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**Agency Name:** Hidalgo County  
**Grant/App:** 4426001 **Start Date:** 9/1/2022 **End Date:** 8/30/2023

**Project Title:** Juvenile Drug Court  
**Status:** Application Pending Submission

### Eligibility Information

**Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:**  
174600071

### Application Eligibility Certify:

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### Profile Information

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**Start Date:** 9/1/2022  
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**Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area:** State Agency  
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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):**

**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 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.

### **Cybersecurity Training Requirement**

Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Governments. A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training page.

### **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.

Counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90% of convictions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety.

### **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.

### 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, 2023 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 :

Over 30 years ago, the Hidalgo County Juvenile Justice System was established. During these 30 years, the Juvenile Justice system in Hidalgo County began to grow. In 2007, the Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center which is a 137,459 sq. ft. 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. Subsequently, that juvenile court became 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. Since taking the bench, Judge Rodriguez- Betancourt has presided over 80% percent of all juvenile cases in Hidalgo County. Judge Rodriguez-Betancourt presides over all juvenile detention hearings. During her first year 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. Moreover, she took note of the high number of those juveniles who were released from detention with conditions of release, many violated those conditions by testing positive for illegal substances. Therefore, forcing Judge Betancourt to place the Juvenile back into detention for a longer period or until they are adjudicated and either placed back on probation or sent to a residential facility. Another of Judge Betancourt's frustration is realizing that the juvenile's delinquent conduct was due at least in part to the use of a controlled substance. In other cases, Judge Betancourt noticed how adjudicated juveniles who were under the supervision of the court started to change their behavior in school, consistently reporting to probation, not obtaining subsequent charges, and following home restriction but then tested positive for a control substance. Many times, most of these juveniles inform Judge Betancourt that they are self-medicating themselves due to them suffering from anxiety or trauma. These are a few examples of the types of juvenile cases in which Judge Betancourt feels that if provided immediate intervention in the lives of these children and their families by understanding and confronting their dependence on substance and alcohol abuse, then the chances of them reoffending or being detained due to violating their terms of probation would be extremely low. Therefore, the implementation of a Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Court whose mission would be to reduce substance use and criminal behavior; strengthen family and community ties; and emphasize education to non-violent juvenile offenders and their families by utilizing a strength based approach to produce responsible; drug free members of our community, can help improve the Hidalgo County Juvenile Justice System.

### **Problem Statement :**

During the three years Judge Betancourt has been presiding over the 449th District Court, Judge Betancourt found that dealing with substance abusing juveniles who appear before her it often means long treatment waiting lists, disjointed service delivery, lack of family engagement and no input into the nature of extent of treatment. Approximately, more than 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 and need outpatient treatment services or residential out of home placement. Most of the juveniles who are assessed, marijuana is the primary drug of choice, followed by benzopahspin, and cocaine. Judge Betancourt also discovered that 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. Furthermore, transportation is a major barrier because there are only two treatment providers in Hidalgo County who provide outpatient intensive substances abuse treatment. In 2016, 284 juveniles were removed from their homes through a Juvenile Court Order and placed in a secure or non-secured residential placement program. These placements accounted for over 38,000 days at a total cost of over 5 million dollars for the 2016 calendar year. 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. Referrals received at the Hidalgo County Juvenile Center consist of alleged delinquent and status offenses. 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. Therefore, these barriers have resulted in higher recidivism rates, and a higher number of juveniles being placed in residential placements.

### **Supporting Data :**

In the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, the number of referrals made by law enforcement to the HC Juvenile Probation department was 1408 referrals. The FY 2019 data indicates the following referral data: 473 Felonies and 1103 Class A&B Misdemeanors for youth in Hidalgo County. In the FY 2018, the number of referrals made by law enforcement was 1322 with 443, and 1077 Class A & B Misdemeanors. In FY 2017 the number of referrals made by law enforcement to HC Juvenile probation department was 1200. The FY 2017 data indicates the following referral data: 463 Felonies and 1008 Class A & B misdemeanors. Judge Betancourt took note of the myriad of contextual factors adversely affect the youth in the 449th District Court since she has been on the bench. As she spoke with the other judges who preside over juvenile case in Hidalgo County, they also agreed that the community and family-based factors were affecting the juveniles and most notably family violence, intergenerational transmission of violence, living in crime-ridden neighborhoods, substance abuse in the family and youth, child abuse, having an incarcerated parent and teen pregnancy. She saw the struggles of families to understand the problem and how to help as they not only did not understand substance abuse, they also did not understand the contextual factors have been identified as contributing to these substance abuse and behavioral problems. Judge Betancourt acknowledged there was a contributing relationship and conduit between adverse experiences, traumas, substance abuse, truancy. She

continued looking for a solution and found research indicating that Hidalgo County also has a 31% poverty rate and 28.6% of Hidalgo County lives with food insecurity (Census Bureau, 2017 & Paul & Moser, 2009) and there was an identified link between food insecurity and behavioral problems to include aggressiveness, hyperactivity and decreased concentration and academic abilities. 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 youth each year were testing positive for marijuana as opposed to other drugs and illegal substance such as. As for mental health diagnosis, most of the youth had an average (FY17, 18, and 19) of one or more Mental Health Diagnosis. All these factors and data combined indicate that a Specialty Court is needed to adequately address these issues. The adverse experiences identified include 1753 confirmed cases of abuse in

### **Project Approach & Activities:**

The Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Court will be created to address the diagnosed substance abuse disorders and co-occurring issues of either pre and or post adjudicated youth. This will be a 4-tier treatment program for an average of 8-10 months. Screen all program participants for substance use using validated, culturally responsive screening assessments using the PACT. The team should work collaboratively with parents and guardians throughout the court process to encourage active participation in (a) regular court hearings, (b) supervision and discipline of their children in the home and community, and (c) treatment programs. The Judge should be consistent when applying program requirements (including incentives and sanctions). The court team should 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. Well-being needs and strengths. Parental drug use, parental mental health needs, and parenting skills. Case management and treatment plans should be individualized and culturally appropriate, based on an assessment of the youth's and family needs. The Court team will conduct comprehensive needs assessments that will inform individualized case management. Providers will administer treatment modalities that have been shown to improve outcomes for youth with substance use issues. such as 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 Drug court team will monitor and track program completion and terminations.

### **Capacity & Capabilities:**

Judge Betancourt is a judge who is known in the community for building community partnerships all for the benefit of having the resources needed for the youth she presently sees in the 449th District Court. She has developed a cohesive team who collaborates efforts for the youth of Hidalgo County. In addition, Judge Betancourt has surrounded herself with agencies and individuals who are also dedicated to assisting the youth in building resiliency while addressing the underlying causal factors. The Hidalgo County Juvenile Drug Court's team includes specialists in substance abuse, trauma and mental health, life skills building, and family-based, who are committed to work as active team members alongside the Court, Hidalgo County District Attorney, Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation, and other crucial community partners. Judge Betancourt chose to have a diverse team as opposed to one third party provider due to the expansiveness of Hidalgo County and the lack of a mass transportation system. The diversity of the team allows services to be available in diverse areas of the county allowing maximal participation in services. The Hidalgo County mental health team consisting of four full time licensed professionals and one professional intern (2 LPC's, LCDC, LMSW and an LPC-I). These professionals have between four and over fifteen years of experience with adjudicated juveniles and bring a wealth of experience to the program. They have a diverse set of skills to include rational emotive behavior therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, Bowen Family System based therapy, Person Centered therapy, motivational interviewing, anger management, and dialectic behavioral therapy. The John Austin Pena Primary Care and Substance Abuse Treatment Facility center has a long-standing relationship with the Court and offers comprehensive care for substance abuse issues to include community education, individual, group and family-based substance abuse and behavioral health services. Because they are associated with the medical school, they have available a wealth of providers. Tropical Texas Behavioral Health Center offers a comprehensive set of services to include behavioral health, substance abuse services, and primary care. They are the state mental health authority for the area which include Hidalgo County. Their services include crisis resolution, case management, counseling, family education and training, medication management, psychiatric services, and respite services. These services are done in a wrap-around program style allowing an enrichment experience for the youth and family. They

also offer a wealth of community-based educational services. The Hope Family Medical Center offers primary care medicine, counseling, mental health treatment, prevention classes, and are a clinic working on a sliding scale fee. They can offer comprehensive care to the entire family as needed. Evolving Steps is a mental health center offering specialty interventions to include Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Systematic Desensitization, Expressive Arts, and Complex PTSD interventions as well as parenting. The Nueva Luz Foundation has established itself as a leader in trauma informed and specific care with children, high risk families, first responders, and military veterans. Their services include offering training and awareness in trauma informed care for providers and, readjustment caregiving training and programs for families, and trauma informed groups for youth. Avance is an agency specializing in programs strengthening the family unit, marriage, and the parent-child relationship. Their services include parenting programs to include specialized programs for fathers, parent-child education, and assisting in healthy marriages. Behavioral Health Solutions offers a comprehensive set of services to include specialized service to single and teen mothers, parenting, substance abuse services, and behavioral health services. In addition, Judge Betancourt has a set of individual community providers that includes 5 mental health providers group practices, 2 individual therapy providers, 1 licensed sex offender therapist, 5 psychologists, and 5 psychiatrists. These additional providers will be utilized as needed. The core team covers distinct areas of the county to assure access to services.

**Performance Management :**

Judge Betancourt’s approach has included assuring she monitors the effectiveness of services for the youth while also monitoring if the services are impacting symptoms and behaviors. Judge Betancourt is interested in formalizing the program effectiveness assessment and will utilize a contractor from the UTRGV Psychology Department, who is a licensed clinical psychologist. This professional not only has expertise in clinical work, but also experience in research and program analysis and multicultural issues. This contractor will develop forms for the accurate data gathering and evaluation will assure the assessments and service components meet the needs of the youth, while also assuring crucial information sharing amongst the program team. The program’s service provision, documentation, and adherence to protocols will be reviewed on a bi-weekly basis in a staff case review and monthly basis for the ongoing program evaluation. This not only assures an ability to measure the effectiveness of the program and services, but it also allows our team to assess the needs of the youth are being met on an ongoing basis. The statistical evaluation report of the data will be completed at the six month and 12-month stage of the program. The youth will then be followed for one year to verify they have not reoffended.

**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:**

As Judge Betancourt evaluated the youth’s needs and sought solutions, she visited other program in Texas as well as reviewed the literature. The Blueprint Courts by the Children at Risk organization identified various Specialty Courts who had shown evidence of being successful. Judge Betancourt also visited with two Specialty Courts, El Paso, and Bexar County. The Bexar County court program has been evaluated and proven to be effective as researchers followed the initial graduates, and none have re-offended (Makany-Rivera, 2010). This evidenced-based program was then chosen as a model by Judge Betancourt to develop the drug court program. 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 (Chesney- Lind & Irwin, 2008). Moreover, these findings and Judge Betancourt’s drug Court followed the current literature on issues most affecting the youth. This included the fact youth are exposed to higher levels of abuse, violence and neglect and having peers who are involved in delinquent behaviors places youth at higher risk levels for abuse and offending (Leve, Chamberlin, Kim, 2015). Judge Betancourt has sought out counsel from local professionals in the design of this specialty Court program to assure that all factors were taken into consideration.

**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
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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.
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**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.	0
Number of individuals NEWLY participating.	25

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of individuals who will successfully complete the program.	15

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:

"Upon award, a contract agreement will be executed between the court, and the contractor. The agreement will advise contractor of 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]:

1/1/2022

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

12/31/2022

### 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:

88660999

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

14742237

### 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:

12/13/2019

### 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	Case Manager	Case Manager: The Case manager will provide service coordination for all youth and families	\$35,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,500.00	100

		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						
Personnel	Probation Officer	The probation officer will provide community supervision for all youth ordered into the program. 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 @ 71.03% = \$45,552 OOG portion, VACANT	\$40,552.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,552.00	100
Personnel	Interpreter	Interpreter: The court Interpreter will provide interpretation service for Spanish speaking families during court proceedings. \$24 hr. x 8 hrs. week x 52 weeks=\$9,984 +\$763.78 (FICA)= \$10,747.78 total salary@93%= \$10,000 OOG Portion. VACANT	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	30
Contractual and	Mental Health	Comprehensive psycho-social/drug assessments, Clinical	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	0

Professional Services	Assessment Services	over site, training, drug treatment, and mental health interventions will be provided by external contractor. Contractor will be compensated at a flat rate of \$2500 x 12 mos						
Travel and Training	In-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	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 drug treatment courts; presents research findings, feature data analysis and highlighted evidence-based practices to incorporate in proposed program. Date: TBA, Location: TBA. 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).	\$4,222.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,222.00	0
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Annual Conference. Relevance:	\$6,504.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,504.00	0

		<p>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 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: TBA, Location: TBA for 4 people= \$6,504. Includes: \$3,160 Registration (\$790 x4= \$3,160) +\$1,200 Travel (\$300 x 4= \$1,200) + \$1,320 M&amp;I (\$66 X 5 days= \$330 x 4=\$1,320) + \$824 Lodging (\$103x 2 rooms= \$206 x 4 nights=\$824)</p>						
<p>Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses</p>	<p>Presentation and/or Training Supplies</p>	<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 courts. Date: November 6-7th Location:</p>	<p>\$4,774.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$4,774.00</p>	<p>0</p>

		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	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Personnel	\$86,052.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$86,052.00
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$4,774.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,774.00
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
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\$131,552.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$131,552.00
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**Condition Of Fundings Information**

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