

**Attachments For Commissioner Court
District Attorney Equipment Grant Application:**

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Programs**

State of Texas §

County of Fort Bend §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Fort Bend County, that the **Equipment Grant** be operated for the 2014 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court has agreed to provide applicable matching funds for the said project, as required by the **DJ** application; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice Division in full; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court has authorized the County Judge, Robert Hebert to electronically apply for the grant; and has further authorized the County Judge to accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the grant applicant;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court approves submission of the Grant application for the **Equipment Grant** to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice division not to exceed \$11,789.90 with no local match required.

PASSED, APPROVED AND RESOLVED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2013.

Robert Hebert, County Judge

ATTEST:

Dianne Wilson, County Clerk

COMPREHENSIVE CERTIFICATION AND ASSURANCES

ASSURANCES

The applicant must assure and certify compliance with any and all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements, including, but not limited to, OMB Circulars No. A-21, A-110, A-122, A-87, A-133; Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Regulations; Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR); E.O. 12372 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements — 28 CFR, Part 66, Common Rule; the Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS); and Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3 of the Texas Administrative Code, that govern the application, acceptance and use of Federal and State funds for this project. In instances where multiple requirements apply to a grantee, the more restrictive requirement applies. Specifically, the following applicable requirements must be certified:

1. **LEGAL AUTHORITY** - It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant. A resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative, or their designee of the organization to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required. State agencies are not required to adopt a resolution.
2. **DISPLACED PERSONS** - It will comply with requirements of the provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions (42 USC §§ 4601 - 4655) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced as a result of Federal and federally assisted programs.
3. **POLITICAL ACTIVITY** - It will comply with provisions of Federal law which limit certain political activities of employees of State or local unit of government whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by Federal grants. (5 USC § 1501, et seq.)
4. **LABOR FAIR STANDARDS ACT** - It will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (29 USC §§ 201 - 219) if applicable.
5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that is, or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.
6. **EXAMINATION OF RECORDS** - It will give the sponsoring agency, the Office of the Governor, or the Comptroller General, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant.
7. **COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS** - It will comply with all requirements imposed by the Federal sponsoring agency, the Office of the Governor, or the Comptroller General, concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements.
8. **EPA VIOLATING FACILITIES** - It will insure that the facilities under its ownership, lease or supervision, which shall be utilized in the accomplishment of the project, are not listed in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPAs) list of Violating Facilities, and that it will notify the Federal grantor agency of the receipt of any communication from the Director of the EPA Office of Federal Activities indicating that a facility to be used in the project is under consideration for listing by the EPA.
9. **FLOOD INSURANCE** - It will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act (50 USC § 4001), which states that, on or after March 2, 1975, communities must purchase flood insurance, where such insurance is available in those communities. This requirement is a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition purposes for use in any area that had been identified by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as an area having special flood hazards. The phrase "Federal financial assistance" includes any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, disaster assistance loan or grant, or any other form of direct or indirect Federal assistance.
10. **HISTORIC PRESERVATION** - It will assist the federal grantor agency in its compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC § 470), Executive Order 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. § 469a-1, et seq.), by (a) consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on the conduct of investigations, as necessary, to identify properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that are subject to adverse effects (see 36 CFR Part 800.8) by the activity, and notifying the Federal grantor agency of the existence of any such properties, and by (b) complying with all requirements established by the Federal grantor agency to avoid or mitigate adverse effects upon such properties.
11. **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT** - It will assist the federal grantor agency in its compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, January 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852) as amended by P.L. 94-52, July 3, 1975, 89 Stat. 258, and P.L. 94-83, August 9, 1975, 89 Stat. 424), by (a) identifying if any of the following activities will be related to the use of grant funds: (1) new construction; (2) minor renovation or remodeling of a property either listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or located within a 100-year flood plain; (3) a renovation, lease or any proposed use of a building or facility that will either result in a change in its basic prior use or significantly change its size; and (4) implementation of a new program involving the use of chemicals other than chemicals that are purchased as an incidental component of a funded activity and traditionally used, for example, in office, household, recreational, or education environments; and (b) by complying with the following conditions relating to clandestine methamphetamine laboratory operations, including the identification, seizure, or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories: (1) provide medical screening of personnel assigned or to be assigned by the grantee to the seizure or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories; (2) provide Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) required initial and refresher training for law enforcement officials and all other personnel assigned

- to either the seizure or closure of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories; (3) as determined by their specified duties, equip the personnel with OSHA required protective wear and other required safety equipment; (4) assign properly trained personnel to prepare a comprehensive contamination report on each seized/closed laboratory; (5) utilize qualified disposal personnel to remove all chemicals and associated glassware, equipment, and contaminated materials and wastes from the site(s) of each seized laboratory; (6) dispose of the chemicals, equipment, and contaminated materials and wastes at properly licensed disposal facilities or, when allowable, at properly licensed recycling facilities; (7) monitor the transport, disposal, and recycling components of subsections numbered (5) and (6), immediately above, in order to ensure proper compliance; (8) have in place and/or implement any required written agreements with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services regarding the safety of any minors located at the clandestine laboratory site, the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality, and other entities deemed necessary by the State Administrative Agency.
12. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND GUIDES** - It will comply, and assure the compliance of all its sub grantees and contractors, with the applicable provisions of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, or the Victims of Crime Act, as appropriate; the provisions of the current edition of the Office of Justice Programs Financial and Administrative Guide for Grants, M7100.1; and all other applicable Federal laws, orders, circulars, or regulations.
 13. **COMPLIANCE WITH CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS** - It will comply with the provisions of 28 CFR applicable to grants and cooperative agreements including Part 18, Administrative Review Procedure; Part 20, Criminal Justice Information Systems; Part 22, Confidentiality of Identifiable Research and Statistical Information; Part 23, Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating Policies; Part 30, Intergovernmental Review of Department of Justice Programs and Activities; Part 42, Nondiscrimination/ Equal Employment Opportunity Policies and Procedures; Part 61, Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act; Part 63, Floodplain Management and Wetland Protection Procedures; and Federal laws or regulations applicable to Federal Assistance Programs.
 14. **NONDISCRIMINATION** -
 - A. It will comply with all State and Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination and ensure, in accordance with federal civil rights laws, that the subrecipient shall not retaliate against individuals for taking action or participating in action to secure rights protected by these laws.
 - B. It will comply, and all its contractors will comply, with the nondiscrimination requirements which may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 USC § 3789(d)); Victims of Crime Act (42 U.S.C. § 10604(e)); Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. § 5672(b)); the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 7 94); the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-07); and 28 CFR 38 (Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); see Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations) and Ex. Order 13559 (fundamental principles and policymaking criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations).
 - C. In the event a federal or state court or federal or state administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office of Justice Programs, Office for Civil Rights (OCR).
 - D. It will provide an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) to OCR and to the Office of the Governor (OOG), if required to submit one; otherwise, it will provide a certification to the OCR and the OOG that it has a current EEOP on file, if required to maintain one. For public grantee agencies receiving less than \$25,000, or public grantee agencies with fewer than 50 employees, regardless of the amount of the award, no EEOP is required. Information about civil rights obligations of grantees can be found at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr>.
 15. **LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**-It will comply with Ex. Order 13166 (Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency) and resulting agency guidance which states that national origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, a recipient must take reasonable steps to ensure the LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs. Meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation, where necessary. In conducting its programs and activities, the recipient is encouraged to consider the language service needs of LEP persons whom it serves or encounters. Additional assistance and information regarding LEP obligations can be found at <http://www.lep.gov>.
 16. **COASTAL BARRIERS** - It will comply with the provisions of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 USC § 3501, et seq.) which prohibits the expenditure of most new Federal funds within the units of the Coastal Barrier Resources System.
 17. **SUPPLANTING PROHIBITION** - It will use funds to supplement existing funds for program activities and may not replace (supplant) non-Federal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. The applicant understands that potential supplanting will be the subject of monitoring and audit. Violations can result in a range of penalties, including suspension of future funds under this Program, suspension or debarment from Federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under this grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.
 18. **TAXES** - It will comply with all State and Federal laws and are solely responsible for filing all required State and Federal tax forms.
 19. **GRANT ADMINISTRATION** - It will maintain an appropriate grant administration system to ensure that all terms, conditions and specifications of the grant, including these standard assurances, are met.
 20. **PUBLIC INFORMATION** - It will ensure that all information collected, assembled or maintained by the applicant relative to a project will be available to the public during normal business hours in compliance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, unless otherwise expressly prohibited by law.
 21. **CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS** - It will comply with Section 231.006, Texas Family Code, which prohibits payments to a person who is in arrears on child support payments.
 22. **SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE** - It will comply with Section 261.101 of the Texas Family Code, which requires reporting of all suspected cases of child abuse to local law enforcement authorities and to the Texas Department of Child Protective

and Regulatory Services. Grantees shall also ensure that all program personnel are properly trained and aware of this requirement.

23. **RELATIVES** - It will comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 573, by ensuring that no officer, employee, or member of the applicant's governing body or of the applicant's contractor shall vote or confirm the employment of any person related within the second degree of affinity or the third degree of consanguinity to any member of the governing body, or to any other officer or employee authorized to employ or supervise such person. This prohibition shall not prohibit the employment of a person, who shall have been continuously employed for a period of two years, or such other period stipulated by local law, prior to the election or appointment of the officer, employee, or governing body member related to such person in the prohibited degree.
24. **OPEN MEETINGS** - If the applicant is a governmental entity, it will comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, which requires all regular, special or called meeting of governmental bodies to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law or specifically excluded in the Texas Constitution.
25. **HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, PUBLIC SAFETY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY** - If the applicant is a health and human services agency or public safety or law enforcement agency, it will not contract with or issue a license, certificate or permit to the owner, operator or administrator of a facility if the license, permit or certificate has been revoked by another health and human services agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.
26. **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY** - If the applicant is a law enforcement agency regulated by Texas Government Code, Chapter 415, it will comply with all rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 415, or it must provide the Criminal Justice Division with a certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education stating that the agency is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules.

CERTIFICATIONS

1. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE** - The applicant certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:
 - A. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.
 - B. Establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - i. the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - ii. the applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - iii. any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - iv. the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
 - C. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a).
 - D. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:
 - i. abide by the terms of the statement, and
 - ii. notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace not later than five days after such conviction.
 - E. Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d) (ii) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.
 - F. Taking one of the following actions with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - i. taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination; or
 - ii. requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
 - G. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through the implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).
2. **LOBBYING** - The applicant certifies that:
 - A. It will not use grant funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior approval of the Criminal Justice Division.
 - B. If any non-grant funds have been or will be used in support of the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, it will notify the Criminal Justice Division to obtain the appropriate disclosure form.
 - C. It will include the language of paragraphs A. and B. of this section in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers and will require all sub-recipients to certify accordingly.

Request for Applications – Justice Assistance Grant Programs

The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting applications for projects that reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system during the state fiscal year 2014 grant cycle.

Purpose: The purpose of this solicitation is to reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system.

Available Funding: Federal funds are authorized under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), 42 U.S.C. 3751(a). JAG funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the United States Department of Justice. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Funding Levels:

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

Standards: Grantees must comply with the standards applicable to this funding source cited in the *Texas Administrative Code* (1 TAC Chapter 3), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Prohibitions: Grant funds may not be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- 1) supplanting or use of grant funds to replace any other existing federal, state or local funds;
- 2) inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytization;
- 3) lobbying;
- 4) any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official;
- 5) non-law enforcement vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
- 6) weapons, ammunition, explosives or military vehicles;
- 7) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- 8) promotional gifts;
- 9) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments;
- 10) membership dues for individuals;
- 11) fundraising;
- 12) construction, renovation or remodeling;
- 13) medical services;
- 14) transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training; and
- 15) legal services for adult offenders.

Eligible Applicants:

- 1) State agencies;
- 2) Units of local government;
- 3) Independent school districts;
- 4) Native American tribes;
- 5) Public universities;
- 6) Public colleges; and
- 7) Community supervision and corrections departments.

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Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Projects must focus on reducing crime and improving the criminal justice system;
- 2) Eligible applicants must provide law enforcement, corrections, or judicial services;
- 3) In order for an applicant to be eligible, the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have a 90% average on both adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2007 through 2011. This requirement must be met by August 1, 2013;
- 4) Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and must have been current for the three previous years;
- 5) Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>); and
- 6) Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/> and maintain an active registration throughout the grant period.

Project Period: Grant-funded projects must begin on or after September 1, 2013, and expire on or before August 31, 2014. Grant-funded equipment only projects are generally awarded for a six month grant period.

Application Process: Applicants must access CJD's grant management website at <https://eGrants.governor.state.tx.us> to register and apply for funding.

Preferences: Preference will be given to projects that support one or more of the following areas:

- 1) Enhanced patrols along and near the Texas-Mexico border;
- 2) Drug and human trafficking;
- 3) Disruption of adult gangs;
- 4) Technology that promotes electronic discovery for defense counsel;
- 5) Regional information sharing systems for law enforcement;
- 6) Conversion of crime data from the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) format to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) format; and
- 7) Cost effective programs that compliment the criminal justice system.

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: All applications must be certified via CJD's grant management website on or before February 28, 2013.

Selection Process:

- 1) For eligible local and regional projects:
 - a) Applications will be forwarded by CJD to the appropriate regional council of governments (COG).
 - b) The COG's criminal justice advisory committee will prioritize all eligible applications based on state priorities, identified community priorities, cost and program effectiveness.
 - c) CJD will accept priority listings that are approved by the COG's executive committee.
 - d) CJD will make all final funding decisions based on eligibility, COG priorities, reasonableness, availability of funding, and cost-effectiveness.
- 2) For state discretionary projects, applications will be reviewed by CJD staff members or a review group selected by the executive director. CJD will make all final funding decisions based on eligibility, reasonableness, availability of funding, and cost-effectiveness.

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Contact Information: If additional information is needed, contact the eGrants help desk at eGrants@governor.state.tx.us or (512) 463-1919.