

Fort Bend County Collaboration Information System

Standard Grant Application Process

Fort Bend County

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Application Form

Enter Project Name*

Fort Bend County Collaboration Information System

Tax-Exempt Status

If applicable, please attach your 501(c) 3 letter of determination. Certain churches and political subdivisions do not need this.

Other Business Name

Any name(s) other than that shown on your IRS Determination Letter under which your organization has operated.

Employer Identification Number*

Please attach your employer identification number.

74-6001969

Financials

Please attach your most recent financials including: EOY balance sheets for previous two years; EOY Profit & Loss Statement for previous two years; EOY Cash Flow Statement (Sources & Uses of Funds) for previous two years; most recent interim Balance Sheet and year-to-date Profit & Loss Statement; and most recent fiscal year audit report if available.

History and Mission of Organization*

Either attach a Word document briefly describing the history and mission of your organization and the scope of your current activities or enter your response in the space below.

Fort Bend County Social Services has been in existence for 65 years. Initially it was created by County Commissioners Court to fulfill the mandate of Article 2351 of Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, which directs County government to provide support for impoverished individuals. In the 1950's, the department became known as the County Welfare Office, and its objective was to improve the coordination of poverty alleviating efforts throughout its immediate and surrounding areas. Eventually, the department adopted the title of Fort Bend County Social Services and it became one of the leading providers of needed resources for its vulnerable residents. Currently the department provides utility, rent/mortgage, emergency shelter, food, medication, assistance for indigent burial services, transitional supportive housing, case management, unmet emergency needs and Benefits Bank to the residents of Fort Bend County. The mission of FBCSS is to provide an array of social services to meet the needs of individuals and families in Fort Bend County and enhance their quality of life. Our vision is to guide individuals and families to transition from crisis to sustainability. In the spring of 2015 Fort Bend County Collaboration Information System was established by five local non-profit organizations and two county departments. The Mission of the collaborative is to implement a collaborative data collection and sharing system that will coordinate client information, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery over time. In 2016 FBCSS was awarded the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) grant to provide services to Veterans and surviving spouses of Veterans. Services include rent, mortgage, emergency shelter, child care expenses, deposits and assistance for many other unmet needs that keep the Veteran and/or family members from achieving self-sustainability. The VOCA grant was awarded in late 2016 in order to provide case management services to Victims of Crime.

Amount of Grant Requested*

Please list the dollar amount of the grant you are requesting.

\$12,500.00

Date funds needed*

Estimate the date by which grant funds will be needed.

05/01/2017

Specific purpose of the grant*

Succinctly state the specific purpose for which the grant funds will be used. If your response exceeds one page, please attach a Word document.

Grant funds will be utilized to pay for Collaboration Program Coordinator for the Fort Bend Collaborative Information System. It will cover the costs for data base system (Case Worthy) user license fees, annual maintenance fees as well as possible technical assistance fees accrued by data base system.

Other Gifts*

List other grants or contributions received for this specific project, and list organizations who will be solicited for funds for this specific project. This text box is limited; a document may be attached if more space is required.

Fort Bend County Coordinated Information System has received funding from the following:

For the Fiscal Year of 2017:

Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation contributed \$12,500.00

Fort Bend County Social Services has contributed \$25,000.00

And the remaining funds from Fiscal Year 2016 have been carried over from The George Foundation, Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation and Fort Bend County totaling \$18,514.02

There have been five partnership contributions from Existing Partners of \$2,500.00 each, from Richmond - Rosenberg Helping Hands, East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministries, Second Mile Mission Center, Fort Bend Meals on Wheels, and Katy Christian Ministries. Totaling \$12,500.00.

Past contributing foundations*

List the foundations who have contributed to your organization (not necessarily for this project) in the past two years. This text box is limited; a document may be attached if more space is required.

The George Foundation

Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation

Projected Operating Budget*

Attach the project operating budget for this particular project, not for the organization as a whole. Descriptive information may be entered in this area to accompany attached documentation.

Personnel- Salary \$47,864.64
Personnel- Fringe \$21,456.79
Information Technology \$5,824.00
TOTAL BUDGET \$75,145.43
See attachment: updated - FBCCIS Detailed Budget

Target Population*

Briefly describe the specific population benefiting from this project.

The target population is Fort Bend County's most vulnerable population. Vulnerable population are considered to be families living in extreme poverty, mothers of young children, elderly, veterans, survivors of natural disasters, homeless and disabled residing within county lines.

Project/Proposal Summary*

In one page or less, please summarize the essence of your project/proposal. Either attach a Word document or enter your response in the box below.

Fort Bend County Collaboration Information System (FBCCIS) was established by five local non-profit organizations and two county departments. The Collaborative set forward to formalize and enhance existing referral networks that currently includes, but is not limited to, non-profit organizations that provide basic human needs services throughout Fort Bend County. Collectively FBCCIS partners will share client data utilizing a software system entitled "Caseworthy." The computerized data collection platform captures client level information on the characteristics of individuals and families and their needs, including basic human services and other social or medical needs. This coordination will eliminate confusion for families seeking services, avoid duplication of services, and provide a streamlined process for individuals, churches, businesses and others wishing to donate supplies, volunteer efforts, and assist the county's most vulnerable populations. The coordinated network of specialized service providers will facilitate the delivery of services in an efficient and effective manner. The main focus of this collaboration system is to work together to target the most vulnerable individuals, eliminating the need for clients to search for resources on their own. In essence, it is to create a "one door" policy. If a client needing services reaches out to one of the collaboration partners, that partner can reach out directly to other partners as part of a collaborative system.

Effect on Your Community*

Describe how this project will elevate and enhance the spirit of your community as a whole, and how the project will create a meaningful, positive impact and improved quality of life to those individuals involved in and/or benefiting from your project. Either attach a Word document or enter your response in the box below.

This integrated system ensures that vulnerable individuals' who seek assistance, are provided the services they need in a timely manner, eliminating personal travel time, possible transportation costs, and eliminating the frustration that often arises when clients feel overwhelmed in navigating the care that they need. This collaborative system will also allow clients to feel an additional sense of security, knowing that multiple members of service agencies in their community are coming together to help meet their needs. If

clients are not able to obtain specific financial assistance, shelter or other resources from the first agency they visit, they will feel more confident knowing that the agencies that can assist them will not only be referred to them, but also in direct communication (as members of this system) with the first Case Manager or Coordinator that they speak with. Guidance and direct communication with agencies that have more resources for the target groups that are victims of domestic violence and crime, can also be quickly given to serve vulnerable at-risk individuals in need in a timely manner. Administering a quick response, which may be critical to the health and social well-being of county residents who need financial recovery assistance, temporary/long term housing solutions, rehabilitation therapy, access to affordable medical care and many other resources, is an effective solution that better guarantees the delivery of these provision of services.

Effectiveness of Project*

Describe the method and timing for evaluating the project's effectiveness. Either attach a Word document or enter your response in the box below.

Ongoing beginning February 2017: Examine data entry to identify frequent users and vulnerable population, and refer when needed.

Ongoing from February 2017- Conduct Monthly reports on status of Interfacing and share outcomes with partners.

Ongoing from February 2017– Meet with collaborators twice a month for director meetings.

Ongoing from February 2017– FBCCIS Coordinator and designee will conduct random visits and monitor that Privacy Policies are in place and correct forms are being utilized to ensure Procedures are being upheld.

Ongoing from February 2017 - Review Analysis Data weekly for duplication of services and identify most vulnerable population.

Ongoing from February 2017 - Connecting 100-200 of the most vulnerable population with additional resources.

Ongoing from February 2017 - Meet with potential partners on a weekly basis.

May – August 2017: Plan and implement the 3rd Annual "Back to School Bash".

October 2017-December 2017 - Plan and implement 4th Annual "Santa Claus is Coming to Fort Bend County".

Organization Leadership*

Provide a list of the organization's directors and officers, including the occupation of each. Either attach a Word document or enter your response in the box below.

Commissioners Court
County Judge - Robert Hebert
Precinct 1 Commissioner - Vincent Morales
Precinct 2 Commissioner - Grady Prestage
Precinct 3 Commissioner - Andy Meyers
Precinct 4 Commissioner - James Patterson

Key Person(s)*

Provide background data on applicant's key person and back-up person, particularly information qualifying these persons to oversee the organization and this project. Descriptive information may be entered in this area to accompany attached documentation.

Anna M. Gonzales MSW - Anna, has a masters degree in Social Work and is the director of Social Services Department of Fort Bend County. She has been with Fort Bend County for the past 5 years and during this time she has sought after alternate funding resources to provide services to families and individuals in need in the Fort Bend County Area. She has over 25 years of experience in the non-profit field.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

No files were uploaded

FUNDING SOURCES SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE:

Fort Bend County Collaborative Information System

ORGANIZATION:

Fort Bend County Social Services

CONTRACT PERIOD:

DESCRIPTION		FUND SOURCES		
		FUND REQUEST	Funds Secured ACTUAL	TOTAL
1.	Henderson-Wessendorff FY 2017		\$12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
2.	Fort Bend County FY 2017		\$25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
4.	Partner Contribution		\$12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
6.	Remaining Balance from County and Henderson-Wessendorff & George (carry over funds from FY2016)		\$18,514.02	\$ 18,514.02
TOTAL BUDGET		\$0.00	\$68,514.02	\$68,514.02

FY 2017 Award amount from HW is \$12,500.00

Fort Bend County has awarded \$25,000 for 2017 FY.

5 partners have made \$2,500.00 Contribution towards program fees. = \$12,500.00

Carry over from County, HW and George Foundations = \$18,514.02