

Applying for CJD – Recovery Act – Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Formula  
Grant Program Solicitation

Project Title: Local Border Security Program    Grant #: 2332101

State Date: 4/20/2010

End Date: 03/31/2011

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office will apply for on behalf of Hidalgo County, and will include the Hidalgo Constable Precinct 2 & 3.

The application (on-line application) process has been completed in the CJD Grant Management System, , Judge Rene Ramirez can certify the application (2332010) by logging into the CJD website.

Date line for this grant was January 22, 2010 however an extension was obtained from CJD Grant Coordinator Specialist Judy Switzer.

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The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting applications for law enforcement projects that reduce crime and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system.

**Purpose:** This solicitation supports the Recovery Act through initiatives that promote public safety in eligible cities and counties.

**Available Funding:** Federal funds are authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5). Funds will be managed in accordance with federal guidelines for the JAG program. Up to \$16 million will be available under this solicitation to support border security.

This solicitation is being issued in accordance with federal guidance as of December 1, 2009. Applicants are advised that additional federal guidance could become available and could affect information requested, timelines, reporting requirements, certifications, and other matters related to this Request for Grant Application (RFA).

### Funding Levels:

Minimum amount is \$10,000.

Maximum amount - Units of local government are limited to no more than the total amount of local funds expended on criminal justice services in the entity's previous fiscal year. Criminal justice services are defined as the total amount the unit of government spent on law enforcement, corrections and judicial services.

The JAG Recovery Act program does not require a grantee to provide matching funds.

**Standards:** Grantees must comply with the accountability and transparency requirements of the Recovery Act, the standards applicable to grant funding cited in the *Texas Administrative Code* (1 TAC Chapter 3), 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) proselytizing or sectarian worship;
- (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, explosives or military vehicles;
- (6) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- (7) promotional gifts;
- (8) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments unless the expense is for a working event where full participation by participants mandates the provision of food and beverages and the event is not related to amusement and/or social activities in any way;
- (9) membership dues for individuals;
- (10) any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project or that is provided by other federal, state or local funds (i.e., supplanting);
- (11) fundraising;

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- (12) construction;
- (13) medical services;
- (14) transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training;
- (15) real estate;
- (16) vessels (excluding police boats);
- (17) aircraft (excluding police helicopters);
- (18) luxury items;
- (19) casinos or gambling establishments;
- (20) aquariums;
- (21) zoos;
- (22) golf courses; and
- (23) swimming pools.

Eligible Applicants:

Aransas County;  
Atascosa County;  
Bee County;  
Brewster County;  
Brooks County;  
Calhoun County;  
Cameron County;  
Culberson County;  
DeWitt County;  
Dimmitt County;  
Duval County;  
El Paso County;  
Frio County;  
Goliad County;  
Gonzales County;  
Guadalupe County;  
Hidalgo County;  
Hudspeth County;  
Jackson County;  
Jeff Davis County;  
Jim Hogg County;  
Jim Wells County;  
Karnes County;  
Kenedy County;  
Kinney County;  
Kleberg County;  
Lavaca County;  
La Salle County;  
Live Oak County;  
Maverick County;  
McMullen County;  
Nueces County;  
Pecos County;  
Presidio County;  
Refugio County;  
San Patricio County;  
Starr County;  
Terrell County;

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Val Verde County;  
Victoria County;  
Webb County;  
Willacy County;  
Wilson County;  
Zapata County;  
Zavala County;  
City of Anthony;  
City of Brownsville;  
City of Corpus Christi;  
City of Del Rio;  
City of Edinburg;  
City of El Paso;  
City of Harlingen;  
City of Kingsville;  
City of La Joya;  
City of Laredo;  
City of McAllen;  
City of Mission;  
City of Orange Grove;  
City of Palmview;  
City of Pharr;  
City of Raymondville;  
City of Rio Grande City;  
City of Seguin;  
City of Sullivan City; and  
City of Victoria.

Eligibility Requirements:

- (1) Eligible applicants are limited to one application; and
- (2) Municipal and County Units of government must provide law enforcement services; and
- (3) Municipal and County Units of government must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and have been current in reporting UCR data for the three preceding years; and
- (4) Municipal and County Units of government that were eligible for grant funds under the Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Formula Grant Program: Local Solicitation must have submitted an application for those funds; and
- (5) Municipal and County Units of government must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number assigned to its agency (<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>); and
- (6) Municipal and County Units of government must be registered in the federal Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database (<http://www.ccr.gov> or <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>).

Eligible Activities:

- (1) Interoperability for Communications and Data Exchange Systems;
- (2) Records Management Systems;
- (3) Training;
- (4) Disruption of Gangs;
- (5) Disruption of Trafficking in Illegal Drugs, Contraband, and Human Beings;
- (6) Law Enforcement Equipment;

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- (7) Temporary Positions;
- (8) Operational Costs; and
- (9) Overtime.

Project Period: Grant-funded projects must begin on or after June 1, 2010, and expire on or before May 31, 2011.

Application Process: Applicants can access CJD's eGrants website at <https://cjdonline.governor.state.tx.us> to register and apply for funding.

Preferences: Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate cost effective programs focused on a comprehensive and effective approach to reducing crime while providing a strong plan for sustaining any positions proposed for funding.

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: All applications must be certified via CJD's eGrants website on or before January 22, 2010.

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

Contact Person: If additional information is needed, contact Judy Switzer at [jswitzer@governor.state.tx.us](mailto:jswitzer@governor.state.tx.us) or (512) 463-1919.