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**Grant/App:** 5197202 **Start Date:** 10/1/2025 **End Date:** 9/30/2026

**Project Title:** Crisis Intervention Team  
**Status:** Application Pending Submission

#### Eligibility Information

**Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:**  
17460007622006

#### Application Eligibility Certify:

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**Start Date:** 10/1/2025  
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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):** 17460007622006  
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**Narrative Information**

**Introduction**

The purpose of this funding is to support projects that promote the prevention, intervention, and reduction of crime and violence and provide essential crisis services to at-risk populations within Texas communities.

**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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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, 2026 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:

Sam Trujillo

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

500 E. Overland El Paso, TX 79901

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

9155462218

### **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.

**X I certify to all of the application content & requirements.**

### **Project Abstract :**

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a community partnership between the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO) and Emergence Health Network (EHN), the Local Mental Health Authority in El Paso County. Together, a Deputy and an EHN mental health specialist respond to calls to aid and provide resolution to any crisis or high-risk situation that may involve a citizen in a behavioral or mental health crisis. The EPCSO and EHN provide options for safer and more effective responses to dynamic law enforcement incidents involving persons in suspected mental health crisis and situations involving persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability. As such, the CIT specialize in responding effectively to El Paso County's mental health crisis situations, communicated through agency dispatch calls or while out on patrol. The project team was initiated by El Paso County and EHN in Spring 2021 and consisted of four full-time SO deputies and four EHN mental health professionals, in 2024, the project has proven its effectiveness and has grown to a team of one deputy Lieutenant, one deputy Sergeant, ten deputies and ten mental health professionals. By applying for this funding, EPCSO hopes to continue funding for four CIT members including deputies and a Lieutenant, and one CIT mental health professionals who will provide the needed staffing to assist the Crisis Intervention Team. The EPCSO and EHN believe the CIT program will continue to be a successful and innovative endeavor, as CIT team members are committed to promoting holistic solutions to assist individuals with mental health illness and/or substance abuse within El Paso County. Each CIT member is provided with intensive training and the necessary tools to take part in wide range of mental health crisis calls. The EPCSO considers this team a long-term option to provide mental health assistance to the community and hopes it will provide a valuable response option to those in the community who may be experiencing a mental health crisis, issues with addiction, and the everyday struggles that may come with homelessness. The total funding request for this project is \$799,143.75.

### **Problem Statement :**

The El Paso County SO and EHN explore options for providing safer and more effective responses to dynamic law-enforcement incidents involving persons in suspected mental health crisis and situations involving persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability. In the past few years, the EPCSO has increasingly received requests to intervene and assist in situations involving suicide attempts, individuals suspected of posing a future threat to the community, emergency detention or protective custody order, issues of homelessness and/or addiction, and missing persons (who are typically elderly persons with Alzheimer's or Dementia). As mental health needs and critical population needs have become more prevalent in El Paso County, the EPCSO has recognized the need for specialized response and services. If the EPCSO has trained deputies for these matters, as well as assigned mental health professionals, this can make a significant impact on how persons of special needs may be assisted. The El Paso County SO has come to the realization that many persons may benefit more through receiving proper mental health services and having access to applicable community resources, rather than being placed in a short-term or long-term detention facility. Many incidents that have happened throughout the County are a direct result of mental illness and/or are linked to mental illness in some form or fashion. By addressing and focusing on the root cause of these incidents or crises, the SO CIT can help persons with seeking the assistance they need to help themselves be on the path to healthy living. With the implementation of a CIT, persons and families will be provided necessary community resources and referred to valuable services to address underlying/root causes to such crises.

### **Supporting Data :**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has indicated several important benefits of local CIT programs: "1) Gives police officers more tools to do their job safely and effectively. Research shows that CIT is associated with

improved officer attitude and knowledge about mental illness. In Memphis, CIT resulted in an 80% reduction of officer injuries during mental health crisis calls. 2) Keeps law enforcement's focus on crime. Some communities have found that CIT has reduced the time officers spend responding to a mental health call. This puts officers back into the community more quickly. 3) Produce cost savings. It's difficult to estimate exactly how much diversion programs can save communities. But incarceration is costly compared to community-based treatment. For example, in Detroit an inmate with mental illness in jail costs \$31,000 a year, while community-based mental health treatment costs only \$10,000 a year." ([https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/Crisis-Intervention/Crisis-Intervention-Team-\(CIT\)-Programs](https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/Crisis-Intervention/Crisis-Intervention-Team-(CIT)-Programs)) In 2024, the Sheriff's Office reports show that CIT units responded to a total of 1939 calls suspected of involving mental health problems. Out of the 1939 calls, a total of 726 were confirmed mental health related calls. CIT units completed a total of 425 emergency detention orders with zero incidents of use of force needed to execute the named detentions. CIT units were able to successfully refer a total of 338 citizens to either inpatient or outpatient services. CIT units provided community service packets with safety plan actions to each of those cases to help prevent future crisis. CIT units successfully diverted a total of 482 clients from possible unnecessary incarceration or unnecessary hospitalization by referring them to appropriate outpatient services and/or mental health facilities instead of emergency rooms. As a note, the City of El Paso (El Paso Police Department) has already implemented a CIT program, which began in January 2019. With the El Paso County SO implementing a CIT program, this has helped increase service to areas of El Paso County that the City of El Paso may not have jurisdiction to provide such services in. The El Paso County SO responds to emergency calls in the following additional municipalities: Town of Anthony, Town of Clint, Town of Horizon, City of San Elizario, City of Socorro, and the Village of Vinton. Some of these smaller municipalities may not have the funding or resources to produce and implement a CIT, therefore, El Paso County would like to ensure these municipalities have access to CIT program resources and help address calls regarding mental illness in these areas.

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

The El Paso County SO CIT deploy in collaboration with EHN mental health clinicians. Each entity has its command structure and has interagency agreements to support the program and its functions. Together the two agencies create a cross-functional unit where leadership can oversee the progress and collaborate in operational procedures. Community stakeholders and CIT leadership meets regularly to ensure the program's adequacy and effectiveness. The CIT receive mental health disturbance referrals from the 911 Communications Center and/or a conventional police unit on the scene. El Paso County emergency calls are filtered by 911 telecommunicators to ensure the CIT responds to mental health-related calls or welfare checks. CIT members will respond to mental health crisis related calls within the community to include the unincorporated areas of El Paso County and to include both county detention facilities and the incorporated areas of the County, including Horizon City, Anthony, San Elizario, Socorro, Clint and Vinton. If awarded, this grant will help support CIT staff including five deputies and five mental health professionals. El Paso County Sheriff's Office CIT is one of only four units in Texas to "co-deploy", meaning that CIT deputies are partnered with a mental health professional who provides support during each mental health crisis-related call. When available, units must respond to crisis referrals within thirty minutes, co-deploying reduces the response time, and both parties will arrive together to assess the call for service. The CIT SO units in operation, are available seven days a week, including holidays. Before each shift starts, every group meets to discuss and inform staff of any relevant information for the day. The synergy between both organizations is essential to compile the wisdom of their expertise and experiences. The El Paso County CIT unit is providing a critical needed resource to the community, and it is essential to use all available resources to ensure individuals in crisis receive a rapid response and adequate treatment. EHN offers a 24/7 crisis unit and a low acuity inpatient unit - Extended Observation Unit (EOU), which is available for CIT drop-offs or inpatient referrals, both located at 1601 East Yandell, El Paso, TX 79902. If an individual in crisis requires acute inpatient services, any EHN CIT specialist can refer to any other psychiatric hospital that can provide the best treatment for the consumer. Team members must complete documentation within 24 hours of each CIT response. The CIT staff will have access to and may utilize all El Paso County SO facilities and/or Emergence Health Network CIT office located at 1601 East Yandell, El Paso, TX 79902. In addition, each member will have access to several special software and programs to help them facilitate referrals for consumers and document all responses. Each CIT EHN member will be assigned a tablet, Smartphone with hot spot access, tactical backpacks, ballistic vest, and uniforms. All CIT members are responsible for having their equipment every shift to ensure their safety and provide adequate services for all clients.

### **Capacity & Capabilities:**

Being a member of a CIT is known to be a high-risk job. Therefore, to ensure the safety of all members, it is crucial every member be equipped with all the necessary training and tools to respond to any and all mental health crisis-related calls. El Paso County SO CIT deputies assigned to the team are mandated to obtain certification under the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement (TCOLE) 1850 CIT course and are also mandated to complete 40 hours of an intensive mental health-related topics and role-play crisis scenarios. In addition to the TCOLE 1850 CIT certification, SO CIT deputies will take 120 hours of advanced mental health response trainings at the CIT Academy (developed by EHN staff). In a like manner, EHN CIT members will be credentialed as Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP). Some EHN members are considered experts in additional fields due to special certifications and/or licenses, such as Licensed Professionals of Healing Arts (LPHA) or Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors (LCDC). EHN CIT staff will also take a 40-hour police course with primary law enforcement protocols and safety procedures. Several mandatory

refreshers and trainings are provided throughout the year for all CIT staff members to expand their knowledge and ability to safely and effectively respond to mental health-related calls.

### **Performance Management :**

CIT is a program design to reduce the stigma of law enforcement and mental illness by encouraging five core goals. 1. Diversion from Jail: Decrease unnecessary incarceration of people with mental illness and reducing the cost to the criminal justice system. 2. Diversion from Hospitals: Rerouting individuals in crisis who do not require medical attention to observation units or psychiatric hospitals. Promote the reduction cost to the local hospitals and increase the resources for other individuals who require immediate medical attention. 3. Avoid/reduce the use of force by police: By practicing de-escalation techniques and promoting a humanistic approach, it reduces the use of force by law enforcement, prevents unnecessary injuries and accidental deaths. 4. Linkage to outpatient services: Linking individuals to psychiatric outpatient services for continuity of care. Individuals have a choice of following up with the Local Mental Health Authority or seek private services. 5. A decrease in recidivism: Providing individuals with early intervention can reduce recidivism within the criminal justice system or psychiatric inpatient resources. These five core goals will be tracked and managed by CIT members collectively, but monitored more frequently by CIT agency leads from both the EPCSO and EHN. Program measures and outputs will be tracked to assess if the program is on track to support its goals and use all corresponding data for future program use. Data collected for the El Paso County SO CIT will also allow the EPCSO and EHN to collaborate and develop new trainings, recommend additional certifications and/or licenses, and on areas of program improvement. Some of significant accomplishments since the inception of the CIT program include: - Completed training on CIT techniques and legal aspects of Emergency Detention Orders to Deputies and outside law enforcement officers attending the 40-hour course on crisis intervention (TCOLE #1850). - Initiation of training to deputies of different patrol stations to provide a better understanding of Emergency Detentions, Crisis, CIT techniques and de-escalation techniques. - CIT training for Constables from all precincts and EHN central offices. - Held meetings with personnel from the El Paso Multi Use Facility (MUF) to better coordinate the calls made out of the facility and to educate management and officers at the MUF in proper procedures and de-escalation techniques, reducing the number of calls made to the EPCSO. - CIT training for Customs and Border Patrol agents - CIT training for deputies assigned as School Resource Officers

### **Target Group :**

The target group for the CIT program consists of persons experiencing mental, emotional, physical, and behavioral distress that may be potentially linked to mental illness. Although not always, many of these crises may be directly caused by or linked to mental illness. As discussed, many EPCSO emergency calls that will be addressed by the El Paso County SO CIT may be related to attempted suicides, emergency detention or protective custody orders, issues of homelessness and/or addiction, and missing persons. However, the emergency calls addressed are not limited to these specific situations. The CIT will respond to any emergency circumstances that may best fall under the CIT's expertise.

### **Evidence-Based Practices:**

The Memphis Police Department developed the original CIT model in 1988 (Memphis Model), and now the model has expanded nationwide to serve and protect individuals who suffer mental illness and promote officers' safety. It is essential to understand that having a mental illness is not a crime; in several cases, early intervention can make a difference in someone's life. "The primary goals of the model are to increase safety in encounters and when appropriate, divert persons with mental illnesses from the criminal justice system to mental health treatment" (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3769782/>). The El Paso County SO has a special team of deputies as part of the CIT. This is taken from the Memphis Police Department model. According to the model, "the rationale is that not all officers are cut out to be CIT officers. Those that volunteer and are accepted into the program may have a particular disposition and interest in handling mental health calls. This better prepares them to use CIT training to become effective in responding to mental health crisis calls. CIT provides officers with additional skills and identifies them as the ones who should be dispatched to mental health related calls" (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3769782/>). As such, the El Paso County SO currently has deputies serving on the CIT that are particularly interested in responding to calls related to mental health and help steer individuals in the right direction to receive appropriate services and have access to community resources to treat mental illness. In addition, the El Paso County CIT prefer the first encounter with persons experiencing crises to set the pace for a positive future and perhaps make a long-term impact by providing effective and informed responses. According to Broner, Lattimore, Cowell, and Schlenger (2004), diversion options and/or services, such as a CIT, "increased mental health service utilization in the subsequent 12 months for persons with serious mental illnesses." This may help steer persons in the right direction and help keep them focused on the services and treatments they need to avoid additional crises and being committed to a detention facility. If individuals find services that really help them, they are likely to continue returning for such services. According to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), "Not only can CIT programs bring community leaders together, they can also help keep people with mental illness out of jail and in treatment, on the road to recovery. That's because diversion programs like CIT reduce arrests of people with mental illness while simultaneously increasing the likelihood that individuals will receive mental health services."

([https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/Crisis-Intervention/Crisis-Intervention-Team-\(CIT\)-Programs](https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/Crisis-Intervention/Crisis-Intervention-Team-(CIT)-Programs)). Although a CIT can provide many positive outcomes and can offer many advantages to a community's citizens and law enforcement members, one major advantage is that CIT law enforcement members are trained to use less force or only use force when absolutely necessary. "Skeem & Bibeau (2008) found that CIT officers used force in only 15% of encounters rated as high violence risk and that when they did use force, they generally relied on low-lethality methods. In a study of Chicago's CIT program (Morabito, Kerr, Watson, Draine, Angell, 2012), CIT officers used less force as subject resistance increased than officers that were not CIT trained." In conclusion, research has demonstrated CIT models have shown to be a cost-effective asset for communities and allow for individuals and families to receive proper services and avoid being placed in facilities that may not offer or fully address appropriate mental health care options. El Paso County SO hopes its CIT will make a lasting impact on its region and serve as a model for others.

## 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
Crisis Intervention	100.00	El Paso County CIT will respond to mental health-related calls in unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County including Horizon City, Anthony, San Elizario, Socorro, Clint and Vinton. The SO and EHN will assist by responding effectively to persons experiencing crisis. CIT will provide crisis screening response services for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis or psychiatric episode and services to individuals with behavioral health needs resulting in the reduction of emergency room or jail utilization.

### CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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### Measures Information

#### Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Community-based Care: Number of hours of services provided.	0
Community-based Care: Number of individuals receiving behavioral and/or mental health treatment.	0
Community-based Care: Number of individuals screened/assessed for services.	0
Crisis Intervention Team: If applicable, number of emergency detentions (as defined by Health and Safety Code Sec. 573.001).	400
Crisis Intervention Team: Number of crisis intervention teams established.	1
Crisis Intervention Team: Number of individuals referred to behavioral/mental health treatment or other support services.	600

Crisis Intervention Team: Number of individuals screened/assessed for services.	600
Crisis Intervention Team: Number of responses to individuals in crisis.	700
Equipment or technology: Individuals/Operators equipped	0
Training or professional development: Individuals provided	0
Training or professional development: Individuals received	5

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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**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:

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office will work closely with the Grants Administration Division, Purchasing Department, and Auditor's Office to ensure terms of the grant and contractual relationships are being fulfilled in accordance with terms and conditions, deliverables, and compliance with each contract that may be necessary to complete this project. In the past, the Sheriff's Office has successfully monitored the activities of contractors effectively and works frequently with the above-mentioned County Divisions/Departments throughout the life of ALL grants to ensure goods and/or services are provided with satisfaction and in compliance with local, state, and federal guidelines. The Sheriff's Office will make contact with each of these Divisions/Departments on a monthly basis, or as needed, to make sure the project and contracted services are provided as planned.

## 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]:

10/1/2025

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

9/30/2026

## 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:

44622835

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

10168498

## Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$1,000,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$1,000,000 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 \$1,000,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$1,000,000 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:

9/16/2024

### **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 (\$):

0

Position 2 - Name:

Position 2 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 3 - Name:

Position 3 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 4 - Name:

Position 4 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 5 - Name:

Position 5 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

## **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	Certified Peace Officer - Sheriff's Office	CIT Deputy -(Jose Lerma); will work in collaboration with program EHN mental health professionals (and be paired with one CIT Specialist) and shall be deployed to examine, investigate, and handle persons believed to be in a mental health crisis or persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability; will assist with and/or respond to any patrol request involving a call concerning individuals who may have mental health issues; at least annually, coordinate and/or participate in training for Sheriff's Office and EHN personnel related to mental health to include 1) recognizing signs and symptoms of mental illness, substance abuse, and 2) occurring mental illness and crisis intervention and de-escalation. This deputy will act as a community liaison between other law enforcement agencies	\$135,480.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135,480.45	100

		<p>and EHN program personnel. He will also transport individuals meeting Emergency Detention Order (EDO) requirements to a facility deemed appropriate by EHN. This deputy will be recognized as a mental health officer, pursuant to Texas Commission on Law Enforcement requirements. Yearly Salary including fringe benefits is \$135,480.45. Salary for this CIT deputy will be for 12 months, 100% dedicated to the project. Period from October 2025 to September 2026. OOG request total = \$135,480.45.</p>						
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - Sheriff's Office	<p>CIT Deputy -(Jamie Morales); will work in collaboration with program EHN mental health professionals (and be paired with one CIT Specialist) and shall be deployed to examine, investigate, and handle persons believed to be in a mental health crisis or persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability; will assist with and/or respond to any patrol request involving a call concerning individuals who may have mental health issues; at least annually, coordinate and/or participate in training for Sheriff's Office and EHN personnel related to mental health to</p>	\$101,488.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$101,488.80	100

		<p>include 1) recognizing signs and symptoms of mental illness, substance abuse, and 2) occurring mental illness and crisis intervention and de-escalation. This deputy will act as a community liaison between other law enforcement agencies and EHN program personnel. He will also transport individuals meeting Emergency Detention Order (EDO) requirements to a facility deemed appropriate by EHN. This deputy will be recognized as a mental health officer, pursuant to Texas Commission on Law Enforcement requirements. Yearly Salary including fringe benefits is \$101,488.80. Salary for this CIT deputy will be for 12 months, 100% dedicated to the project. Period from October 2025 to September 2026. OOG request total = \$101,488.80.</p>						
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - Sheriff's Office	CIT Deputy - (Michael Hanna); will work in collaboration with program EHN mental health professionals (and be paired with one CIT Specialist) and shall be deployed to examine, investigate, and handle persons believed to be in a mental health crisis or persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or	\$115,446.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115,446.45	100

intellectual disability; will assist with and/or respond to any patrol request involving a call concerning individuals who may have mental health issues; at least annually, coordinate and/or participate in training for Sheriff's Office and EHN personnel related to mental health to include 1) recognizing signs and symptoms of mental illness, substance abuse, and 2) occurring mental illness and crisis intervention and de-escalation. This deputy will act as a community liaison between other law enforcement agencies and EHN program personnel. He will also transport individuals meeting Emergency Detention Order (EDO) requirements to a facility deemed appropriate by EHN. This deputy will be recognized as a mental health officer, pursuant to Texas Commission on Law Enforcement requirements. Yearly Salary including fringe benefits is \$115,446.45. Salary for this CIT deputy will be for 12 months, 100% dedicated to the project. Period from October 2025 to September 2026. OOG request total = \$115,446.45.

Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - Sheriff's Office	CIT Lieutenant -(Lt. Aaron Nevarez); will work in collaboration with program EHN mental health professionals (and be paired with one CIT Specialist) and shall be deployed to examine, investigate, and handle persons believed to be in a mental health crisis or persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability; will assist with and/or respond to any patrol request involving a call concerning individuals who may have mental health issues; at least annually, coordinate and/or participate in training for Sheriff's Office and EHN personnel related to mental health to include 1) recognizing signs and symptoms of mental illness, substance abuse, and 2) occurring mental illness and crisis intervention and de-escalation. Lt. Nevarez will be the responsible of the program oversight and reporting. He will be recognized as a mental health officer, pursuant to Texas Commission on Law Enforcement requirements. Yearly Salary including fringe benefits is \$165,178.65. Salary for the CIT Lieutenant will be for 12 months, 100% dedicated to the project. Period from	\$165,178.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$165,178.65	100
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		October 2025 to September 2026. OOG request total = \$165,178.65.						
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Specialist (Emergence Health Network)- one full-time mental health clinician to assist deputies in responding to mental health crisis calls and patrol requests concerning individuals who may have mental health issues within the community; will be paired with assigned deputy to respond to emergency crises; will recommend alternatives to incarceration or in-patient hospitalization available in the community for individuals with mental illness; licensed to provide mental health services in the State of Texas; clinician shall provide a variety of clinical services for individuals with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability, and assist these individuals, their personal support system, law enforcement, community members, and other social service agencies in understanding and finding solutions to problems that lead to and result from mental illness and severe emotional disorders; coordinate	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	0

		<p>and/or conduct training for Sheriff's Office deputies related to mental health; engage in crisis intervention and de-escalation; enhance communication and coordination between EHN, the Sheriff's Office, local hospitals, and local courts of jurisdiction through quarterly meetings with these and other local entities that work with individuals with mental illnesses; and coordinate transportation for individuals with mental illness to appropriate facilities where they may receive necessary services (e.g. psychiatric hospitals, crisis respite facilities, or alternative facilities). Salary = \$59,790.58, Benefits = \$22,861.21, Total = \$82,651.79. Monthly Salary: \$82,651.79/12 = \$6,887.65. Request to fund 2.61 months of salary = \$18,000.00.</p>						
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	<p>CIT program staff members (5) will attend the CIT annual conference. The purpose is to increase knowledge, skills, methods, and best practices for crisis intervention services. During the conference, topics included are those that expose the deputies to mental illness and mental health related crisis awareness,</p>	\$14,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,450.00	0

prevention, response/intervention, and resolution practices. In addition, it is also covered non-escalation, de-escalation, and crisis intervention strategies and techniques. The conference will support CIT Specialists to continue to develop mental health awareness and skills focused on how to best incorporate their roles into the local justice system and compliment CIT Deputy roles to best serve community members and provide best options possible to assist with mental health needs. The request is based on last year's costs, as the dates for the 2025 conference are not set yet. Registration is \$750 per person, lodging \$250.00 a night x 3 = \$750.00, round-trip flight estimate is \$950.00 per person. The per diem, calculated for three full days at the 2024 GSA rate (for Indianapolis – last year's conference site) is \$64.00 per day for a total of \$192.00 plus \$48.00 for the first and last day for a total of \$96.00 for Per Diem total person of \$288.00. For ground transportation, a total of \$152.00 was calculated (\$30.40 per day, per person) Transportation is being estimated on an average cost of \$15.20 per trip for a platform

		transportation service (Lyft or Uber) This is an estimated amount, as these services might fluctuate in prices. The grand total per person is \$2,890.00. \$2,890.00* 5 attendees = \$14,450.00.							
Equipment	Police / Sheriff Department Vehicle (from a single vendor with law enforcement equipment installed)	Request for two vehicles that will be exclusive to the use of the CIT program. The estimates are of 2025 Tahoe, PPV 5.3L V8, W/Automatic transmission. The vehicle estimate is \$54,578.00 and additional \$50,000.00 for the vehicle equipment for a total of \$104,578.00. Calculating a 15% increase for year 2026 of \$15,686.70, each vehicle would total \$120,264.70. For two vehicles, \$120,246.70 * 2 = \$240,529.40.	\$240,529.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240,529.40	2	
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Project Supplies (e.g., binocular, battery, flexicuff, drug testing kit)	2x bullhorns (Technical Pro \$90/ea.) \$90.00 * 2 = \$180.00 10x N-EAR 360 (Single Ear PTT KIT \$149/ea.) \$149.00 * 10 = \$1,490.00 Boots for CIT team members: 20x Nike SFB Field 2 8" GORE-TEX \$195/ea. \$195.00 * 20 = \$5,570.00	\$5,570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,570.00	0	
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Printer, Fax, and/or Scanner Equipment and Accessories (\$5,000 or less per unit)	Shredders \$275.00 each, request for two shredders \$550.00, one laminator machine \$298.00 each. Request for two Printers \$499.00 each, total \$998.00. Office supplies for a total of \$1, 154.00,	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0	

		this includes copy paper, printer ink, etc. For a total of \$3,000.00						
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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	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
Equipment	\$240,529.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240,529.40
Personnel	\$517,594.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$517,594.35
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$8,570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,570.00
Travel and Training	\$14,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,450.00

**Budget Grand Total Information:**

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$799,143.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$799,143.75

**Condition Of Fundings Information**

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