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Agency Name: Fort Bend County**Grant/App:** 1515714 **Start Date:** 9/1/2012 **End Date:** 8/31/2013**Project Title:** Violence Against Women Investigator**Status:** Pending AO Acceptance of Award**Budget Details Information****Budget Information by Budget Line Item:**

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	CJD	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - All Others	DA Investigator for the Family Violence Division of the Fort Bend County DA's Office. The investigator will locate witnesses, serve protective orders on Respondents and serve subpoenas on witnesses, help prepare trial exhibits, and collect other information and evidence necessary for trial. Amount includes salary, benefits, and insurance.	\$43,445.87	\$36,813.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,259.00	100
Travel and Training	In-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	For Texas training and travel for TCLEOSE approved and/or TDCAA events for investigators handling domestic violence cases and protective orders in support of the family violence division. Per diem is different for individual cities. The full schedule has been uploaded with the applicable mileage and per diem rates. All lodging must be approved by the District Attorney and is typically the same location (hotel) as the actual seminar.	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0

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It is a pleasure to inform you that your application for funding has been awarded!

The Office of the Governor (OOG) is working to ensure that communities throughout the state receive the resources to make Texas a safer place by creating and supporting programs that protect people from crime, reduce the number of crimes committed, and promote accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness within the criminal justice system. Your project contributes to these efforts.

See the instructions below for specific information about activating your award. Thank you for your work and best wishes for a successful project.

Instructions for Activating Your Grant

To activate your agency's grant, the Authorized Official should log on to eGrants at <https://eGrants.governor.state.tx.us>

and go to the 'My Home' page. In the 'Project Status' column, locate the application(s) marked 'Pending Acceptance of Award'. Click on the grant number and proceed to the 'Accept Award' tab. At the bottom of this page you may click the appropriate tab to 'Accept' or 'Decline' the award for your grant.

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Narrative Information

Primary Mission and Purpose

The purpose of this funding is to assist in developing and strengthening effective law enforcement, prosecution and court strategies to combat family violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services in such cases.

Funding Levels

The anticipated funding levels for these programs are as follows:

- Minimum Award - \$5,000
- Maximum Award - None
- Grantees must provide matching funds of at least thirty-five percent (35%) of total project expenditures. This requirement may be met through either cash or in-kind contributions or a combination of both.

For more information regarding grantee match, please click on the **Budget** tab, and then click on the **Source of Match** tab in eGrants.

Note: If you voluntarily include matching funds that exceed the minimum match requirement, you will be held to that amount throughout the grant period.

Program Requirements

Preferences – Preference will be given to applicants that promote comprehensive victim restoration while incorporating an emphasis on cultural competency in underserved populations. Applicants are also encouraged to streamline administrative and reporting processes by consolidating grant requests whenever possible in lieu of submitting multiple applications.

Program Emphasis – Applicant agrees to implement comprehensive strategies that are sensitive to the concerns and safety of the victims and hold offenders accountable for their crimes. Applicants must indicate the percentage of their project that benefits Victim Services, Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Courts or other areas. Program emphasis decisions should be made based on the beneficiary of the funded activities. For example, a victim services coalition who provides training to police throughout the state would fall under the "law enforcement" category because the training is to benefit law enforcement.

Indicate the percentage (%) of your project that benefits:

Victim Services – any nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that assists victims.

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Law Enforcement – any public agency charged with policing functions.

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Prosecution – any public agency charged with direct responsibility for prosecuting criminal offenders.

100

Court – any civil or criminal court system.

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Other – any initiative that indirectly affects victims (ex., developing protocols and procedures).

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Culturally Competent Victim Restoration – Provide information in this section regarding how your organization is culturally competent when providing services to victims. Here are some guidelines to follow: Victim service providers must have the ability to blend cultural knowledge and sensitivity with victim restoration skills for a more effective and culturally appropriate recovery process. Cultural competency occurs when: (1) cultural knowledge, awareness and sensitivity are integrated into action and policy; (2) the service is relevant to the needs of the community and provided by trained staff, board members, and management; and (3) an advocate or organization recognizes each client is different with different needs, feelings, ideas and barriers. Our intake for protective orders is done through bilingual office members. Whenever possible, we provide relevant resource materials in english and spanish and also have resource materials to group we partnet with that deal with cultural specific issues that pertain to domestic violence. Examples of these groups are Asians Against Domestic Abuse and DAYA.

Forensic Medical Examination Payments – Health care facilities shall conduct a forensic medical examination of a victim of an alleged sexual assault if the victim arrived at the facility within 96 hours after the assault occurred and the victim consents to the examination. The victim is not required to participate in the investigation or prosecution of an offense as a condition of receiving a forensic medical examination, nor pay for the forensic examination or the evidence collection kit. The evidence collection portion of the exam is to be paid by law enforcement per state law. Crime Victim Compensation funds may be used to pay for the medical portion of the exam unless the victim of sexual assault is required to seek reimbursement for the examination from their insurance carrier. If a health care facility does not provide diagnosis or treatment services for sexual assault victims, the facility is required to refer the victim to a facility that provides those services.

Polygraph Testing Prohibition – A peace officer or attorney representing the state may not require an adult or child victim of an alleged sex offense to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an offense. In addition, the refusal of a victim to submit to a polygraph or other truth telling examination will not prevent the investigation, charging, or prosecution of an alleged sex offense or on the basis of the results of a polygraph examination.

Protection Orders – Victims applying for a protective order or their attorney may not bear the costs associated with the filing of an order of protections.

Judicial Notification – Offenders involved in a protection order are not allowed to possess a firearm unless the offender is a peace officer who is actively engaged in employment as a sworn, full-time paid employee of a state agency or political subdivision.

Criminal Charges - In connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, the victim may not bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against a domestic violence offender, issuance or service of a warrant, or witness subpoena.

Nondisclosure of Confidential or Private Information – 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.

Statewide Priorities

Applicants must address one or more of the following statewide priorities:

Improve the criminal justice system response to victims of violence against women.

Provide a brief explanation:

This grant supports the Family Violence Division of the Fort Bend County DA's Office. Specifically, this grant provides an investigator who improves the response and increases the safety of victims of domestic violence by serving protective order respondents, locating witnesses for domestic violence cases, and preparing exhibits for domestic violence prosecutors.

Improve court services regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Provide a brief explanation:

Strengthen victim restoration.

Provide a brief explanation:

Increase collaboration and communication across all levels of government and among all victim services.

Provide a brief explanation:

Civil Rights Liaison

A civil rights liaison who will serve as the grantee's civil rights point of contact and who will be responsible for ensuring that the grantee meets all applicable civil rights requirements must be designated. The designee will act as the grantee's liaison in civil rights matters with CJD and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Kent Edwards

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

4520 Reading Road Rosenberg, Texas 77471

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999 x9999]:

281.341.8631

Certification

Each applicant agency will certify to the specific criteria detailed above under **Program Requirements** to be eligible for funding under the Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects – Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking Solicitation.

I certify to all of the above eligibility requirements.

Problem Statement:

Please provide a detailed account in the Problem Statement section of the existing issues your project will target.

Enter your problem statement:

The rising poulation of Fort Bend County has resulted in more domestic violence cases, more courts, and number of requests for investigative assistance of our existing domestic violence investigator. The work this investigator does is invaluable when it comes to serving subpoenas and protective orders when regular constable service cannot be accomplished and by preparing and collecting exhibits for trial.

Supporting Data:

Provide as much supporting data, to include baseline statistics and the sources of your data, which are pertinent to where the grant project is located and/or targeted. Do not use statewide data for a local problem or national data for a statewide problem.

Enter your supporting data:

Per the Fort Bend County website - "(W)hile the state of Texas grew at a rate of 7.9%, the U.S. Bureau of Census concluded that Fort Bend County grew at a rate of 23.4% in 2000 through 2004. That growth is predicted to continue - Woods and Poole Economics ranks Fort Bend as 2nd in growth for all U.S. counties with more than 250,000 in population for the years 2003 - 2025. The Texas State Data Center estimates that the population could reach 770,060 by the year 2020. In other words, it took 160 years for Fort Bend to gain its first 350,000 residents, but will add the next 350,000 residents within the next 20 years. The population increases daily with the construction of new homes and subdivisions." The U.S. Census Bureau (at this link: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48/48157.html>) shows Fort Bend County Population to be close to 600,00 in 2010. The booming growth of this county creates an ongoing need for this continuation project. According to the grant statistics available from PPRI at Texas A&M from September 1, 2006, to August 31, 2007, shows a total of approximately 1200 domestic violence cases referred by law enforcement. For the first quarter of the current grant cycle, per PPRI reports shows close to 400 cases referred by law enforcement.

Community Plan:

For projects that have a local or regional impact target area, provide information regarding the community plan need(s) that your project will address.

Enter your community planning needs:

Domestic Violence

Goal Statement:

Provide a brief description of the overall goals and objectives for this project.

Enter a description for the overall goals and objectives:

To succesfully prosecute domestic violence offenders and procure protective orders against domestic violence offenders in Fort Bend County, Texas. By succesfully prosecuting criminal cases and protective orders we increase victim safety by keeping the abuser away by 1. either a no contact condition of probation or protective order, 2. no contact with a victim via jail or prison time, or by providing counseling to abusers as a condition of either probation or a protective order. Specifically, the investigator supplied by the grant supports the Family Violence Division by succesfully locating and serving witnesses, preparing trial exhibits, reconstructing old cases, serving protective orders, & obtaining evidence for domestic violence cases

Cooperative Working Agreement (CWA):

When a grantee intends to carry out a grant project through cooperating or participating with one or more outside organizations, the grantee must obtain authorized approval signatures on the cooperative working agreement (CWA) from each participating organization. Grantees must maintain on file a signed copy of all cooperative working agreements, and they must submit to CJD a list of each participating organization and a description of the purpose of each **CWA**. Cooperative working agreements do not involve an exchange of funds.

For this project, provide the name of the participating organization(s) and a brief description of the purpose(s) for the **CWA(s)**. You should only provide information here that this project's successful operation is contingent on for the named service or participation from the outside organization.

Note: A **Sample CWA** is available [here](#) for your convenience.

Enter your cooperating working agreement(s):

Fort Bend County Women's Center The Fort Bend County Women's Center is a longstanding partner that provides services directly to victims of domestic violence. These services include shelter, food, clothing and counseling. The also provide court accompaniment on many of our protective order cases. We provide training to their volunteers and collaborate in groups that provide training to law enforcement and other outside organizations that combat domestic violence.

Continuation Projects:

For continuation projects only, if your current or previous year's project is NOT on schedule in accomplishing the stated objectives, briefly describe the major obstacles preventing your organization from successfully reaching the project objectives as stated within your previous grant application. (Data may be calculated on a pro-rated basis depending on how long the current or previous year's project has been operating.)

Enter your current grant's progress:

Currently, the project is on target to be near it's goals regarding prosecution of criminal cases. This is remarkable considering that most of 2011 was consumed (at the felony level) with the prosecution of a murder and a capital murder case (both were family violence cases). Those two cases consumed at least five months of the year for the Family Violence Division's felony prosecutors and the investigator supplied by this grant. In addition, the division lost weeks of valuable court time because the entire court system moved to Fort Bend County's new Criminal Justice Center.

Project Summary:

Briefly summarize the entire application, including the project's problem statement, supporting data, goal, target group, activities, and objectives. Be sure that the summary is easy to understand by a person not familiar with your project and that you are confident and comfortable with the information if it were to be released under a public information request.

Enter your summary statement for this project:

This project supports the Family Violence Division of the Fort Bend County DA's Office. This is a specialized prosecution unit that focuses on

prosecution of domestic violence offenders and assists victims of domestic violence in obtaining protective orders. Specifically the projects allows a DA Investigator to help prepare cases for court, serve protective orders, and locate witnesses.

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