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Agency Name: Hidalgo County
Grant/App: 3596507 **Start Date:** 10/1/2024 **End Date:** 9/30/2025

Project Title: Domestic Violence Unit
Status: Application Pending Submission

Profile Information

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Project Title: Domestic Violence Unit
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Start Date: 10/1/2024
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Development Council
Headquarter County: Hidalgo
Counties within Project's Impact Area: Hidalgo

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Grant Vendor Information

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): 17460007176041

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): LHACK1UL6NR3

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Narrative Information

Introduction

The purpose of this funding is to support projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

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.

Bulletproof Vests

Applicant assures that if it plans to purchase body armor with grant funds, that it has adopted a mandatory wear policy and that all vests purchased have been tested and found to comply with the latest applicable National Institute of Justice (NIJ) ballistic or stab standards. Additionally, vests purchased must be American-made.

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 Government](#). 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.

Entities That Collect Sexual Assault/Sex Offense Evidence or Investigate/Prosecute Sexual Assault or Other Sex Offenses

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 420.034, any facility or entity that collects evidence for sexual assault or other sex offenses or investigates or prosecutes a sexual assault or other sex offense for which evidence has been collected, must participate in the statewide electronic tracking system developed and implemented by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Visit [DPS's Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program website](#) for more information or to set up an account to begin participating. Additionally, per Section 420.042 "A law enforcement agency that receives evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense...shall submit that evidence to a public accredited crime laboratory for analysis no later than the 30th day after the date on which that evidence was received." A law enforcement agency in possession of a significant number of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) where the 30-day window has passed may be considered noncompliant.

DNA Testing of Evidentiary Materials

When funds are used for DNA testing of evidentiary materials, any resulting eligible DNA profiles must be

uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) by a government DNA lab with access to CODIS.

Interoperable Communications

Funds to support emergency communications activities must ensure compliance with the FY 2018 SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants; adherence to the technical standards set forth in the FCC Waiver Order, or any succeeding FCC orders, rules, or regulations pertaining to broadband operations in the 700 MHz public safety band; and are fully coordinated with the full-time Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) for Texas.

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. PSO grant funds cannot be used to support these programs, conduct meetings, or purchase related materials.

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).

National Instant Background Check System (NICS)

Entities receiving funds under this solicitation that are to generate or upgrade court dispositions or other records that are relevant to National Instant Background Check System (NICS) determinations must have a system in place to ensure that all such NICS-relevant dispositions or records that are generated or upgraded are made available in timely fashion to state repositories/databases that are accessed by NICS.

Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs)

Applicant assures that if it plans to purchase body-worn cameras with grant funds, that it has adopted adequate policies and procedures related to BWC equipment usage, data storage and access, privacy considerations and training. The certification form related to BWC policies and procedures can be found here.

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, 2025 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO Plan)

If awarded, applicant agrees to comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEO) requirements per 28 C.F.R. § 42 Subpart E. Agencies may use the EEO Utilization Report Builder to assist with preparing Verification Forms and, if required, Utilization Reports.

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:

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

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

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 Criminal District Attorney's Office has identified that there is a lack of law enforcement officers and equipment to sustain and enhance operations against domestic violence through the Regional Criminal Justice Strategic Plan under the Drug Related Crime and Violent Crime category. There is a need for direct and indirect referral services for victims of crime by providing awareness of domestic violence, while simultaneously informing them about victim services offered by the HCDA's Victims Unit. The Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) grant will fund the Domestic Violence Specialty Investigator that will work with the Domestic Violence Unit & Victims Unit. The Domestic Violence Specialty Investigator will assist the Domestic Violence Specialty Prosecutor (DVSP) (who is paid through a separate funding source) in executing the goals and objectives of the Domestic Violence Unit through input from local police departments, victim advocates, and victims of domestic violence, as well as participate in the Hidalgo County Family Violence Taskforce. The DVSP will also determine the number of the domestic violence referrals that move forward with indictments by the Grand Jury for prosecution in Hidalgo County District Courts and will assist in ensuring that all evidence is available for the prosecution of Domestic Violence cases. The Specialty Investigator will review cases in the Intake Division to ensure that charges are done properly and that any enhancements are reviewed by the Chief of the Intake Division. In addition, the Investigator will assist the DVU & Victims Unit in looking for victims that participate in the prosecution process. The Domestic Violence Unit staff will serve victims from all 22 cities, 35 census-designated areas and several unincorporated areas located within the 1,600 square miles of Hidalgo County, Texas. The services provided will target victims of domestic violence while focusing on keeping victims safe and holding perpetrators accountable. The HCCDA office will serve all genders, all ages,

all races, and all income levels because domestic violence does not discriminate against age, gender or socio economic level.

Problem Statement :

The Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office (HCCDA) has developed a victim centered approach when providing services to victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence cases are among the most difficult to prosecute and require specially trained investigators, prosecutors and victim advocates. Special areas of concern for HCCDA include: 1) reducing the number of affidavits of non-prosecution (ANP) filed by victims, 2) increasing participation of victim in the criminal justice process, 3) the lack of physical evidence during investigation of crimes, 4) changing the mindset in the community about domestic violence victims, and 5) decreasing victim blaming while holding perpetrators accountable. The HCCDA office understands that in cases of domestic violence ensuring the safety of the victim and their children is paramount. It is very common for victims of domestic violence to recant their testimony and not follow through with pursuing charges against their intimate partner due to fear or a state of denial. The HCCDA has implemented a Safety Planning program to ensure that every domestic violence victim that comes to our office to submit an Affidavit of Non-Prosecution (ANP) meets with a Victim Advocate in person. The advocate informs victims about resources available to him/her and discusses a Safety Plan in a language he/she can read and understand. If the victim wishes to continue with the ANP process, he/she will be advised that the case will be reviewed by the Domestic Violence Specialty Prosecutor and that the outcome of the case is not the victim's responsibility. Furthermore, victims are provided assistance in applying for a protective order, if needed. The HCCDA office educates them on the criminal justice process and explains the HCCDA office is prosecuting a violation of the law and the defendant will be held accountable. The objective of the HCCDA office is to ensure the victim's safety. Law enforcement officers often encounter children when they respond to domestic violence incidents and have reported children are visibly distressed, frightened, sad, and/or crying. Incidents are often repetitive, emotionally charged, and volatile. These can be the most dangerous calls that an officer responds to due to the increased lethality of both the victim and the officer. The Domestic Violence Investigator will work with all local law enforcement agencies of Hidalgo County to provide guidance, and training. This will include specialized training, for officers on best practices when responding to domestic violence calls. In addition, the Investigator will work with the HCCDA Domestic Violence Unit & the Victims Unit to provide specialized training to law enforcement agencies on safety planning and community-based resources for victims of domestic violence. The Investigator will also provide assistance in order to ensure that during the investigation domestic violence cases, officers are collecting all necessary physical evidence of the crime and documenting all visible injuries. In addition the Domestic Violence Specialty Investigator will serve as a liaison for victims that are having issues with law enforcement agencies during the investigation of their cases. The Investigator will be a certified Sexual Assault/Family Violence Investigator (SAFVIC) and will train other officers on victim safety and how to respond to children that are exposed to domestic violence at the crime scene. The Domestic Violence Unit staff will provide prevention education to the general public to inform victims of available services. In addition, during Domestic Violence Awareness month the staff will continue to host a "Purple Day" campaign against domestic violence and educate the public of the dynamics of family violence with the intention to change the public's view of domestic violence victims and reduce victim blaming. The DVU will join forces with the Hidalgo County Family Violence Task Force to increase prevention education in Hidalgo County.

Supporting Data :

The Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office provided services to 81,292 victims of crime with a total of 184,158 services provided from April of 2015 to November of 2022. In addition, we provided services to 15,283 victims in 2022 in the Civil Division, 61.25% of which were domestic violence. According to the Texas Crime Report of 2021 of the Texas Department of Public Safety there were a total of 7,874 family violence cases reported in Hidalgo County an increase of 34% from the 2020 where 5,876 cases were reported. Also reported in Hidalgo County were 423 Sexual Assaults, 30 Murders, 247 Robberies, and 1,770 Assaults. In 2021 The Texas Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR), stated that law enforcement officers in Texas responded to 231,207 incidents of family violence, an 8 % increase from 2020 where 218,950 incidents were reported. The 2021 Honoring Texas Victims Report of the Texas Council of Family Violence reported a total of 204 Texans were killed by an intimate partner. There were 168 women and 28 males. In Hidalgo County, 4 homicides were attributed to family violence. This represents a 10% increase from the 2020 fatality report. In addition, the 2021 Texas Department of Family & Protective Services for Region 11 Statistics Report shows that Hidalgo County confirmed 4,273 victims of child abuse and 2,305 victims of elder abuse.

Project Approach & Activities:

The goals of the Hidalgo County Domestic Violence Unit Program are: 1) to protect the victim from additional acts of violence committed by the perpetrator; 2) to reduce the exposure and/or possible injury to children and/or other family members from domestic violence; 3) to deter the perpetrator from committing continued acts of violence in the community and hold him/her accountable; 4) to create a general deterrence to domestic violence in the community; and 5) to ensure justice is served. This project will address the following priorities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) Regional Strategic Plan: domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and stalking. It will also address safety planning and referrals for services to victims of domestic violence. The Domestic Violence Specialty Prosecutor (paid through separate funding source) will review, investigate, and prosecute cases of family violence, stalking, and dating violence. The Domestic Violence Investigator will work with local law enforcement agencies to provide guidance and training as well as develop victim centered responses to domestic violence incidents. Translation services will be available for non-English speaking victims. The Domestic Violence Unit staff will interact with community-based agencies, the local domestic violence shelter, and the Hidalgo County Family Violence Task Force to coordinate community responses to domestic violence. The staff will also work directly with victims throughout the criminal justice process to ensure victims' rights are afforded and their voices are heard.

Capacity & Capabilities:

The Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney Office (HCCDA) represents the State of Texas as the prosecutorial agency in all criminal cases in Hidalgo County. This grant is administered by HCCDA's office. All reports are provided on a quarterly, bi-annually, and annually basis as required. Justification for the grant is provided on a yearly basis. In addition, HCCDA's office oversees the Victims Unit & the Domestic Violence Unit to ensure that the grant monies are adequately expended and budgeted properly. HCCDA's office staff works closely with the County Auditor's Office to ensure the proper use of grant funds. Victim services are tracked by the use of the Victim Services (VS tracking) software to ensure accurate data collection. The goals of the HCCDA's Office- Victims Unit are 1.) to protect victims' rights during the prosecution process; 2.) to reduce the trauma of victims of crime 3.) to ensure that their safety is a priority 4.) to provide victims with notification of court proceedings and a platform that ensures the victim's voice is heard and is considered during the prosecution process 5.) to comply with the duties imposed on the attorneys representing the state by the Texas Administrative Code of Procedure, Chapter 56: Rights of Crime Victims.

Performance Management :

The Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office (HCCDA) has developed a victim centered approach to address the prosecution and victim services for domestic violence cases submitted to our office. Domestic violence cases are among the most difficult to prosecute and require specialty trained prosecutors. Special areas for the HCCDA include: 1) children exposed to domestic violence; 2) reduction of the number of affidavits of non-prosecution filed by victims, 3) increased participation by the victim in the criminal justice process, 4) the lack of physical evidence during the investigation of a crime by law enforcement, 5) the change in the viewpoints of the community about domestic violence victims; and 6) decreased victim blaming while holding perpetrators accountable. The assigned specialty prosecutor will assess the program through input from police, victims, and other members of the DVU. The prosecutor will also determine how many of the domestic violence referrals lead to indictments by the Grand Jury for prosecution in Hidalgo County District Courts. The prosecutor will serve all cities, municipalities and unincorporated areas in Hidalgo County, Texas. The services will target victims of domestic violence while focusing on keeping said victims safe and holding perpetrators accountable. The objectives are to provide victim advocacy through victim education on victims' rights, victim impact statements, the prosecution process, restitution, post sentence services, safety planning, and community organizational services and to assist victims in obtaining protective orders. This will allow them to leave abusive relationships and live a life free of violence. The DVSP will perform targeted prosecution and case reviews for domestic violence cases. He/she will also provide training to law enforcement officers to improve the physical evidence collection which will aid the prosecution of domestic violence cases. This programs success will be measured by a service evaluation that will be filled out by victims that have been serviced by HCCDA. The service evaluation will measure the effectiveness of the services offered. This will allow HCCDA to understand if the information being provided to the victim is effective at addressing, he/she needs. In addition, HCCDA will use the VS Tracking data system to have accurate data collection and track the number of victims to which services are being provided. This will allow HCCDA to determine what type of service is being requested most frequently so that the HCCDA can adjust accordingly to fulfill those needs. All trainings will also require a training evaluation to measure the success and learning objectives for attendees.

Target Group :

The target group will be Victims that reside in Hidalgo County with a population of 870,781 as of 2020. Hidalgo

County has a 92.5% of Hispanic population, of which 23.9 % of the population live in poverty. HCCDA will serve crime victims of all age groups, both sexes (male and female), multiple languages, and undocumented individuals.

Evidence-Based Practices:

The Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office implemented the Victims Unit to comply with Chapter 56 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (TCCP) that states the Attorney representing the state has the duty to ensure to the extent practicable that a victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim is afforded the rights granted in said chapter. The Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office uses the "CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE STANDARDS" that were developed and distributed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Victim Services Division Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse, in accordance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 56A.604, to law enforcement officers and attorneys representing the state to aid those officers and prosecutors in performing their duties imposed by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapters 56A - Rights of Crime Victims, 56B - Crime Victims' Compensation, and 58 - Confidentiality of Identifying Information and Medical Records of Certain Crime Victims.

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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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CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Budget Details Information

Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
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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

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Budget Summary Information

Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
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Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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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:

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]:

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

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:

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

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:

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.

FFATA Certification

Certification of Recipient Highly Compensated Officers

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires Prime Recipients (CJD) to report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) of each sub recipient organization for the most recently completed fiscal year preceding the year in which the grant is awarded if the subrecipient answers **YES** to the **FIRST** statement but **NO** to the **SECOND** statement listed below.

In the sub recipient’s preceding completed fiscal year, did the sub recipient receive: (1) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements; AND (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives through periodic reports filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or Section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you answered **YES** to the **FIRST** statement and **NO** to the **SECOND** statement, please provide the name and total compensation amount of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) within your agency for the current calendar year. If you answered NO to the first statement you are NOT required to provide the name and compensation amounts. NOTE: "Total compensation" means the complete pay package of each of the sub recipient’s compensated officers, including all forms of money, benefits, services, and in-kind payments (see SEC Regulations: 17 CCR 229.402).

Position 1 - Name:

Position 1 - Total Compensation (\$):

Position 2 - Name:

Position 2 - Total Compensation (\$):

Position 3 - Name:

Position 3 - Total Compensation (\$):

Position 4 - Name:

Position 4 - Total Compensation (\$):

Position 5 - Name:

Position 5 - Total Compensation (\$):

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