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Submitted By: Oscar Ugarte, Sheriff

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Department Phone Number: 915-538-2006

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FY25 GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION APPROVAL FORM

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION	
Date:	1/31/2025
Requesting Department/Division:	Sheriff's Office
Department/Division Contact:	Deputy Sheriff Adriana Muñoz ad.munoz@epcounty.com (915) 856-4875
Anticipated Commissioners Court Meeting Grant Approval Date:	2//10/2025
Who from your department/division will speak on the agenda item?	Deputy Sheriff Adriana Muñoz ad.munoz@epcounty.com (915) 856-4875
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Type of Grant (State, Federal, Private, Local, Other):	State
Is this a continuation or a new grant?	Continuation
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CobbleStone Number for Most Recent Grant Award:	2024-0868
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1) What are the staffing requirements or needs for this grant? Please include salary and benefit amounts and anticipated salary and benefit increases for multi-year grants. Have Job Descriptions and Impact forms been created for personnel?	
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Signed by:

Passed and approved this 10th of February, 2025.

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