

Office of the Attorney General
Request for Applications (RFA) for the
Domestic Violence High Risk Teams Grant Program

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is soliciting applications for the Domestic Violence High Risk Teams Grant Program to utilize funds for developing and providing statewide support for activities of Domestic Violence High Risk Teams in reducing or preventing incidents of domestic violence and providing domestic violence services to victims.

Applicable Funding Source for Domestic Violence High Risk Teams Grant Program:

The source of funding is through a biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature. All funding is contingent upon an appropriation to the OAG by the Texas Legislature. The OAG makes no commitment that an Application, once submitted, or a grant, once funded, will receive subsequent funding.

Eligibility Requirements:

Eligible Applicants: State Domestic Violence Coalition – a statewide nonprofit organization that has been identified as a domestic violence coalition by a state or federal agency authorized to make that designation.

Eligibility: The OAG will initially screen each application for eligibility. Applications will be deemed ineligible if the application is submitted by an ineligible applicant; the application is not filed in the manner and form required by the Application Kit; the application is filed after the deadline established in the Application Kit; or the application does not meet other requirements as stated in the RFA and the Application Kit.

How to Obtain Application Kit: The OAG will post the Application Kit on the OAG's website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/divisions/grants>. Updates and other helpful reminders about the application process will also be posted at this location. Potential Applicants are encouraged to refer to the site regularly.

Deadlines and Filing Instructions for the Grant Application:

Create an On-Line Account: Creating an on-line account in the Grant Offering and Application Lifecycle System (GOALS) is required to apply for a grant. If an on-line account is not created, the Applicant will be unable to apply for funding. To create an on-line account, the Applicant must email the point of contact information to Grants@oag.texas.gov with the following information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email Address (*It is highly recommended to use a generic organization email address if available*)
- Organization Legal Name

Note: Applicants who created accounts during the Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG), Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG), and Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services (SAPCS)-State grant application cycle are already registered in GOALS.

- Registered Applicants should access their Grant Programs webpage (homepage) in GOALS and select the green View Grant Programs button. If the answers provided on the Eligibility questions matched to the Domestic Violence High Risk Teams Grant Program, the application will be available to the Applicant.

Application Deadline: The Applicant must submit its application, including all required attachments, to the OAG by the deadline established in the Application Kit.

Filing Instructions: Strict compliance with the submission instructions, as provided in the Application Kit, is required. The OAG will **not** consider an Application if it is not submitted by the due date. The OAG will **not** consider an Application if it is not in the manner and form as stated in the Application Kit.

Minimum and Maximum Amounts of Funding Available: Minimum and maximum amounts of funding are subject to change as stated in the Application Kit. The minimum amount of funding for all programs is \$300,000 per fiscal year. The maximum amount for a program is \$300,000 per fiscal year, with the specified amount being awarded to the identified subgrantees, as detailed in the application kit.

Start Date and Length of Grant Contract Period: The grant contract period (term) is up to two years from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023, subject to and contingent on funding and/or approval by the OAG.

No Match Requirements: There are no match requirements.

Award Criteria: The OAG will make funding decisions that support the efficient and effective use of public funds. Scoring components will include, but are not limited to, information provided by the Applicant on the proposed project activities and budget. Funding decisions will be determined using a competitive allocation method. All grant decisions including, but not limited to, eligibility, evaluation and review, and funding rest completely within the discretionary authority of the OAG. The decisions made by the OAG are final and are not subject to appeal.

Grant Purpose Area: The purpose of the Domestic Violence High Risk Teams Grant Program is to develop and provide statewide support for activities of Domestic Violence High Risk Teams in reducing or preventing incidents of domestic violence and providing domestic violence services to victims. Approved purpose activities may include:

- Identifying and contracting with sites in local communities that have the capacity to implement best practice models for high risk teams or expand existing Domestic Violence High Risk Teams;
- Evaluating funded site results;
- Identifying best practice models that may be implemented in other communities;

- Providing technical assistance to communities interested in implementing Domestic Violence High Risk Teams;
- Making recommendations to improve the implementation and/or the expansion of Domestic Violence High Risk Teams in Texas.

Prohibitions on Use of Grant Funds: OAG grant funds may not be used to support or pay the costs of lobbying; indirect costs; fees to administer a subcontract; any portion of the salary or any other compensation for an elected government official; the purchase of food and beverages except as allowed under Texas State Travel Guidelines; the purchase or lease of vehicles; the purchase of promotional items or recreational activities; costs of travel that are unrelated to the direct delivery of services that support the OAG grant-funded program; the costs for consultants or vendors who participate directly in writing a grant application; or for any unallowable costs set forth in applicable state or federal law, rules, regulations, guidelines, policies, procedures or cost principles. Grant funds may not be used to purchase any other products or services the OAG identifies as inappropriate or unallowable within this RFA or the Application Kit.

OAG Contact Person: If additional information is needed, contact the Grants Administration Division at Grants@oag.texas.gov, or (512) 936-0792.