





## El Paso County Agenda Item Details

**Item Title:** DRO / VOCA / Victim Resource Program/Supportive Supervision and Guardian ad Litem / FY26 Grant Application No. 5416701 & Resolution (2025-0132)

**Submitted By:** Brian Stanley, Executive Director

**Department:** Domestic Relations Office

**Department Phone Number:** 915-834-8200

**Subject:** GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Domestic Relations Office to apply for the Office of the Governor FY26 General Victim Assistance Resource Program Grant from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$138,803.09. A County match in the amount of \$36,000 is required. Funds are available in GF-ACCESS-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2025-0132)

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## FY25 GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION APPROVAL FORM

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION	
Date:	1/28/2025
Requesting Department/Division:	Domestic Relations Office
Department/Division Contact:	Brian Stanley
Anticipated Commissioners Court Meeting Grant Approval Date:	02/10/2025
Who from your department/division will speak on the agenda item?	Brian Stanley
Please list accompanying grant documents requiring the County Judge's signature.	Resolution
GRANT OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION	
Grant Opportunity Title (as provided by Grantor):	FY2026 General Victim Assistance Grant
Grantor Agency:	Office of the Governor
Type of Grant (State, Federal, Private, Local, Other):	Federal
Is this a continuation or a new grant?	New
Is this grant for a new program?	No
CobbleStone Number for Most Recent Grant Award:	
Grant Due Date:	02/13/2025
Grant Period: (start date to end date)	10/01/2025 to 09/30/2026

Grant Proposal Summary (one paragraph or less):	Due to the prevalence of family violence in El Paso County, alongside educational and income factors, this project will integrate both Education and Support services in delivering Supportive Supervised Visits (SSV). “Supportive” refers to third-party overseen parent/child contact, focusing on participant protection and safety while encouraging consistent contact that may enhance the parent-child relationship. Funding will also provide Guardian ad Litem services for individuals navigating family court cases involving family violence and children.
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<b>GRANT FINANCES</b>
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A. Grant Funding to be Requested:	\$ 138,803.09
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C. Anticipated Program Income (if applicable):	
D. Total Project Amount (A + B + C):	\$ 174,803.09

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Passed and approved this 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2025

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