

Office of the Governor  
Request for Grant Applications (RFA) for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant  
(JAG) program – Border Star continuation projects.

The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting continuation applications from counties along the Texas-Mexico border who have a current grant project end date of September 30, 2010.

Purpose: The purpose of this solicitation is to reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system along the Texas-Mexico border.

Available Funding: Funds are authorized under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)). JAG funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the United States Department of Justice.

**Funding Levels:**

Minimum amount is \$10,000.

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

Standards: Grantees must comply with the standards applicable to this funding source 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) Supplanting or use of grant funds to replace any other existing federal, state or local funds;
- (2) Proselytizing or sectarian worship;
- (3) Lobbying;
- (4) Any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official;
- (5) Vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
- (6) Weapons, ammunition, explosives or military vehicles;
- (7) Admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- (8) Promotional gifts;
- (9) 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;
- (10) Membership dues for individuals;
- (11) Fundraising;
- (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; and
- (15) Legal services for adult offenders.

**Eligible Applicants:**

- (1) Counties along the Texas-Mexico border who are current recipients.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- (1) Eligible applicants are limited to one application;
- (2) Projects must focus on reducing crime and improving the criminal justice system along the Texas-Mexico border;
- (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 for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and must have been current for the three previous years;

(4) Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>; and  
(5) Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov).

**Project Period:** Projects selected for funding must begin services on or after October 1, 2010 and expire on or before September 30, 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 services that compliment the criminal justice system.

**Closing Date for Receipt of Applications:** All applications must be submitted via CJD's eGrants website on or before September 3, 2010.

**Selection Process:**

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

**Contact person:** If additional information is needed, contact the eGrants help desk at [egrants@governor.state.tx.us](mailto:egrants@governor.state.tx.us) or (512) 463-1919.