

## Request for Applications – Prostitution Prevention Programs

The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting applications for projects that support eligible prostitution prevention programs.

**Purpose:** The Prostitution Prevention Program supports programs as defined in Chapter 169A of the Texas Health and Safety Code, which incorporate the following essential characteristics:

- 1) The integration of services in the processing of cases in the judicial system;
- 2) The use of a non-adversarial approach involving prosecutors and defense attorneys to promote public safety, to reduce the demand for the commercial sex trade and trafficking of persons by educating offenders, and to protect the due process rights of program participants;
- 3) Early identification and prompt placement of eligible participants in the program;
- 4) Access to information, counseling, and services relating to sex addiction, sexually transmitted diseases, mental health, and substance abuse;
- 5) A coordinated strategy to govern program responses to participants' compliance;
- 6) Monitoring and evaluation of program goals and effectiveness;
- 7) Continuing interdisciplinary education to promote effective program planning, implementation, and operations; and
- 8) Development of partnerships with public agencies and community organizations.

**Available Funding:** State funding is authorized for these projects under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Section 102.056 and Texas Government Code, Section 772.006. This provision authorizes the use of state funds to support criminal justice projects and designates CJD as the administering agency. The source of funding is a biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature from funds collected through court costs and fees. All awards are subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Texas Legislature for the 2014-2015 biennium.

**Funding Levels:**

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: \$75,000

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) inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytization;
- 2) lobbying;
- 3) vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
- 4) weapons, ammunition, explosives or military vehicles;
- 5) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- 6) promotional gifts;
- 7) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments;
- 8) membership dues for individuals;
- 9) 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 (e.g., supplanting);

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- 10) fundraising;
- 11) construction, remodeling or renovation;
- 12) medical services; and
- 13) transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training.

### **Eligible Applicants:**

- 1) Counties;
- 2) Cities; and
- 3) Judicial districts

### **\* Eligibility Requirements:**

- 1) Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 169A.002, the commissioners' court of a county or governing body of a municipality may establish a prostitution prevention program for defendants charged with an offense under Section 43.02(a) (1), Penal Code, in which the defendant offered or agreed to engage in or engaged in sexual conduct for a fee.
- 2) Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 169A.0055, counties with populations of more than 200,000 are required to establish a prostitution prevention program if the county receives sufficient federal or state funding specifically for that purpose;
- 3) The program must be registered with CJD as required in the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 169A.004, and must maintain a current registration throughout the grant period;
- 4) Any portion of fees collected from program participants and retained by the grantee is considered generated program income (GPI) and must be applied to the grant through a grant adjustment. GPI must be used to offset project costs and must be expended prior to seeking payment from CJD;
- 5) In order for an applicant to be eligible, the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have a 90% average on both adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2007 through 2011. This requirement must be met by August 1, 2013;
- 6) Applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>);
- 7) Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/> and maintain an active registration throughout the grant period; and

**Project Period:** Grant-funded projects must begin on or after September 1, 2013, and expire on or before August 31, 2014.

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

**Preferences:** Preference will be given to mandated prostitution prevention programs under Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 169A.0005.

**Closing Date for Receipt of Applications:** All applications must be submitted via CJD's eGrants website on or before October 31, 2013.

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**Selection Process:** Applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the Specialty Courts Advisory Council (Council) who will make funding recommendations to CJD. CJD will make all final funding decisions based on eligibility, Council recommendations, 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.

**\* Correction: The reference to *Texas Penal Code* under Eligibility Requirements, item 1) was listed incorrectly as Section 453.02 (a)(1) and has been changed to reference Section 43.02 (a)(1).**