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Narrative Information

Introduction

The purpose of this program is to provide services and assistance directly to peace officers and first responders to address direct and indirect trauma that occurs in the course of their normal duties either as the result of the commission of crimes by other persons or in response to an emergency.

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:

Confidentiality and Privacy

Applicant agrees to maintain the confidentiality of client-counselor information and research data, as required by state and federal law. Personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied may not be disclosed; or, reveal individual client information without informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person about whom information is sought. If release of information is compelled by statutory or court mandate, reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information will be made and steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of information will be taken.

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.

Civil Rights Information

Applicant agrees to maintain statutorily required civil rights statistics on victims served by race, national origin, sex, age, and disability of victims served, within the timeframe established by PSO. This requirement is waived when providing services, such as telephone counseling, where soliciting the information may be inappropriate or offensive to the crime victim.

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.

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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 purpose of this project is to provide services and assistance directly to peace officers, detention officers and first responders to address direct and indirect trauma. Trauma may occur in the course of their normal duties either because of a crime committed by other people, or as a result from responding to an emergency. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO) will assist emergency response personnel who have experienced trauma associated to their duties by providing initial or on-scene mental health assistance and follow-up counseling sessions that will be available to all officers. This project will utilize a model that facilitates communication and continuity of care. The goal of this project is to provide EPCSO staff the opportunity to receive emotional and genuine support through times of personal or professional crisis and to help anticipate and address additional issues. The total cost for the project is \$25,000.00 with an estimated request of \$21,200.00 for initial or on-scene incident support and counseling, and \$3,800.00 for project awareness for a total project cost of \$25,000.00.

Problem Statement :

El Paso County is 1,013 square miles with a population of approximately 865,947 (US Census - Quick Facts, July 1, 2021) in far west Texas. Roughly 85% of the region's residents live in the City of El Paso, and the remainder are in marginalized rural areas along the US-Mexico border, which have numerous incorporated and unincorporated townships and villages. Within the 1,013 square miles of El Paso County, 808 square miles are the rural communities. The incorporated communities are Anthony, Clint, Horizon, Socorro, San Elizario, and Vinton. The unincorporated communities include Fabens, Tornillo, and Canutillo. Some residents who live in these rural areas live in "colonias", substandard subdivisions in unincorporated isolated areas, which are underdeveloped, some without running water, electricity, or phones, and have unstable infrastructures. Approximately 715,351 individuals are of Hispanic or Latino race. As of 2023 66.9% speak a language other than English spoken at home in the El Paso County, TX. The City of El Paso is the 6th largest city in Texas, the 22nd largest city in the US and the largest US city directly on the US/Mexico border. The County of El Paso includes both the Ysleta del Sur Indian Reservation and the Fort Bliss military installation. The US Census Bureau Quick Facts state in July 2023, reports the County of El Paso poverty status, reports 18.3% of persons live below the poverty level compared to 14% for the State of Texas and 11.1% for the US. Based on the Texas Labor Market Review in November 2023, reports show El Paso's unemployment rate at 4.0%, which is higher than the U.S rate that is 3.7%. El Paso was also higher compared to Austin at 2.9% and San Antonio at 3.2%. El Paso County is still experiencing growing pains, because of the growth at Fort Bliss Military Base and White Sands Missile Range. It is evident in all parts of the county, challenging our local government resources, particularly law enforcement. Our community is constantly confronted with soldiers who often face Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, a syndrome that challenges the

reintegration as a civilian, thus facing impediments in adjusting to a new life. Furthermore, El Paso's sister city Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, which lies opposite and directly to the South across the Rio Grande River has a major impact on the area. The area, collectively, creates a bi-national community of more than 2 million people and is one of the single largest bi-national metropolitan areas in North America. In 2024, a total of 255,518 calls for services were received; these might include burglaries, assaults, accidents, and other life-threatening situations. During the year of 2024, members of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO) responded to over 1373 confirmed death calls, including homicides and motor vehicle deaths. During the same year, the EPCSO responded to 1939 CIT calls, 1099 POCs, 367 aggravated assaults, 4 kidnappings, 78 suicide incidents, 18 domestic aggravations and 110 fired shots. In addition, the SWAT responded to 1 call and CNT to 2 suicidal subjects. This data reflects the daily contact the first responders have to stressful situations and events and the urgent need to continue this program to support the mental health well-being of the officers.

Supporting Data :

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Project Approach & Activities:

First responders are exposed to highly stressful events during their daily activities. There are situations that will increase the officer's vulnerability to traumatic stress, such as, having no control over the volume of calls; having to continue responding to calls regardless after an especially disturbing call; being in a situation where they might feel helpless in the face of overwhelming demands, such as a prolonged, failed, rescue; having a partner, or a peer killed or seriously injured in the line of duty; a suicide of a peer; being at serious risk of oneself; witnessing horrifying things, such as, mass shootings; experiencing the death of a child in the line of duty; responding to a call for a victim who is known to the responder; working without the support of administration, or having administration question one's actions in an investigation. These are just some examples of trauma related situations however, being exposed to these situation multiple times daily, may affect them over the long-term. First responders work means close encounters with danger, chaos, and tragedy day after day. Overtime, exposure to such stress can take a toll on first responders' mental and physical health. In some cases, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) results, with symptoms such as flashbacks, nightmares, and recurring thoughts, emotional numbness, extreme worry, guilt, anger, or hopelessness, avoidance of people, places, or things which are reminders of the trauma, a loss of interest in things that once they enjoyed, feeling anxious, on edge, or jumpy, sleep issues, problems with alcohol, drugs, or food. Professionals trained to treat trauma can help those who suffer reclaim their emotional well-being however that requires acknowledging the problem, and first responders

do not always find that easy. There are many reasons why. For one thing, first responders generally operate in a culture which seeks to uphold an image of invincibility. This is how they deal with all they are expected to encounter. Admitting there are issues can seem not only counterproductive but dangerous, a way of undermining the confidence necessary to do the job effectively and safely. Unfortunately, this attitude can rise to management ranks, with those who open about what they are feeling to their superiors may sometimes be told to "deal with it" or "toughen up." There is also the fear that admitting they are struggling is seen by others as proof that they may not be up to the job. This could be terrifying to contemplate for first responders, who tend to see their work as not simply an occupation but as their identity. If I am not a cop, then what am I? Then, the stigma surrounding mental health issues, which stereotypes those with mental health issues somehow are defective or weak, sometime leads to prejudice and discrimination. The stigma can turn inward as well, which can lead the person to buy into all negative things they have heard about mental illness and hide their distress rather than take steps to overcome it. Project Approach: The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO) followed the Peer Support Guidelines modeled by the International Association Chiefs of Police (IACP). Part of this model was the implementation of the Cordico Wellness application that has been utilized in this program for the past two years. After two years of the utilization of the virtual application and after receiving response from first responders utilizing it, EPCSO has found that in today's digital age, online therapy and virtual counseling platforms have become increasingly popular and while these options offer convenience and accessibility, there are unique benefits to in-person behavioral health interventions that cannot be replicated through virtual means. As a result of the feedback received from first responders, the application for this year's project has changed from requesting assistance to support the virtual application to the request for assistance to have in-person initial, or on-scene mental health assistance, also included in the IACP guidelines (section 5). If approved for funding, the on-scene mental health support to first responders will be provided by mental health professionals from Emergence Health Network, the Mental Health Authority in El Paso. As part of this program, mental health professionals will be deployed to stressful, trauma related situations where first responders might need emotional support. They will provide mental health support and promote counseling and debriefing following these situations. If further support is needed, the officer will be referred to follow-up, in-person counseling sessions facilitated by a mental health professional. Non-traditional therapy will be utilized by this program as well, such as yoga, aroma and massage therapy, and boxing.

Capacity & Capabilities:

With 290 sworn officers, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO) values the public trust and will honestly and ethically carryout their responsibilities. EPCSO adheres to the Constitution of the United States and the State of Texas in pursuit of community service. The EPCSO investigates and respond appropriately to all allegations of impropriety. The EPCSO goal is to ensure all victims of crime are aware of the rights and protections that are afforded to them. Furthermore, the department provides services to alleviate the emotional, physical, or financial burden because of the crime to those who reside in all El Paso County. The EPCSO Crime Victim's Unit responds to the emotional impact and physical needs of all victims of crime to assist them with the criminal justice system and provide direct services for safety and security. Crisis intervention is provided to the community. EPCSO also provides criminal justice support and personal advocacy, referrals to counseling, financial assistance through Texas Crime Victim Compensation, such as loss of wages/support, funeral arrangements, and even medical expenses. In addition, the advocates provide court accompaniment and transportation. The advocates interpret, when necessary, all materials from English to Spanish and from Spanish to English for victims of crime who may need their services. Just as we offer these services to the community, offer the Crime Victim's Unit services to officers/staff as well. The First Responder Mental Health Program will be separate from the above mentioned and will be designed to serve officers/staff who have witnessed crime on a short or long-term basis. This will be the second year in which this program will implemented. Currently, the Sheriff's Office and El Paso County are in the process of approving the contracts and start providing services within the next couple of weeks.

Performance Management :

The Grants Section for the County of El Paso is coordinated and administered by the Office of Budget and Fiscal Policy - Grants Administration Division. The Grants Section, as well as the County Auditor's Office, ensures the performance measurements and financial responsibilities are met on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, and yearly basis for all grants. The County of El Paso believes in a strong, ethical, and cohesive multi-disciplinary approach to all grant projects. The Grant Section efforts ensure all projects are managed to the best of our ability and for the mutual benefit of the community we serve. There will be an assigned officer from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to oversee this project.

Target Group :

All first responders at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office will include 911 dispatchers, Crime Scene Technicians, Detectives, Investigators, Deputies, and Detention Officers, who witness immediate violent crime scenes or over the long-term been exposed to traumatic incidents.

Evidence-Based Practices:

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO) utilizes evidence-based policing as it offers a practical solution to the need to balance public safety, community service needs, available funds and taxpayer expectations. The EPCSO currently uses National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) from our Crime Records Evidence & Forensics Section for statistics and blends the knowledge of controlling crime and disorder with the principles of community policing and problem solving. It helps our community focus on meaningful, achievable public safety outcomes without breaking budgets. Evidence-based policing is implemented without adding law enforcement officers, disrupting police organizations or offending community members. It helps the EPCSO strengthen our legitimacy with the diverse community we serve. Evidence-based policing does not replace community-specific knowledge, and it does not remove a police department's authority or responsibility for crime control decisions. It is intended to inform decision-makers about the best evidence regarding strategies to realize desired outcomes. This evidence helps to create or refine our approach and provides structure for evaluating our efforts. It cannot and is not intended to replace the wisdom and judgment of policing officials and those to whom they report. This is the goal of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Regarding the proposed approach for the first responders mental health project, in-person counseling/therapy is considered an evidence-based practice, decades of research have shown the efficacy of in-person therapy for a wide range of mental health concerns. As a large body of research supports its effectiveness in treating mental health conditions, with studies demonstrating comparable outcomes to online therapy for many mental health issues, especially when considering the established therapeutic relationship facilitated by face-to-face interactions and that in-person sessions allow therapists to observe non-verbal cues like body language and facial expressions, which can be crucial for understanding a client's emotional state. 1 1. The pros and cons of virtual therapy vs. in-person therapy - Reach Behavioral Health

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.

Peace Officer Mental Health Programs

Program Organization and Characteristics

Is this a new program or building capacity for an existing program?

New Program

Building Capacity for an Existing Program

In the space below NEW programs should describe any completed needs assessments and/or steps taken to date. Additionally, all programs must describe how services will be provided – internally, externally, or a hybrid of both – and who will provide them. Finally, describe the guidelines used to manage case load under the program.

The program services will be provided by contractors but managed internally. The on-site mental health services will be provided by the El Paso Mental Health Authority, and supporting therapy hours (traditional and non-traditional) will be provided by a contractor. There will be no caseloads assigned to team members.

Describe where in the organizational chart will the program reside and under whose authority. Where will program activities physically take place? If the program is housed in the same building as operations, address how the program will mitigate any stigma associated with utilizing the program.

The program will be under the Crisis Intervention Unit, the department is headed by Lt. Aaron Nevarez, the Crisis Intervention Unit is under the Patrol Bureau led by Commander Ryan Urrutia. The Crisis Intervention team will be responsible to implement the program. The utilization of all services is completely confidential, therefore there should be no stigmatization derived of its use. In addition, the Crisis Intervention team, upon program approval, the unit will provide trainings and meetings to create awareness and decrease stigma.

Target Group

For each of the target populations below, identify whether all services will be available to each, a subset of services will be provided, or only referrals will be offered (Note: if only referrals will be offered, you may be asked to submit a copy of your referral policy):

Line Officers, Command Staff, and Administrators:

All services

Subset of services

Referrals only

Not served

Dispatchers:

- All services
- Subset of services
- Referrals only
- Not served

Non-Sworn Personnel (e.g., crime scene technicians):

- All services
- Subset of services
- Referrals only
- Not served

Family Members of First Responders:

- All services
- Subset of services
- Referrals only
- Not served

Other Nearby Law Enforcement Personnel (e.g., officers from other departments, federal agents or corrections officers):

- All services
- Subset of services
- Referrals only
- Not served

First Responders Exposed to Traumatic/Critical Incidents (e.g., exposure to violent crime, line-of-duty death or serious injury, officer-involved shootings, or mass trauma):

- All services
- Subset of services
- Referrals only
- Not served

In the space below, list the **types of incidents** that are targeted for services:

The types of incidents that are targeted for services include, but not limited to the following: -mass shootings - responding to assault calls -witnessing the death of a partner -witnessing death after an accident or incident - failed rescues -witnessing harm or death of a child -responding to a call from a victim known by the responder - being at serious risk to self -suicide of a peer

Referral Network Description

Describe the types and method of referrals provided for each of the six target populations described above. Distinguish between voluntary and mandatory referrals. Describe the plan for an escalation referral system (when in-house services are not capable of handling a particular situation).

The program will be available to all of the above-described populations. Formal or mandatory referrals will not be used for the use of the on-site assistance but provided as needed. If additional assistance is needed, referrals to traditional and non-traditional therapy will be made on a case-by-case and voluntarily basis.

Notification of Services

Describe the types of informational materials produced and how they are distributed or made available to employees.

Target population awareness is critical to the success of the program. The Crisis Intervention Team will provide trainings and coordinate meetings with the target population to promote and support the program. In addition, printed and outreach material will be available to increase the program's visibility.

Required Peer Support Program

Describe how this program employs the Peer Support Network model to facilitate communication and continuity of care. For additional information, consult the [International Association of Chiefs of Police Peer Support Guidelines](#).

The First Responder Mental Health Program will be working in conjunction with the Overwatch Peer Support Program (OPS Program). The OPS Program provides support services for first responders and frontline healthcare workers outside of their work environment and is led by fellow peers who have gone through support training.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Crisis Services	20.00	Emergency services provided to help victims during the crisis phase. Crisis Services will be provided via the on-site mental health services to First Responders.

Professional Therapy and Counseling	80.00	Individual therapy/counseling provided by a licensed professional therapist/counselor, including the use of diagnostic and treatment instruments, and psychological/psychiatric evaluations. May include specialized types of therapy such as animal therapy, and art therapy. This therapy will be provided by a contractor and includes traditional and nontraditional sessions.
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CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of counseling hours provided to survivors.	100
Number of survivors receiving counseling / therapy.	25
Number of survivors receiving crisis counseling.	25
Number of victims / survivors seeking services who were served.	25
Number of victims seeking services who were not served.	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.

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

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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/%
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Counseling/Therapy hours for First Responders as needed. An estimated of \$180.00 cost per session with a total of approximated 55 (55.56) sessions projected. Total of \$10,000.00. The total amount contracted with the agency providing mental health assistance will have a cap of \$10,000.00. Sessions would be utilized by first responders as needed; one officer might need 15 sessions while other would just need 2. The contract will be draft with a local mental health provider upon grant approval. The rate used (\$180.00/hr.) for the application is based on the rates charged by our current local mental health provider (Endeavors).	\$9,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0
Contractual and Professional Services	Mental Health Assessment Services	On-site/Crisis Counseling/Therapy hours for First Responders. An estimated of \$160.00 cost per session with a total of approximated 62 (62.5) sessions projected. Total of \$10,000.00. The total amount contracted with the agency providing mental health assistance will have	\$9,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0

		a cap of \$10,000.00. Sessions would be utilized by first responders as needed; the providers will be on-call as when their services will be needed cannot be predicted. This service will be provided by the local mental health authority, Emergence Health Network (EHN). The contract will be draft with a local mental health provider upon grant approval. The rate used (\$170.00/hr.) for the application is based on the rates charged by one of our current local mental health providers (EHN).						
Contractual and Professional Services	Printing Services	Printing Services and program promotion to create awareness of the program within law enforcement community. \$5,000.00 per year. OOG request will be \$2000.00 and match \$3,000.00.	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0

Source of Match Information

Detail Source of Match/GPI:

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
El Paso County General Funds	Cash Match	\$5,000.00

Summary Source of Match/GPI:

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$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	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

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