

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WEBB, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW) BY THE WEBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT AS THE COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022 JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice has made available and offered grant funds for the proposed funding of supervised visitation and safe exchange of children and youth by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and/or stalking;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice has also made available and offered grant funds for the proposed funding of training for court-based and court-related personnel on the dynamics of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including information on perpetrator behavior, evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide, and on issues relating to the needs of victims, including safety, security, privacy, and confidentiality, including cases in which the victim proceeds pro se;

WHEREAS, the County of Webb finds that the activities eligible under the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Justice for Families Grant Program Solicitation would assist to provided needed enhanced services to the underserved victims of crime involving domestic violence, dating violence, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and/or stalking in Laredo/Webb County;

WHEREAS, the County of Webb is committed towards the betterment of the lives of its residents in Laredo and Webb County, particularly its underserved populations, including Hispanics/Latinos, citizens with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), colonia residents, and rural community residents;

WHEREAS, the County of Webb recognizes its commitment to enhance essential safety and security services to its residents and, in particular, victims of these particular types of aforementioned crimes, the majority of which belong to those groups typically classified as non-traditional constituents, including minorities, youth, rural residents, women, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and persons with physical or mental disabilities;

WHEREAS, the County of Webb seeks to provide enhanced justice services in the form of supervised visitation and safe exchange of children and youth for these special types of crimes against women as well as training for court-based and court-related personnel on the dynamics of these special types of crime; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Webb to avail itself of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Justice for Families Grant Program:


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WEBB, COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That the County of Webb, specifically, the Webb County Sheriff's Office, along with its non-profit partner Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter, the 406th District Court, and other relevant stakeholders, undertake grant-funded enhancements of the current Safe Haven program and provide grant-funded training for court-based and court-related personnel with the following criteria:
 - a) Provide supervised visitation and safe exchange of children and youth by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and/or stalking in order to better serve victims of these types of crimes, including constituents traditionally underserved such as rural, colonia, Hispanic, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) residents;
 - b) Fully align the current Safe Haven Program with the guiding principles articulated by the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) in "Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange";
 - c) Reaffirm Webb County's commitment to the safety of both children and adult victims as the highest priority of the Safe Haven Program;

- d) Partner with local non-profit Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter so that they may work as training personnel and the 406th District Court as facilitator for the conduct of training for court-based and court-related personnel to enhance understanding and services to children and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and/or stalking.
 - e) Assist Casa Misericordia in developing an educational curriculum that would provide training for court-based and court-related personnel to enhance understanding and services to children and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and/or stalking.
 - f) Conduct said training for court-based and court-related personnel to educate these personnel on the dynamics of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including information on perpetrator behavior, evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide, and on issues relating to the needs of victims, including safety, security, privacy, and confidentiality, including cases in which the victim proceeds pro se in Webb County/Laredo.
2. That the requested amount of grant funds not exceed \$550,000.00.
 3. That the Commissioner's Court directs and designates the County Judge as the County's project official, Chief Executive officer, and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this application and the County's participation in the Justice for Families Grant Program.

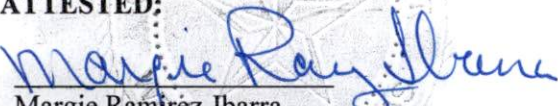
Passed and approved this 14th day of February, 2022.

COUNTY OF WEBB

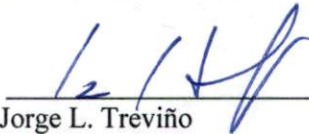

 Tano E. Tijerina
 Webb County Judge


 Martin Cuellar
 Webb County Sheriff

ATTESTED:



 Margie Ramirez-Ibarra
 County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


 Jorge L. Treviño
 Assistant General Counsel
 Civil Legal Division

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Passed and approved by the Webb County Commissioners Court
On February 14, 2022; item 9.b.

FILED 02/14 20 22
 MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA
 COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS
 BY  DEPUTY
 @ 2:45 P.M