

**Agency Name:** Fort Bend County

**Grant/App:** 2876201 **Start Date:** 10/1/2015 **End Date:** 9/30/2016

**Project Title:** Law Enforcement Equipment

**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.

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Fort Bend County consists of a population of 652,365 residents and span over 875 square miles. Law Enforcement agencies include the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office and four (4) precinct Constables' Offices.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Narcotics division Mini X Handheld scanner and the Video scope will help disclose the problem of illegal narcotics, weapons, and contraband that is traveling through the I-69 corridors into our communities. The overall goal of the Mini Z Handheld Backscatter Screening System and Video Scope is to greatly increase the odds of disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking organizations, with the potential of reducing the amount of narcotics transported into our communities, also restricting the amount of the proceeds (currency) from narcotics activity from returning to the drug trafficking organizations. In addition, the devices can be used as a tool in identifying concealed contraband (ie narcotics, currency, and weapons). Our goal is to also limit the amount of time a highway interdiction officer spends on a road side investigation which will help the safety of the officer due to traffic, along with, limiting the amount of time spent on vehicle stops due to residual narcotic odors (K-9). Not only will the tools be used during regular vehicle stops, but the scanner will assist in identifying or eliminating concealed contraband in luggage during transport bus investigations. Officers can also use The Mini Z scanner during search warrants in identifying concealed currency behind sheetrock walls while the Video scope is able to illuminate an LED light source while inspecting engines and gas lines. The Mini Z and the Video scope can provide an unsurpassed operational flexibility for detecting contra band, explosives, and drugs in hard to detect areas. With their small forms, the Mini Z system and the Video Scope allows effective screening that produce images to quickly locate hidden potential threats or contraband.

Fort Bend County Constable Field units utilize mobile video systems to record and document their activities such as traffic stops, criminal investigations and any other activities that include interaction with citizenry. These videos are gathered with the intent for later use in prosecutions and other investigations. Currently, the four Constable offices of Fort Bend County do not have a universal storage and administration system to manage these patrol videos. Precinct 1 and 3 Constable offices have individual systems that do not allow for the over-the-air transfer of videos from the patrol units to the administration system requiring a manual system of transfer that is time consuming and provides for the potential of lack of security and data loss. The Precinct 4 Constable's Office's system has exceeded its capabilities and is currently not functioning. Precinct 2 has no system for administering video evidence.

A Video Evidence Management System would allow the over-the-air transfer of video data from Constable vehicles at each precinct location in Fort Bend County and storage in one centralized server that would be managed by Fort Bend County Information Technology. Each office would have individual secure access and control of their respective agency's videos from on-site client computers. This would allow each office proper secure storage, tracking, management and retrieval of video evidence that includes in-car videos, crime scene videos, and witness and defendant interview videos and audio. Retrieval of evidentiary video is necessary for later prosecutorial use and would also provide compliance with any Morton Act requests thereby reducing liability and reducing the dismissal of criminal cases.

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CATEGORY	CJD	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Equipment	\$161,690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161,690.00

**Budget Grand Total Information:**

CJD	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$161,690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161,690.00

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