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**El Paso County
Agenda Item Details**

Item Title: SO / Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) Program / FY26-27 Grant Application / OAG No. 2026-0810424778

Submitted By: Oscar Ugarte, Sheriff

Department: EPCSO

Department Phone Number: 915-538-2006

Subject: GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to apply for the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), FY2026-2027 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grants (VCLG) Services in the amount of \$99,000.00 for a two-year project from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2027. Further, approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution and Statement Supporting the Submission of the application. No match is required by OAG, but a match in the amount of \$145,610.00 is required by the department to sustain the program. Funding is available in GF-SOCRIVIC-XFEROUT-GRNT MATCH. (Contract No. 2025-0225)

Background: Through this solicitation, the Sheriff's Office, Victim Services Unit is proposing to provide services and assistance directly to victims of crime to spend their recovery and aid them through the criminal justice process at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. The grant will cover a portion of the Victim Coordinator & Liaison's position, supervisor at the Crime Victim's Unit with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. It is a continuation grant, for FY 2024, the awarded amount of \$49,488.00 was for period Sept.1, 2023- Aug. 31, 2024. No match was required; but \$61,582.72 in County funds were requested to cover the remaining part of the base salary and fringe benefits. FY 2025, the awarded amount was \$49,488.00 was for period Sept.1, 2024- Aug. 31, 2025. No match was required; but \$61,582.72 in County funds were requested to cover the remaining part of the base salary and fringe benefits.

Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Impact Historical
FY 2024
Award: \$49,488.00 was for period Sept.1, 2023- Aug. 31, 2024.

No match was required; but \$61,582.72 in County funds were requested to cover the remaining part of the base salary and fringe benefits.

FY 2025:

Award: \$49,488.00 was for period Sept.1, 2024- Aug. 31, 2025.

No match was required; but \$61,582.72 in County funds were requested to cover the remaining part of the base salary and fringe benefits.

Fiscal Impact Projected

Requested amount: \$99,000.00.

Match amount needed: \$145,610.00.

Breakdown as follows:

Year 1:

Request: \$49,500.00

Match: \$70,149.00

Year 2:

Request: \$49,500.00

Match: \$75,461.00

Long Account Number: Amount:

Long Account Number: COGF-1000-0000000-433-30-30100-0001-MATCH-800102- Amount: \$145,610.00

Budget or Unbudgeted Match: Budgeted

Recommendation: Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to apply for the Office of the apply for the General (OAG), FY2026-2027 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grants (VCLG) Services in the amount of \$99,000.00 for a two-year project; from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2027. Further, approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution and Statement Supporting the Submission of the application. No match is required by OAG, but a match in the amount of \$145,610.00 is required by the department to sustain the program. Match is available in GF-SOCRIVIC-XFEROUT-GRNT MATCH. (Contract No. 2025-0225)

Prior Action: FY 24-25 Grant Award #2024-0731
September 9, 2024, Item 4-BA

FY 24-26 Grant Application #2023-0295
April 10, 2023, Item 4-V

Strategic Plan: Goal:

6. Advance Community Support Services

Objective:

6.3 Develop and implement programs to eradicate poverty and increase social mobility

Strategic Plan Information:

Advance public safety throughout the County.

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**

March 9, 2025.

**RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY
REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION BY
5:00 P.M. CDT, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025.**

IF THE TIMING OF THE APPLICATION DUE DATE AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS PREVENT THE GOVERNING BODY FROM REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE RESOLUTION, THEN IT MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE OAG AFTER THE DUE DATE.

LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT ENTIRY: COUNTY OF EL PASO, TX

APPLICATION REFERENCE ID NUMBER FROM GOALS: 2026-0810424778

Be it known as follows:

WHEREAS, the County of El Paso, Texas, has applied or wishes to apply to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for the following grant program (initial one):

- _____ Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG)
- ✓ Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG)

WHEREAS the Commissioners Court, has considered and supports the Application filed or to be filed with the OAG;

WHEREAS, the County of El Paso, has designated or wishes to designate the following individual as the “Authorized Official” who is given or has been given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate that certain grant with the OAG, as well as given the authority to sign all grant adjustment requests, inventory reports, progress reports and financial reports or any other official documents related to the grant on behalf of the grantee:

Name of Person Designated as “Authorized Official”: Ricardo A. Samaniego

Position Title: County Judge

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this governing body approves the submission of the Application to the OAG, as well as the designation of the Authorized Official.

Signature

Printed Name and Title

03/10/2025
Date

**** THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IS NOT PERMITTED TO SIGN THIS FORM ****

STATEMENTS SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION BY 5:00 P.M. CDT, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025, OR THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

INSTRUCTIONS: Select the grant program in Section 1 below and submit this signed document with the Application.

LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT ENTITY: COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

- Nonprofits should list their Legal Name as registered with Secretary of State Office.
- Governmental entities should list their name as designated by the OAG in GOALS.

APPLICATION REFERENCE ID NUMBER FROM GOALS: 2026-0810424778

1. THIS APPLICATION IS FOR (*initial only one*):

- Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG)
 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG)

2. TRUE AND CORRECT INFORMATION. The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this Application is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge.

3. OAG CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES. The undersigned has read and understands the Certifications and Assurances contained in the Application Kit.

4. DEADLINES AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION. The undersigned understands that the deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m. CDT, Friday, March 14, 2025, and that to meet the deadline, the Applicant must finalize and upload all applicable documents as required in the Application Kit. The undersigned further acknowledges that: • It is the Applicant's responsibility to submit the Application to the OAG in the specified manner and by the specified date and time

- Applications submitted in other formats will not be accepted
- The OAG accepts no responsibility for delays in electronic submission delivery
- Late Applications will not be considered under any circumstance

5. RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY. The undersigned states it is either submitting the Resolution of Applicant's governing body with this Application or will submit one at a later date as established by the OAG. If the timing of the Application due date and requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act or other requirements prevent the governing body from reviewing and approving the Resolution, then it may be submitted to the OAG at a later date.

6. JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR EACH REQUESTED POSITION. The undersigned understands that the most recent job description for each position requested in the proposed budget must be submitted with the Application. Missing job descriptions may impact the Applicant's score.

7. SUPPORT DOCUMENT(S) The undersigned understands that the most recent Support Document(s) as defined under General Definitions must be submitted with the Application.

Authorized Official Signature

Ricardo A. Samaniego
Authorized Official Printed Name

County Judge

Title

3/10/2025

Date