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Agency Name: Webb County

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Project Title: Region 2-Border Prosecution Unit

Status: Pending OOG Review

Eligibility Information

Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:

17460015872014

Application Eligibility Certify:

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Profile Information

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Project Title: Region 2-Border Prosecution Unit

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Start Date: 9/1/2021

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Headquarter County: Webb

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Grant Vendor Information

Organization Type: County

Organization Option: applying to provide homeland security services

Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID): 17460015872014

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Narrative Information

Introduction

The Texas Legislature appropriated funds to support programs that provide prosecution resources for District and County Attorneys along the Texas-Mexico border and for counties that are significantly affected by border crime.

The funding announcement, located on the [eGrants Calendar](#) page, describes the organization types, activities, and costs that are eligible under the announcement. The PSO's [eGrants User Guide to Creating an Application](#) guides applicants through the process of creating and submitting an application in eGrants. Information and guidance related to the management and use of grant funds can be found in the The PSO's Guide to Grants, located on the [PSO Resource for Applicants and Grantees webpage](#).

Certifications

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

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.

Beginning January 1, 2021, counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90 percent of convictions and other dispositions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety. Click [here](#) for additional information from DPS on this new reporting requirement.

Uniform Crime Reporting (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. Note: UCR is transitioning from summary reporting to NIBRS only in 2021. Applicants are encouraged to transition to NIBRS as soon as possible in order to maintain their grant eligibility.

Program Income

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income through a formal grant adjustment and to secure PSO approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after PSO's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless PSO authorizes otherwise. Program income which the grantee did not anticipate at the time of the award shall be used to reduce the PSO award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

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 PSO and is active until August 31, 2022 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the PSO Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

X I certify to all of the application content and requirements.

Project Summary :

Briefly summarize the project, including proposed activities and intended impact.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 772.0071, the Border Prosecution Unit (hereinafter referred to as BPU) of the 49th Judicial District, covers Webb County and Zapata County, Texas, which is part of the border region since it is adjacent to the international border between the United State of America and Mexico. The eligible prosecuting attorneys of the BPU are attorneys who represent the state in the prosecution of felonies. There are currently three eligible prosecuting attorneys assigned to the BPU. The border crimes prosecuted by the BPU involve transnational criminal activity that undermines public safety or security, such as Homicides, Kidnappings, Smuggling of Persons, Trafficking of Persons, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, drug offenses, and others. However, the majority of the cases that are received by the BPU involve Smuggling of Persons. One of the BPU prosecutors is the Regional Counsel for Region 2. He offices out of the Texas Department of Public Safety (hereinafter referred to as DPS) Criminal Investigations Division (hereinafter referred to as CID) in Laredo, Texas. The strategic placement of the Regional Counsel in the DPS local office not only allows direct and immediate access by CID investigators to the BPU, but also to any DPS trooper housed in that location, in addition to providing access in a known and common environment to other follow troopers. In addition to the three prosecutors, there is also a legal assistant and an investigator assigned full-time to the BPU. The BPU investigator is tasked with assisting in active cases with BPU prosecutors and ongoing investigations. Besides working with state law enforcement, the BPU also works closely with other local law enforcement agencies by providing guidance, and assisting with search and arrest warrants. Due to COVID-19 limitations, the BPU prosecutors have attended training in person and virtually in a variety of relevant legal topics such as the federal and Texas exclusionary rule, human smuggling, deadly conduct investigations, and report writing. In addition, pursuant to Title 37, Chapters 221-225 of the Texas Administrative Code, BPU also provides training for law enforcement officers that follow the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). The BPU will continue to attend and conduct relevant training as permitted within the COVID-19 limitations. The BPU Region 2, 49th Judicial District, is also a member of the LAREDO UNIFIED COMMAND. The Unified Command is spearheaded by U.S. Border Patrol and includes almost every local, state, and federal law enforcement agency, including the United States Department of State. The Unified Command meets regularly for intelligence briefings and updates on local and area challenges along the U.S.-Mexico border. The BPU is also associated with "specially designed" law enforcement task force groups that include the Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigations Division (DPS CID); the Laredo Police Department; the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP-Border Patrol), and in some cases the FBI and DEA. One initiative, the Juvenile and Gang Enforcement Team (JAGET) is housed at the Laredo Police Department. Currently, the BPU is working with DPS in Operation Secure Border which was initiated to combat the recent high influx of undocumented individuals crossing the border and the associated border related crimes in BPU Regions 2 and 3. Subsequent to these projects, the BPU will continue working with the United States Attorney's offices in the Western and Southern Districts of Texas whenever any assistance is needed. The Border Prosecution Unit encompasses several communities within two counties. The unit will continue in its mission of investigating and prosecuting cases, some of which have significant ties to criminal organizations along the border while fostering cooperation to reduce threats, improve border security and protect human rights.

Problem Statement :

Provide a detailed account of the issues, threats or hazards that your project will target. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or state *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)*, as applicable.

The drug war raging along the U.S.-Mexico border has fueled violence on both sides causing a devastating impact on the American territories for over a decade. As the cartel violence spillover increases into the nation, the image of the American border communities is unpredictable and extremely unsafe. The border communities of Webb and Zapata counties live on the front line of this drug war and understand the dynamics and the impact it has taken upon this region. This war exists as a result of the endless struggle of the drug cartels competing for control of the drug trade that feeds America's demand for Mexican and South American drugs. These communities are also first-hand witnesses to the battle over the most opportune route for the drug trafficking organizations (DTOs), which is the Interstate Highway 35 corridor. This community has become the nation's largest inland port with warehousing, trade and transportation services as the main economic activities for this rapidly growing city due to the convergence of all land transportation systems (The Texas Border with Mexico: Opportunities and Challenges,

J. M., Patrick, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development). With its interstate highway, heavy influx of vehicular and tractor-trailer traffic, and vast amount of warehousing, this busy inland port makes this border region the perfect terminal for drug cartels to smuggle narcotics and undocumented immigrants into the U.S. The ruthless DTO's fighting for control of the region continue to cause the crime rate in northern Mexico to spike while our border region has been gradually confronted with the effects of spillover violence and organized crime. Webb and Zapata counties are not immune and, in fact, have continuously confronted this mayhem. As the cartels wage war across the Rio Grande to capture the lucrative I-35 route, collateral damage is felt on our American side of the border. The level of brutality accompanied with drug production, transportation and distribution of drugs has no respect of this national boundary. The crimes created for our community are an increase in theft, home invasions, kidnappings, attempted kidnappings, attempted murders and murders that are directly related to the activities of the DTO's. They engage in terroristic strategies to expand their criminal operations throughout Texas and the U.S. by working closely with transnational and Texas-based gangs. Criminal street gangs traffic narcotics, smuggle illegal immigrants and transport weapons as well as the proceeds from sales of drugs. The problem is exacerbated because DTO crimes are planned and executed in a more sophisticated, tactical and elaborate manner in the recent years. Even though the Mexican drug war is not within our jurisdiction, our region must deal with the spillover and aftermath. Three local street and prison gangs most involved within our jurisdiction are: the Texas Mexican Mafia, the Texas Syndicate, and the Hermanos Pistoleros Latinos (HPL). According to the last Texas Gang Threat Assessment published in 2018, members of the Texas Mexican Mafia are arrested for more violent crimes than any other gangs (Texas Department of Public Safety, 2018). Across the border in Nuevo Laredo, an area controlled by Cartel De Noreste (CDN), which splintered from Los Zetas, has been warring with its remnants since 2014 in Tamaulipas. As a consequence, CDN's efforts in continually expanding their control of all criminal activities and fending off their rival competition, has resulted in a level of violence that spills into our Laredo community. In addition to cartel activity, local gangs on both sides of the border provide a "work force" for the cartels. Operating either in our community and/or in Nuevo Laredo are gangs such as the Mexican Mafia, Siete Viejo, Tango Blast, Tango Laredo, HPL, among others. These gangs have traditionally generated revenue through the sales of narcotics coming in from Mexico; however, these groups will contract with drug cartels, like "Los Zetas"(CDN), and their rivals, to carry out abductions, retaliatory murders, and other gang related activity. Mexican cartels have become multi-billion-dollar international crime syndicates that dominate the U.S. drug and human smuggling activities (DPS, Border Security Dashboard, January 7, 2015). The problem is identified and established by all local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and are all committed to fighting against these criminal elements. There is however, a great need for coordination among the agencies and with the prosecutor's office, as well as a need for extensive training in order to best identify practices to disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises in the U.S. The Smuggling of Persons cases are often committed by local criminal organizations from both side of the border, including Mexican cartels. Continued.. (please see attachment under upload files tab).

Existing Capability Levels :

Describe the existing capability levels, including resources that are currently in place to support this project prior to the use of grant funds.

The BPU's existing capability levels are only made possible through funding granted by the Homeland Security Grants Division of the Texas Governor's Office. Consequently, the BPU is fully staffed with 100% grant funded full time employees; three prosecutors, one investigator, and one paralegal. All of the BPU staff is housed at the Webb-Zapata County District Attorney's Office except for the Regional Counsel, who is stationed at the local DPS office for streamlined assistance to DPS personnel. This Border Prosecution Project enhances and builds upon the current capabilities of the 49th Judicial District Attorney's Office, which serves Webb and Zapata Counties. The 49th Judicial District Attorney's Office also consists of 28 Prosecutors, 23 Criminal Investigators, and 32 support staff who work alongside the BP Unit. The DA's office has the current capability of case management software, which the BPU uses to improve the quality of case management workflow for prosecution. The BPU prosecutors are assigned individual laptops to work from home as needed and to use for presentations. BPU recently received external DVD drives and an external hard drive to assist with reviewing and obtaining evidence from law enforcement. The Regional Counsel also has an issued cell phone for 24-hour contact availability. In addition, the other two BPU prosecutors have agreed to be available days and evenings as well.

Capability Gaps:

Describe the capability gaps which will be addressed by the project. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or statewide State Preparedness Report (SPR).

One of the issues that the BPU has recognized is how some federal agents along the local border area are limited by constantly-changing local policies and federal law regarding the prosecution of smuggling of persons cases. Such limitations can range from the number of undocumented immigrants detained after a smuggler is arrested to the age of the smuggler or of the immigrants. The BPU may be able to assist in this type of cases since the same federal policy and legal limitations do not necessarily apply to our office or the State. Another capability gap that is addressed by the BPU is the ability to collaborate closely with local law enforcement in the investigation and

prosecution of criminals. Since the State and local agencies are not limited by the same restrictions to information sharing as the federal government and federal agencies, the BPU, State, and local enforcement are able to work more efficiently with each other, without delay due to strict policies. In addition, the BPU is even able to assist federal prosecutors with information on common defendants for federal prosecution purposes.

Impact Statement :

Describe the project goals/objectives and how this project will maintain capabilities or reduce capability gaps. The goal of the Border Prosecution Unit is to accurately identify and proactively address emerging threats enhancing long-term investigations of criminal organizations that threaten the security of the communities along the U.S.-Mexico border. Border prosecutors in the region continue to be involved in serving and assisting law enforcement in significant border and transnational crimes. Prosecutors will facilitate the flow of information between agencies at the local, state, and, when possible, federal levels and will be available 24 hours a day to assist law enforcement officers in the investigation and development of cases. Moreover, the BPU will continue its role in managing and supervising investigations and prosecutions of border related crime. BPU will also continue to provide "in house" service to the Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigations Division, DPS State Troopers, assist local law enforcement agencies, and increase participation with our federal counterparts. The BPU has and will develop trainings to provide opportunities for all law enforcement agencies to further understand what is required by the state judicial system versus the federal judicial system. Lastly, the border prosecutors will also act as a liaison in coordinating law enforcement inquiries and requests for assistance in investigations and prosecutions across all jurisdictions regardless of geographical boundaries.

Homeland Security Priority Actions:

Identify the Texas Homeland Security Priority Action most closely aligned with this project. Each Priority Action is linked with an *Objective from the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan (HSSP)*. List the Priority Action by number and text (e.g. *1.2.3 Expand and enhance the network of human sources that can provide detailed and relevant information on known or suspected terrorist and criminal enterprises.*)

1.3.1 In conjunction with federal agencies, conduct unified state and local law enforcement operations to deny the use of the Texas border region to terrorists and criminal organizations, particularly between the ports of entry.

Target Group :

Identify the target group and population expected to benefit from this project.

The spillover effect of border violence has affected the U.S. as a whole. Crimes carried out by drug trafficking organizations have occurred far beyond the border region, stretching into America's heartland. While the proposed project benefits the nation as a whole, the south Texas region in which the counties of Webb and Zapata are located will benefit directly. Those expected to benefit from this project include over 292,000 residents of the 49th Judicial District that reside in Webb and Zapata Counties. These residents will benefit directly, as the border crimes that occur within the jurisdiction will be thoroughly investigated and prosecuted, making for a safer community. BPU funds, however, will undoubtedly serve the entire nation, which continues to be affected by border crime.

Long-Term Approach:

Describe how the applicant agency will maintain the capabilities supported by this project without additional federal or state funds. If sustainment is dependent upon federal or state grants, describe the ongoing need for future grants, as applicable.

The BPU would not exist without the funds from the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division. Therefore, these funds are essential in maintaining the work done to continue to meet the goals of the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan. As long as crime specific to the border with Mexico continues to grow or exist at its current degree, these funds will be necessary for the BPU to continue.

Project Activities Information

Introduction

This section contains questions about your project. It is very important for applicants to review their funding announcement for guidance on how to fill out this section. Unless otherwise specified, answers should be about the EXPECTED activities to occur during the project period.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Prosecution	100.00	Prosecution of Border Crime cases in Webb and Zapata Counties by two grant funded prosecutors, one investigator and a legal assistant, as well as inter-agency cooperation as facilitated by a grant funded region 2 Counsel

Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of border crime cases filed.	185
Number of border crime cases referred by federal agencies for state prosecution.	11
Number of border crime cases referred for federal prosecution.	11
Number of cases outside the jurisdiction in which prosecution assistance was provided.	31
Number of contact hours of training conducted.	615
Number of direct technical assistance consultations provided.	1640
Number of hours of technical assistance provided.	1230
Number of hours of technical assistance received.	205
Number of hours of training attended by individuals from your organization.	492
Number of individuals attending training you conducted.	513
Number of individuals from your organization attending training sessions.	11
Number of investigations on which Regional Counsels assisted.	205
Number of investigators hired.	1
Number of legal assistants hired.	1
Number of prosecutors hired.	3
Number of training sessions attended by individuals from your organization.	12
Number of training sessions conducted.	16

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of border crime cases dismissed.	20
Number of border crime cases prosecuted.	205
Number of border crime cases resulting in convictions or community supervision (includes probation and deferred adjudication).	103
Number of court orders resulting from requests drafted or reviewed by Regional Counsels.	246

Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a [resolution](#) that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update the PSO should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the approved resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** tab and following the instructions on *Uploading eGrants Files*.

Contract Compliance

Will PSO grant funds be used to support any contracts for professional services?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

Lobbying

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No
 N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No
 N/A

Fiscal Year

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

10/1/2020

Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

9/30/2021

Sources of Financial Support

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of Federal Grant Funds expended:

19912068

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of State Grant Funds expended:

1720695

Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a PSO grant. However, PSO may require a limited scope audit as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:
9/30/2019

Debarment

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Select the appropriate response:

- I Certify
- Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

Fiscal Capability Information

Section 1: Organizational Information

*** FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS ONLY ***

Enter the following values in order to submit the application
 Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded: 0
 Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status: 01/01/1900
 Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS: 0
 Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State: 0

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded:
 Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status:
 Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS:
 Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State:

Section 2: Accounting System

The grantee organization must incorporate an accounting system that will track direct and indirect costs for the organization (general ledger) as well as direct and indirect costs by project (project ledger). The grantee must establish a time and effort system to track personnel costs by project. This should be reported on an hourly basis, or in increments of an hour.

Is there a list of your organization's accounts identified by a specific number (i.e., a general ledger of accounts)?

- Select the appropriate response:
- Yes
 - No

Does the accounting system include a project ledger to record expenditures for each Program by required budget cost categories?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there a timekeeping system that allows for grant personnel to identify activity and requires signatures by the employee and his or her supervisor?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you answered 'No' to any question above in the Accounting System section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 3: Financial Capability

Grant agencies should prepare annual financial statements. At a minimum, current internal balance sheet and income statements are required. A balance sheet is a statement of financial position for a grant agency disclosing assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at a given point in time. An income statement is a summary of revenue and expenses for a grant agency during a fiscal year.

Has the grant agency undergone an independent audit?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Does the organization prepare financial statements at least annually?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

According to the organization's most recent Audit or Balance Sheet, are the current total assets greater than the liabilities?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Financial Capability section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 4: Budgetary Controls

Grant agencies should establish a system to track expenditures against budget and / or funded amounts.

Are there budgetary controls in effect (e.g., comparison of budget with actual expenditures on a monthly basis) to include drawing down grant funds in excess of:

a) Total funds authorized on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

b) Total funds available for any budget category as stipulated on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Budgetary Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 5: Internal Controls

Grant agencies must safeguard cash receipts, disbursements, and ensure a segregation of duties exist. For example, one person should not have authorization to sign checks and make deposits.

Are accounting entries supported by appropriate documentation (e.g., purchase orders, vouchers, receipts, invoices)?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there separation of responsibility in the receipt, payment, and recording of costs?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Internal Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Budget Details Information

Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Paralegal	Legal Assistant. [RM] Annual Salary \$46,119 and Fringe Benefits (SS/FICA, Retirement, Health Insurance, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Ins) of \$18,682 for a total of \$64,801. OOG amount is \$129,602 for two years.. Perform legal secretarial duties requiring judgment and good technical skills for three Assistant District Attorneys in the Border	\$129,602.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$129,602.00	100

		Prosecution Unit. Complete general clerical duties including but not limited to photocopy, fax, mail and scan; answer telephone, screen and transfer phone calls; provide court dates and/or coordinated information and/or court appearances; prepare and process legal documents.						
Personnel	Prosecutor	Assistant District Attorney. [FM] Annual Salary \$99,395 and Fringe Benefits (SS/FICA, Retirement, Health Insurance, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Ins) of \$29,688 for a total of \$129,083. OOG amount is \$258,166 for two years.. Border Prosecutor Position for a licensed attorney/prosecutor to work in the border counties of Webb/Zapata Counties in order to prosecute eligible cases.	\$258,166.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$258,166.00	100
Personnel	Prosecutor	Assistant District Attorney. [EC] Annual Salary \$99,395 and Fringe Benefits (SS/FICA, Retirement, Health	\$258,166.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$258,166.00	100

		<p>Insurance, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Ins) of \$29,688 for a total of \$129,083. OOG amount is \$258,166 for two years.. Border Prosecutor Position for a licensed attorney/prosecutor to work in the border counties of Webb/Zapata Counties in order to prosecute eligible cases.</p>						
Personnel	Prosecutor	<p>Regional Border Prosecutor. [KK] Annual Salary \$101,970 and Fringe Benefits (SS/FICA, Retirement, Health Insurance, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Ins) of \$30,220 for a total of \$132,190. OOG amount is \$264,380 for two years. This position works collaboratively to establish a close working relationship with DPS and other law enforcement organizations throughout Region 2. This includes all levels of administration, investigative sections. patrol officers. This</p>	\$264,380.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$264,380.00	100

		counsel will ensure that every law enforcement officer knows that he or she can contact and will feel comfortable in, contacting counsel as needed whether during an operation or for general advice.						
Personnel	Prosecutor	Prosecutor Salary for new Laredo TAG.	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	100
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - All Others	Criminal Investigator. [EB] Annual Salary \$49,440 and Fringe Benefits (SS/FICA, Retirement, Health Insurance, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Ins) of \$19,368 for a total of \$68,808. OOG amount is \$137,616 for two years. Criminal Investigator Position for a licensed certified peace officer to work in the border counties of Webb/Zapata Counties in order to investigate eligible border cases.	\$137,616.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137,616.00	100
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Office Supplies (e.g., paper, postage, calculator)	Copy paper, pens, toners and other miscellaneous office supplies (\$1,035/year x 2 years = \$2,070)	\$2,070.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,070.00	0

Source of Match Information**Detail Source of Match/GPI:**

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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Summary Source of Match/GPI:

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Budget Summary Information**Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:**

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Personnel	\$1,347,930.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,347,930.00
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$2,070.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,070.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$1,350,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,350,000.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
Other Condition of Funding. This BLI hold will be released once the Laredo TAG is operational. Prior to seeking reimbursement, the grantee must submit a	7/2/2021 3:02:29 PM		No	Yes

budget adjustment to reconcile the budget and update the description for for this position.				
Please be advised that OOG has added a Condition of Funding (CoF) that will hold funds on a specific budget line item(s) that must be met. You can review the CoF by going to the Summary tab and Clicking on the View Condition of Funding link. Assuming all other Conditions of Funding noted on the Statement of Grant award have been met, you will be able to request reimbursement for any line item except for the one(s) with the fund hold until that fund hold is cleared.	7/2/2021 3:02:29 PM		No	No

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