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Agency Name: Fort Bend County
Grant/App: 3989701 **Start Date:** 10/1/2020 **End Date:** 9/30/2021

Project Title: Constables Rifle Resistant Body Armor
Status: Application Pending Submission

Eligibility Information

Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:
17460019692080

Application Eligibility Certify:

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Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: Fort Bend County
Project Title: Constables Rifle Resistant Body Armor
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: Fort Bend County Judge's Office
Address Line 1: 301 Jackson St
Address Line 2: ATTN: County Judge
City/State/Zip: Richmond Texas 77469
Start Date: 10/1/2020
End Date: 9/30/2021

Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area: Houston-Galveston Area Council
Headquarter County: Fort Bend
Counties within Project's Impact Area:

Grant Officials:

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Grant Vendor Information

Organization Type: County

Organization Option: applying to provide services to all others

Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID): 17460019692080

Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS): 081497075

Narrative Information

Introduction

The Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program supports equipping law enforcement officers at risk of shootings with rifle-resistant body armor.

Please read the funding announcement for program rules and application guides, available on the [eGrants Calendar](#) page. Additionally, you should review the *Guide to Grants* available on the [PSO Resource for Applicants and Grantees webpage](#) for information and guidance related to the management and use of grant funds.

Use the space provided below to describe your project. For help with your narrative, see PSO's Developing a Good Project Narrative [Guide](#).

Note: Do not upload attachments with further information unless specifically instructed to do so.

Program-Specific Questions

Applicants must enter the number of officers currently employed by the agency, the number of officers currently equipped with Type III and Type IV body armor, and the number proposed to be equipped under the grant for the following four categories:

Tactical Response - officers within a tactical response (SWAT-style) unit or specifically assigned tactical response duties

Current total number of officers:

0

Current number of officers equipped with Type III and Type IV body armor:

0

Target number of officers equipped with Type III and Type IV body armor after grant:

0

Traffic or Highway Patrol - officers who are engaged in traffic or highway patrol, otherwise regularly detain or stop motor vehicles, are primary responders to calls for assistance from the public, or execute arrest or search warrants for criminal offenses

Current total number of officers:

0

Current number of officers equipped with Type III and Type IV body armor:

0

Target number of officers equipped with Type III and Type IV body armor after grant:

0

Other - all other officers *employed* by the agency

Current total number of officers:

0

Current number of officers equipped with Type III and Type IV body armor:

0

Target number of officers equipped with Type III and Type IV body armor after grant:

0

Reserve Officers - all other reserve officers

Current total number of officers:

0

Current number of officers equipped with Type III and Type IV body armor:

0

Target number of officers equipped with Type III and Type IV body armor after grant:

0

Certifications

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

Constitutional Compliance

Applicant assures that it will not engage in any activity that violates Constitutional law including profiling based upon race.

Required Agency Policies

Applicant assures that it has adopted policies addressing the deployment and allocation of vests or plates to its officers; and the usage of vests or plates by its officers. CJD requires that the policy on usage of vests or plates include mandatory training on the proper care, fitting, inspection, use, storage, and maintenance of the armor. CJD also requires the policy specify that body armor may not be left in patrol vehicles when an officer is not on duty in order to minimize the heat damage to the armor.

In crafting these policies, applicants should be aware that the inspection, storage, and replacement of body armor were identified as potential points of failure in body armor use by the Police Executive Research Forum. See "[A Practitioner's Guide To the 2011 National Body Armor Survey of Law Enforcement Officers](#)" for more information.

NIJ Body Armor Standards

Applicant assures that body armor purchased with grant funds will comply with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) standard (Ballistic Resistance of Body Armor NIJ Standard-0101.06) for type III (rifles) or type IV (armor piercing rifle) body armor, including bullet-resistant vests, ballistic plates, and plate carriers.

Personally Fitted Vest Requirement

Applicant assures that all body armor vests purchased with grant funds will be personally fitted for individual officers, including vests specifically fitted to individual female law enforcement officers. "Personally fitted" does not require armor be individually manufactured based on the measurements of a specific wearer, but rather that it provide the best possible fit and coverage, through a combination of:

1. Correctly-sized panels and carrier, determined through appropriate measurement; and
2. Properly adjusted straps, harnesses, fasteners, flaps, or other adjustable features.

The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International has made available the Standard Practice for Body Armor Wearer Measurement and Fitting of Armor ([Active Standard ASTM E3003](#)) available at no cost. The Personal Armor Fit Assessment [checklist](#), is excerpted from ASTM E3003.

Criminal History Reporting

Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66*. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

Beginning January 1, 2020, counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90 percent of convictions within seven business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety. By January 1, 2021, such reporting must take place within five business days. Click [here](#) for additional information from DPS on this new reporting requirement.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year.

Conversion to National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has established a goal set by the Texas Legislature for all local law enforcement agencies to implement and report crime statistics data by using the requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Additionally, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will collect required crime statistics solely through the NIBRS starting January 1, 2021. Due to this federal deadline, grantees are advised that eligibility for future grant funding may be tied to compliance with NIBRS. Financial grant assistance for transitioning to NIBRS may be available for your jurisdiction from the Public Safety Office.

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2021 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

Civil Rights Liaison

A civil rights liaison who will serve as the grantee's civil rights point of contact and who will be responsible for ensuring that the grantee meets all applicable civil rights requirements must be designated. The designee will act as the grantee's liaison in civil rights matters with CJD and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Frances Desmond

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

301 Jackson St Richmond, Texas 77469-3108

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999 x9999]:

(281) 341-8608

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the PSO Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

I certify to all of the application content & requirements.

Project Abstract :

The Fort Bend County Constables' Offices provide traffic and highway patrol, tactical response, warrant-serves, investigation, management and administration, among other duties. All law enforcement personnel, regardless of rank or job function, face a growing and potential threat to become the target of an attack or act of violence against them while they are in uniform or in a marked vehicle. Fort Bend County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation, and it is projected to reach a population of 1,000,000 residents by 2022 (Nezral Haque, University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs, May 2017). While some deputies are currently equipped with body armor, this rifle-resistant body armor will enhance all officer's capacity to prevent, protect against, and respond to assaultive acts involving high-caliber weaponry.

Problem Statement :

Fort Bend County has rapidly grown and shifted the county's status from rural to nearly 95% urban in 2018 (U.S. Census Bureau). The majority of the population growth has occurred in the unincorporated areas, whose residents rely solely on the County for essential services such as law enforcement. Approximately two out of three residents reside in an unincorporated part of Fort Bend County, which has stretched Fort Bend County law enforcement agencies' resources thin. Fort Bend County shares its eastern border with Harris County, and the City of Houston's jurisdiction overlaps with eastern Fort Bend County. The violent crime prevalent in dense urban areas like Houston has begun to permeate Fort Bend County's suburban communities, and law enforcement has experienced an increase in drug arrests, drug-related crimes, and gang-related crimes. Further, the ability for criminals to easily obtain high-powered weaponry has put law enforcement at additional risk. In July 2017, an assailant armed with a rifle fired shots into the crowded Sugar Land Town Center area. In 2019, a man previously arrested by Fort Bend County law enforcement was arrested for murdering a police officer in neighboring Harris County.

Supporting Data :

Fort Bend County has been one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation for nearly a decade, with an estimated population of 787,858 (U.S. Census Bureau, July 1, 2018). It's growth remains rapid, and the University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs estimates that if current trends continue, it will be home to more than one million people by 2022. The majority of the growth has occurred in the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County, especially in Precinct One and Precinct Three (Texas Association of Counties). Acts of violence against Fort Bend County law enforcement officers remains a constant threat, and law enforcement officers regardless of rank or job function, whether they are pursuing a high-speed chase or serving an eviction notice, must be able to protect themselves from any and all threat that arises. Tactical Response Officers to be Equipped Constable 1: 0 Constable 3: 20 Constable 4: 0 Total: 20 Traffic/Highway Patrol Officers to be Equipped Constable 1: 0 Constable 3: 1 Constable 4: 8 Total: 9 Other Officers to be Equipped Constable 1: 23 Constable 3: 0 Constable 4: 0 Total: 23 Reserve Officers to be Equipped Constable 1: 17 Constable 3: 4 Constable 4: 8 Total: 29

Project Approach & Activities:

NA

Capacity & Capabilities:

NA

Performance Management :

NA

Target Group :

Fort Bend County Constable Precinct One, Fort Bend County Constable Precinct Three, and Fort Bend County Constable Precinct Four.

Evidence-Based Practices:

NA

Project Activities Information**Introduction**

This section contains questions about your project. It is very important for applicants to review their funding announcement for guidance on how to fill out this section. Unless otherwise specified, answers should be about the EXPECTED activities to occur during the project period.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Equipment and Technology	100.00	This project seeks to fund the purchase of Type III and Type IV rifle-resistant body armor to equip Constable deputies within Fort Bend County. The total number of vests requested is 81. This equipment will be utilized for tactical response, traffic and highway patrol, and for active and reserve personnel serving in their respective law enforcement capacities to help mitigate the harm caused by an injury from high-powered weaponry and improve the probability of a deputy surviving a shooting.

CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Equipment or technology: Individuals/operators equipped	81
Equipment or technology: Organizations directly using	3

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a [resolution](#) that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update the PSO should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the approved resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** sub-tab located in the **Summary** tab.

Contract Compliance

Will PSO grant funds be used to support any contracts for professional services?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

Lobbying

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

N/A

Fiscal Year

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

10/1/2019

Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

9/30/2020

Sources of Financial Support

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of Federal Grant Funds expended:

27914603

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of State Grant Funds expended:

6715061

Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a PSO grant. However, PSO may require a limited scope audit as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

9/30/2018

Debarment

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Select the appropriate response:

I Certify

Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

Fiscal Capability Information

Section 1: Organizational Information

*** FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS ONLY ***

Enter the following values in order to submit the application

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded: 0

Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status: 01/01/1900

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS: 0

Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State: 0

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded:

Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status:

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS:

Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State:

Section 2: Accounting System

The grantee organization must incorporate an accounting system that will track direct and indirect costs for the organization (general ledger) as well as direct and indirect costs by project (project ledger). The grantee must establish a time and effort system to track personnel costs by project. This should be reported on an hourly basis, or in increments of an hour.

Is there a list of your organization's accounts identified by a specific number (i.e., a general ledger of accounts)?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Does the accounting system include a project ledger to record expenditures for each Program by required budget cost categories?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there a timekeeping system that allows for grant personnel to identify activity and requires signatures by the employee and his or her supervisor?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you answered 'No' to any question above in the Accounting System section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 3: Financial Capability

Grant agencies should prepare annual financial statements. At a minimum, current internal balance sheet and income statements are required. A balance sheet is a statement of financial position for a grant agency disclosing assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at a given point in time. An income statement is a summary of revenue and expenses for a grant agency during a fiscal year.

Has the grant agency undergone an independent audit?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Does the organization prepare financial statements at least annually?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

According to the organization's most recent Audit or Balance Sheet, are the current total assets greater than the liabilities?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Financial Capability section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 4: Budgetary Controls

Grant agencies should establish a system to track expenditures against budget and / or funded amounts.

Are there budgetary controls in effect (e.g., comparison of budget with actual expenditures on a monthly basis) to include drawing down grant funds in excess of:

a) Total funds authorized on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

b) Total funds available for any budget category as stipulated on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Budgetary Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 5: Internal Controls

Grant agencies must safeguard cash receipts, disbursements, and ensure a segregation of duties exist. For example, one person should not have authorization to sign checks and make deposits.

Are accounting entries supported by appropriate documentation (e.g., purchase orders, vouchers, receipts, invoices)?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there separation of responsibility in the receipt, payment, and recording of costs?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Internal Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Budget Details Information

Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Bulletproof Vest (\$5,000 or less per unit)	81 Type III or Type IV rifle-resistant body armor vests at an average cost of \$1,315.62 per vest.	\$106,565.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106,565.00	0

Source of Match Information

Detail Source of Match/GPI:

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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Summary Source of Match/GPI:

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Budget Summary Information**Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:**

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$106,565.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106,565.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$106,565.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106,565.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
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