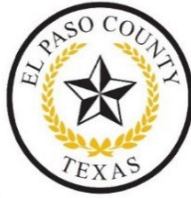


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**BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICY DEPARTMENT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FY26 GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION APPROVAL FORM

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION	
Date:	February 20, 2025
Requesting Department/Division:	EPCSO Criminal Investigations Division/ Gang and Narcotics Unit
Department/Division Contact:	Deborah Candia d.candia@epcounty.com
Anticipated Commissioners Court Meeting Grant Approval Date:	March 10, 2025
Who from your department/division will speak on the agenda item?	Commander Jerome Washington jwashington@epcounty.com (915)538-2884
Please list accompanying grant documents requiring the County Judge's signature.	Resolution to be signed by County Judge
GRANT OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION	
Grant Opportunity Title (as provided by Grantor):	FY 2026 Operation Lone Star Grant Program (OLS)
Grantor Agency:	Office of the Governor
Type of Grant (State, Federal, Private, Local, Other):	State
Is this a continuation or a new grant?	New
Is this grant for a new program?	No
CobbleStone Number for Most Recent Grant Award:	N/A
Grant Due Date:	March 13, 2025
Grant Period: (start date to end date)	September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2026

Grant Proposal Summary (one paragraph or less):	The Operation Lone Star Program (OLS) grant funds will be used to reimburse overtime costs associated with direct gang and narcotic criminal investigations conducted by the Criminal Investigations Division/ Gang and Narcotics Unit of the El Paso County Sheriff's Department
GRANT FINANCES	
A. Grant Funding to be Requested:	\$1,302,222.91
B. Total Match Contribution (if applicable):	None
I. Cash Match Amount and Description (i.e. County employee salaries, anticipated operating expenses, third-party monetary donations, etc.):	No Cash Match Required
a. Match Source Account(s) (if applicable):	N/A
b. What fiscal year(s) will County match funding be needed? Please indicate the fiscal years and the match needed per fiscal year.	N/A
II. In-kind Match Amount and Description (i.e. donated supplies/equipment, volunteer hours, donated professional services, etc.):	N/A
C. Anticipated Program Income (if applicable):	N/A
D. Total Project Amount (A + B + C):	\$1,302.222.91
FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT	
1) What are the staffing requirements or needs for this grant? Please include salary and benefit amounts and anticipated salary and benefit increases for multi-year grants. Have Job Descriptions and Impact forms been created for personnel?	
Overtime reimbursement cost for 1 Lt., 1 Sgt. 10 Detectives, and 4 Deputies including fringes for FY2026. 16 employees x 6.63 hours of overtime x 6 days/month = 636.48 hrs./ mo. At Avg. OT rate of \$ 89.59/hr. Salary \$48,853.52 plus 29.01% of fringes \$14,172.41 Total Mo. Salary of \$63,025.93 for 12 months = \$756,026.12. Manager (approximately 588 hours @ 57.59 OT rate which includes fringes) for 12 months = \$33,865.44 Actual vehicle operating costs pro-rated for the hours deputies work on grant paid overtime -16 units for 6 days per month for 12 months; estimated total of = \$30,167.52 Eight units = \$482,163.83 Total Request amount= \$1,302,222.91 – No impact forms needed as this will be overtime for peace officers.	
2) Has this grant has been awarded in the past? If so, please provide the financial results of the most recently completed grant award cycle to include the award amount and the balance at the closing of the grant.	

No, this grant has not previously been granted to our unit as this grant will be replacing our Local Border Security Program (LBSP). We were awarded LSBP since 2008. Last award was FY2024/35 in the amount of \$418,190.00.

3) What is the sustainability plan for this grant and the services being provided if this funding is significantly reduced or is not awarded in future?

Without additional grant funding, gang and narcotics investigations within the EPCSO CID Narcotics section would be able to continue, but on a much smaller scale. Lack of funding would lead agency to decrease on overtime operations targeting drug trafficking within the El Paso County jurisdictional area, which in turn would lead to a reduction of narcotic seizures and higher gang crimes. Reduced funding would also impact enforcement on drug trafficking in the region.

PROGRAMMATIC ASSESSMENT

1) How is this grant and its purpose(s) aligned with the County strategic plan?

2) How will this grant benefit your department/division and the El Paso County community?

This project aligns with the County's Safety Strategic Plan. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division- Gang and Narcotics Unit and other units within the Department target illegal activities associated with drug trafficking organizations and adult drug gangs to include money laundering and human trafficking to keep our communities safer.

3) Please explain the capacity of your department/division to administer this grant and complete all programmatic reporting requirements during the grant period.

This grant has been awarded for the past nine years and is administered by the Department's Administrative Manager with the assistance of the Grant Department and Auditors Staff.

4) Will this grant require the use of contractual services? *If so, please contact the Purchasing Department, upon award acceptance to ensure your department follows applicable procurement policies and procedures.*

No.