



Office of the Governor - Homeland Security Grants Division 2018 Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) Request for Applications (RFA)

The Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting applications for projects that prosecute border crimes during state fiscal year 2018.

Purpose: The purpose of this solicitation is to provide prosecution resources for District and County Attorneys along the Texas-Mexico border and for counties that are significantly affected by border crime.

Available Funding: State funds for these projects are authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 19 for Trusteed 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.

Funding Levels:

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

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

Prohibitions: Grant funds may **not** be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- 1) inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytization;
- 2) lobbying;
- 3) any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official;
- 4) vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
- 5) weapons, ammunition, tasers, tracked armored vehicles, weaponized vehicles or explosives;
- 6) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- 7) promotional gifts;
- 8) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments, except for eligible per diem associated with grant-related travel or where pre-approved for working events;
- 9) membership dues for individuals;
- 10) any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project;
- 11) any use of grant funds to replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-grant sources;
- 12) fundraising;
- 13) construction;
- 14) medical services;
- 15) legal services for adult offenders; and
- 16) any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law.

Eligible Applicants:

- 1) Counties within the Texas border region as defined by Texas Government Code §772.0071(a)(2) having a prosecuting attorney with membership in the Border Prosecution Unit as provided by Texas Government Code §772.053.
- 2) Counties that are significantly affected by border crime.

Eligible Activities:

- 1) Prosecuting criminals charged with border crimes as defined by Texas Government Code §772.0071(a)(1).
- 2) Training members of the unit and law enforcement agencies in the border region on specific issues and techniques relating to the investigation and prosecution of border crime.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Eligible applicants must be in compliance with the Texas Administrative Code (37 TAC Part 7 Chapters 221-225) and all rules established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) regarding the training of law enforcement in Texas; or, contract or reimburse for services with training providers who meet this requirement.
- 2) In order for an applicant to be eligible, the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have a 90% average on both adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2011 through 2015. This requirement must be met by August 1, 2017.
- 3) Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). 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.
- 4) An application requirement pertaining to full compliance with Department of Homeland Security detainer requests applies to all municipal or county governments that operate a subdivision or department that detains individuals after arrest for a criminal violation. Full text of this certification can be found on the Narrative tab of each application or at http://gov.texas.gov/cjd/dhs_detainerrequest. All applicants must select one of four options in their eGrants application to be considered for funding under this announcement.
- 5) Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>).
- 6) Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://www.sam.gov/>.
- 7) Failure to comply with program eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or suspension or termination of grant funds.

Project Period: Projects selected for funding must begin on or after September 1, 2017 and expire on or before August 31, 2018.

Application Process: Applicants must access HSGD's grant management website at <https://egrants.gov.texas.gov/> to register and apply for funding. Additional requirements are included within the online application form.

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NOTE: Applicants must upload the required [Direct Deposit forms](#), [New Payee Identification Form](#), and [W9 Form](#) for each application prior to submission. The eGrants system will not allow an application submission until these forms are attached to the application. These forms are available at <https://egrants.gov.texas.gov/updates.aspx> under the Financial Management Tools section or by clicking on the hyperlinks above.

Preferences: Preference will be given to specialized prosecutors to reduce backlogs by supporting and enhancing prosecutorial services that focus on rapidly addressing specific violations of the law.

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: All applications must be submitted and certified via HSGD's grant management website on or before Thursday, **March 30, 2017** by 5:00 PM CST.

Selection Process: Applications will be reviewed by HSGD staff members or a review group selected by the director. HSGD will make all final funding decisions based on eligibility, reasonableness, availability of funding, and cost-effectiveness.

Contact Information: For technical assistance or additional information, contact HSGD at eGrants@gov.texas.gov or (512) 463-8382.