

Agency Name: Fort Bend County

Grant/App: 2674103 **Start Date:** 10/1/2015 **End Date:** 9/30/2016

Project Title: CID Investigators

Status: Application Pending Submission

Project Summary:

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There are five major detective units within the Fort Bend County Criminal Investigation Division (C.I.D.). The Crimes against Children Unit, responsible for child abuse investigations, has had the largest percentage of increase in reported offenses to be investigated. This is a 21% increase in the amount of cases being investigated by the same number of detectives from 2013 to 2014. The majority of these incidents investigated are felony offenses that can result in the highest amount of prison time due to the nature of the severity of the offense. In these instances when charges are filed, the entire process can take years to work through the judicial system to reach a final conclusion. As a result, the original investigating detective may spend extra time from their weekly routine appearing and re-appearing for court proceedings, follow-up investigation, trial preparation meetings and trial testimony from the result of one single investigation. The investigation process is a fluid process, whereby new cases come in each week, requiring many man hours of investigative work, while the detectives have to manage previous case investigations and the needs of any required follow up work. Much of the Crimes Against Children Unit work is time-critical to effectively identify offenders and bring them to justice before they have the opportunity to perpetrate crimes against other victims or re-offend against current victims. The nature of these time-critical investigations gives cause for the Crimes against Children Unit to be staffed at an appropriate level to meet these challenges. It is estimated that this position will investigate 300 child abuse cases, bring 250 of the cases to closure and file 25 criminal charges in these cases. We are asking for continued funding for one full time detective. We will provide all other needs, including vehicle, to commit to this effort.

Beginning in August 2006, there were approximately 600 documented criminal street gang members in 50-75 Adult criminal gangs, and 8-10 security threat groups (prison gangs). We have had no detective to aggressively investigate, disrupt, arrest and refer for prosecution cases involving adult gangs and gang members on a full time basis. A number of local law enforcement agencies shared information on criminal street gang activity, and filed numerous criminal charges. These criminal charges consisted of Murder, Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon, State Jail Felony Criminal Mischief, Possession of Marijuana offenses to name only a few. The Yung 100 is a Hybrid criminal street gang which consists of 5 BLOOD gangs and members of 2 CRIP gangs and their rival is another Hybrid criminal street gang known as the Mash Mode Maabstarz, whose numbers equal that of the Yung 100 during this time. In 2009

there were 12 major incidents involving adult gang members. These incidents involved gang shootings, duel homicides, firing a weapon at a rival vehicle, a 20 person gang fight, a drive by shooting, documented reports of accelerated recruiting by two major gangs in Fort Bend County, aggravated robberies in Mission Bend and Sugarland, two shooting incidents between new criminal street gangs, at least 12 drive by shootings resulting in the murder of one rival gang member, and an expansion of foot level soldiers to accelerate street level operations and to acquire military grade weapons from gangs in Corpus Christi. To date (02-5-2014) there are 2132 gang members documented by the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office in the TxGang database. Of these gang members there are 225 gangs documented by the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office in the TxGang database. From January 2008 to current date there have been FOUR major Homicide gang-related investigations. The goal of the Gang Investigator is to identify Adult gangs and gang members as well as enforce any gang related Federal, State, and Local Law violations. Objectives are to improve the ability to effectively respond to Adult gang type offenses and activities and disrupt gang related offenses through aggressive investigation, arrest, and prosecution. The gang investigator will promote County wide support through an open and cooperative relationship with all Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, Courts, Criminal District Attorney's Office, Businesses, Community Leaders and Citizens. It has been shown that many of these documented members are responsible for many crimes in the area. Several Adult gangs have been identified that are currently actively recruiting in many of the schools. Because of the State's laws regarding documenting gang members and maintaining an intelligence data base, there is a requirement to constantly review the data and update the members' last involvement with the law enforcement or purge that data entirely. It has been proven that Fort Bend County currently has a large population of gang members and there is a need for the County to have a fully functioning gang unit. We are asking for continued funding for one full time detective. We will provide all other needs, including vehicle, to commit to this effort.

The total amount of funds requested for these programs is \$85,146 to fund two officer's salary and benefits, along with some office supplies and cell phone service.

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CATEGORY	CJD	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Personnel	\$81,112.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81,112.00
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$4,034.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,034.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

CJD	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$85,146.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,146.00

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