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The purpose of this funding is to support specialty court programs as defined in Chapter 121-126 and Chapter 129-130 of the Texas Government Code.

**Program-Specific Questions****Court Name and Number**

Court name and number as registered with the Office of Court Administration (OCA).

243rd INSPIRE (Independence, Namaste, Safety, Purposeful, Insightful, Resilience, Empowerment) Treatment Court

**Participant Fees**

Does this specialty court collect participant fees pursuant to Sec. 123.004 of the Texas Government Code?

Yes

No

If yes, what is the current dollar amount charged to participants?

0

In the last fiscal year, how many participants were charged a fee?

0

Of those participants charged, how many paid the fee?

0

**Risk Assessment Tools**

List the risk assessment tool(s) and clinical assessment tools(s) that are utilized by this specialty court? Please provide: 1) The name of each assessment tools used; 2) Why the assessment tools were selected for this specific program and the role it plays in this specialty court's case management process; and 3) The position title(s) of the team member(s) responsible for conducting each assessment. If there are any factors limiting the use of additional assessment tools such as the cost associated with an assessment, familiarity with available assessments, etc., please make note of these factors.

For post-adjudication (probation) INSPIRE participants, the Risk Assessment Tool our specialty court uses is the Texas Risk Assessment System ("TRAS"). For pre-adjudication (pretrial supervision) INSPIRE participants, the Risk Assessment Tool we (vis-à-vis our LMHA Emergence Health Network) use is the Adult Needs and Strength Assessment ("ANSA").

**Certifications**

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

### **Constitutional Compliance**

Applicant assures that it will not engage in any activity that violates Constitutional law including profiling based upon race.

### **Information Systems**

Applicant assures that any new criminal justice information systems will comply with data sharing standards for the Global Justice XML Data Model and the National Information Exchange Model.

### **Program Income**

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income through a formal grant adjustment and to secure PSO approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after PSO's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless PSO authorizes otherwise. Program income which the grantee did not anticipate at the time of the award shall be used to reduce the PSO award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

### **Twelve-Step Programs**

Grant funds may not be used to support or directly fund programs such as the Twelve Step Program which courts have ruled are inherently religious. OOG grant funds cannot be used to support these programs, conduct meetings, or purchase related materials.

### **Specialty Court Certifications**

If the applicant is a specialty court operated under Ch. 121 of the Texas Government Code, the following certifications apply:

1. The specialty court will develop and maintain written policies and procedures for the operation of the program.
2. The applicant will submit a copy of any project evaluations, evaluation plans, recidivism studies, or related reports that are completed during the grant period to PSO.

### **Adoption of Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards**

Applicants operating an adult drug court certify that they are working towards full compliance with and adoption of Vol. I & II of the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards.

### **Adoption of Family Drug Court Best Practice Standards**

Applicants operating a family drug court certify that they are working towards full compliance with and adoption of the Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards.

### **Veterans Treatment Programs**

Applicants providing mental health services to veterans or veterans' families must demonstrate a) prior history of successful execution of a grant from the Office of the Governor; and b) that the entity provides training to agency personnel on military informed care or military cultural competency or requires those personnel to complete military competency training provided by any of the following: the Texas Veterans Commission; the Texas Health and Human Services Commission; the Military Veteran Peer Network; the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the U.S. Department of Defense; the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; or a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, by being listed as an exempt entity under Section 501 (c) (3) of that code, with experience in providing training or technical assistance to entities that provide mental health services to veterans or veterans' families.

### **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 percent 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 [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.

### **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.

## 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 243rd INSPIRE (Independence, Namaste, Safety, Purposeful, Insightful, Resilience, Empowerment) Treatment Court began informally in 2022 to address the steadily increasing number of incarcerated or justice involved individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses (SMI) and Co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (COD) in El Paso County. Studies show that individuals with SMI are overrepresented in the criminal justice system and often cycle in and out of the system with little if any psychiatric treatment or intervention. The goal for the 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court is to promote early identification and prompt placement of eligible participants in the program by integrating mental health treatment services in the processing of cases in the judicial system through partnerships with public agencies and community organizations, including Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs). The 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court is a problem-solving blended felony court docket that allows for both pre-adjudication and post-adjudication cases. INSPIRE Treatment Court is a 12-month alternative, non-adversarial program to incarceration that incorporates an integrated intensive supervision and treatment case management model to reduce the likelihood of recidivism. The program facilitates access to evidence-based culturally competent and trauma informed mental health services, psycho-social needs, and other ancillary services to promote recovery and rehabilitation.

## Problem Statement :

In El Paso County, individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses (SMI) are overrepresented in the El Paso County Detention Facility. Often, this incarcerated population cycle in and out of the justice system with little if any psychiatric treatment or medical interventions. In El Paso County, like the rest of Texas and the nation, it is estimated that 1 in 5 adults live with a mental illness and about half of these individuals have a SMI, including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other chronic mental illnesses. Approximately 25 percent of the incarcerated individuals in El Paso County Detention Facility have a mental health need. Individuals with untreated mental health conditions are eight times more likely to be incarcerated than the general population. Many of the justice-involved individuals have co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders which further complicate management of mental health issues in the justice system. Up until the formation of the 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court program in 2022, El Paso County has never implemented an Adult Felony Mental Health Specialty Court. (Additionally, to date, El Paso County does not have an adult misdemeanor mental health court.)

## Supporting Data :

Article 16.22 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure details a procedure for identifying a person's possible Mental Illness (MI) or Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) at the earliest stages of—and throughout—a criminal proceeding. Under article 16.22, a magistrate must order an expert to interview the defendant and otherwise collect information regarding whether the defendant has a MI or IDD in order to alert the necessary stakeholders if the resulting report indicates possible MI or IDD. According to the El Paso County data analysis, orders have moved up and down but remained consistent in the 1,100-1,300 range in Art. 16.22: Early Identification of Defendant Suspected of having Mental Health Illness or Intellectual Disability Orders for Interview. • FY2018 16.22 Order(s) = 1,043 • FY2019: 16.22 Order(s) = 1,211 • FY2020 16.22 Order(s) = 1,385 • FY2021 16.22 Order(s) = 1,232 • FY2022 16.22 Order(s) = 1,138 • FY2023 16.22 Order(s) = 1,313 According to El Paso County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD), as of December 2024, there is currently 113 people on community supervision in the mental health unit. These individuals have been diagnosed with mental health prior to being assigned to the unit. There are an additional 41 individuals with a mental health diagnosis in other high-risk caseloads to include the Substance Abuse Caseload, Domestic Violence Caseload, Aftercare Caseload, Gang Unit, Sex Offender Unit and Specialty Courts. According to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the cost for inmates per day at El Paso County Detention facilities are as follows: • State Inmates: \$ 105.00 per inmate, per day. • Federal Inmates: \$ 101.00 per inmate, per day According to LMHA, the following supporting data is provided by Emergence Health Network's data analysis reports: The number of admissions at the El Paso Psychiatric Center are as follows: • FY 2023: 487 FY 2022: 296 o Females: 196 Females: 166 o Males: 291 Males: 130 The number of total encounters and individuals served by our Crisis

Intervention Team are as follows: • FY 2023: o Individuals served: 2,791 o Total encounters: 3,091 • FY2018 16.22 Order(s) = 1,043 • FY2019: 16.22 Order(s) = 1,211 • FY2020 16.22 Order(s) = 1,385 • FY2021 16.22 Order(s) = 1,232 • FY2022 16.22 Order(s) = 1,138 • FY2023 16.22 Order(s) = 1,313 According to El Paso County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, there is currently 94 people on community supervision in the mental health unit. These individuals have been diagnosed with mental health prior to being assigned to the unit. There are an additional 41 individuals with a mental health diagnosis in other high risk caseloads to include the Substance Abuse Caseload, Domestic Violence Caseload, Aftercare Caseload, Gang Unit, Sex Offender Unit and Specialty Courts. According to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the cost for inmates per day at El Paso County Detention facilities are as follows: • State Inmates: \$ 105.00 per inmate, per day. • Federal Inmates: \$ 101.00 per inmate, per day According to LMHA, the following supporting data is provided by Emergence Health Network's data analysis reports: The number of admissions at the El Paso Psychiatric Center are as follows: • FY 2023: 487 FY 2022: 296 o Females: 196 Females: 166 o Males: 291 Males: 130 The number of total encounters and individuals served by our Crisis Intervention Team are as follows: • FY 2023: o Individuals served: 2,791 o Total encounters: 3,091

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

The 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court framework is designed to integrate mental health treatment services for adults with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (COD) during the processing of cases in the criminal judicial system. The 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court is a problem-solving blended felony court docket that allows for both pre-trial intervention and post-plea diversion cases. Aimed as an alternative to incarceration, INSPIRE addresses behavioral health and social needs in hopes of reducing criminal recidivism. The key to the success of the 243RD INSPIRE Treatment Court program is a well-functioning Multidisciplinary Treatment Court Team. Each member of INSPIRE Treatment Court Team is a dedicated professional in their respective discipline, contributes observations and recommendations for proper response based on their professional capacity and expertise. The team consists of a Judge, Prosecutor, Public Defender, Specialty Court Program Coordinator, Community Supervision Officer, Mental Health Treatment Liaison (LMHA), community-based health, behavioral health, and other stakeholders to make decisions, behavioral health, and other stakeholders to make decisions and guide the program. The multidisciplinary team manages the operations of the mental health treatment court which include participating in pre-court staffing and hearings, exchanging relevant case information, reviewing participant progress reports during pre-court staff meetings and treatment court status hearings, contributing observations and recommendations within team members' respective areas of expertise, and administering or overseeing the delivery of legal, treatment and supervision services. The 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court is a non-adversarial problem-solving court, involving a prosecutor and a public defender to promote public safety and to protect the due process rights of program participants. The participants have ongoing judicial interaction with Presiding Judge Selena Solis of the 243rd District Court. The 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court Team members will utilize a best practices framework for decision making during staffing. The multidisciplinary team serves essentially as a panel of expert witnesses providing legal and scientific expertise for the judge who makes the ultimate decision. Each team member will understand the role of staffing in the treatment court process of behavior change management. The 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court will have multiple entry points with participating referrals of eligible individuals from the District Attorney's Office, Criminal Courts, and El Paso County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD). All potential participants will first be identified, screened, and assessed using validated instruments and Continuity of Care Query (CCQ) to ensure appropriateness for the 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court. The initial contact occurs when an individual is processed at El Paso County Detention Facility (EPCDF). The system provides a real-time method of identifying individuals with special needs who are booked into EPCDF. During the booking process, EPCDF personnel run a Continuity of Care Query (CCQ) and receive an alert which identifies if the individual has a history of receiving mental health services from state-funded mental health programs or Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA). The Jail Match Report identifies individuals who have been processed into a correctional institution. EPCDF personnel use DPS's TLETS to determine if an individual has received mental health services for the purposes of establishing continuity of care. TLETS uses an electronic data exchange process with HHSC's CMBHS to search for matches based on the following demographic data: last name, first name, date of birth, social security number, gender, and race. The search identifies individuals in CMBHS that have within the last three years been: hospitalized in a state psychiatric hospital; admitted to an HHSC-funded contracted psychiatric hospital bed; or assessed, authorized, and received a mental health community service by an LMHA or LBHA. The Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS)/Clinical Management Behavioral Health System (CMBHS) electronic data exchange process facilitates collaboration and communication between local jails and state-funded mental health service providers for jail diversion and continuity of care. Information Item T describes the procedures for accessing the jail match report and jail diversion standards. Once an individual is deemed appropriate for inclusion into the 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court, Emergence Health Network (EHN) will provide a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) liaison position to assist the participant in linkages to the local mental health authority's Restorative Justice Clinic (RJC). Through RJC, the psychiatric, social, and therapeutic needs of the individual will be met through a multidisciplinary treatment team.

### **Capacity & Capabilities:**

Studies reveal the composition of the Drug Court team has a substantial influence on outcomes. Mental health courts traditionally follow the composition of a Drug Court team. Drug Courts produce significantly greater reductions in criminal recidivism and are significantly more cost-effective when regularly in pre-court staff meetings and status the following professionals are dedicated members of the Drug Court team and participate hearings (Carey et al., 2008, 2012; Cissner et al., 2013; Rossman et al., 2011; Shaffer, 2010). The 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court adheres to similar team composition as drug courts:

- **Judge**— The 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court will be presided over by the Honorable Judge Selena N. Solis who currently presides over the 243rd District Court in El Paso County. The court will employ Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, VOL. II to guide in roles of members of the team. Judge Solis has presided over the 243rd District Court since she was elected in 2018 and assumed the bench on January 1, 2019. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Solis worked as an Assistant Federal Public Defender for 14+ years. As a former criminal defense attorney, representing indigent clients, many of her clients suffered from serious mental health illnesses. During her last several years at the Federal Public Defender's Office, Judge Solis was one of three defense attorneys in the ADELANTE pretrial diversion program; created by U.S. District Court Judge Frank Montalvo. Judge Solis represented indigent clients referred into ADELANTE, worked with federal prosecutors and U.S. Pretrial Services at the referral stage, as well as other social service providers during the 18-month long diversion program. Judge Solis brings her prior experience working in a specialty court, albeit in federal court, and knowledge about pretrial diversion program benchmarks and court structure, including supervision and recovery aspects of participants, to her very own 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court.
- **Specialty Court Program Coordinator**—Typically a court administrator serves as the coordinator for specialty court programs. Among many other duties, the specialty court program coordinator is responsible for screening potential participants, maintaining accurate and timely records and documentation for the program, overseeing fiscal and contractual obligations, facilitating communication between team members and partner agencies, ensuring policies and procedures are followed, overseeing collection of performance and outcome data, scheduling court sessions and staff meetings, and orienting new hires.
- **Prosecutor**—Typically an assistant district attorney serves on the team. Among other duties, the prosecutor advocates on behalf of public safety, victim interests, and holding participants accountable for meeting their obligations in the program. The prosecutor may also help to resolve other pending legal cases that impact participants' legal status or eligibility for Drug Court.
- **Public Defender** —Typically an assistant public defender specializing in Drug Court cases serves on the team. Among other duties, the defense attorney ensures participants' constitutional rights are protected and advocates for participants stated legal interests. Defendants are usually represented by a public defender or private defense attorney in proceedings leading up to their entry into Drug Court. After entry, participants may retain their previous defense counsel, provide informed consent to be represented by a defense representative serving on the Drug Court team, or consent to be represented jointly by private defense counsel and the defense representative. In cases of joint representation, the defense representative typically handles most day-to-day issues relating to Drug Court participation, but private counsel may step in if the participant faces a potential jail sanction or discharge from the program (Freeman-Wilson et al., 2003; Tobin, 2012).
- **Community Supervision Officer**—Typically a probation officer or pretrial services officer serves on the team. Duties of the community supervision officer may include performing drug and alcohol testing, conducting home or employment visits, enforcing curfews and travel restrictions, and delivering cognitive-behavioral interventions designed to improve participants' problem-solving skills and alter dysfunctional criminal-thinking patterns (Harberts, 2011).
- **Treatment Provider**— Qualified Mental Health Professional—Community Services (QMHP-CS): A QMHP-CS is a staff member who (1) is credentialed as a QMHP-CS, (2) has demonstrated and documented competency in the work to be performed, and (3) has a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum number of hours that is equivalent to a major (as determined by the LMHA or LBHA) in psychology, social work, medicine, nursing, rehabilitation, counseling, sociology, human growth and development, physician assistant, gerontology, special education, educational psychology, early childhood education, or early childhood intervention. 25 Tex. Admin. Code § 412.303(48)

### **Performance Management :**

**Performance Overview** - In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 125, Sec.125.001 (7) makes essential "monitoring and evaluation of program goals and effectiveness." The anticipated number of participants that will be served through the 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court is 35 unduplicated individuals. This figure was developed by estimating the total need present by utilizing the data provided by the El Paso County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. In evaluating the implementation of the 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court, the outcomes listed below will serve as the measurement of the program's success. The implementation of the 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court is aimed towards delivering community-based mental health services in conjunction with the Court to individuals with serious mental illnesses who have demonstrated the need to be properly diagnosed and receive treatment rather than be incarcerated. The following metrics and program

outcomes are geared towards prevention and a decrease in recidivism, with each having a preventative measurement indicator to ensure compliance with this adult felony mental health court:

- Increase continuity of care for persons encountering the program.
- Increase each participant's compliance with medication management by 25% over the duration of the treatment for the individual.
- Increase each participant's compliance and interaction with Case Management by 40% over the duration of the treatment for the individual.
- Decrease each participant's reports of severe difficulty in social, interpersonal, and family functioning by 30% over the duration of the treatment.
- Decrease each participant's number of harmful behaviors by 25% over the duration of treatment.
- Decrease each participant's recidivism rate after the duration of treatment.

Data Collection Data collection of participants, family, treating physicians, hospitals, and the legal system will occur. Through participation and involvement of different organizations, the assessments will be used to collect data pertinent to the success of the participant and analysis of the program. Written consent for treatment and disclosures of protected health information are obtained from the patient or the authorized legal representative. Data is collected through interviews with the participant, family members and treating physicians. Discharge paperwork from treating providers is added to the electronic health record (treatment plans, medications, evaluations, progress notes, labs, and diagnosis).

### **Target Group :**

The target population consists of adult individuals arrested with felony offense(s) and have been identified as having a priority population diagnosis and are considered High Risk/High Need in Risk-Need-Responsivity Model. Eligibility for ongoing outpatient mental health treatment is a diagnosis- and need-based determination governed by state and federal requirements and the HHSC performance contract with LMHAs/LBHAs and section 534.053 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Adult Mental Health Priority Population are adult individuals who have a diagnosis of severe and persistent MI with the application of significant functional impairment and the highest need for intervention. This would include people who have severe and persistent MI such as schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, or other severely disabling mental disorders that require crisis resolution or ongoing and long-term support and treatment. The priority population are individuals with a diagnosis of Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, or Major Depressive Disorder and may have a co-occurring substance abuse disorder. This program will accept individuals that are high risk and high need and likely to recidivate. Bipolar Disorder, or Major Depressive Disorder and may have a co-occurring substance abuse disorder. This program will accept individuals that are high risk and high need and likely to recidivate.

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

Specialty courts focus on treating the underlying issues that may be causing criminal behavior. Mental health courts are a type of specialty court. The 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court follows the Texas Government Code. They combine accountability through judicial supervision with treatment and other support services to prevent recidivism and improve the lives of their participants. Evidenced-based practice is the use of empirical research to determine the effectiveness of policies and practices and guides effective decision-making. Evidenced-based practices for specialty courts are detailed in the Texas Government Code Sec. 125.00. The 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court program follows the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Ten Key Components of Drug Courts, Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, and Essential Elements of a Mental Health Court. Emergence Health Network's policy is to utilize national, and state approved evidence-based practices and assessments according to Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) and Evidence-Based Assessments (EBA) modeling compliance with the state HHSC, CCBHC, and Joint Commission standards. Internal review and adoption process of EBPS and EBAS are recommended by service providers, prescribers, two Chief Medical Officer at EHN, and the Planning and Development Committee which is a board governance body comprised of academic and clinical researchers and faculty. Leadership commitment from Compliance, Health Information, Human Resources and Clinical Operations divisions, drive practice change management, training and policy and procedure enhancements. The following Evidence- Based Practices (EBP) will be used in the 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court:

- Maintaining Independence through Systems Integration, Outreach and Networking- Criminal Justice Edition (MISSION-CJ)
- Illness Management Recovery (IMR)
- Patient Centered Recover Plan (PCR)
- Motivational Interviewing (MI)
- Trauma Informed Care (TIC)
- Supported Employment
- Supported Housing
- Safety Crisis Planning

Expected EBP patient outcomes include but are not limited to improvements in the following life domains: positive and negative symptomology, relapse reduction, mood and social functioning, decreased use of mind-altering substances for those participant's with co-occurring diagnoses, general awareness of triggers and signs of psychiatric distress, increased quality of life, behavioral change promotion, increased engagement in care, increased coping mechanisms, and overall increased social functioning.

### **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
Specialty Court - Mental Health	100.00	The problem-solving 243rd INSPIRE Treatment Court will promptly identify individuals that have been arrested and incarcerated in the county jail, who have mental illness and are accused of committing felony offenses. Potential participants will be identified and assessed utilizing a validated screening Risk and Need assessment. Eligible participants will be clinically assessed and receive treatment in accordance with level of care recommendations- from intensive treatment, case management and supervision, which will improve their mental health stability, reduce recidivism, and improve public safety. Willing participants will plead into the phased court program and will be monitored by the project team.

**CJD Purpose Areas**

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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**Measures Information**

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of carry-over individuals participating.	
Number of individuals NEWLY participating.	

Objective Outcome Measures

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

## 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:

**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]:

10/1/2024

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

9/30/2025

### 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.

### **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	Coordinator	The Specialty Court Liaison will provide clerical and administrative support to the specialty treatment court and assists with the operation of the Court. The incumbent acts as a liaison between providers and the participant and assures that they are aware of their rights and the availability of services, promote linkages, and provides information and referral.. Salary \$79,654.25; fringes \$34,967 = \$114,621.	\$114,621.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$114,621.00	100
Personnel	Probation Officer	Pre-trial Supervision Officer (ME) that will work with the participants of the program to ensure they are meeting the conditions of their probation. \$90,734 (\$63,813 salary; \$26,921, fringe benefits) will cover the salary and benefits for the personnel. This position will be contracted by the Community and Supervision Department.	\$90,734.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,734.00	100

<p>Contractual and Professional Services</p>	<p>Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services</p>	<p>S2L Instruction per student* @ 48 sessions (each session is 90 minutes) Individualized support services, including MSW Case Management Services and mentoring sessions @ approximately 7 hrs. per week)</p>	<p>\$81,600.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$81,600.00</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>Contractual and Professional Services</p>	<p>Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services</p>	<p>The Mental Health Court will enter into contract with the Emergency Health Network (EHN) for the following services: Court Liaison (salary \$49,781.16; fringes 14,078.16 = \$63,859.31/2) = \$31,929.66. Court Services Program Manager (\$59,993.04 salary, fringes \$16,966.08) 5% = \$3,847.96. Travel (mileage) @ 0.58/mile, local mileage to conduct home visits, attend court, etc. not to exceed \$600.. Hot spot for cell phone @\$65/month not to exceed \$780. . Insurance - \$305.80. . Supplies - \$27.50 (ink). . Staff Development/ training</p>	<p>\$43,547.65</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$0.00</p>	<p>\$43,547.65</p>	<p>0</p>

		<p>orientation for new staff \$130. . Overall agency fees that are incurred that include: leases on agency IT servers, credit card systems used at clinics to collect co-pays or self-pay fees, health information exchange, and maintenance of IT server room. The amount requested is only the program cost based on number of employees. Software expenses that are incurred to provide staff with all programs needed to perform their services, such as Electronic Health Record, electronic prescribing of controlled substances, Microsoft Office, Datis e3 HRIS system, Policy Tech system, Relias employee training records system, Ethics Point System, Anti-Virus and Vaary firewall. The amount requested is only the program cost based on number of employees. Access to software programs that</p>						
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		require a license, these include eFax and Active Directory. DEA license renewal for Prescriber(s); The amount requested is only the program cost based on number of employees not to exceed \$1967.86. . Indirect Cost (included in contract) at 10% - \$3,958.87.							
Contractual and Professional Services	Vehicle Transportation-Related Services	Bus Passes for participants that, due to their mental health issues; cannot drive. The bus passes will be beneficial in participants attending scheduled court hearings, appointments and treatment. Not all participants of the program will require the bus passes. Not to exceed \$10,000	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0	
Travel and Training	In-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	The program is requesting funding for personnel to attend the FY26 Texas Association of Specialty Courts conference. Time, date and location to be determined.	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0	

**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	\$135,147.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135,147.65
Personnel	\$205,355.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$205,355.00
Travel and Training	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00

**Budget Grand Total Information:**

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$343,002.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$343,002.65

**Condition Of Fundings Information**

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