

DVHRT RFP 2020-2021

The purpose of the Domestic Violence High-Risk Teams (DVHRT) Grant Program is to develop and provide statewide support for the implementation and maintenance of DVHRT to reduce or prevent domestic violence incidents and provide services to victims. The Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) will serve as a grantor and provide technical assistance in the implementation of DVHRTs across Texas as well as identify and summarize DVHRT practices across the state. The goal of the grant to promote an effective community coordinated response (CCR) in identifying victims of domestic violence who are at severe risk for further violence or lethality. The project calls for a collaboration between all partners involved at each stage of a high-risk domestic violence investigation, from prosecution to offender monitoring.

Background

TCFV, which has long been recognized as an expert in the judicial system's response to family violence, has been designated by State funders to support the development and implementation of DVHRTs and promulgate best-practice models. The DVHRT concept requires collaboration among law enforcement, prosecution, and the local family violence program to ensure an effective, comprehensive response to family violence.

Scope of the DVHRT Program

TCFV will work with the local communities to support a DVHRT Coordinator to facilitate local partnerships and connect victims to services. Grantees should expect to hire a DVHRT coordinator or reassign existing staff whose primary duties will involve the identification of high-risk domestic violence cases, coordinating communication with DVHRT members, providing all necessary updates and deliverables to TCFV and providing immediate contact and advocacy for the victims. In addition, DVHRT coordinators should have a strong advocacy background and familiarity with the criminal justice system.

Selected DVHRT sites are expected to have a goal of supporting family violence survivors, holding offenders accountable and be well-positioned to advance current efforts. TCFV supports sites to develop or implement materials, provide training, and offer technical assistance for DVHRT activities. These activities should focus on the development of a sustainable collaboration between the criminal justice system officials and the family violence program staff that prioritizes victim safety, encourages victims to participate in the systemic response to these crimes, and maximizes offender accountability. TCFV will also provide continual support and training to the DVHRT Coordinator and to other members of the DVHRT throughout the grant term.

Sites are expected to participate in program evaluations and uplift best practices which may, in turn, be used to encourage the replication and expansion of DVHRT models throughout the state of Texas.

Performance Standards

All sites are required to provide the following deliverables on a predetermined schedule:

1. DVHRT coordinators will provide a case tracking report for statistical analysis no later than the 5th of each month for the previous month. A tracking form will be provided by TCFV, excluding any identifying information about the victim(s) or suspect(s) involved.

The data gathered will serve the following purposes:

Analyze progress toward goals and objectives

Share best practices with victims and the community as a whole

Serve as a learning platform for future training efforts and identify emerging issues

2. The DVHRT coordinators will commit to attending regular teleconferences and training sessions where they share their successes, failures, and challenges with other DVHRT coordinators in order to promote best practices with other DVHRT sites

3. If the primary applicant is not a family violence program, applicant must collaborate with a local program. Submission of the name of the family violence program staff member that is the point of contact for your DVHRT is encouraged.

4. DVHRT Coordinators are required to attend the mandatory DVHRT conference in Austin, Texas. All costs of attending the conference or summit, including travel, lodging, and per diem, will be reimbursed by TCFV.

5. Submission of quarterly reports are required to share information on project successes, failures, challenges, and case outcomes.

Selection Process

Grant applications will be reviewed by TCFV and possibly by external experts. All identifying information from a jurisdiction will be removed from an application prior to forwarding it to the evaluators to ensure a neutral scoring process for each applicant.

Important Dates

RFP Release Date: October 16, 2019

Application Deadline: Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Notice of Awards: December 2nd, 2019

Project Start Date: January 1st, 2020

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Date of Submission

Signature required

Have you applied for DVHRT funding with TCFV in the past?

- Yes
- No

Does your community currently have a domestic violence liaison or advocate working with High Risk Victims of Domestic Violence?required

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

1) Explain the need for a DVHRT program in your jurisdiction(s). required

etermined to be high risk.

a. If you were a DVHRT grantee in a previous cycle, please describe the successes and challenges you have faced during implementation of your DVHRT.

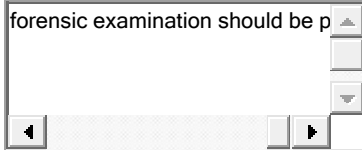
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2) Explain how your jurisdiction actively investigates high-risk domestic violence cases and provides support to victims.

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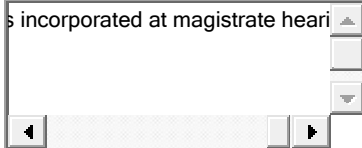
3) Although not required to be an applicant, do first responders (patrol officers, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), or program staff) use a risk assessment tool to gauge or measure the level of danger on first contact with a victim (i.e., Lethality Assessment Program, Danger Assessment, or the ODARA) during the investigation?

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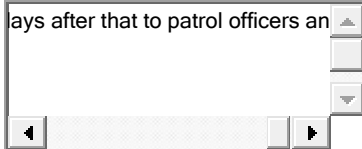
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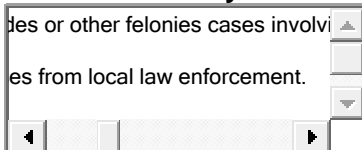
b. If not, please explain how you would implement a formal assessment tool to aid high-risk domestic violence investigations.

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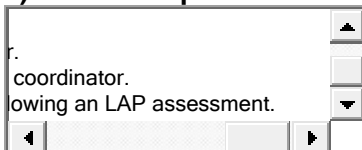
4) How do you define high-risk cases in your jurisdiction? What percentage of your domestic violence or family violence cases would be considered “high risk”?

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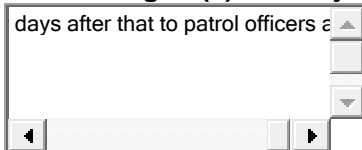
5) Define the performance factors of the project in terms of the following:

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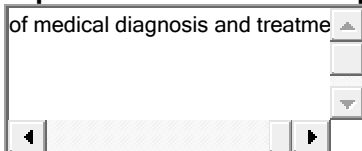
a. List the goal(s) and objectives of your DVHRT project.

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b. List the outcomes related to victim safety and the effective coordinated responses expected from the DVHRT project.

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c. Describe how you would provide intensive case management services and safety planning and/or facilitate shelter placement for identified victims. required

The victim will be kept informed

d. Explain how your team would increase offender accountability through the criminal justice system and by incorporating other community partners.

is point of contact and help for vic

6) A successful DVHRT is rooted in communication and partnerships. Do you have the necessary partnerships to implement and manage a successful DVHRT? Please include the following details in your response:

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a. Although not required for purposes of funding, do you have an existing CCR in your community (i.e. firearm surrender protocol, fatality review, coordinated community response related to other initiatives, etc.)?

Fort Bend County addresses thes

If so, please describe who is involved in that CCR effort and some of the successes and challenges you have faced.

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b. Identify potential members of your DVHRT and explain each member's role in the team.

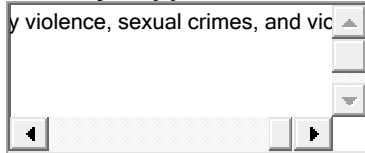
Sugar Land Police Department
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c. Do you have any existing or formal commitments from potential partners (law enforcement, prosecution, a court, or a family violence program) to implement this project? If not, please describe the steps you will take to meet the obligation of these partnerships.

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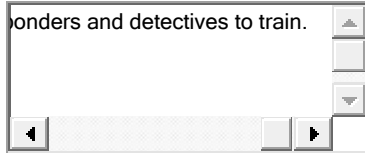
**d. Describe the level of communication between potential team members in your jurisdiction.
List any support needed to facilitate communication with potential DVHRT partners.**

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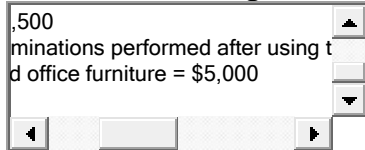
f. Identify any barriers which would impede successful implementation of the project.

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**7) State the total amount of funding requested and provide a proposed itemized budget.
Please attach budget document in attachment box below.**

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