING IS STRICTLY HELD BY THE GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE (PSO)

Basic requirements for all funding sources

The LRGVDC-Public Safety Department will assist the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) with the following funding sources:

- Criminal Justice Grant Program (JAG)
- General Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA)*
- Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP)
- Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (VAWA)
- State Homeland Security Program-Regular (SHSP-R)
- State Homeland Security Program-Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (SHSP-LETPA or L)

*The **Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth (CSEY) Residential and Community-Based Services Program** has been rolled into the General Victim Assistance RFA this year. Applicants will still need to select that funding opportunity in eGrants when they go to apply as it establishes unique activities and measures, but for scoring and funding purposes, these applications are considered part of the General Victim Assistance (VOCA) group. Please note that these applications will be treated as all other VOCA projects and that these applicants must follow COG policies (e.g., attend mandatory workshops).

Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

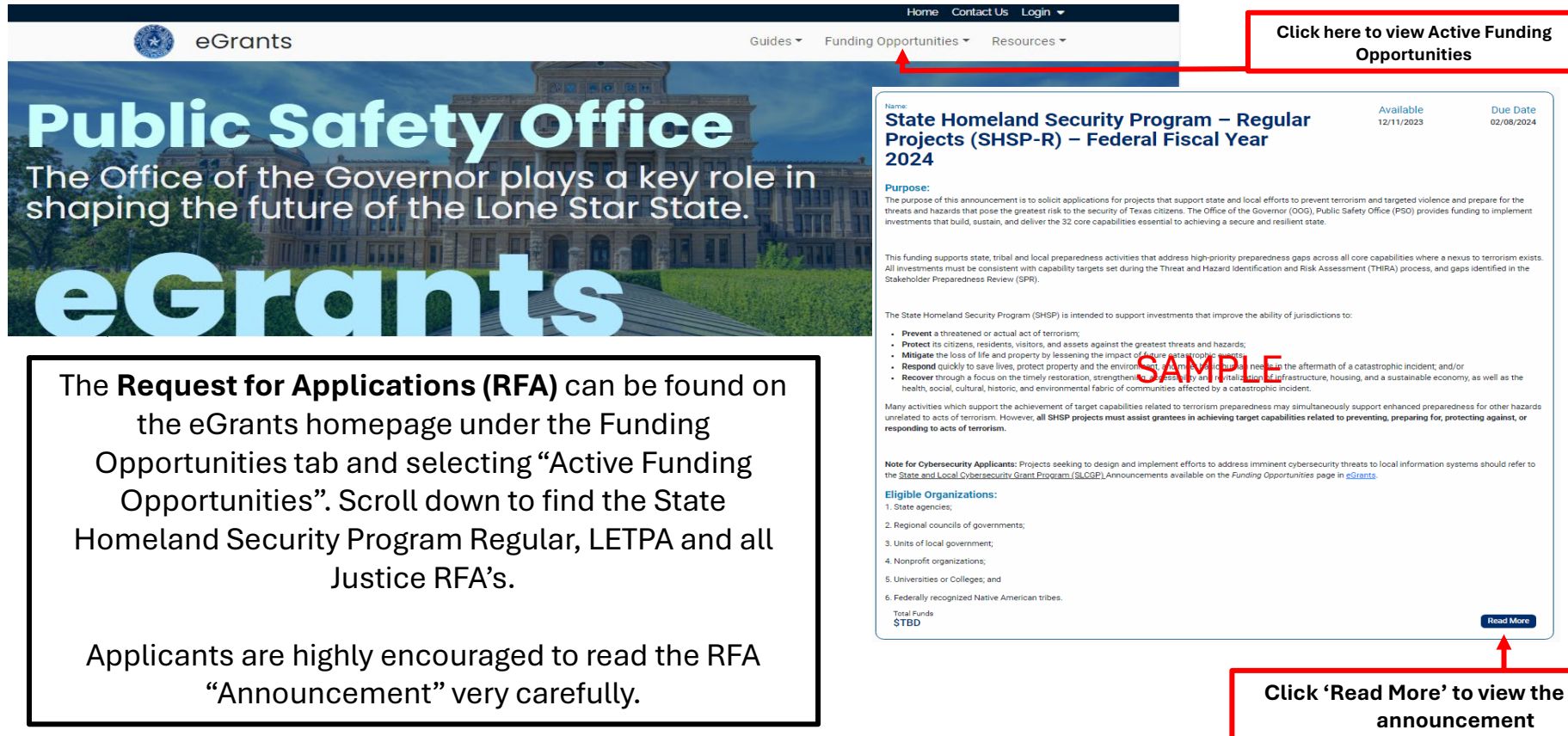
- Where to apply:
[Home | eGrants](#)



A screenshot of the Texas eGrants website. The header features the eGrants logo and navigation links: Home, Contact Us, Login, Guides, Funding Opportunities, and Resources. The main banner image shows the Texas State Capitol building with the text "Public Safety Office" in large blue letters, followed by "The Office of the Governor plays a key role in shaping the future of the Lone Star State." and "eGrants" in large blue letters. The Texas Governor's seal is visible on the right. Below the banner, there is a section titled "About eGrants" with the heading "Online Grant Management" in large blue letters. The text describes eGrants as the online grant management system used by Public Safety Office programs, encouraging users to register, submit applications, and manage awarded grants. To the left of this text is a graphic showing a gavel, a Texas flag, and a cityscape, with a blue box stating "Over \$586M Awarded" with a white star icon.

Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

Funding Announcements – Request for Applications (RFA)



The **Request for Applications (RFA)** can be found on the eGrants homepage under the Funding Opportunities tab and selecting “Active Funding Opportunities”. Scroll down to find the State Homeland Security Program Regular, LETPA and all Justice RFA’s.

Applicants are highly encouraged to read the RFA “Announcement” very carefully.

Click here to view Active Funding Opportunities

State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects (SHSP-R) – Federal Fiscal Year 2024

Purpose:
The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications for projects that support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and targeted violence and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens. The Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO) provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving a secure and resilient state.

This funding supports state, tribal and local preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities where a nexus to terrorism exists. All investments must be consistent with capability targets set during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and gaps identified in the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR).

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) is intended to support investments that improve the ability of jurisdictions to:

- Prevent a threatened or actual act of terrorism;
- Protect its citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards;
- Mitigate the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of catastrophic events, including the aftermath of a catastrophic incident; and/or
- Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and stabilize infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.

Many activities which support the achievement of target capabilities related to terrorism preparedness may simultaneously support enhanced preparedness for other hazards unrelated to acts of terrorism. However, all SHSP projects must assist grantees in achieving target capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism.

Note for Cybersecurity Applicants: Projects seeking to design and implement efforts to address imminent cybersecurity threats to local information systems should refer to the [State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program \(SLCGP\)](#) Announcements available on the [Funding Opportunities](#) page in eGrants.

Eligible Organizations:

1. State agencies;
2. Regional councils of governments;
3. Units of local government;
4. Nonprofit organizations;
5. Universities or Colleges; and
6. Federally recognized Native American tribes.

Total Funds
STBD

Click ‘Read More’ to view the funding announcement



Scan QR
Code for
Active Grants

Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

eGrants User Account Registration

The Public Safety Office utilizes an Electronic Grant management System know as eGrants [Home | eGrants \(texas.gov\)](https://www.texas.gov)

- eGrants is used to administer all grants made by the PSO.
- Applications to the PSO are only accepted though eGrants.
- *All applicants/organizations will need to identify and designate at least three (3) grant officials and register for eGrants User accounts.

Public Safety Office
The Office of the Governor plays a key role in shaping the future of the Lone Star State.

eGrants

Over \$586M Awarded

About eGrants
Online Grant Management
eGrants is the online grant management system for the Public Safety Office programs. It allows you to create an account, submit and certify an application, and manage any grant awarded to you.

Login Register

THE STATE OF TEXAS GOVERNOR

Create a New Account

Please fill out the information below.

User Name	Business Phone
Email	Alternate Phone
Re-enter email address	Fax Number
First Name	Position
Last Name	Title --- Select One ---
Salutation --- Select One ---	Address Line 1
Address Line 2	City
State Texas	Zip Code

REGISTER FOR AN EGRANTS ACCOUNT

*The three (3) designated grant officials include the Project Director, Finance Director/Officer and Authorized Official (Per the PSO, a Grant Writer does not count as an Official)

Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

Navigating eGrants

Grant ID Grant Count ID

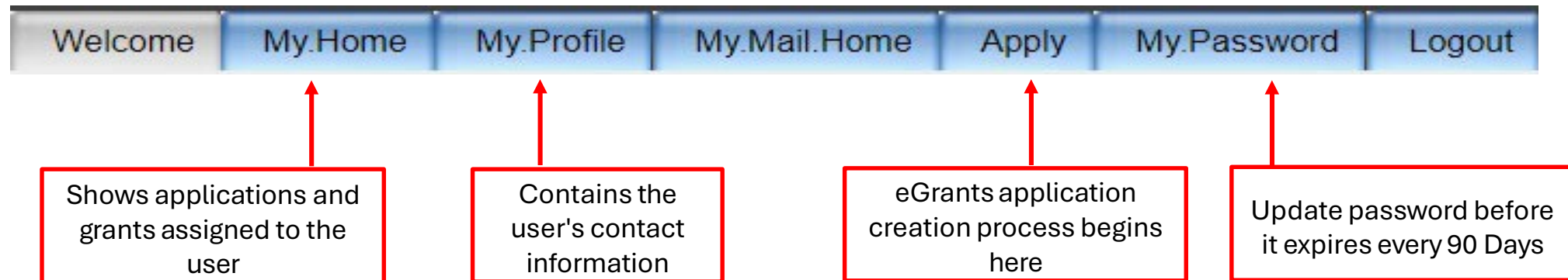
Grant Number

- Seven-digits consisting of a five-digit Grant ID and a two-digit Grant Count ID.
- A grant count ID of “01” indicates a first year project.
- A grant count ID greater than “01” indicates the project is a continuation of a previously funded project.

Agency Name: PY21 TEST APP [CU21S06072V] Grant/App: 4175101
Project Title: Test Project Title Status: Application Pending Submission
Current Grant Manager: Angie Martin Current Program Manager: Angie Martin
Original Award: \$0.00
Current Budget: \$0.00 Current Award: \$0.00

Tabs

eGrants is organized by tabs.



Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

Create an Application

The Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) accepts applications for a wide range of State and Federal grant programs. To find the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) funding opportunities in eGrants, please follow these steps below:

ome My.Home My.Profile My.Mail.Home Apply My.Password Logout

1 Click "Apply"

General Information and Instruction
[View Introduction](#)
[View Instructions](#)

Funding Agency
Select your desired funding agency:

2 Select the applicable Funding Agency from the Drop Down list

u are logged in as **User Name:** OOGGrantWri

- Criminal Justice Division (CJD)
- Governor's Office Disaster Relief (DR)
- Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD)
- Office of Small Business Assistance (OSBA)
- Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC)
- Texas Music Office (TMO)

The Funding agency for the SHSP is the "Homeland Security Grants Division". The Funding Agency for any Justice related Grant is the Criminal Justice Division (CJD). The applicable PSO "Funding Agency" for each funding opportunity is identified on the title page of the Funding Announcement located here:

[Funding Opportunities | eGrants \(texas.gov\)](#)



Organization Type
Select your type of organization. Then, if prompted, select any additional information that applies for this proposed project: ?

--- Select One ---

- Council of Government (COG)
- County
- General Purpose Political Subdivision of Texas
- Hospital District
- Independent School District (ISD)
- Junior College - Public
- Nonprofit Corporation
- Senior College or University - Private
- Senior University - Public (Federal Fund Source)
- Senior University - Public (State Fund Source)
- State Agency (Federal Fund Source)
- State Agency (State Fund Source)
- Tribal Government
- Unit of Local Government (City, Town, or Village)

3 Select the applicable Organization Type from the Drop Down list

Organization Type
Select your type of organization. Then, if prompted, select any additional information that applies for this proposed project: ?

County

4

☒ applying to provide homeland security services

Type of Project
Select one or more general categories below that best describes your proposed project.

☐ Law Enforcement ☐ Prosecution and Court Services ☒ Homeland Security

Search for Funding Opportunities Clear Search Criteria

5 Click "Search for Funding Opportunities"

Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

Create an Application



If no grant programs display, click "Clear Search Criteria" and try different selections on the "Type of Project" categories. Also, review the Funding Announcement to verify the program sought is currently open.

Available Funding Opportunities

OOG is now accepting applications for the following opportunities.

Funding Opportunity RFA (if applicable)	Fund Source	Opportunity Open Date	Opportunity Close Date	Apply
SHSP Competitive NPA - FY24 Announcement	HS-Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)	12/11/2023	2/8/2024	Apply
SHSP LETPA Solicitation - FY24 Announcement	HS-Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)	12/11/2023	2/8/2024	Apply
SHSP Regular Solicitation - FY24 Announcement	HS-Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)	12/11/2023	2/8/2024	Apply

SAMPLE

State Payee Identification

Enter the Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID):

Enter the agency's 9-digit Federal Tax ID Number

NOTE: State Agencies and State Universities should enter their 3-digit State Agency code three times

Click
"Apply"

Create a Continuation Project

Grantee organizations that have a grant project that they want to request continued funding for will need to enter the existing grant information below. Otherwise, if this is a new project leave this box blank.

After typing in the State Payee ID and / or the Existing Grant Number, click on the **Start Application** button.

Enter the Existing Grant Number (e.g., 1600002):

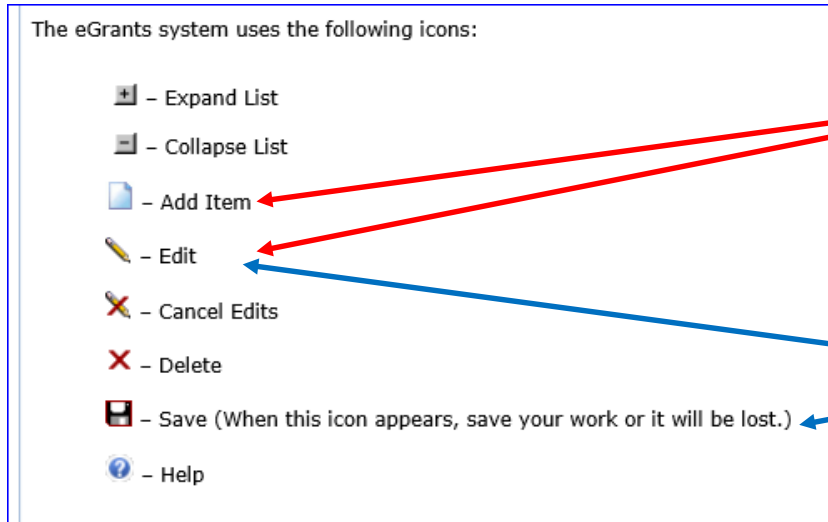
Enter the 7-digit grant number for the existing Active grant for which you are applying to continue, OR leave blank if applying for new funding

Start Application

Click "Start Application" button

Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

Navigating eGrants



Used on the Budget Tab to create and edit budget line items

Used on the Activities and Measures Tab to enter and save data into the appropriate fields

Save Only

Save and Continue

buttons are used for saving information entered on each tab

Notes Box (bottom of each tab):

To view all Notes on the grant, go to the Summary/Grant.Issues tab. The Notes feature is used for multiple purposes:

1. During application review, the Grant Manager (GM) may use this box to type a question or describe an item needing correction;
2. Provide decisions regarding eligibility/allowability of activities or costs;
3. Document changes made to entries on the tab; or
4. An area for applicants to respond to inquiries made by the GM.

The eGrants Notes boxes are not the most effective method of communicating with a PSO GM when you are seeking technical assistance or in need of prompt information. GM's do not receive notification when Notes are entered and will not see your note until the next time they open your application. A more effective method for routine communications is to send an email to the GM. ***E-Grants System does not automatic save your information, please utilize the SAVE button through out the application process.***

Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible Organizations:

1. State agencies;
2. Regional councils of governments;
3. Units of local government;
4. Nonprofit organizations;
5. Universities or Colleges (IHE);
and
6. Federally recognized Native American tribes.



Units of Local Governments is defined by 6 U.S.C. § 101(13) as a:

- County
- Municipality
- City
- Town
- Township
- Local Public Authority
- School district
- Special district
- Intrastate district
- Council of governments (regardless of whether the council of governments is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law)
- Regional or interstate government entity
- Agency or instrumentality of a local government

Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

All applicants must comply with the following eligibility requirements:

- 1. Cybersecurity Training** - Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Governments](#). A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources [Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training page](#).
- 2. Criminal History Reporting** - Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.
- 3. Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR)** - Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.
- 4. Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program (Track-Kit)** - In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 420.034, any facility or entity that collects evidence for sexual assault or other sex offenses or investigates or prosecutes a sexual assault or other sex offense for which evidence has been collected, must participate in the statewide electronic tracking system developed and implemented by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Visit [DPS's Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program website](#) for more information or to set up an account to begin participating.

Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

Applicants must comply with the following eligibility requirements (cont.):

5. **SAM** - Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database and have an UEI (Unique Entity ID) number assigned to its agency (to get registered in the SAM database and request an UEI number, go to <https://sam.gov/>).

-Additional For SHSP R, L & NPA Applicants-

6. **Core Capabilities and the National Preparedness Goal** - All capabilities being built or sustained must have a clear link to one or more [Core Capabilities](#) in the [National Preparedness Goal](#).
7. **NIMS** - Grantees are required to maintain adoption and implementation of the [National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#). The NIMS uses a systematic approach to integrate the best existing processes and methods into a unified national framework for incident management across all homeland security activities including prevention, protection, response, mitigation, and recovery. Grantees must use standardized resource management concepts for resource typing, credentialing, and an inventory to facilitate the effective identification, dispatch, deployment, tracking and recovery of resources.
8. **Emergency Management Plans** - Cities and counties must have a current emergency management plan or be a legally established member of an inter-jurisdictional emergency management program with a plan on file with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Plans must be maintained throughout the entire grant performance period. If you have questions concerning your Emergency Management Plan (preparedness) level, contact your Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) or your regional Council of Governments (COG). For questions concerning plan deficiencies, contact TDEM at tdem.plans@tdem.texas.gov.

Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

Submit By Deadline:

- Thursday February 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm CST

2 Steps to complete **BEFORE** the 5:00 pm CST cutoff:

- Step 1:** Initial Submission of grant application (e.g. Project Director and/or Finance Director, etc.)
- Step 2:** Grant application must be certified by Authorized Official for submission before 5:00 pm CST (e.g. County Judge, City Manager, Executive Directors, Mayor, Fire/Police Chief, EMC, Sheriff, etc.)

The screenshot displays two sequential steps of an application process. Step 1, 'Submit the Initial Application', features a navigation bar with tabs for Budget, Documents, Conditions of Funding, and Submit Application (which is highlighted). Below the navigation bar are sections for 'Fund Source Information and Instructions', 'List of Application Errors and Incomplete Information' (with a table for items needing resolution), and 'List of Post-Award Conditions of Funding and Other Fund-Specific Requirements' (with a table for conditions). At the bottom of Step 1 are 'Submit Initial Application' and 'Withdraw Application' buttons. A red callout box points to the 'Submit Initial Application' button, stating: 'Any Grant Officer can click the "Submit Initial Application" button to complete Step 1 of the application submission process. NOTE: If this button is disabled check that all application errors have been resolved.' Step 2, 'Certify the Official Application', has a navigation bar with tabs for Documents, Conditions of Funding, and Certify Application (highlighted). It follows the same layout as Step 1 but includes a 'Certify Official Application' button instead of a 'Submit' button. A red callout box points to this button, stating: 'Only the Authorized Officer can click the "Certify Official Application" button to complete Step 2 of the application submission process. NOTE: If this button is disabled check that the person accessing the application is logged in as the Authorized Official.'

Step 1: Submit the Initial Application

Budget Documents Conditions of Funding **Submit Application** Su

Fund Source Information and Instructions

List of Application Errors and Incomplete Information

Item(s) that Need to be Resolved	Tab Name
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List of Post-Award Conditions of Funding and Other Fund-Specific Requirements

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Project Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
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Submit Initial Application **Withdraw Application**

Any Grant Officer can click the "Submit Initial Application" button to complete Step 1 of the application submission process.
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Step 2: Certify the Official Application

Documents Conditions of Funding **Certify Application**

Fund Source Information and Requirements

List of Application Errors and Incomplete Information

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Basic requirements for all funding sources-cont

Executed Resolutions by your Governing Body.

Governing Body

Examples:

Commissioner's Court,
Municipal meeting,
School Board, Board of
Trustees, Board of
Directors, etc.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The _____ (Governing Body) finds it in the best interest of the citizens of _____, (Geographic Area) that the _____ (Name of Project) be operated for the _____ (Year); and

WHEREAS, _____ (Governing Body) agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the _____ (Funding Source) grant application; and

WHEREAS, _____ (Governing Body) agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, _____ (Governing Body) assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, _____ (Governing Body) designates _____ (Name and/or Position Title) as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____ (Governing Body) approves submission of the grant application for the _____ (Name of Project) to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by:

Passed and Approved this _____ (Day) of _____ (Month), _____ (Year)

Grant Number _____

Commented [PC1]: It is not necessary to include the dollar or percentage amount, just a commitment to provide the applicable match. Changes in the award amount could result in a requirement for the grantee to submit a new resolution.

This provision is not required for resolutions submitted under some funding sources because no matching funds are required – check the application instructions for the applicable match requirements for this funding source.

Commented [PC2]: If you designate a name, you will always need to submit a new resolution if the authorized official changes.

Commented [am3]: The Grant Number (ex: 1650304) can be found in eGrants after you create a new or continuation funding solicitation.


Sample resolutions requests please email: hls@lrgvdc.org

Criminal Justice Division Specific Funding Source Overview (CJD)

The Council of Governments will assist the PSO with the prioritization of the following Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Grants:

1. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)
2. General Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA)
3. Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP)
4. Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (VAWA)

Specific Funding Source Overview-Criminal Justice

CJAC Member:				Date:						
FY 2025-2026										
Funding Source Name										
	<p>How well does the project address a priority identified in the LRGVDC Criminal Justice Strategic Plan? (Drug Related Crime, Violent Crime, Juv Crime, Crime & Drug Prevention, Technology/Public Safety, Mental Health)</p>	<p>How well does the project's approach and activities address the problem?</p>	<p>The application identifies the geographic area targeted.</p>	<p>Impact Statement: A clear, precise state statement detailing the impact the project will have on the problem area.</p>	<p>Project Activities Program Type: This designates the program type that best describes the primary purpose of the project. Activity Description: The describes the activities or services the project provides to include support of goal statement and are consistent with the selection made in the fund specific criteria section.</p>	<p>Collaboration: Applying agency exemplifies coordinated collaborative initiative with other organizations, agencies and/or service providers.</p>	<p>Sustainability Plan: Applying agency has provided a sustainability plan that considers budget, personnel and other factors that would allow their agency to continue services.</p>	<p>Data Management : The organization has a clear plan to generate, collect, and assess output and outcome measures to support evaluation of results.</p>	<p>Budget: Personnel expenditures include fringe; Contractual and professional services includes a cost per service; Travel & training include mileage, lodging rates; Equipment identified individually by unit & cost; Communications and rent identified by rate per month; identification of sour and amount to match; Indirect rate is < or = to 2%; project costs are resonable, eligible, and cost effective.</p>	<p>TOTAL PTS</p>
Project Grant Application	1-20 PTS	1-10 PTS	1-5 PTS	1-5 PTS	1-20 PTS	1-5 PTS	1-5 PTS	1-15 PTS	1-15 PTS	

The score sheet will be used the each of the 27 Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Members to score each application.

Each funding source will have it's own scoring sheet from each member.

Potential allocation per funding source:

- JAG – \$634,567.91
- VOCA - \$4,609,066.33
- VAWA - \$314,253.05
- TP - \$162,196.39

Please note that the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office has final determination on funding allotments per source

Specific Funding Source Overview-Criminal Justice

Does your project address the LRGVDC Criminal Justice Strategic Plan

- Drug Related Crime
- Border Related Crime
- Violent Crime
- Juvenile Crime
- Crime and Drug Prevention
- Technology/Public Safety
- Mental Health
- Human Trafficking



Lower
Rio
Grande
Valley
Development
Council

Regional Criminal Justice Strategic Plan



Scan QR Code to
access Strategic
Plan



Specific Funding Source Overview-Criminal Justice

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)

Name:

Criminal Justice Grant Program FY2026

Available
12/16/2024

Due Date
02/13/2025

- a. Applicants must contact their applicable regional council of governments (COG) regarding their application.
- b. Each of Texas' 24 COGs holds its own application planning workshops, workgroups, and/or subcommittees and facilitates application prioritization for certain programs within its region. Failure to comply with regional requirements imposed by the COG may render an application ineligible.

Purpose:

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications for projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

Available Funding:

Federal Funds are authorized under 34 U.S.C. §10152 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). JAG funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Eligible Organizations:

Applications may be submitted by state agencies, public and private institutions of higher education, independent school districts, Native American tribes, councils of governments, non-profit corporations (including hospitals and faith-based organizations), and units of local government, which are defined as a non-statewide governmental body with the authority to establish a budget and impose taxes.

All applications submitted by local law enforcement agencies/offices must be submitted by a unit of government affiliated with the agency, including an authorizing resolution from that unit of government. For example, police departments must apply under their municipal government, and community supervision and corrections departments, district attorneys, and judicial districts must apply through their affiliated county government (or one of the counties, in the case of agencies that serve more than one county).

Application Process:

Applicants must access the PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

1. For eligible local and regional projects:

Key Dates:

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	12/16/2024
Online System Opening Date	12/16/2024
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	02/13/2025 at 5:00PM CST
Earliest Project Start Date	10/01/2025

Project Period:

Projects must begin on or after 10/01/2025 and may not exceed a 12-month project period.

Funding Levels

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the Texas Grant Management Standards ([TxGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Eligible Activities and Costs

Funding may be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for **criminal justice purposes**, including for any one or more of the following:

1. Law enforcement – Includes championing a supportive, professional, respected law enforcement system with specialized resources that are adaptive and flexible to ever-changing crimes and situations.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)-cont

State Priority Areas include:

- a. Intelligence-based Investigations (Violent Crime, Border Crime, Gangs)
- b. Community Policing Programs
- c. Specialized Officer Training
- d. Officer Wellness Programs

2. Prosecution and Courts – Includes fostering an informed, collaborative, and multi-disciplinary system that ensures appropriate penalties offenders and services for the community and victims.

State Priority Areas include:

- a. Pre-trial Diversion Programs
- b. Reduce Evidence Testing Backlog
- c. Courtroom Personnel Training

3. Crime Prevention and Education – Includes cultivating an individualized, understanding-based system that takes a multi-pronged approach, infused with basic life skills and alternative tracks to crime prevention.

State Priority Areas include:

- a. Life-skills Training Programs
- b. Community-based Prevention Programs

4. Corrections and Community Corrections – Includes promoting an assessment-driven, treatment-focused system that targets an individual's risk and needs appropriately.

State Priority Areas Include:

- a. Probation/Parole Officer Training
- b. Risk/Needs Assessment for Diversion Programs
- c. Jail/Prison-based Co-occurring Treatment

5. Reentry Programs; and

6. Assessment and Evaluation Programs.

Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the unallowable costs listed in the **Guide to Grants** or any of the following unallowable costs:

1. Construction, renovation, or remodeling;
2. Medical services;
3. Security enhancements or equipment for non-governmental entities not engaged in criminal justice or public safety;
4. Non-law enforcement vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
5. Equipment, supplies, and other direct costs associated with processing DNA evidence;
6. Activities or costs in support of Operation Border Star (agencies seeking such funding should apply under the PSO Local Border Security funding announcement);
7. Law enforcement equipment that is standard department issue (including weapons, any weapon attachments and/or accessories and less lethal weapons such as tasers, non-lethal rounds, etc.; excluding equipment used exclusively for specialized training activities);
8. Transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training for outside participants;
9. Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV) and/or any accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV devices/systems;
10. Items listed on the [Byrne JAG Prohibited Expenditure Category A and B List](#);
11. Rifle-resistant body armor (NIJ Compliant Type IIIA and below is eligible); and
12. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state or local law or regulation.

General Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA)

Name:

General Victim Assistance Grant Program, FY2026

Available
12/16/2024

Due Date
02/13/2025

- Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA) as amended and codified in 34 U.S.C. §20103. VOCA funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime.
- State funds are authorized under SB30, Section 2.26 passed during the 88th Regular Session for Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to provide services and assistance directly to victims of crime to speed their recovery and aid them through the criminal justice process.

Services may include the following:

- Responding to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims;
- Assisting victims in stabilizing their lives after a victimization;
- Assisting victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and
- Providing victims with safety and security.

This solicitation is for programs seeking to provide general victim services to broad categories of victim populations that may include victims of commercial sexual exploitation or trafficking, including emergency and long-term residential (shelter) for children and transition-age youth as well as drop-in centers.

Information about other related funding opportunities is provided below and on the *Funding Opportunities* tab of the [eGrants](#) homepage:

- Specialized Advocacy for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth, FY2026.** Projects to support advocacy services for children and transition-aged youth within the CSEY Advocacy model.
- Texas Model for Care Coordination, FY2026.** The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support programs to implement the Texas Model for Care Coordination for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth (CSEY).

Agencies applying for funds to support a CASA or Children's Advocacy Center program must apply through either Texas CASA, Inc. or Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas.

Available Funding:

Funding is authorized for these projects under the following sources:

Eligible Organizations:

Applications may be submitted by state agencies, public and private non-profit institutions of higher education, independent school districts, Native American tribes, councils of governments, non-profit corporations (including hospitals and faith-based organizations) and units of local government, which are defined as a non-statewide governmental body with the authority to establish a budget and impose taxes (includes hospital districts). Other local governmental agencies should apply through an associated unit of local government.

Application Process:

Applicants must access the PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

1. For eligible local and regional projects:

- Applicants must contact their applicable regional council of governments (COG) regarding their application.
- Each of Texas' 24 COGs holds its own application planning workshops, workgroups, and/or subcommittees and facilitates application prioritization for certain programs within its region. Failure to comply with regional requirements imposed by the COG may render an application ineligible.

2. State agencies, and other organizations proposing projects with a statewide impact, may submit applications directly to PSO.

Applicants are required to submit fully developed and detailed grant budgets at the time of application. PSO will not accept placeholder applications and/or budget line items in lieu of a well written and detailed grant application.

Non-profit applicants are limited to a single application per agency, and all other eligible organizations are limited to one application per unit, district or division.

Key Dates:

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	12/16/2024
Online System Opening Date	12/16/2024
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	02/13/2025 at 5:00PM CST
Earliest Project Start Date	10/01/2025

Project Period:

Projects **may not exceed 12 months** and must begin on or after 10/01/2025 and expire on or before 9/30/2026.

Funding Levels

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: No Maximum

Match Requirement: 20% of the total project

The match requirement can be met through cash or in-kind contributions.

Note: Applicants are strongly cautioned to only apply for the amount of funding they can responsibly expend in the grant period. PSO will be tracking expenditure rates throughout the life of the grants and may take action to avoid large de-obligations at the end of grant periods.

Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the Texas Grant Management Standards ([TxGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Eligible Activities and Costs

The following list of eligible activities and costs apply generally to all projects under this announcement.

Crisis Services

- Services that respond to immediate needs (other than medical care), emotional, psychological, and physical health and safety including:
 - Crisis intervention services;
 - Accompanying victims to hospitals for medical examinations^[1];
 - Hotline counseling;
 - Safety planning;
 - Emergency food, clothing, and transportation;

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Forensic Interviews (with the following parameters):

- Results of the interview will be used not only for law enforcement and prosecution purposes, but also for identification of needs such as social services, personal advocacy, case management, substance abuse treatment, and mental health services;
- Interviews are conducted in the context of a multi-disciplinary investigation and diagnostic team, or in a specialized setting such as a child advocacy center; and
- The interviewer is trained to conduct forensic interviews appropriate to the developmental age and abilities of children, or the developmental, cognitive, and physical or communication disabilities presented by adults.

Peer Support Groups

- Peer-support, including activities that provide opportunities for victims to meet other victims, share experiences, and provide self-help, information, and emotional support.

Professional Therapy and Counseling

- Mental health counseling and care, including, but not limited to, out-patient therapy/counseling provided by a person who meets professional standards to provide these services in the jurisdiction in which the care is administered.

- Window, door, or lock replacement or repair, and other repairs necessary to ensure a victim's safety;
- Costs of the following, on an emergency basis (i.e., when the State's compensation program, the victim's health insurance plan, Medicaid, or other health care funding source, is not reasonably expected to be available quickly enough to meet the emergency needs of a victim (typically within 48 hours of the crime): Non-prescription and prescription medicine, prophylactic or other treatment to prevent HIV/AIDS infection or other infectious disease, durable medical equipment (such as wheel-chairs, crutches, hearing aids, eyeglasses), and other healthcare items; in all cases the grant must be considered the option of last resort; and
- Emergency legal assistance, such as for filing for restraining or protective orders, and obtaining emergency custody orders and visitation rights.
- Personal advocacy and emotional support including:
 - Working with a victim to assess the impact of the crime;
 - Identification of victim's needs;
 - Case management;
 - Management of practical problems created by the victimization;
 - Identification of resources available to the victim;
 - Provision of information, referrals, advocacy, and follow-up contact for continued services, as needed;
 - Traditional, cultural, and/or alternative therapy/healing (e.g., art therapy, yoga – with appropriate training, certification, or licensure);
 - Transportation of victims to receive services and to participate in criminal justice proceedings; and
 - Public awareness and education presentations (including the development of presentation materials, brochures, newspaper notices, and public service announcements) in schools, community centers, and other public forums that are designed to inform crime victims of specific rights and services and provide them with (or refer them to) services and assistance, this activity will only be funded in conjunction with programs providing direct services.

Legal Advocacy

- Facilitating participation in criminal justice and other public proceedings arising from the crime, including:
 - Advocacy on behalf of a victim;
 - Accompanying a victim to offices and court;
 - Transportation, meals, and lodging to allow a victim who is not a witness to participate in a proceeding;
 - Interpreting for a non-witness victim who is deaf or hard of hearing, or with limited English proficiency;
 - Providing child care and respite care to enable a victim who is a caregiver to attend activities related to the proceeding;
 - Notification to victims regarding key proceeding dates (e.g., trial dates, case disposition, incarceration, and parole hearings);
 - Assistance with Victim Impact Statements;
 - Assistance in recovering property that was retained as evidence; and
 - Assistance with restitution advocacy on behalf of crime victims.
- Legal assistance services (including those provided on an emergency basis), where reasonable and where the need for such services arises as a direct result of the victimization, including:
 - Those (other than criminal defense) that help victims assert their rights as victims in a criminal proceeding directly related to the victimization, or otherwise protect their safety, privacy, or other interests as victims in such a proceeding; and
 - Those actions (other than tort actions) that, in the civil context, are reasonably necessary as a direct result of the victimization.

Multi-Disciplinary Teams and Case Coordination

- Representatives of several agencies meet regularly to discuss common cases and share information to enhance investigation, prosecution, and victim restoration. Cases are followed through in this manner to closure. Participating agencies may include Child Protective Service, law enforcement, prosecutors' offices, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners or other medical personnel, mental health professionals, etc.

Protective Order Assistance:

- Legal representation provided by program staff and/or staff attorneys to obtain protective orders and assistance;
- May be provided by law enforcement personnel, prosecution staff or other service providers; and
- Services may be available at non-traditional locations and times.

Shelter

- Providing a safe place for victims/survivors and their children;
- Short-term (up to 45 days) in-home care and supervision services for children and adults who remain in their own homes when the offender/caregiver is removed; and
- Short-term (up to 45 days) nursing-home, adult foster care, or group-home placement for adults for whom no other safe, short-term residence is available;

Transitional Housing

- Travel, rental assistance, security deposits, utilities, and other costs incidental to relocation of survivors into transitional housing, as well as voluntary support services such as childcare and counseling. Provision of this service is limited to 18 months in duration per client and must require active participation in program services designed to enable self-sufficiency of the client. PSO should be considered the payee of last resort for this service. To be eligible, this service must be included in the original application budget prioritized by the local Council of Government's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

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Victim-Offender Meetings

- Meetings between the survivor and the offender who perpetrated the crime against the survivor. At a minimum, grantees must consider:
 - The safety and security of the survivor;
 - The benefit of therapeutic value to the survivor;
 - The procedures for ensuring that participation of the survivor and offender are voluntary and that everyone understands the nature of any meeting or other activity;
 - The provision of appropriate support and accompaniment for the survivor;
 - Appropriate debriefing opportunities for the survivor after a meeting;
 - The credentials of the facilitators; and
 - The opportunity for a survivor to withdraw from the process at any time.

Victim Notification Systems

Agencies seeking grant funding to implement crime victim notification systems are encouraged to include the following features:

- Automatically, and without the requirement to download a software application to opt-in to notifications, notify a victim or relative of a deceased victim by e-mail or text message of all the following regarding a victim's case:
 - The date on which the incident report is created;
 - The case number;
 - The names of investigators who are assigned to the case;
 - The date an arrest is made;
 - The date an affidavit alleging probable cause is presented to the attorney representing the state;
 - The date the defendant is arraigned under Chapter 26, Code of Criminal Procedure;
 - Whether the case has been dismissed by the attorney representing the state; and
 - Any other information relevant to the case;
- Interface with the law enforcement agency's system of records;
- Provide configurable triggers to directly send messages;
- Provide the capability:
 - To attach informational brochures or other electronic attachments to the messages;
 - For a person to check the case status;
 - To transmit notifications in English or Spanish; and
 - To respond to questions via artificial intelligence;
- Monitor the number and types of messages sent and enable a user to visualize that data; and
- Provide a survey tool so the law enforcement agency can solicit feedback on victims services.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth (CSEY) Residential and Community Based Services

Note: Applicants seeking to apply for one of the following CSEY activities should select the Funding Opportunity titled "Victim Assistance, Residential and Community-Based Services for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth" in eGrants. These applications will be scored and prioritized by the Regional Councils of Governments (COGs) as part of the General Victim Assistance program. Please be sure to contact your local COG for information on local COG policies, eligibility requirements, and deadlines for Fiscal Year 2026 General Victim Assistance funding. Failure to abide by COG policies may render your application ineligible.

- **Community-Based Drop-in Centers:** Development, expansion, or enhancement of a drop-in center which may include street outreach programs for children or transition-age youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation or are victims of crime that place them at high risk for commercial sexual exploitation. The project must provide safety planning, individualized and immediate trauma-responsive assessment and case management including connecting the survivor to needed medical and behavioral health care, legal and other resources, counseling, support groups, and assistance with securing emergency and

long-term residential services. Applicant must accept survivor walk-in self-referrals and be accessible, either on-site or through an on-call response, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- **Emergency Residential Placements:** Development, expansion, or enhancement of a program that provides emergency placement for community children, children in the care of DFPS, and/or Juvenile Justice, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The program must provide physical safety, safety planning, individualized and immediate trauma-responsive behavioral healthcare, legal, educational, vocational, and housing resources, community and relationship-building opportunities in an empowering, non-judgmental environment, and re-engagement after runaway episodes or other disruptions in placement or services. Programs must identify strategies to promote survivor's tangible safety and felt safety. Clinical, behavioral milieu, and service planning approaches must follow recognized promising practices or evidence-based programs. Stabilization and Assessment Centers providing brief placements for highly dysregulated survivors are included in this category.

- **Long-term Residential Placements:** Development, expansion, or enhancement of a program that provides long-term treatment, foster care or residential treatment for both system-involved and non-system involved children and transition-age youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation. Programs must provide access to intensive case management and wraparound facilitation, 24-hour clinical and behavioral crisis services, safety planning, individualized and immediate trauma-responsive case management (including connecting survivors to needed medical and behavioral healthcare, legal, educational, and vocational resources), community and relationship building opportunities in an empowering, non-judgmental environment, and re-engagement after missing events or other disruptions in placement or services. Residential programs for transition-age youth must support empowerment through services that engage survivors in vocational and educational opportunities in the community. Strategies employed in clinical, behavioral milieu, and all other service planning must follow recognized promising practices or evidence-based programs.
- **Innovative Direct Services for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth:** Innovative direct service projects to support child and youth survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. Applicants must clearly articulate the population that will benefit directly from this innovative service, survivor outcomes that will be different because of this innovation, and any research that supports the effectiveness of the proposed project.

[\[1\]](#) Note related to hospital accompaniment with sexual assault survivors: In accordance with Art. 56A.351, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, a victim shall be offered the opportunity to have a sexual assault program advocate available during a sexual assault forensic exam. Sec. 420.051, Texas Government Code defines a sexual assault program advocate as an individual who has completed a sexual assault training program certified by the attorney general and is an employee or volunteer of a sexual assault program.

Program-Specific Requirements

All projects under this funding announcement must meet the following requirements:

Cultural competency: Applicants must be culturally competent when providing services to victims. Victim service providers must have the ability to blend cultural knowledge and sensitivity with victim restoration skills for a more effective and culturally appropriate recovery process. Cultural competency occurs when: (1) cultural knowledge, awareness and sensitivity are integrated into action and policy; (2) the service is relevant to the needs of the community and provided by trained staff, board members, and management; and (3) an advocate or organization recognizes each client is different with different needs, feelings, ideas and barriers.

Victim services assessment survey: All recipients of funding under this announcement may be required to participate in a victim services assessment during their grant period, as directed by PSO.

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Special requirements for vehicle purchases:

Only non-profits will be eligible to purchase vehicles under this funding announcement. The vehicles must be for the purpose of transporting victims to receive various services.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Entities receiving grant funds must demonstrate a record of effective services to victims of crime and financial support from sources other than the Crime Victims Fund; or substantial support from sources other than the Crime Victims Fund.

- A program has demonstrated a record of effective direct services and support when, for example, it demonstrates the support and approval of its direct services by the community, its history of providing direct services in a cost-effective manner, and the breadth or depth of its financial support from sources other than the Crime Victims Fund.
- A program has substantial financial support from sources other than the Crime Victims Fund when at least twenty-five percent of the program's funding in the year of, or the year preceding the award comes from such sources.

2. Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Governments](#). A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training

programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources [Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) page.

3. Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

Counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90% of convictions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety.

4. Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.

5. Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2026 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

6. Each non-profit 501(c)(3) organization must certify that it does not have, and will continue not to have any policy, procedure, or agreement (written or unwritten) that in any way encourages, induces, entices, or aids any violations of immigration laws. Additionally, the organization certifies that it does not have in effect, purport to have in effect, and is not subject to or bound by any rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) encourage the concealment, harboring, or shielding from detection of fugitives from justice or aliens who illegally came to, entered, or remained in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, the organization certifies that it will not adopt, enforce, or endorse a policy which prohibits or materially limits the enforcement of immigration laws, and will not, as demonstrated by pattern or practice, prohibit or materially limit the enforcement of immigration laws.

Each non-profit organization must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/NGO Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements.

7. Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database and have an UEI (Unique Entity ID) number assigned to its agency (to get registered in the SAM database and request an UEI number, go to <https://sam.gov/>).

8. Use of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT) is required for programs serving commercially exploited children funded by this award. A CSE-IT screening must be conducted in Lighthouse for each client entering services. Scores of Clear Concern must be reported to DFPS Statewide Intake.

Failure to comply with program or eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or the suspension or termination of grant funds.

Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the unallowable costs listed in the [Guide to Grants](#) or any of the following unallowable costs:

1. Lobbying or advocacy activities with respect to legislation or to administrative changes to regulations or administrative policy (cf. 18 U.S.C. 1913), whether conducted directly or indirectly;
2. The active investigation and prosecution of criminal activity, except for the provision of victim assistance services (e.g., emotional support, advocacy, and legal services) to crime victims, under 28 CFR § 94.119, during such investigation and prosecution;
3. Any activities related to fundraising;
4. Capital improvements; property losses and expenses; real estate purchases; mortgage payments; remodeling; and construction;
5. Reimbursement of crime victims for expenses incurred as a result of a crime;

6. Salaries, benefits, fees, furniture, equipment, and other expenses of executive directors, board members, and other administrators (except as specifically allowed);
7. Counseling or treatment for substance abuse (general counseling that includes a component addressing substance abuse is eligible);
8. Victim-offender meetings that serve to replace (or as a part of) criminal justice proceedings;
9. Medical training;
10. Medical care or expenses (except as specifically allowed);
11. Forensic medical evidence collection to include the salary, overtime or on-call cost of SANE Nurses;
12. Cash payments to victims, gift cards, or fuel vouchers;
13. Creation of a voucher program where victims are directly given vouchers for such services as housing or counseling;
14. Transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for third-party participants to attend a training, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training;
15. Leasing of vehicles;
16. Training of external partners or the community;
17. Local Criminal Justice Advisory Committee program income;
18. Research and studies;
19. Activities that may compromise victim safety;
20. Entertainment, including amusement, diversion, social activities, field trips, excursions and any associated costs (i.e. tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities) unless there is a clear programmatic purpose and the costs are approved in advance by PSO; and
21. Nonessential maintenance on buildings, lawn care, and landscaping; and
22. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law or regulation;

Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP)

Name:

Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program, FY2026

Available
12/16/2024

Due Date
02/13/2025

- Applications will only be accepted for programs with a local or regional impact.
- Applicants must contact their applicable regional council of governments (COG) regarding their application.
- Each of Texas' 24 COGs holds its own application planning workshops, workgroups, and/or subcommittees and facilitates application prioritization for certain programs within its region. Failure to comply with regional requirements imposed by the COG may render an application ineligible.

Purpose:

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications for projects that prevent violence in and around school; and to improve the juvenile justice system by providing mental health services, truancy prevention and intervention through community-based and school programs.

Available Funding:

State funds are authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor, Strategy B.1.1 as well as Rider 21. All awards are subject to the availability of funds and the amount is based on a regional model and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Eligible Organizations:

Applications may be submitted by independent school districts, Native American tribes, councils of governments, non-profit corporations (including hospitals and faith-based organizations), and units of local government, which are defined as a non-statewide governmental body with the authority to establish a budget and impose taxes.

All applications submitted by local law enforcement agencies/offices must be submitted by a unit of government affiliated with the agency, including an authorizing resolution from that unit of government. For example, police departments must apply under their municipal government, and community supervision and corrections departments, district attorneys, and judicial districts must apply through their affiliated county government (or one of the counties, in the case of agencies that serve more than one county).

Juvenile specialty courts authorized under Chapter 121 of the Texas Government Code and statewide projects are not eligible to apply under this announcement.

Application Process:

Applicants must access the PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

Key Dates:

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	12/16/2024
Online System Opening Date	12/16/2024
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	02/13/2025 at 5:00PM CST
Earliest Project Start Date	09/01/2025

Project Period:

Projects must begin on or after 09/01/2025 and may not exceed a 12 month project period.

Funding Levels

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Eligible Activities and Costs

Mental Health Services. Programs providing mental health services for youth in custody in need of such services including, but are not limited to assessment, development of individualized treatment plans, and discharge plans.

School Programs. Education programs or supportive services in traditional public schools and detention/corrections education settings to encourage youth to remain in school; or alternative learning programs to support transition to work and self-sufficiency, and to enhance coordination

between correctional programs and youth's local education programs to ensure the instruction they receive outside school is aligned with that provided in their schools, and that any identified learning problems are communicated.

Community-Based Programs and Services. These programs and services are those that work pre- and post-confinement with: a) parents and other family members to strengthen families to help keep youth in their homes; b) youth during confinement and their families to ensure safe return of youth home and to strengthen the families; and c) parents with limited English-speaking ability.

Truancy Prevention - Education programs and/or related services designed to prevent truancy including prevention services for children considered at-risk of entering the juvenile justice system and intervention services for juveniles engaged in misconduct.

Juvenile Case Managers - Individuals designated to provide services in court cases involving juvenile offenders including assisting the court in administering the court's juvenile docket and supervising the court's orders in juvenile cases. May also provide prevention services to a child considered at-risk of entering the juvenile justice system and intervention services to juveniles engaged in misconduct before cases are filed.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Governments](#). A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources [Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) page.

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Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program (TP)

3. Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.

4. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 420.034, any facility or entity that collects evidence for sexual assault or other sex offenses or investigates or prosecutes a sexual assault or other sex offense for which evidence has been collected, must participate in the statewide electronic tracking system developed and implemented by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Visit DPS's Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program website for more information or to set up an account to begin participating. Additionally, per Section 420.042 "A law enforcement agency that receives evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense...shall submit that evidence to a public accredited crime laboratory for analysis no later than the 30th day after the date on which that evidence was received." A law enforcement agency in possession of a significant number of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) where the 30-day window has passed may be considered noncompliant.

5. Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2026 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

6. Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database and have an UEI (Unique Entity ID) number assigned to its agency (to get registered in the SAM database and request an UEI number, go to <https://sam.gov/>).

Failure to comply with program or eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or the suspension or termination of grant funds.

Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the unallowable costs listed in the [Guide to Grants](#) or any of the following unallowable costs:

1. Construction, renovation, or remodeling;
2. Medical services;
3. Law enforcement equipment that is standard department issue;
4. Transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training; and
5. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state or local law or regulation.

Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (VAWA)

Name:

Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program, FY2026

Purpose:

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications for projects that promote a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach to improve the justice system's response to violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Available Funding:

Federal funding is authorized for these projects under the Violence Against Women Act of 2013 Pub. L. No. 113-4 (VAWA 2013). VAWA funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Eligible Organizations:

Applications may be submitted by state agencies, public and private non-profit institutions of higher education, independent school districts, Native American tribes, councils of governments, non-profit corporations (including hospitals and faith-based organizations) and units of local government, which are defined as a non-statewide governmental body with the authority to establish a budget and impose taxes (includes hospital districts). Other local governmental agencies should apply through an associated unit of local government.

Non-profit applicants seeking to provide direct services to victims of crime are not eligible under this solicitation and should apply under the General Victim Assistance Program Funding Announcement.

Available
12/16/2024

Due Date
02/13/2025

Application Process:

Applicants must access the PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

Applicants are required to submit fully developed and detailed grant budgets at the time of application, PSO will not accept placeholder applications in lieu of a well written and detailed grant application.

1. For eligible local and regional projects:

- Applicants must contact their applicable regional council of governments (COG) regarding their application.
- Each of Texas' 24 COGs holds its own application planning workshops, workgroups, and/or subcommittees and facilitates application prioritization for certain programs within its region. Failure to comply with regional requirements imposed by the COG may render an application ineligible.

2. State agencies, and other organizations proposing projects with a statewide impact, may submit applications directly to PSO.

Key Dates:

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	12/16/2024
Online System Opening Date	12/16/2024
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	02/13/2025 at 5:00PM CST
Earliest Project Start Date	09/01/2025

Project Period:

Projects may not exceed 12 months and must start on 9/01/2025 and end on 08/31/2026.

Funding Levels

Minimum: \$5,000

Maximum: No Maximum

Match Requirement: 30% of the total project (Note: Victim service providers and Native American tribes are exempt from the match requirement.)

Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the Texas Grant Management Standards ([TxGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Eligible Activities and Costs

The following list of eligible activities and costs apply generally to all projects under this announcement:

- Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
- Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
- Developing and implementing more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims;
- Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
- Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other state agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
- Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault;
- Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals;
- Developing and promoting state or local policies that enhance best practices for responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
- Developing, implementing, or enhancing Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault as defined in Chapter 351 of Local Government Code, subchapter J;

Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program (VAWA)-cont

10. Developing and strengthening policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims; and

Eligibility Requirements

1. Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the

5. Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S.

11. Identifying and conducting inventories of backlogs of sexual assault evidence collection kits and developing protocols and policies for responding to and addressing such backlogs, including protocols and policies for notifying and involving victims;

Program-Specific Requirements

Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Certification:

All VAWA applicants must certify that they meet the following federal statutory requirements regarding the provision of legal advocacy:

- Any person providing legal assistance through a program funded under this VAWA Program
 - has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking in the targeted population; or
 - is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in subparagraph (a) and has completed or will complete training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking and related legal issues, including training on evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide.
- Any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a state, local, territorial, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, State, territorial, and local law enforcement officials.
- Any person or organization providing legal assistance through a program funded under this Program has informed and will continue to inform state, local, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence or sexual assault programs and coalitions, as well as appropriate State and local law enforcement officials of their work.
- The grantee's organizational policies do not require mediation or counseling involving offenders and victims physically together, in cases where sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or child sexual abuse is an issue.

State Priority Areas:

All projects funded under this announcement must address one or more of the State Priority Areas listed in the application.

second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Governments](#). A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources: [Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) page.

2. Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

Counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90% of convictions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety.

3. Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.

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6. Each non-profit 501(c)(3) organization must certify that it does not have, and will continue not to have any policy, procedure, or agreement (written or unwritten) that in any way encourages, induces, entices, or aids any violations of immigration laws. Additionally, the organization certifies that it does not have in effect, purport to have in effect, and is not subject to or bound by any rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) encourage the concealment, harboring, or shielding from detection of fugitives from justice or aliens who illegally came to, entered, or remained in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, the organization certifies that it will not adopt, enforce, or endorse a policy which prohibits or materially limits the enforcement of immigration laws, and will not, as demonstrated by pattern or practice, prohibit or materially limit the enforcement of immigration laws.

Each non-profit organization must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/NGO Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements.

7. Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database and have an UEI (Unique Entity ID) number assigned to its agency (to get registered in the SAM database and request an UEI number, go to <https://sam.gov/>).

Failure to comply with program or eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or the suspension or termination of grant funds.

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Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the unallowable costs listed in the Guide to Grants or any of the following unallowable costs:


1. Construction, renovation, or remodeling;
2. Research or evaluation activities;
3. Medical services other than forensic medical examinations and prophylaxis;
4. Law enforcement equipment that is standard department issue;
5. Processing DNA evidence;
6. Victim-offender meetings that serve to replace (or as a part of) criminal justice proceedings;
7. Services to incarcerated individuals, including re-entry rehabilitative services related to the crime for which they are incarcerated;
8. Medical training;
9. Cash payments to victims, gift cards, or fuel vouchers;
10. Creation of a voucher program where victims are directly given vouchers for such services as housing or counseling;
11. Leasing or purchasing vehicles;
12. Legal defense services for perpetrators of violence against women;
13. Criminal defense work, including for women who assault, kill, or otherwise injure their abusers;
14. Liability insurance on buildings;
15. Nonessential maintenance on buildings, lawn care, and landscaping;
16. Reimbursement to crime victims for expenses incurred as a result of a crime, such as insurance deductibles, replacement of stolen property, funeral expenses, lost wages, and medical bills;
17. Services for programs that primarily focus on children and/or men;
18. Activities exclusively related to violence prevention, such as media campaigns to educate the general public about violence against women, public awareness, and community education campaigns are also prohibited;
19. Prosecution of child sexual abuse when the victim is now an adult;
20. Relocation expenses for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking such as moving household goods to a new location in another state or acquiring furniture or housing in a new location;
21. Development or presentation of a domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking curriculum for primary or secondary schools (educating students from an existing curriculum would also be prohibited);
22. Activities that may compromise victim safety; and
23. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state or local law or regulation.

Specific Funding Source Overview-State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)

The Council of Governments will assist the PSO with the prioritization of the following State Homeland Security Program:

1. State Homeland Security Program-Regular
2. State Homeland Security Program-Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA or L)

Specific Funding Source Overview-State Homeland Security Program

HSAC Member:			Date:									
Homeland Security Grants Division Grant Program Grant Cycle 2025-2026												
	Did the applicant attend a COG grant workshop? If "No", application is ineligible.	"If applicant is part of a Special Response Team or has First Responder Capabilities: 1) if applicable, is team FEMA Typed? 2) if SWAT, is team typed according to NTOA standards? 3) has applicant provided the COG a copy of a formal-type cooperation? (for example: MOU; SOPs; contract; plan(s); written agreement) If "No", application is ineligible.	How well does the project address target capabilities related to prevention, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism as indicated on the RFA (Request for Applications) issued by the Office of the Governor- Homeland Security Grants Division? "LETPA projects must have a clear link to one or more of the following Core Capabilities: Planning; Public Information & Warning; Operational Coordination; Intelligence & Information Sharing; Interdiction & Disruption; Screening, Search & Detection; and Forensics & Attribution	How well does the project address one of the COG's Activity Areas? (Interoperable Emergency Communications, Sustaining Special Response Teams & First Responder Capabilities, Critical infrastructure, Cybersecurity)	How well does the project address a national priority areas? (Addressing Emerging Threats; Enhancing Cybersecurity; Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places; Intelligence and Information Sharing)	How well does the project address gaps identified in the LRGVDC's THIRA (Threats & Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment) and SPR (Stakeholder Preparedness Review)?	How well does the project impact the region? (i.e. a positive impact for developing or sustaining capabilities that benefit neighboring jurisdiction(s), state, or nation)	Is the project S.M.A.R.T.? (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely)	Funding recommendation:	If partial recommendation, what amount?	Comments:	TOTAL PTS
Project Grant Applications	Y N NA	Y N NA	0-25 PTS	0-15 PTS	0-15 PTS	0-15 PTS	0-15 PTS	0-15 PTS	Full Partial None			

The score sheet will be used the each of the 14 Homeland Security Advisory Committee Members to score each application.

Regular and LETPA Projects will use the same scoring sheet as funds are allocated together by the PSO.

Potential allocation per funding source:

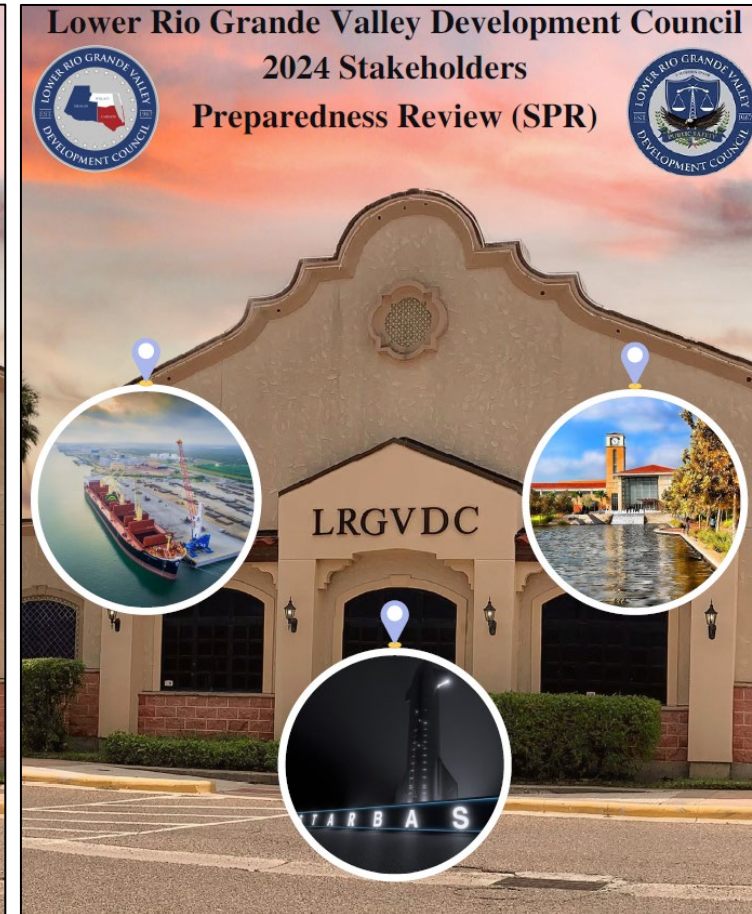
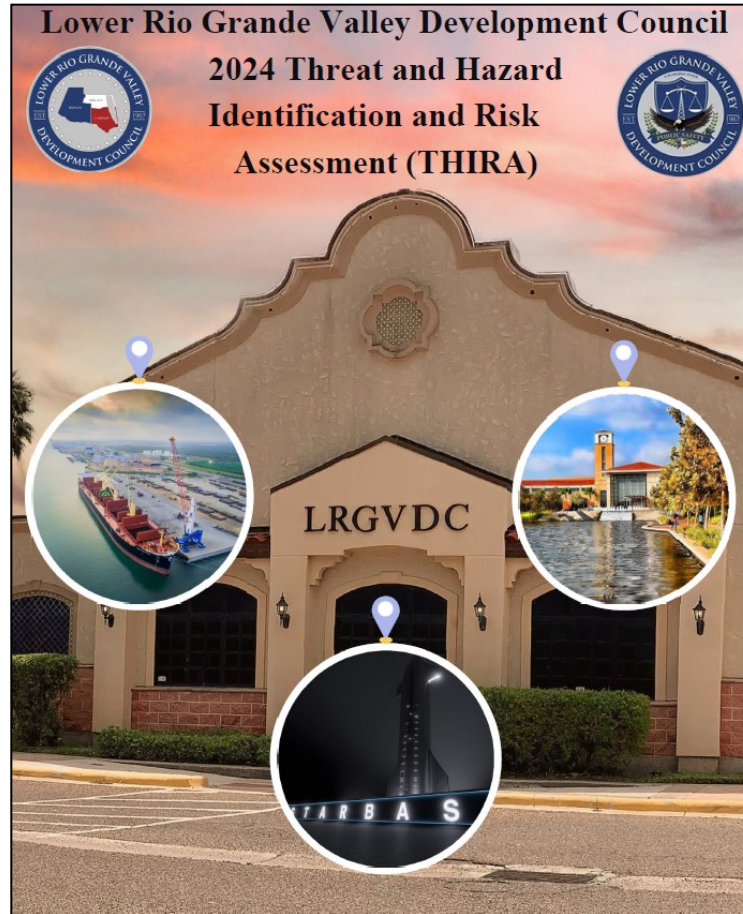
- SHSP Regular - \$389,438.00
- SHSP LETPA - \$209,697.00

Grant Total for SHSP: \$599,136.00

Please note that the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office has final determination on funding allotments per source

Specific Funding Source Overview-State Homeland Security Program-cont

Does your project address the LRGVDC THIRA and SPR



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Homeland Security Program (SHSP)-Regular

Name:

State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects (SHSP-R), Federal Fiscal Year 2025

Available
12/16/2024

Due Date
02/13/2025

Purpose:

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications for projects that support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and targeted violence and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens. The Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office (PSO) provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving a secure and resilient state.

This funding supports state, tribal and local preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities where a nexus to terrorism exists. All investments must be consistent with capability targets set during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and gaps identified in the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR).

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) is intended to support investments that improve the ability of jurisdictions to:

- **Prevent** a threatened or actual act of terrorism;
- **Protect** its citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards;
- **Mitigate** the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future catastrophic events;
- **Respond** quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident; and/or
- **Recover** through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, accessibility and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.

Many activities which support the achievement of target capabilities related to terrorism preparedness may simultaneously support enhanced preparedness for other hazards unrelated to acts of terrorism. However, **all SHSP projects must assist grantees in achieving target capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism.**

Note for Cybersecurity Applicants: Projects seeking to design and implement efforts to address imminent cybersecurity threats to local information systems should refer to the [State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program \(SLCGP\)](#) Announcements available on the [Funding Opportunities](#) page in [eGrants](#).

Available Funding:

Federal funds are authorized under Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (Pub. L. No. 107-296), (6 U.S.C. 603). State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Eligible Organizations:

1. State agencies;
2. Regional councils of governments;
3. Units of local government;
4. Nonprofit organizations;
5. Universities or Colleges; and
6. Federally recognized Native American tribes.

Application Process:

Applicants must access PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

1. For eligible local and regional projects:

- Applicants must contact their applicable regional council of governments (COG) regarding their application.
- Each of Texas' 24 COGs holds its own application planning workshops, workgroups, and/or subcommittees and facilitates application prioritization for certain programs within its region. Failure to comply with regional requirements imposed by the COG may render an application ineligible.

2. State agencies, and other organizations proposing projects to increase preparedness statewide, may submit applications directly to PSO.

Homeland Security Program (SHSP)-Regular-cont

Key Dates:

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	12/16/2024
Online System Opening Date	12/16/2024
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	02/13/2025 at 5:00PM CST
Earliest Project Start Date	09/01/2025

Project Period:

Projects selected for funding must begin between September 1, 2025 and March 1, 2026, and expire on or before August 31, 2027. Additional guidelines are below:

1. Project periods should be structured so that projects that include grant-funded salaries and/or annual recurring costs do not overlap with the project periods of previous or future grant awards with the same costs.
2. Project periods should be structured so that projects that include grant-funded salaries and/or annual recurring costs are on a 12 or 24-month grant cycle/performance period.
3. Project periods for equipment only projects are generally awarded for a 6 to 12-month grant period.
4. PSO will consider proposed start or end dates falling outside of these guidelines on a case-by-case basis.

Funding Levels

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: None. However, PSO uses a risk-based formula to determine regional allocations. Local agencies should contact their regional COG for amounts historically available to the region and any maximum established by their COG. Additionally, PSO expects to make available approximately \$1.5 - \$2 million to state agencies in support of 10 – 15 projects under this solicitation and the SHSP-LETPA solicitation.

Match Requirement: None

Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the Texas Grant Management Standards ([TxGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Eligible Activities and Costs

1. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established National Priority Areas (NPA) for the Homeland Security Grant Program and requires the State to dedicate at least 30% of Texas' SHSP funds to projects under the NPAs. The NPAs and prescribed amounts for each NPA are noted below. PSO anticipates these priorities will remain in place for the 2024 SHSP grant cycle. Applicants are encouraged to submit projects under these National Priority Areas when the primary core capability addressed is consistent with a National Priority Area description below. Note: The National Priority Areas are subject to change without notice upon release of the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

2. Grant projects must be submitted in support of one of the following approved activity areas:

a. Community Preparedness and Resilience (NPA - Required to fund at least 3%)

- **Core Capabilities:** Planning; Public Information and Warning; Community Resilience; Mass Care Services; Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment; Long Term Vulnerability Reduction.
 - Projects supporting training and equipping regional and local Citizen Corps Programs (CCP) including Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).
 - Provide continuity training, such as FEMA's Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs training to faith-based organizations, local businesses, and community-based organizations including homeless shelters, food pantries, nonprofit medical providers, and senior care facilities to bolster their resilience to all hazards.
 - Community Mapping: identify community resources and characteristics in order to identify gaps in resources, identify hazards and vulnerabilities, and inform action to promote resilience.

b. Emergency Operations Centers and Technology

- Establishing and maintaining a unified and coordinated operational structure and process that integrates critical stakeholders across and among all levels of government and with critical private and nonprofit sectors to protect against potential threats, conduct law enforcement investigations, or engage in enforcement, protective, and response activities.
- Implementing WebEOC and other situational awareness and decision support tools.
- Enhancing emergency operations centers.
- Conducting or participating in incident management training and/or exercises.

c. Information and Intelligence Sharing/Cooperation (NPA - Required to fund at least 3%)

(Note: Applicants should submit Fusion Center projects under the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) solicitation.)

- **Core Capability:** Intelligence and Information Sharing
 - Identifying, developing, providing, and sharing timely, accurate, and actionable information, data, or knowledge among government or private sector entities to include

Homeland Security Program (SHSP)-Regular-cont

information sharing with all DHS components, fusion centers, and other entities designated by DHS.

- Cooperation with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS in intelligence, threat recognition and analysis.
- Joint training and planning with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS.
- Enabling interdiction and disruption of terrorist activity through enhanced understanding and recognition of pre-operational activity and other crimes that may be precursors or indicators of terrorist activity.
- Paying for personnel or contractors to serve as qualified intelligence analysts and/or to participate in information, investigative, and intelligence sharing activities specifically related to homeland security.
- Assessing threat information to inform continued prevention operations and ongoing response activities.
- Implementing and maintaining suspicious activity reporting initiatives.
- Implementing or sustaining public information and warning systems to relay information regarding terrorism threats.

d. Interoperable Emergency Communications

- Building capabilities to meet P-25 standards.
- Sustaining existing capabilities (e.g. life cycle replacement of equipment).
- Projects must enhance current capabilities or address capability gaps identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) or Texas Interoperable Communications Coalition (TxICC) in either the Texas Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) or DPS Report on Interoperable Communications to the Texas Legislature. **Note:** *Projects to increase voice communications interoperability for counties with the lowest interoperability levels are preferred over other types of communications projects.*
- If a project is funded (after an agency receives the grant award from the PSO), the planned expenditures must be submitted to and receive validation from the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) prior to purchase. **Note:** *Radios purchased must: a) follow the Statewide Radio ID Management Plan; b) be programmed following the Statewide Interoperability Channel Plan, and c) include encryption options capable of Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) encryption, IF encryption is being purchased.*

e. Planning

- Developing state and regional risk and preparedness assessments, including those related to special events.
- Core capability development planning, to include typing and tracking of equipment and special response teams.
- Planning and execution of training and exercises focused on terrorism prevention, protection and response.

- Multi-jurisdictional operational planning to include plans for regional operational coordination of terrorism prevention, protection, and response capabilities.
- Maintaining or updating Emergency Operations Plans, consistent with guidance in CPG 101.v2 and the whole community approach to security and emergency management.
- Planning and implementation of initiatives to enhance the Citizen Corps Program and other community resilience initiatives.
- Planning for continuity of operations.

f. Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (NPA - Required to fund at least 3%)

- **Core Capabilities:** Operational Coordination; Public Information and Warning; Intelligence and Information Sharing; Interdiction and Disruption; Screening, Search, and Detection; Access Control/Identity Verification; Physical Protective Measures; Risk Management for Protection Programs
 - Implementing target hardening and other measures associated with increased security to mitigate risks at places where people gather, such as schools, workplaces, entertainment venues, transportation nodes, and houses of worship.
 - Assessing critical infrastructure vulnerabilities and interdependencies, particularly those involving multiple sites and/or sectors.
 - Planning, training, exercises, equipment, and modeling enabling responsible jurisdictions to mitigate threats to and vulnerabilities of critical infrastructure facilities, assets, networks, and systems.
 - Analyzing critical infrastructure threats and information sharing with private sector partners.
 - Enhancing public awareness, education and communications, and increasing reporting of suspicious activities related to critical infrastructure.

g. Support of First Responder Capabilities

Note: Because there is the potential for significant overlap between this activity area and the EMA National Priorities, applicants should first check whether their proposed project is consistent with the description and core capabilities outlined for the National Priority Areas.

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Homeland Security Program (SHSP)-LETPA

Name:

State Homeland Security Program – LETPA Projects (SHSP-L), Federal Fiscal Year 2025

Available
12/16/2024

Due Date
02/13/2025

acts of terrorism. However, all SHSP-LETPA projects must assist grantees in achieving target capabilities related to preventing or thwarting an initial or follow-on terrorist attack.

Available Funding:

Federal funds are authorized under Section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (Pub. L. No. 107-296), (6 U.S.C. 603). State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Eligible Organizations:

1. State agencies;
2. Regional councils of governments;
3. Units of local government;
4. Nonprofit organizations;
5. Universities or Colleges; and
6. Federally recognized Native American tribes.

Application Process:

Applicants must access PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

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- Each of Texas' 24 COGs holds its own application planning workshops, workgroups, and/or subcommittees and facilitates application prioritization for certain programs within its region. Failure to comply with regional requirements imposed by the COG may render an application ineligible.

2. State agencies, and other organizations proposing projects to increase preparedness statewide, may submit applications directly to PSO.

Key Dates:

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	12/16/2024
Online System Opening Date	12/16/2024
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	02/13/2025 at 5:00PM CST

Purpose:

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications for projects that support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and targeted violence and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens. PSO provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving a secure and resilient state.

Per Congressional mandate (911 Act), at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the combined Homeland Security Grant Program funding must be used for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). FEMA has increased this requirement to 35%. This solicitation supports state, tribal and local preparedness activities that continue to build law enforcement capabilities to prevent terrorist attacks and provide law enforcement and public safety communities with funds to support critical prevention and protection activities. All LETPA investments must be consistent with capability targets set during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and gaps identified in the State Preparedness Report (SPR).

The State Homeland Security Program-LETPA (SHSP-L) is intended to support investments that improve the ability of jurisdictions to:

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- **Protect** its citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards;

Prevention is defined as the capabilities necessary to avoid, prevent, or stop a threatened or actual act of terrorism.

Many activities which support the achievement of target capabilities related to terrorism preparedness may simultaneously support enhanced preparedness for other hazards unrelated to

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Earliest Project Start Date	09/01/2025
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Project Period:

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3. Project periods for equipment only projects are generally awarded for a 6 to 12-month grant period.
4. PSO will consider proposed start or end dates falling outside of these guidelines on a case-by-case basis.

Funding Levels

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: None. However, PSO uses a risk-based formula to determine regional allocations. Local agencies should contact their regional COG for amounts historically available to the region and any maximum established by their COG. Additionally, PSO expects to make available approximately \$1.5 – \$2 million to state agencies in support of 10 - 15 projects under this solicitation and the SHSP-Regular solicitation.

Match Requirement: None

Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the Texas Grant Management Standards ([TxGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Eligible Activities and Costs

1. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established National Priority Areas (NPA) for the Homeland Security Grant Program and requires the State to dedicate at least 30% of Texas' SHSP funds to projects under the NPAs. The NPAs and prescribed amounts for each NPA are noted below. PSO anticipates these priorities will remain in place for the 2024 SHSP grant cycle. Applicants are encouraged to submit projects under these National Priority Areas when the primary core capability addressed is consistent with a National Priority Area description below. Note: The National Priority Areas are subject to change without notice upon release of the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

2. Grant projects must be consistent with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Preparedness Grants Manual and Information Bulletin (IB) 473 which discusses eligible activities outlined in:

- The National Prevention Framework;
- The National Protection Framework where capabilities are shared with the prevention mission area; and
- Section 2006 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended.

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a. Emergency Operations Centers and Technology

- Establishing and maintaining a unified and coordinated operational structure and process that integrates critical stakeholders across and among all levels of government and with critical private and nonprofit sectors to protect against potential threats, conduct law enforcement investigations, or engage in enforcement, protective, and response activities.
- Implementing WebEOC and other situational awareness and decision support tools.
- Enhancing emergency operations centers.
- Conducting or participating in incident management training and/or exercises.

b. Information and Intelligence Sharing/Cooperation (NPA - Required to fund at least 3%)

(Note: Applicants should submit Fusion Center projects under this Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) solicitation.)

• Core Capability: Intelligence and Information Sharing

- Identifying, developing, providing, and sharing timely, accurate, and actionable information, data, or knowledge among government or private sector entities to include information sharing with all DHS components, fusion centers, and other entities designated by DHS.
- Cooperation with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS in intelligence, threat recognition and analysis.
- Joint training and planning with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS.
- Enabling interdiction and disruption of terrorist activity through enhanced understanding and recognition of pre-operational activity and other crimes that may be precursors or indicators of terrorist activity.
- Paying for personnel or contractors to serve as qualified intelligence analysts and/or to participate in information, investigative, and intelligence sharing activities specifically related to homeland security.
- Assessing threat information to inform continued prevention operations and ongoing response activities.

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- Implementing and maintaining suspicious activity reporting initiatives.
- Implementing or sustaining public information and warning systems to relay information regarding terrorism threats.

c. Planning

- Developing state and regional risk and preparedness assessments, including those related to special events.
- Core capability development planning, to include typing and tracking of equipment and special response teams.
- Planning and execution of training and exercises focused on terrorism prevention, protection and response.
- Multi-jurisdictional operational planning to include plans for regional operational coordination of terrorism prevention, protection, and response capabilities.
- Maintaining or updating Emergency Operations Plans, consistent with guidance in CPG 101.v2 and the whole community approach to security and emergency management.
- Planning for continuity of operations.

d. Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (NPA - Required to fund at least 3%)

- **Core Capabilities:** Operational Coordination; Public Information and Warning; Intelligence and Information Sharing; Interdiction and Disruption; Screening, Search, and Detection
 - Implementing target hardening and other measures associated with increased security to mitigate risks at places where people gather, such as schools, workplaces, entertainment venues, transportation nodes, and houses of worship.
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