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Organization Type: County
Organization Option: applying to provide services to all others
Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID): 174600071
Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS): 103110834

Narrative Information**Introduction**

The purpose of this funding is to support specialty court programs as defined in Chapter 121 and Chapter 129 of the Texas Government Code.

The funding announcement, located on the [eGrants Calendar](#) page, describes the organization types, activities, and costs that are eligible under the announcement. The PSO's [eGrants User Guide to Creating an Application](#) guides applicants through the process of creating and submitting an application in eGrants. Information and guidance related to the management and use of grant funds can be found in the The PSO's Guide to Grants, located on the [PSO Resource for Applicants and Grantees webpage](#).

Program-Specific Questions**Specialty Courts - Participant Fees**

Does this specialty court collect participant fees pursuant to Sec. 123.004 of the Texas Government Code?

- Yes
 No

If yes, what is the current dollar amount charged to participants?

0

In the last fiscal year, how many participants were charged a fee?

0

Of those participants charged, how many paid the fee?

0

Certifications

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

Constitutional Compliance

Applicant assures that it will not engage in any activity that violates Constitutional law including profiling based upon race.

Information Systems

Applicant assures that any new criminal justice information systems will comply with data sharing standards for the Global Justice XML Data Model and the National Information Exchange Model.

Program Income

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income through a formal grant adjustment and to secure PSO approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after PSO's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless PSO authorizes otherwise. Program income which the grantee did not anticipate at the time of the award shall be used to reduce the PSO award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

Twelve-Step Programs

Grant funds may not be used to support or directly fund programs such as the Twelve Step Program which courts have ruled are inherently religious. OOG grant funds cannot be used to support these programs, conduct meetings, or purchase related materials.

Criminal History Reporting

Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66*. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

Beginning January 1, 2021, counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90 percent of convictions and other dispositions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety. Click [here](#) for additional information from DPS on this new reporting requirement.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year by the deadline (s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted. Note: UCR is transitioning from summary reporting to NIBRS only in 2021. Applicants are encouraged to transition to NIBRS as soon as possible in order to maintain their grant eligibility.

Specialty Court Certifications

If the applicant is a specialty court operated under Ch. 121 of the Texas Government Code, the following certifications apply:

1. The specialty court will develop and maintain written policies and procedures for the operation of the program.
2. The applicant will submit a copy of any project evaluations, evaluation plans, recidivism studies, or related reports that are completed during the grant period to PSO.

Adoption of Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards

Applicants operating an adult drug court certify that they are working towards full compliance with and adoption of Vol. I & II of the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards.

Adoption of Family Drug Court Best Practice Standards

Applicants operating a family drug court certify that they are working towards full compliance with and adoption of the Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards.

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226 (a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to PSO and is active until August 31, 2022 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

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 PSO and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Raul Silguero, Jr. Director, Department of Human Resources

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

2818 S. Business Highway 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999 x9999]:

956-318-2660

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the PSO Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

I certify to all of the application content & requirements.

Project Abstract :

The Hidalgo County Juvenile Justice System has been operating for over 30 years serving the youths of Hidalgo County. In 2007, the Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center facility was built to accommodate the operations of a Juvenile Probation Department, a ninety-six (96) bed secured Pre-adjudication Detention Facility, and a State District Court specializing in processing juvenile cases to create and establish the 449th District Court. In 2017, Judge Renee Rodriguez-Betancourt was elected to the 449th District Court. The 449th District Court is a general jurisdiction court but with a preference for juvenile matters with presiding Judge Rodriguez- Betancourt.

Judge Rodriguez-Betancourt has presided over 80% percent of all juvenile cases and all the juvenile detention hearings in Hidalgo County. In her first year of tenure on the bench, Judge Betancourt began to request that all juveniles who were committed to the Hidalgo County Juvenile Detention facility be drug tested. Judge Betancourt recognized that a large portion of the Hidalgo County Juvenile population being committed to the detention facility had drug dependence issues. A high number of those juveniles who were released from detention with conditions of release violate those conditions by testing positive for illegal substances. This issue prompted Judge Betancourt to place the juvenile back into detention for a longer period or until they are adjudicated, placed back on probation, or sent to a residential facility. It is quite common for juvenile who are appearing before the court to display signs or conduct that is indicative of the use of a controlled substances. Judge Betancourt saw an improvement on the behavior of the adjudicated juveniles once they were placed under the supervision of the court. The juveniles started to improve their behavior in school and consistently reported to probation therefore not obtaining subsequent charges and following home restriction. However, despite the improvement most juveniles continued to test positive for a control substance. The most common reason that juveniles give the court to explain the substance use is that they are self-medicating due to them suffering past or current trauma that creates PTSD, anxiety, depression, and other emotional distress disorders. Judge Betancourt strongly believes and supports the need to provide immediate intervention that address the substance abuse in the cases of the youths and families the court presides over. We must understand and confront their dependence on substance and alcohol abuse to minimize the chances of them reoffending or being detained due to violating their terms of probation. The implementation of a Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Court will reduce substance use and criminal behavior; strengthen family and community ties; and emphasize education for non-violent juvenile offenders and their families by utilizing a strength based approached that creates responsible; drug free members of our community and in turn help improve the Hidalgo County Juvenile Justice System.

Problem Statement :

In the three years that Judge Betancourt has been presiding over the 449th District Court, she has seen many youths experiencing substance abuse. There are many barriers for the juvenile to access drug treatment, our county has a long waiting list for the available drug treatment centers for our region, we have disjointed service delivery, a huge lack of family engagement and support for juveniles to receive necessary drug rehab treatment, lack of input of the treatments available More that 50% of juveniles assessed for substance abuse intervention services by OSAR are classified as having a moderate to severe drug abuse issue were in need of outpatient treatment services or residential out of home placement. Most of the juveniles who are assessed for drug treatment stated that marijuana is the primary drug of choice followed by Benzodiazepines and cocaine. To make the issue worst the state funding through Medicaid or DSHS limits the number of services a youth can obtain and does not conform to the needs of those who could participate in a drug court program. Transportation is a major barrier in Hidalgo County because we have limited public transportation options and only two treatment providers in Hidalgo County who can provide outpatient intensive substances abuse treatment.

Supporting Data :

According to the 2019 "The State of Juvenile Probation Activity in Texas: Statistical and Other Data on the Juvenile Justice System in Texas Report, there were a total of 1,768 juveniles referred to the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation. 214 had violent felony offenses, 342 had misdemeanor A & B offenses, and 166 had violation of probation offenses. According to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, in the last three fiscal years (FY 17, 18, and 19), there has been over four thousand Juvenile referrals made to the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department. All referrals received at the Hidalgo County Juvenile Center consist of alleged delinquent and status offenses. In fiscal year 2018, the number of referrals made by law enforcement agencies was 1,322 with 443, and 1,077 Class A & B Misdemeanors. In fiscal year 2017 was a total of 1,200 referrals that consisted of 463 Felonies and 1008 Class A & B misdemeanors. Since 2016, the Juvenile Probation department noticed a sharp increase in formal referrals, adjudications, and of juveniles being placed in a residential placement program. Considering the Texas Demographic Center reports that Hidalgo has a population of 890,414 (2019) and has a significant population under the age of eighteen, 31.1%. Hidalgo County has NO Juvenile Specialty Courts. In addition, the lack of available community-based substance abuse treatment providers for the juvenile population who provide coordinated judicial services are minimal in Hidalgo County. These barriers and other youths face have resulted in higher recidivism rates and a higher number of juveniles being placed in residential placements. Judge Betancourt noticed the myriad of contextual factors that adversely affect the youth that appear before the 449th District Court since she has been presiding on the bench. She met with the other Judges who preside over juvenile cases in Hidalgo County and there was unanimous consensus that the community and family-based factors were affecting the juveniles. Children and youths in Hidalgo County have a high incidence of witnessing or enduring family violence at home. There is an intergenerational transmission of violence and they live in crime-ridden neighborhoods where substance abuse is an intricate part of the daily family life. Youth also report frequent child abuse or having an incarcerated parent or becoming a teen parent themselves. Judge Rodriguez-Betancourt witnessed the struggles of families she serves and came to understand the problems and barriers they face. She understands how detrimental it is for youths not to obtain the much-needed help to help them overcome the

substance abuse issues. Many parents do not understand substance abuse or the contextual factors that have been identified as contributing to these substance abuse and behavioral problems. Judge Rodriguez-Betancourt has been able to see that there is a contributing factor and conduit between adverse experiences, traumas, substance abuse, truancy, and delinquency. According to the 2017 Census Bureau Report, Hidalgo County has a 31% poverty rate and 28.6% of Hidalgo County families live with food insecurity. There has been an identified link between food insecurity and behavioral problems to include aggressiveness, hyperactivity and decreased concentration and academic abilities according to a study made by 2006 Whitaker, Phillips, and Orzol. These contextual realities are reflected in youth who are involved in the Hidalgo County Juvenile Justice System. The Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department data indicates that 47% of the population has an identified mental health problem as seen in the Positive Achievement Change Tool Pre-Screen and Full Assessment (PACT/RPACT) data. For the group without an identified mental health problem, 29% ranked in the moderate risk level and 12% at the high-risk level. The Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) scores corresponded with these PACT scores in that moderate risk level was associated with an average Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) score of 2.65 while high risk was associated with an average ACE score of 4.37. The juveniles also had identified significant risk factors for reoffending, to include substance abuse and exposure to adverse childhood experiences. All the aforementioned factors are amongst the criteria/risk identified in the literature for the cradle to prison pipeline (Children's Defense Fund, 2007). In addition, for FY 2018, and 2019, 60 youth who had a drug offense had no prior referrals and 53 youth had a prior offense. Most of the youths that were screened tested positive for marijuana as opposed to other drugs and illegal substance. In addition, the most youths that were screened for mental health diagnosis for fiscal years 2017-2019, had an average of one or more Mental Health Diagnosis. The adverse experiences identified include 1,753 confirmed cases of child abuse in Hidalgo County in 2018 and it is noted that the cases often include sibling groups who are not counted as separate individuals (TDFPS-CPS Data Book, 2018), according to the 2016 Children Defense Fund, Hidalgo County is among the top 15 counties for high-risk factors to include risk of family violence, intergenerational transmission of violence, living in crime-ridden neighborhoods, substance abuse, child abuse, having an incarcerated parent and teen pregnancy. This is reflected in the drop-out rates documented by Kids Count Data Center identifying in Hidalgo County that drop-out rates for Hispanic students are 33% and 21% for Caucasian students (2014). All these factors and data combined indicate that a Specialty Court is very much needed to adequately address the substance abuse issues, eliminate the barriers youths face to obtain drug treatment, provide prevention education to parents on drug substance abuse and build a community coordinated effort to address drug use among the youths of Hidalgo County.

Project Approach & Activities:

The Hidalgo County Juvenile Specialty Drug Court will be created to diagnose substance abuse disorders and co-occurring issues of either pre and or post adjudicated youth. The program will consist of a 4-tier treatment program for an average of 8-10 month, screen all program participants for substance use using PACT screening assessments. The program will work with parents and guardians throughout the court process to encourage active participation in regular court hearings, supervision, and discipline of their children in the home and community, and treatment programs. The specialty court team will meet weekly to review progress from participants and consider incentives and sanctions based on reports of each participant's progress across all aspects of the treatment plan. Needs assessments should include information for each participant on use of alcohol or other drugs, criminogenic needs, mental health needs, history of abuse or other traumatic experiences, social services needs and assessments, parental drug use, parental mental health needs, and parenting skills. Case management and treatment plans should be individualized and culturally appropriate and based on the need's assessment of the youth's and the family. The Specialty Court team will conduct comprehensive individualized needs assessments to develop care coordination and a case management plan for each youth served. Providers will administer treatment modalities that have been shown to improve outcomes for youth with substance use issues. To include assertive continuing care, behavioral therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, family therapy, and motivational enhancement therapy. The use of these evidence base treatment services will help to address the risks and needs of the child. The Juvenile Specialty Drug Court team will monitor and track program completion and terminations.

Capacity & Capabilities:

The Texas Office of Court Administration approved the recognition of the Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Court's compliance with Texas on December 4, 2020 under Government Code Section 121.002 (c) (1), and pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 121.002 (c) (2), the Texas Office of Court Administration hereby verifies the Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Court meets the required criteria to operate as a Specialty Court as defined by Texas Government Code Section 121.001. The court's assigned identification number is 310. The Texas Office of Court Administration, pursuant to Section 121.002 (f) as required by Section 121.002 (d) (1), will monitor the Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Court's compliance with recognized programmatic best practices adopted by the Texas Judicial Council and notify the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office if the Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Court fails to comply with applicable practices.

Performance Management :

The overall goal of this project is to establish a Juvenile Drug Specialty Court to provide substance abuse treatment and social services to juveniles in Hidalgo County. The specialty court team will provide intervention services, counseling, social services referrals, individual needs assessment and case management services to 20 juvenile offenders that are experiencing substance abuse. The program success will be measured by providing every family that we serve with a Service Evaluation. The service evaluation will be in Spanish and English and will measure how effective our services were rendered to the juvenile. This will ensure that the information being provided is effective and addressing the needs of the juvenile. In addition, we will use VS Tracking data system to have accurate data collection and track the number of victim services being provided. This will allow us to determine what type of service is being requested most frequently and we can make sure that the program addresses those needs. The grant will be administered by the Juvenile Probation Department and all required reports and justification for the grant are provided on a yearly basis. In addition, the Juvenile Probation Department will oversee that the grant monies are adequately expended and work closely with the County Auditor's Office to ensure the proper use of grant funds and to budget accordingly.

Target Group :

The Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Court has the following eligibility criteria: each youth must be between the ages of 13-17, legally competent, have substance use disorder, with a moderate to high risk for reoffending, and have an adult who will commit to offering the youth a supportive relationship assisting in their abstinence trauma and rehabilitation, and who will commit to participate in the Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Court.

Evidence-Based Practices:

The Juvenile Drug Specialty Court will follow guidance from the Blueprint Courts by the Children at Risk organization who has identified various Specialty Courts that have proven evidence of being successful. We will follow the specialty court model that are currently being used in El Paso and Bexar Counties in the State of Texas. The Bexar County court program has been evaluated and proven to be effective as researchers followed the initial graduates, and none have re-offended according to Makany-Rivera, 2010. This evidenced-based program has been chosen as a model by Judge Betancourt to develop the Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Specialty Court program. As per and expert of 2008 Chesney- Lind & Irwin, the importance of having gender responsive services has been recognized by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act since 1992 and included the recognition that youth and their families needed assistance lining with multiple resources and coordinating services. These findings and Judge Rodriguez- Betancourt's Juvenile Drug Specialty Court followed the current literature on issues most affecting the youth of Hidalgo County. The finding factors include continuous exposure to higher levels of child abuse, violence and neglect and having peers who are involved in delinquent behaviors places youth at higher risk levels for abuse and offending.

Project Activities Information

Introduction

This section contains questions about your project. It is very important for applicants to review their funding announcement for guidance on how to fill out this section. Unless otherwise specified, answers should be about the EXPECTED activities to occur during the project period.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Specialty Court - Juvenile	100.00	Provide continuing judicial supervision over juvenile offenders with substance abuse problems and integrate administration of substance abuse treatment and other services for such offenders.

CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of carry-over individuals participating.	
Number of individuals NEWLY participating.	20

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of individuals who will successfully complete the program.	20

Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a [resolution](#) that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update the PSO should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the approved resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** sub-tab located in the **Summary** tab.

Contract Compliance

Will PSO grant funds be used to support any contracts for professional services?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

After grant award notice is secured, a contract agreement will be executed between the court and the contractor. The contract agreement will detail the provisions and requirements imposed on them by state laws, regulations, and the provisions of the grant agreement. The contract will also outline the activities that are to be executed by the contractor, payment arrangements, reporting requirements, and performance outcomes and goals. Contractor will submit monthly reports summarizing services provided each month with attached support documentation. Monthly reports will be reviewed for accuracy by court staff prior to issuing payment.

Lobbying

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No
 N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No
 N/A

Fiscal Year

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

9/1/2020

Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

8/30/2021

Sources of Financial Support

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of Federal Grant Funds expended:

0

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of State Grant Funds expended:

0

Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a PSO grant. However, PSO may require a limited scope audit as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

12/13/2018

Debarment

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Select the appropriate response:

I Certify

Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

Fiscal Capability Information

Section 1: Organizational Information

*** FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS ONLY ***

Enter the following values in order to submit the application

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded: 0

Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status: 01/01/1900

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS: 0

Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State: 0

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded:

Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status:

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS:

Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State:

Section 2: Accounting System

The grantee organization must incorporate an accounting system that will track direct and indirect costs for the organization (general ledger) as well as direct and indirect costs by project (project ledger). The grantee must establish a time and effort system to track personnel costs by project. This should be reported on an hourly basis, or in increments of an hour.

Is there a list of your organization's accounts identified by a specific number (i.e., a general ledger of accounts)?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

Does the accounting system include a project ledger to record expenditures for each Program by required budget cost categories?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

Is there a timekeeping system that allows for grant personnel to identify activity and requires signatures by the employee and his or her supervisor?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

If you answered 'No' to any question above in the Accounting System section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 3: Financial Capability

Grant agencies should prepare annual financial statements. At a minimum, current internal balance sheet and income statements are required. A balance sheet is a statement of financial position for a grant agency disclosing assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at a given point in time. An income statement is a summary of revenue and expenses for a grant agency during a fiscal year.

Has the grant agency undergone an independent audit?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

Does the organization prepare financial statements at least annually?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

According to the organization's most recent Audit or Balance Sheet, are the current total assets greater than the liabilities?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Financial Capability section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 4: Budgetary Controls

Grant agencies should establish a system to track expenditures against budget and / or funded amounts. Are there budgetary controls in effect (e.g., comparison of budget with actual expenditures on a monthly basis) to include drawing down grant funds in excess of:

a) Total funds authorized on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
 No

b) Total funds available for any budget category as stipulated on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Budgetary Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 5: Internal Controls

Grant agencies must safeguard cash receipts, disbursements, and ensure a segregation of duties exist. For example, one person should not have authorization to sign checks and make deposits. Are accounting entries supported by appropriate documentation (e.g., purchase orders, vouchers, receipts, invoices)?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there separation of responsibility in the receipt, payment, and recording of costs?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Internal Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Budget Details Information

Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Counselor and/or Therapist (licensed)	Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor -A licensed chemical dependency counselor is licensed to provide chemical dependency counseling services involving the application of principles, methods and procedures of the chemical dependency profession as defined by the profession's ethical standards and the knowledge, skills and abilities as defined by rule in 25 TAC Ch. 441	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	100

Personnel	Case Manager	Case Manager: The Case manager, preferably a Social Worker will provide service coordination for all youth and families referred to the court, will also serve as liaison between community and drug court. Salary \$40,552+\$7,848 (Health Insurance) +\$43.56 (Life Insurance) + \$3,102.23 (FICA) +\$5,162.27 (Retirement) +\$243.31 (Unemployment) + \$141.93 (Worker's Compensation) = \$57,093.30 total Salary @ 62.17%= \$35,500 OOG portion. VACANT	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	100
Contractual and Professional Services	Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Contract for substance abuse treatment services which will address the substance abuse issues and provide. Parenting education in coordination with other services as required by the assessment and individualized. treatment plan. Services will include screening and assessment, treatment planning, individual, group,. family sessions and parenting classes. Contractor will provide a minimum of one clinician to participate in. team staffing and court reviews. .	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0
			\$3,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,375.00	0

<p>Contractual and Professional Services</p>	<p>Drug Analysis or Employee Drug Testing Services</p>	<p>Laboratory confirmation services for all positive quick test drug cups. The program will follow procurement policies implemented by Hidalgo County to contract this service. The lab that will be used will be a vendor offering a lengthy array of lab services available to the program. . Vendor: ICS Jail Supplies Inc. 800.524.5427. Cost: Drug Test 12 Panel Cup 25 cups for \$135.00 = \$3,375. . The test detects:. Marihuana, Buprenorphine, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Methadone, Amphetamine, Opiate, Oxycodone, Ecstasy, Cocaine, Phencyclidine, Methamphetamine .</p>						
<p>Travel and Training</p>	<p>In-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel</p>	<p>Texas Association of Specialty Court Annual Conference. Relevance: The TASC Annual Conference provides sessions/workshops that present best practices in service delivery; collaboration and justice programming that enhance outcomes for participants in treatment courts, including juvenile</p>	<p>\$4,222.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$4,222.00</p>	<p>0</p>

		<p>drug treatment courts; presents research findings, feature data analysis and highlighted evidence-based practices to incorporate in proposed program. Date: April 12-14, 2021, Location: Corpus Christi, Texas. Cost Breakdown: Training for 4 people= \$4,222. This includes: \$1,200 Registration (\$300 x 4=\$1200) + \$1,000 Travel (\$250 x 4 = \$1,000) + \$ 1,056 Meals & Incidentals (\$66 per day x 4 days= \$264 x 4 = \$1056) + \$966 Lodging (\$161x 2 rooms= \$322 x 3 night= \$966).</p>						
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	<p>National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Annual Conference. Relevance: Conference features amazing presentations on current and cutting edge topics that will inspire, provoke, and precipitate discussions about issues facing the juvenile and family court system. Plenary sessions highlighted by topic-specific training tracks on family law, juvenile justice, child welfare, and</p>	\$6,504.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,504.00	0

		<p>family violence; as well as tracks featuring practical and innovative solutions. This conference is judicially-focused and open to all those interested in the improvement of juvenile and family justice. Date: July 18-July 21st, 2021 Location: Reno, Nevada for 4 people= \$6,504. Includes: \$3,160 Registration (\$790 x4= \$3,160) +\$1,200 Travel (\$300 x 4= \$1,200) + \$1,320 M&I (\$66 X 5 days= \$330 x 4=\$1,320) + \$824 Lodging (\$103x 2 rooms= \$206 x 4 nights=\$824)</p>						
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Network and Server Software and/or Licenses (\$5,000 or less per unit)	Annual subscription to software for managing substance abuse treatment and social services information and records. Estimated cost per year \$5,577.00.	\$5,577.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,577.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Presentation and/or Training Supplies	<p>Presentation and/or training supplies associated with the Hidalgo County Juvenile Conference. Relevance: Training provides specialized sessions and workshops for juveniles, parents, and professionals involved with specialized treatment courts, including juvenile drug treatment</p>	\$4,774.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,774.00	0

		courts. Date: November 6-7th Location: Edinburg, Texas. Facility Rental of the Edinburg Conference center= \$2,000 + Supplies needed for Juvenile Justice Conference \$ 2,774 (Includes: conference Bags \$562.50+ \$598.50 Notebooks + overhead Projector \$728 +Flip chart \$148.92+Markers \$32.04 + Tape \$16.54 +Pens \$48.78 + name tags \$138.03 + Printing \$500 of Programs, and handouts.)					
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Source of Match Information

Detail Source of Match/GPI:

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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Summary Source of Match/GPI:

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Budget Summary Information

Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Contractual and Professional Services	\$53,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,375.00
Personnel	\$85,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,000.00
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$10,351.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,351.00
Travel and Training	\$10,726.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,726.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$159,452.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159,452.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
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