

Local Initiative Project (LIP) Emissions Enforcement Grant Application

General Applicant Information

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Project Schedule

Proposed Project Start Date: Upon signed notice to proceed

Project End Date: June 28, 2019

Project Description

A local law enforcement initiative that includes one or more of the following programs (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Remote sensing: A program in consultation with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) that remotely determines vehicle emissions and notifies the vehicle's operator.
- ☒ Counterfeit registration insignia: A program in consultation with the DPS to identify vehicles with and reduce the use of counterfeit registration insignia and carry out appropriate law enforcement actions including, but not limited to, preparation of operational plans, investigations (clean scanning/gross vehicle weight changes/counterfeits), offense report writing (evidence submission), covert surveillance operations, buy/bust operations, buy/walk operations, analysis of the TIMS database, preparation and execution of search/arrest warrants, interviews and interrogations, seizure of property, specialized training, and preparation and maintenance of equipment inventory.
- ☒ Counterfeit Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR): A program in consultation with the DPS to identify counterfeit vehicle inspection reports and carry out appropriate law enforcement actions including, but not limited to, preparation of operational plans, investigations (clean scanning/gross vehicle weight changes/counterfeits), offense report writing (evidence submission), covert surveillance operations, buy/bust operations, buy/walk operations, analysis of the TIMS database, preparation and execution of search/arrest warrants, interviews and interrogations, seizure of property, specialized training, and preparation and maintenance of equipment inventory.

Project Budget

Budget Item	TCEQ Funding Amount	Local Matching Amount	Total for Budget Item
Personnel / Salaries **See attached salary spreadsheet	\$99,518.34	\$0.00	\$99,518.34
Fringe Benefits **See attached salary spreadsheet	\$20,918.75	\$0.00	\$20,918.75
Travel Type of travel; estimated travel, lodging, cost of meals, and parking expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies Type, brand, and quantity of items purchased	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment Type, brand, and quantity of equipment purchased; explanation of need; explanation of lifespan; salvage value of equipment; how equipment will be disposed of	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Construction Type, timeframe, and location of construction; who will perform the work; blueprint of construction plans	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contractual Type, timeframe, and location of contractual activities; who will perform contractual activity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other **See attached Annual Vehicle Costs spreadsheet"	\$0.00	\$8,242.49	\$8,242.49
Indirect Costs ***See attached spreadsheet	\$0.00	\$27,048.45	\$27,048.45
TOTAL FUNDING	\$120,437.09	\$35,290.94	\$155,728.03
PERCENT CONTRIBUTION	77%	23%	100%

Project Benefits

Documentation

Grantees will provide enforcement data to the DPS on a quarterly basis to include:

- investigations conducted/resolved,
- arrests made (felony/misdemeanor),
- charges filed (felony/misdemeanor), and
- documents recovered, number/type (fictitious or actual).

The DPS will provide enforcement data sheets and instructions for completion to grantees. Enforcement data sheets will be due to designated personnel at the DPS no later than 15 days after the quarter closes (due dates of December 15, March 15, June 15, and September 15).

Grantees will notify the DPS about major investigations related to vehicle inspection/emissions. Notifications will be made on forms provided by the DPS. Notifications to the DPS will be expected within five (5) business days after the finalization of the case (arrests, indictments, or major media story revealing the investigation). The DPS will provide to grantees criteria for major investigations determination. Grantees will provide the DPS additional facts about investigations should the DPS deem it necessary to determine crime trends, etc.

Grantees will send to the DPS information regarding new crime trends to include pictures, written documentation, and other reasonable means determined by the DPS.

The DPS will analyze reported data to develop specific goals, objectives, and strategies for the next calendar year and long term.

In addition to local efforts, as identified, the DPS will send tips/leads to grantees for investigative consideration including: high emitters using remote sensing technology, counterfeit insignia, counterfeit vehicle inspections reports, and clean scanning or other masking techniques.

County LIP Certification

{County} makes the following certifications regarding the projects included with the accompanying Project Summaries:

1. The projects were selected in accordance with the procedures set forth in the grant agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ);
2. The project proposals have been fully evaluated and determined to fit within the minimum criteria and standards established by the TCEQ for this program, as well as more specific standards established for the project categories by the County;
3. The project proposals are consistent with and directly support implementation of the Texas Health and Safety Code, 382.220;
4. The governing body of {County} officially approved the selection and scope of work of this project on {date} and has authorized the person signing this proposal to make the preceding certifications and act on behalf of {County}.
5. This is to certify that I have reviewed the proposed LIP project/budget and to the best of my knowledge, all costs and expenses are applicable as listed. The project will be conducted in accordance with the standards and reporting requirements listed in the LIP contract between the TCEQ and the County. Non-substantive changes may be made to this project for clarification purposes or refinement so long as the project goal(s) and funding amounts do not change.

Authorized Signature: 

Type/Printed Name: DAN A GATTIN

Type/Printed Title: County Judge

Date: 10-30-2017

Instructions

This document provides the forms necessary for Participating Counties to submit enforcement projects for LIP funding to the TCEQ. These forms must be used by the County to submit enforcement projects to the TCEQ for review and approval.

Eligible Projects with This Form

This grant application form is specifically designed for enforcement projects. An enforcement project must be implemented in consultation with the TCEQ and the DPS. Projects eligible for funding with this grant application form may include projects to:

- develop and implement programs or systems that remotely determine vehicle emissions and notify the vehicle's operator;
- develop and implement projects in coordination with the director of Department of Public Safety for coordinating with local law enforcement officials to reduce the use of counterfeit registration insignia and vehicle inspection reports by providing local law enforcement officials with funds to identify vehicles with counterfeit registration insignia and vehicle inspection reports and to carry out appropriate actions.

Project Budget

Budget figures must be exact on all pages of the proposal.

LIP funds may not be expended for local government fleet or vehicle acquisition or replacement, call center management, application oversight, invoice analysis, education, outreach, or advertising purposes.

The DPS does not foresee that grantees will need to procure mandatory equipment to implement these programs. Equipment needs are left to the local agencies for justification.

Certification

The County LIP Certification form serves as written certification by the County that the project was reviewed for eligibility and found to meet the minimum criteria. It must be submitted as part of the Enforcement Grant Application.

Application Process

The TCEQ will review the project proposal and notify the County of any project or project components that the TCEQ determines may not meet project eligibility criteria under the terms of the grant agreement, or for which there may be a question about the project. The County is required to respond to any request from the TCEQ for additional information concerning a project.

The County may not proceed with a project until notified that it may do so by the TCEQ. Any modification, after the TCEQ approval, to a project budget or to project activities must be approved in writing by the TCEQ. The County may rescind the proposal at any time during the review of the project.