

Agency Name: Fort Bend County

Grant/App: 2662303 **Start Date:** 9/1/2015 **End Date:** 8/31/2016

Project Title: Community Services Division - Youth Programs

Status: Application Pending Submission

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:

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office has a division known as the Community Services Division. The Kids and Cops Program along with the Truancy Abatement Assistance Program "TAAP" are part of this successful division.

The Kids & Cops Program is in its 17th year of operation and is very much in demand. The program is very highly respected and requested. Dealing with peer pressure, bullies, drugs, gangs, students feeling unsafe at school and truancy are all issues for Fort Bend County youth. Often there is a reduced level of concentration and the ability to learn. A young person who has difficulty handling everyday life is more likely to become involved in criminal activity and be referred to the juvenile probation and/or the Justices of the Peace. The purpose of Fort Bend County Kids & Cops Program is to take a proactive approach in educating students to grow up to become productive, law-abiding citizens. Fort Bend County currently has 7 deputies who teach fulltime in the Fort Bend County Schools. At this point they teach in 52 elementary schools, 17 middle schools/junior highs, and 13 high schools. This includes public schools and 2 private schools with a total of 15,364 students who received classroom instruction. In addition, 24,099 students who are in PreK through 4th grade were visited by the deputies. During the summer, Kids & Cops offers summer camps to students who are 10, 11 and 12 years old. In 2014 there were a total of 8 summer camps with approximately 480 students who attended. There are currently 18 elementary schools, 4 middle schools/junior highs and 3 high schools that do not have the Kids & Cops Program.

The Truancy Abatement Assistance Program "TAAP" is in its 16th year and is operated by two Officers. This program targets 6-18 year olds in all 6 of the school districts and one private school in Fort Bend County. It also provides assistance to the Juvenile Probation Department. Truancy is a growing problem in Fort Bend County. When students skip school it negatively impacts their future, the finances of the school and, the overall welfare and safety of the community. Data from local school districts indicate that approximately 5% of students are absent on any given day. During the 2012-2013 school year, the largest school district in Fort Bend County with a student population of over 70,000 students, reported 5,157 student citations were referred to the Justice of the Peace Courts for truancy. TAAP made a total of 351 presentations to nearly 22,000 students at 95 different schools. All six of the school districts located within Fort Bend County are serviced by the specialized officers. The school districts report a projected growth with expansion of newly added elementary, middle, junior high and senior high schools for the upcoming school years. In addition, the Truancy Abatement program is to assist the Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation department. TAAP coordinate efforts to abate truancy through multi-agency targeted sweeps, and facilitate requests from the community for services that will be sacrificed at the expense of the youth. In 2013 there were 2,420 referrals to the Juvenile Probation Dept. and 539 juveniles on formal/informal probation. With a growing population within Fort Bend County it is expected that the number of juveniles on probation will proportionately grow. The total amount of funds requested for these programs is \$84,931 to fund two officer's salary and benefits, along with some office supplies and cell phone service.

[Print This Page](#)**Agency Name:** Fort Bend County**Grant/App:** 2662303 **Start Date:** 9/1/2015 **End Date:** 8/31/2016**Project Title:** Community Services Division - Youth Programs**Status:** Application Pending Submission**Budget Summary Information****Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:**

CATEGORY	CJD	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Personnel	\$80,972.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,972.00
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$3,959.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,959.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

CJD	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$84,931.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$84,931.00

You are logged in as **User Name:** RobinMcGuire