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Agency Name: Hidalgo County
Grant/App: 2517501 **Start Date:** 10/1/2011 **End Date:** 9/30/2012

Project Title: Hidalgo County Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
Status: Pending Applicant Response

Narrative Information

Primary Mission and Purpose

The purpose of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program for State Prisoners is to develop and implement substance abuse treatment projects within state and local correctional facilities, including jails.

Funding Levels

The anticipated funding levels for the RSAT program are as follows:

- Minimum Award - None
- Maximum Award - None
- The RSAT program requires a grantee match of at least 25% which is calculated on the total project costs, not on the amount requested from CJD. The match requirement may be met through cash contributions only

For more information regarding grantee match, please click on the **Budget** tab, and then click on the **Source of Match** tab in eGrants.

Note: *If you voluntarily include matching funds that exceed the minimum match requirement, you will be held to that amount throughout the grant period.*

Program Requirements

Preferences – Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate cost effective programs focused on a comprehensive and effective approach to services.

Aftercare - Applicants are required to provide aftercare services. Aftercare programs coordinate service provisions between the correctional treatment program and other human service and rehabilitation programs such as education and job training, parole supervision, halfway houses, and self-help or peer group projects that may aid in rehabilitation.

Note: *Although aftercare is required to receive funding, aftercare services are not reimbursable with RSAT grant funds.*

Briefly describe the aftercare program, including the length of time services will be provided.

Individuals who successfully complete the S.A.T.F. are required to attend and participate fully in our aftercare program. Aftercare program consist of reporting to an Aftercare Officer three (3) times a month; twice in the office and one in the field. In addition, they are required to attend a two (2) hour session once a week and one (1) individual meeting with an Aftercare Counselor once a month. Length of term may vary from six (6) months to a one (1) year depending in their individual progress.

Priority Participants – Give priority to offenders who have six to twelve months remaining in their term of confinement so that they may be released from jail or prison instead of returning to the general jail or prison population after completing the treatment program.

Funding Use – RSAT funds may be used for treatment services only.

Room and Board – Provide housing, meals, snacks, clothing, transportation, dental care, and routine medical treatment for offenders in the program. *Though required, these services are not reimbursable with RSAT grant funds.*

Treatment of Parolees – If serving parolees, no more than ten percent of the award amount can be expended for treatment of parolees. Services to parolees are limited to a time period not to exceed more than one year after release from a state correctional facility.

Research – Projects must deliver services using modalities that are science-based and proven effective.

Focus – Focus on the substance abuse problems of the inmate using cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to resolve the substance abuse and related problems.

Treatment Plan – Develop an individualized treatment plan for each offender when the offender enters the residential treatment program. Corrections treatment projects and state or local substance abuse treatment projects must work together to place participants in appropriate aftercare programs when the individuals complete the residential phase of the program.

Drug Testing – Perform urinalysis or other proven reliable method of drug and alcohol testing for program participants and former participants while they remain in the custody of the state or local government.

Describe the **drug testing policy for offenders** in your facility, including the method used for testing and the frequency of testing for participants.

Enter the drug testing policy for offenders:

The Facility is to remain drug free. The Facility (building and grounds) and Facility vehicles will be inspected for contraband at staff's discretion. This may include inspection of wardrobes, lockers and personal possessions. Residents will submit to random drug testing and will be searched each time they return to the Facility from any off-premise activity. Residents will also comply with any canine drug inspection program the Facility may institute. Alcohol, tobacco, drugs or related paraphernalia are not permitted at the Facility. Medication of any kind must be turned in to the staff upon admission or immediately upon entry into the Facility.

Are employees subject to drug testing?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

If you selected **Yes** above, briefly describe the policies related to the testing of employees.

Enter the employee testing policy:

Random (Periodic and unannounced). Random testing, other than to meet current specific job site requirements. In addition, all persons involved in accident involving a county vehicle will have their urine and /or blood tested.

Juvenile Projects – All juvenile projects are required to comply with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (*Public Law 107-273, 42 U.S.C. 5601 et seq., as amended*). Applicants that operate secure juvenile detention or correctional facilities that are not in compliance are **not eligible** for funding unless they have submitted an acceptable plan and timetable for eliminating the non-compliance to CJD.

If the project is operated in State or Local Secure Correctional and Detention facilities the following requirements apply:

Treatment Period – Not less than six months or more than 12 months.

Separation – Provide treatment in residential facilities that are set apart from the general correctional population in a completely separate facility or a dedicated housing unit within a facility for the exclusive use by project participants.

If the project is operated in Local Jail facilities the following requirements apply:

Treatment Period – Not less than three months.

Separation – Make every effort to separate the treatment population from the general correctional population.

Civil Rights Liaison

A civil rights liaison who will serve as the grantee's civil rights point of contact and who will be responsible for ensuring that the grantee meets all applicable civil rights requirements must be designated. The designee will act as the grantee's liaison in civil rights matters with CJD and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Irma Limas

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

3100 S. Bus, Hwy. 281 Edinburg, TX 78539

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999]:

(956) 587-6133

Certification

Each applicant agency will certify to the specific criteria detailed above under **Program Requirements** to be eligible for funding under the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program Solicitation.

I certify to all of the above eligibility requirements.

Problem Statement:

Please provide a detailed account in the Problem Statement section of the existing issues your project will target.

Enter your problem statement:

Hidalgo County is a remote area located in the southernmost tip of the state and according to the U.S. Census data; Hidalgo County's population is 726,604. With a high population rate our courts on the average receive 254 new felony cases per month. In which, 38% involve a possession or delivery of controlled substance and 11% are probated for alcohol related offenses. While drug and alcohol use is prevalent across the state due to geographical complexity individuals placed under our local jurisdiction cannot obtain the assistance needed if not for the services provided by the Hidalgo County Substance Abuse Facility. In addition, there has been steady increase in amount of Alcohol and Drug cases in felony courts from 2008 to the present time. The department lost over \$450,000 in funding from Basic Supervision Funding, Community Corrections Funding and the grant for the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility. These cuts have led to the department having to pull resources from its Outpatient Program in order to maintain counselors at the residential program. The current waiting list for outpatient programming at the department is over 400 individuals, an approximate six month wait.

Supporting Data:

Provide as much supporting data, to include baseline statistics and the sources of your data, which are pertinent to where the grant project is located and/or targeted. Do not use statewide data for a local problem or national data for a statewide problem.

Enter your supporting data:

Statistical information in regards to population was obtained by the U.S. Census 2010 (American Community survey). In addition, in the 2010 calendar year there were 1,997 alcohol and 2,210 drug cases that were placed on probation. The data in regards to new cases was obtained from the District and County Clerk's Monthly Report along with the Hidalgo County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. STATE AID DECREASE GRANT FY2010 FY2012 DOLLARS PERCENT SUPERVISION \$3,100,104 \$2,826,493 (\$273,611) -8.83% CCP \$1,254,443 \$1,097,624 (\$156,819) -12.50% SATF \$1,493,914 \$1,473,991 (\$19,923) -1.33%

Community Plan:

For projects that have a local or regional impact target area, provide information regarding the community plan need(s) that your project will address.

Enter your community planning needs:

The Hidalgo County Community Plan identifies drug related crime as a top priority. The plan specifies a goal to improve substance abuse services for prevention and treatment. Furthermore, the plan specifies to obtain funding in order to meet the objective which is to maintain and increase services to meet the continuum of care.

Goal Statement:

Provide a brief description of the overall goals and objectives for this project.

Enter a description for the overall goals and objectives:

The Hidalgo County Substance Abuse Treatment Facility is intended to assist offenders evidencing a need for treatment of substance abuse problems that affect their ability to live a sober and functional lifestyle. The Hidalgo County Substance Abuse Treatment Facility will provide a therapeutic approach to substance abuse. Treatment staff and peer counselors will assist the offenders with substance abuse issues and will provide positive models reflecting the potential to achieve success in overcoming substance abuse problems.

Cooperative Working Agreement (CWA):

When a grantee intends to carry out a grant project through cooperating or participating with one or more outside organizations, the grantee must obtain authorized approval signatures on the cooperative working agreement (CWA) from each participating organization. Grantees must maintain on file a signed copy of all cooperative working agreements, and they must submit to CJD a list of each participating organization and a description of the purpose of each **CWA**. Cooperative working agreements do not involve an exchange of funds.

For this project, provide the name of the participating organization(s) and a brief description of the purpose(s) for the **CWA(s)**. You should only provide information here that this project's successful operation is contingent on for the named service or participation from the outside organization.

Note: A **Sample CWA** is available [here](#) for your convenience.

Enter your cooperating working agreement(s):

Continuation Projects:

For continuation projects only, if your current or previous year's project is NOT on schedule in accomplishing the stated objectives, briefly describe the major obstacles preventing your organization from successfully reaching the project objectives as stated within your previous grant application. (Data may be calculated on a pro-rated basis depending on how long the current or previous year's project has been operating.)

Enter your current grant's progress:

Project Summary:

Briefly summarize the entire application, including the project's problem statement, supporting data, goal, target group, activities, and objectives. Be sure that the summary is easy to understand by a person not familiar with your project and that you are confident and comfortable with the information if it were to be released under a public information request.

Enter your summary statement for this project:

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