



## Harris County, Texas

1001 Preston St., Suite 934  
Houston, Texas 77002

### Commissioners Court

#### Request for Court Action

File #: 23-5795

Agenda Date: 10/10/2023

Agenda #: 223.

Department: Sheriff

Department Head/Elected Official: Ed Gonzalez

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Grant

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Judge Lina Hidalgo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Rodney Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Adrian Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Tom S. Ramsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Lesley Briones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

#### Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Sheriff's Office for approval to accept from the Office of the Governor/Homeland Security Grants Division grant funds in the amount of \$35,707,163.36, with no required cash match, for the FY 2024 Texas Anti-Gang Program.

#### Background and Discussion:

On April 4, 2023, Commissioners Court approved the request to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor for grant funds in the amount of \$2,351,328. The grant award includes additional funding to purchase specialized software equipment.

#### Expected Impact:

This grant will fund the purchase of a 2 year subscription of Verus Jail Telephone Transcription in the amount of \$33,400,000. The remaining funding will support TAG Center operations along with supplies, equipment and additional software to be utilized by the Sheriff's Office and partnering agencies for the purpose of investigating gang related crimes in the region.

#### Alternative Options:

If we do not accept this grant award, the Houston TAG Center will not be funded for the fiscal year.

#### Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☒ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation

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October 10, 2023

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- \_ Flooding
- \_ Environment
- \_ Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
04/04/2023	214	Approved grant application submission

**Location:**

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	Texas Anti-Gang Center FY 2024		
	FY 24	FY 25	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Labor Expenditures	\$21,500.00	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$35,685,663.36	\$	\$
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	<b>\$35,707,163.36</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$35,707,163.36	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Additional Budget Requested</b>	<b>\$35,707,163.36</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$35,707,163.36</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)</b>			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Anticipated Court Date:** October 10, 2023**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** N/A

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Danielle Ordoñez, Grant Analyst, Sheriff's Office

**Attachments** (if applicable): Grant Award



# HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Office of Management and Budget 1001 Preston, Suite 500 Houston, TX 77002 713-274-1135

Grants Coordination Section - Conveyance Form Application ☐ Award ☒

Department Name / Number

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Grant Title

Sheriff - Patrol & Administration - 540	JFMKAENLGN81	Texas Anti-Gang Center FY 2024
<b>Funding Source:</b> Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division: CFDA# N/A		<b>Grant Agency:</b> Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division
<b>Program Year:</b> 8 th		<b>Program Ending:</b>
<b>Grant Begin Date:</b> 09/01/2023		<b>Grant End Date:</b> 08/31/2024
<b>Grant Org. Key:</b>		<b>If applicable, Prior Year Org. Key:</b> 100001000001299

### Grant Description:

Funded by the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division and authorized by Texas Government Code Section 772.007, the Texas Anti-Gang Program supports strategic partnerships and targeted regional, multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through the coordination of gang prevention, intervention, and suppression activities. Grant funds are directed toward regions of the state that have demonstrably high levels of gang violence.

	Total Budget	Grant Funded	County Funded
Salary & Benefits	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$0.00
Non-Labor	\$35,685,663.36	\$35,685,663.36	\$0.00
Sub Tot. Incremental Cost	\$35,707,163.36	\$35,707,163.36	\$0.00
Indirect Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00*
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$35,707,163.36</b>	<b>\$35,707,163.36</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

\* under development

Full Time Equivalent Positions

0.00

Date Guidelines are Available

01/13/2023

% of Positions Paid by Grant

0.00 %

Grant Submittal Deadline Date

03/17/2023

### Grant Discussion:

This award is related to an application approved by Commissioners Court on 4/4/23. Grant funds will provide for the continued operation of the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center. The TAG Center houses personnel from 10 different federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in one location, allowing for cooperation and collaboration on intelligence, investigatory, and operational activities related to combating gang activity in the Houston area. The grant will pay for personnel overtime, contract services, rental costs, equipment, supplies, and travel. There is no match requirement.

### County Funded Cost Projection

Year	Required	Discretionary
2024	-	-
2025	-	-
2026	-	-
2027	-	-
2028	-	-

Completed by :

*Michael Mattingly*

Mattingly, Mike

Date :

9/27/23

Reviewed by :

*[Signature]*

Date :

10/3/2023



SHERIFF ED GONZALEZ

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**TO:** Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff *Ed Gonzalez*  
**THRU:** Mike Lee, Chief Deputy *Mike Lee*  
**THRU:** Michael Lanham, Director of Finance *Michael Lanham*  
**THRU:** Brian Schmitz, Grants Manager *Brian Schmitz*  
**FROM:** Danielle Ordoñez, Grant Analyst  
**DATE:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** FY 2024 Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Grant Award

The Grants Management Office requests authorization to submit to Commissioners Court a request to accept a grant award for \$35,707,163.36, with no cash match, from the Texas Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division. The grant award period is September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

*Danielle Ordoñez*

Danielle Ordoñez  
Grant Analyst

**ORDER**

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

On this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, sitting as the governing body of Harris County, upon motion of Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, duly put and carried,

IT IS ORDERED that County Judge Lina Hidalgo or her designee be hereby authorized to approve, and to sign any ancillary grant documents, on behalf of Harris County, Texas, and to accept the following grant award from the Texas Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division:

**TEXAS ANTI-GANG CENTER FY2024 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Grant Funds: \$35,707,163.36

Grant Period: September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Judge Lina Hidalgo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Rodney Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Presented to Commissioners Court

October 10, 2023

Approve: E/G

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**Agency Name:** Harris County  
**Grant/App:** 2542812 **Start Date:** 9/1/2023 **End Date:** 8/31/2024

**Project Title:** Texas Anti-Gang Center  
**Status:** Pending AO Acceptance of Award

**Eligibility Information**

**Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:**  
17604545149159

**Application Eligibility Certify:**

Created on: 3/8/2023 3:06:16 PM By: Brian Schmitz

**Profile Information**

**Applicant Agency Name:** Harris County  
**Project Title:** Texas Anti-Gang Center  
**Division or Unit to Administer the Project:** Harris County Sheriff's Office  
**Address Line 1:** 1200 Baker Street  
**Address Line 2:**  
**City/State/Zip:** Houston Texas 77002-1206  
**Start Date:** 9/1/2023  
**End Date:** 8/31/2024

**Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area:** Houston-Galveston Area Council

**Headquarter County:** Harris

**Counties within Project's Impact Area:** Harris

**Grant Officials:**

**Authorized Official**

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**Salutation:** Judge  
**Position:** County Judge

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**Salutation:** Mr.  
**Position:** Administrator

**Grant Vendor Information**

**Organization Type:** County  
**Organization Option:** applying to provide homeland security services  
**Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID):** 17604545149159  
**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** JFMKAENLGN81

**Narrative Information**

**Introduction**

The purpose of the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program is to support pre-selected projects that use regional, multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through the coordination of gang prevention, intervention, and suppression activities.

The PSO's [eGrants User Guide to Creating an Application](#) guides applicants through the process of creating and submitting an application in eGrants. Information and guidance related to the management and use of grant funds can be found in the PSO's Guide to Grants, located on the [PSO Resource for Applicants and Grantees](#) [webpage](#).

**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:

**Cybersecurity Training Requirement**

Local units of government, including counties, municipalities, special districts, school districts, junior college districts, or other political subdivisions of the state, must submit a written certification of the local government's compliance with the cybersecurity training required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. A determination of non-compliance with the cybersecurity training requirements will result in a refund of the original grant award as well as ineligibility of future grant awards until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible.

**Constitutional Compliance**

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

**Information Systems**

Applicant assures that any new criminal justice information systems will comply with data sharing standards for the Global Justice XML Data Model and the National Information Exchange Model.

**TXGANG Criminal Gang Database Reporting**

Applicant assures that it is compliant with TXGANG reporting requirements related to criminal combinations and criminal street gang activity, as required by Sec. 61.02, Code of Criminal Procedures.

**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.

Counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90% of convictions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety.

**Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)**

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. 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 by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.

**Entities That Collect Sexual Assault/Sex Offense Evidence or Investigate/Prosecute Sexual Assault or Other Sex Offenses**

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 420.034, any facility or entity that collects evidence for sexual assault or other sex offenses or investigates or prosecutes a sexual assault or other sex offense for which evidence has been collected, must participate in the statewide electronic tracking system developed and implemented by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Visit [DPS's Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program website](#) for more information or to set up an account to begin participating.

**SAFECOM**

All entities using grant funding to support emergency communications activities are required to comply with the SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants ([SAFECOM Guidance](#)). The SAFECOM Guidance provides current information on emergency communications policies, eligible costs, best practices, and technical standards for grant recipients investing in emergency communications projects. It is also designed to promote and align with the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP). Conformance with the SAFECOM Guidance helps ensure that grant-funded activities are compatible, interoperable, resilient, and support national goals and objectives for improving emergency communications.

### 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 PSO and is active until August 31, 2022 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

### 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.

**X I certify to all of the application content & requirements.**

### Project Summary :

Briefly summarize the project, including proposed activities and intended impact.

The Houston/Harris County MSA's dynamics and proximity to Mexico make it a magnet for organized crime. We are the fifth largest MSA by population (according to 2017 estimates), fourth largest city in the United States, anchored by the 3rd largest county in the U.S., and the most multi-ethnic region in the nation, with over 100 languages spoken. The Port of Houston and our airports, interstate rail, and highway infrastructure make the area a hub of transportation and global trade. Unfortunately, all of this also makes us a primary center of operations for the importation, distribution, and transshipment of illicit drugs by criminal organizations. ONDCP, Houston HIDTA, HPD and Texas Department of Public Safety intelligence analysts have identified this area as having the most gang members in Texas, with 53% estimated to be multi-state or transnational. Threat assessments note that these gangs now have a younger, more violent membership, especially towards law enforcement, and gang recruitment being at an all-time high. The 2017 Texas Department of Public Safety - Gang Threat Assessment states street gangs, prison gangs, and outlaw motorcycle gangs are all present within the Houston region, and gangs have some type of presence in every county in the greater Houston metropolitan area. Houston and its surrounding metropolitan area have the highest number of gangs and gang members within the region, with approximately 356 gangs and over 20,000 gang members documented in the Houston Police Department's Gang Tracker database as of December 31, 2018. Membership in Houston's largest gang, the Houston Tango Blast, has shown a slight decrease to 3,254 members in February 2016 vs 3,769 in February of 2014. This can be attributed to 28 CFR Part 23 Intelligence File Validation and other administrative compliance requirements. Intelligence reports also note significant concentrations of MS 13, Hermanos de Pistoleros Latinos, Texas Syndicate, Raza Unida, Texas Mexican Mafia, 52 Hoover Street Gangster Crips, Bloods, Bounty Hunters, Southwest Cholos, and the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas. The structures of these gangs are many and varied. Some are territorial, other hierarchical; some are fluid or metamorphic, while others are racially or ethnically based. Notably, many will work together on a deal-by-deal basis, even while feeling racial or other enmity for each other. This tendency has become the most significant emerging trend, with gangs often crossing racial and ethnic lines, with the ultimate objective to generate financial reward through cooperative engagement. Statistically, there has been a defined shift in the ethnicity of criminal street gangs within the City of Houston. African American gangs currently represent 55% of the total gang members identified within the City Limits of Houston, with the 52 Hoover Street Crips being the most active African American gang in Houston with 1942 members and the Houston - Tango Blast, which represents the largest Latino gang in Houston, with 3,254 members. Transnational Criminal Organizations, such as the Zetas and Gulf Cartel, affiliate with local criminal gangs in virtually every type of felonious activity, ranging from dog fighting to murder. They are involved in human trafficking (including that of adults and children for sexual exploitation), drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, extortion, home invasion, metal and heavy equipment theft, major fraud, money laundering and bulk cash smuggling, kidnapping and murder for hire. The Harris County Sheriff's Office seeks Homeland Security Grant funding for the purpose of continued support for a multi-agency anti-gang project that is designed to enable the participating law enforcement agencies to more efficiently and effectively cooperate and collaborate on intelligence, investigatory, and operational activities related to combating gangs and other criminal organizations operating in or affecting the region. The TAG Center - Houston is co-located within a single facility, equipped with advanced technology, representatives from key federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Currently, personnel from ten (10) different agencies are housed at the TAG Center, with Katy and Spring Branch ISD Police Departments working with the Harris County Sheriff Office Gang Division since 2014. The Houston ISD Police Department, the largest school district police department in the regional AOR, has begun a working collaboration with the TAG, providing assistance and intelligence on investigations with a common ISD-TAG interest. The TAG Center is housed in an existing building, occupying a dedicated floor with over 25,000 sq. ft. of space. The TAG is preparing to add an additional 11,951 square feet to house the new regional Violent Crime Initiative. Co-location helps to ensure agencies have access to better information, creates force multipliers, and defragments operations. This arrangement allows attention to be split by the 10 participating law enforcement agencies among multiple priorities on a routine basis, while permitting a flexible surge in focus during moments of crisis or operational need. In calendar year 2018, investigators working out of the TAG have encountered gang members from over 38 gangs and have made over 1,452 arrests. Arrestees included U.S. citizens and many from foreign countries including Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Cuba, the Mid East, Africa, and South America. In addition TAG investigators have seized over 395 firearms, including assault weapons, explosives, and body armor. TAG investigators also seized a large variety of drugs to include: cocaine, codeine, bath salts, heroin, marijuana, PCP, methamphetamine, Spice, Oxycodone, Xanax and other dangerous drugs. Additionally, the TAG Center - Houston prepared and distributed its inaugural TAG Center - Houston

Regional Threat Assessment. The threat assessment focused on the gang related threat posed by criminal street gangs, transnational gangs and security threat organizations in the greater Houston MSA and area of responsibility. The TAG Center – Houston also partnered with other governmental and community based organizations in its efforts to provide gang prevention and intervention services in targeted areas of the city. In January 2018, TAG agencies have had discussions the Houston Area Independent School District (ISD) Police Department and other ISD Police Departments to ascertain the feasibility of the ISD Police Departments collaborating with the TAG in an innovative effort to leverage the assets at the TAG to work to collaborate with the ISDs to combat and prevent gang violence on the region's school campuses and communities. There was great interest from the TAG agencies and the ISD Police Departments to work in collaboration to address the gang activities in and around school campus. To date, the Katy and Spring Branch ISD Police Departments have assigned law enforcement assets to the Houston TAG Center. It is anticipated that other ISD police departments in the greater Houston area will follow suit in this endeavor. By continuing its support of the TAG Center, the Homeland Security Grants Division will be supporting Governor Perry's March 2009 statement of the need to meet head on "... the growing problem with transnational gangs, that is spreading to our communities, posing a threat to our citizens..."□

#### **Problem Statement :**

Provide a detailed account of the issues, threats or hazards that your project will target. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or state *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)*, as applicable. The Houston/Harris County metropolitan area is a critical battlefield in law enforcement's fight against violent criminal gangs and allied transnational networks. To effectively combat these threats, law enforcement anti-gang measures must be strategically and tactically intelligent. The best way to foster effective coordination, between different law enforcement agencies with overlapping anti-gang efforts, is using the innovative approach of co-locating the anti-gang resources of the 10 major federal, state and local agencies in the Houston region. Additionally, TAG Constituent Agencies are working within existing manpower resources and capabilities to develop effective joint violent crime enforcement strategies to aggressively address the dramatic increase of violent crime, especially aggravated robbery and firearms related violence, in the greater Houston region. Gangs operating in the region take advantage of the proximity to the border, many ports of entry, and transportation infrastructure. The trafficking of humans, drugs, and dangerous contraband by criminal gang members and their associates through and near the major corridors are having a significant impact on crime in the greater Houston region. The increased presence of transnational criminal organizations, to include, Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) and 18th Street, brings a violence level and brutality that is unconscionable and unrivaled in the United States. TAG Constituent Agencies are investigating homicides committed by MS-13 members where the victims, male and female, have been sexually assaulted, killed and dismembered. Gang criminal activity poses numerous threats to the community. For example, many gangs are actively involved in human smuggling activities, including the armed theft or "rip offs" of smuggled aliens from other gangs or human smuggling organizations. As many of the human smuggling stash locations are in residential neighborhoods or lodging establishments, there can be spillover violence in the surrounding environs. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has reported of running shootouts on Houston streets relating to kidnapping attempts by gang members of recently smuggled aliens, and has seen death and serious injuries as a result of these "rip off" attempts. From the violent crime perspective, Houston currently leads the United States in the number of "take over" commercial and individual robberies per capita. This can be attributed to the increasing proliferation of gang members and the evolution of "cliques", in which a number of individuals from different gangs become aligned with each other to commit violent and/or criminal activity to further personal objectives. TAG Constituent Agencies have identified at least one (1) criminal street gang in the Houston region that is responsible for criminal activity in a minimum of fifteen (15) states within the United States. Illicit profits, stolen property, and weapons originating in the region are smuggled internationally to cartels and other criminal organizations in Mexico, Central and South America. Other criminal ventures undertaken by Houston area gangs include murder, kidnapping, major fraud, organized retail thefts, home invasions, robberies, pharmaceutical diversion, prostitution of both adults and minors, and gambling. Transnational criminal organizations are utilizing advanced technology, paramilitary discipline, sophisticated tactics, and corporate practices in furtherance of their objectives.

#### **Existing Capability Levels :**

Describe the existing capability levels, including resources that are currently in place to support this project prior to the use of grant funds. Prior to the initiation of the Texas Anti-Gang Center Program, the greater Houston MSA Law Enforcement Agencies lack the proper resources to specifically address the explosive growth of the criminal street gang problem that has evolved in Houston and the suburban areas adjacent to Houston. Conventional criminal street gangs, such as Crips, Bloods, Gangster Disciples, Sureños and MS-13 have recently been leveraging the most advanced technology to effectively communicate, regionally, nationally and internationally, often exceeding law enforcement capacity to identify, gather and process volumes of digitally generated evidence. We are consistently working to devise legal methods to process this information, once collected but it continues to be a funding challenge to stay abreast of digital evidence exploitation tools to be current in this arena. The Houston Police Department and Harris County Sheriff Department lacked the internal funding within their respective agencies due to revenue cap restrictions and other factors due to population growth to effectively deal with the constantly emerging problem, which affects the quality of life throughout the regional service area. There was not a mechanism that was in place, prior to the OOG funding of the Texas Anti-Gang Center Program, that facilitated the interagency consistency, continuity and collaboration that has developed with the Texas Anti-Gang Center Program. The 2017 and 2018 Texas Department of Public Safety Gang Threat Assessment and Houston TAG Center - Gang Threat Assessment both state street gangs, prison gangs, and outlaw motorcycle gangs are all present within the Houston region, and gangs have some type of presence in every county in the greater Houston metropolitan area. Houston and its surrounding metropolitan area have the highest number of gangs and gang members within the region, with 386 gangs and 20,000 + gang members documented in the Houston Police Department's Gang Tracker database as of December 31, 2018. Membership in Houston's largest gangs, to include the Bloods and Crips and their various subsets (cliques) now constitute approximately fifty five (55%) of the total documented gang members in the City of Houston/Harris County AOR.

#### **Capability Gaps:**

Describe the capability gaps which will be addressed by the project. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or statewide State Preparedness Report (SPR).

The project's overall goal is to enhance coordinated law enforcement activity targeted at gangs and other criminal organizations operating in or affecting the region by co-locating representatives from key federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in a single, dedicated facility known as the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center. By providing a common physical environment equipped with advanced technology, the TAG Center enables the co-locating law enforcement agencies to more efficiently and effectively cooperate, coordinate and collaborate on intelligence, investigatory, and operational activities related to this shared threat in an effort to reduce gang related crime and violence. As a result of the Texas Anti-Gang Center Program, the constituent agencies have been able to

effectively work towards closing some of the more common capability gaps that occur in when working multi-agency criminal enterprise investigations. Previously occurring communication/capability gaps have been minimized by having interagency investigative coordination meetings at the Houston TAG Center. In these meetings, the participating agencies in high value investigations, such as our Southeast Houston firearms initiative, meet on a weekly basis to discuss current investigation status, intelligence on targeted individuals, prosecution requirements and any other specifics to ensure effective coordination. For this funding cycle for the Houston TAG Center, the most significant gaps that will be addressed in during this funding cycle is replacement of current covert surveillance equipment because of end of life operability and identifying those technological applications, to include hardware and software that will allow investigators to process the amount of digital evidence that is often gathered in these investigations, to ensure legal considerations have been met. With some law enforcement related information applications being ceased, another information gap is obtaining subscription to those databases where analytical personnel can access needed information to support investigative activities. As an additional consideration, the Houston TAG Center has been collaborating with the Department of Neighborhoods - Mayor's Anti-Gang Office (MAGO) to conduct community engagement events in continuing efforts to improve law enforcement relations. MAGO also provides gang prevention-intervention services in our combined efforts to minimize continued gang membership recruitment and violent crime incidents. Our goal, with funds available, is to expand our community anti-gang prevention and intervention efforts, concentrating on economically disadvantaged areas where violent crime and gang activity is above the regional/national average. As soon as the capability presents, we will be looking to identify other funding sources to assist in supporting our continued efforts in this area. Additionally, we have begun discussions with the United States Attorney Office - Southern District, attempting to leverage Project Safe Neighborhood funding to assist in developing prevention, intervention and reintegration initiatives. As of the writing of this application, the Houston TAG has been able to secure PSN overtime funding to fund law enforcement overtime for the Harris County Sheriff Office to work violent crime reduction and crime prevention, targeting gang members, in unincorporated Harris County.

#### **Impact Statement :**

Describe the project goals/objectives and how this project will maintain capabilities or reduce capability gaps.

**GOAL:** In the broadest possible terms, the goal of the TAG is to provide a centralized working group of federal, state and local gang experts, able to gather, collate, analyze and disseminate intelligence concerning criminal gang activity in the greater Houston area and the State of Texas, then transform that intelligence into an actionable and tactical gang disruption methodologies and strategies.

**OBJECTIVE:** To reduce and/or eliminate criminal gang activity in the greater Houston region. **MEASURES:** The following data will be collected as bell weather output measurements of success: 1. Number of gang members arrested for felony offenses 2. Number of gangs targeted 3. Number of weapons seized 4. Number of gang members arrested for misdemeanor offenses 5. Number of TAG participating agencies In addition, the following outcome measure will be collected: 1. Number of gang member convictions 2. The dollar value of cash forfeitures (actual not donated – see note below)

#### **Homeland Security Priority Actions:**

Identify the Texas Homeland Security Priority Action most closely aligned with this project. Each Priority Action is linked with an *Objective from the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan (HSSP)*. List the Priority Action by number and text (e.g. 1.2.3 *Expand and enhance the network of human sources that can provide detailed and relevant information on known or suspected terrorist and criminal enterprises.*)

1.2.2 Establish and enhance multi-agency anti-gang centers in regions throughout the state to integrate and enhance the efforts of law enforcement agencies to identify, deter, disrupt, and dismantle criminal organizations.

#### **Target Group :**

Identify the target group and population expected to benefit from this project.

Houston High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, which includes the greater Houston MSA.

#### **Long-Term Approach:**

Describe how the applicant agency will maintain the capabilities supported by this project without additional federal or state funds. If sustainment is dependent upon federal or state grants, describe the ongoing need for future grants, as applicable.

The Houston TAG Center was developed to meet the objective from the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan (HSSP) 1.2.2. This project is 100% funded through federal and state funds. The expectation is that funding for the operation of the TAG Center will be received from federal and state sources due to the ongoing need for the collaboration of multiple law enforcement agencies within the region. The Texas Anti-Gang Center (TAG) is currently working to develop several "smart policing" strategies that are focused on offender based and or location based intelligence gathering and enforcement methodologies. For example, the City of Houston and Harris County have been experiencing an extraordinarily high number of aggravated robberies over the last twelve (12) months believed to have been committed by a criminal street gang named the Yung Hawgs. Based on current data, the majority of these offenses has been occurring in the northern and northwestern quadrants of the city and county. Constituent Agencies at the TAG Center, to include the Houston Police Department – Gang Division and North Patrol, Harris County Sheriff Office – Gang Division, Texas Department of Public Safety – Criminal Investigations Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security Investigations have combined manpower and resources to gather and analyze intelligence information on this organization and develop strategies to disrupt the organization's criminal activities. To date, there have been approximately thirteen (13) arrests and ten (10) confessions to clear multiple aggravated robberies in both the City of Houston and Harris County. It is anticipated that this proactive strategy will continue in the area of responsibility, focusing on security threat and criminal street gang organizations that are responsible for a significant amount of criminal activity in specific geographic locations. The Texas Anti-Gang Center is working with the Harris County District Attorney, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to develop a comprehensive analysis that addresses violent firearms related crimes and criminal organizations involved in those offenses. Based on separate analyses performed by the ATF and FBI, we are attempting to combine these products into a combined analysis that connects NIBIN data collected by the ATF to violent firearms related crimes committed by criminal organizations based on charge data received by the Harris County District Attorney Office and prepared by the FBI. It is anticipated that, if successful, this methodology can be adapted to address multiple classifications of criminal offenses involving firearms. The Texas Anti-Gang Center - Houston is working with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Harris County Sheriff Office and the Houston Police Department to develop a uniformed "Proactive Violent Crime Initiative," utilizing intelligence driven manpower deployment data to strategically assign uniformed personnel from the aforementioned agencies in areas where violent crimes are actively occurring. TAG Center personnel, with "subject matter expertise" and other recognized agency officials are also working to develop advanced training for DPS troopers to familiarize them with urban criminal enforcement methodologies. Additionally, the Texas Anti-Gang Center - Houston is working through its Strategic Intelligence Office to develop a Regional Executive Summary – Threat Assessment, which will, upon approval, be provided to all law enforcement agencies within the Houston region to assist them in specifically address gang/violent crime within their respective areas

of responsibility. The TAG Center – Houston, in conjunction with Texas Gang Investigators Association and the Texas Violent Gang Task Force will be working to provide training to those interested agencies to increase their gang intelligence and investigative competencies. Currently, the TAG is working with the Houston Police Department in its efforts to identify if Strategic Decision Support Centers (SDSC) would be a viable violent crime mitigation strategy in the greater Houston area of responsibility. The SDSC is a combination of real time and predictive analysis capability and technology, which allows law enforcement to gather identify violent criminal incidents more rapidly and gather intelligence to predicatively deploy manpower and resources effectively to reduce criminal activity. The TAG is also working with the Houston Police Department to develop additional effective policing methodologies, such as developing specific targeting criteria to target “hot places and hot people”, gaining proficiency in the use of i2 Analyst Notebook for investigative support and sharing purposes, developing proficiency in Social Networking Analysis (SNA) to further identify and connect individuals into social (criminal) networks to facilitate greater prosecution opportunities, especially at the federal level. These are strategies being utilized at several law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and were obtained through a recent training opportunity at the Project Safe Neighborhoods Conference in Kansas City, Missouri in December 2018. The TAG has also work with the Houston Police Department, assisting them in grant writing opportunities to improve their internal and external data and crime analysis capabilities, through the possible creation of a “Data Warehouse”, which will bring disparate data sets housed in several areas in and out of the HPD mainframe to a single location to better access and analyze data that was not previously possible. All This expectation is to create policing efficiencies to compensate for reduced staffing.

## 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
Gangs - Multijurisdictional	100.00	Continued support for an ongoing multi-agency anti-gang project that is designed to enable various federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to more efficiently and effectively cooperate and collaborate on intelligence, investigatory, and operational activities related to combating gangs and other criminal organizations operating in or affecting Houston/Harris County and the surrounding region.

## Measures Information

### Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of gang members arrested for felony offenses.	600
Number of gang members arrested for misdemeanor offenses.	250
Number of gangs targeted.	10
Number of participating agencies.	11
Number of weapons seized by officers supporting the TAG initiative.	300

### Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Dollar value of cash forfeitures donated to the project.	0
Number of convictions.	120

## 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:

The Harris County Sheriff Office will be monitoring contract compliance and performance using the following means: a) Monthly TAGSTATS Performance Metrics – The Houston TAG and its performance is directly connected to the overall agency's performance in TAGSTATS. The TAG provides monthly and quarterly TAGSTATS updates to the Office of the Governor, Harris County Sheriff Office and to the TAG Executive Board so that all groups can track organizational progress and success.

**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]:

10/1/2022

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

9/30/2023

### 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:

575765661

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

41856751

### 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:

2/28/2022

### 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/%
Personnel	Assistant	Overtime for administrative support functions at the Houston TAG Center. Overtime for Admin Clerk (Carolina Garcia) – \$33.33/hour x 20 hours/month x 12 months = \$8,000.00 Job Duties: • Provides administrative support for all departments within the TAG Center, as needed. • Compiles gang-related offense report statistics on a weekly/monthly basis. • Maintains records of arrests, gang data and investigative reports.	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	100
Personnel	Assistant	Overtime for financial support functions at the Houston TAG Center. Overtime for Grant (Financial) Analyst (LaStacia Spencer) - \$56.25/hour x 20 hours/month x 12 months = \$13,377.00 Job Duties: • Create and maintain financial records of all financial expenditures related to TAG Center operations. • Processes all purchase order requests and payment of invoices. • Serves as a liaison between the TAG Center Administrator and Harris County for accounting purposes. • Creates and maintains inventory records along with conducting annual inventory of equipment.	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,500.00	100
Contractual and	Program Consultant	Technical Writer for TAG Center Regional Threat Assessment @	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0

Professional Services		rate of \$3,500						
Contractual and Professional Services	Program Consultant	Executive Assistant (TBD) - Annual Salary \$66,849.96 = \$5,570.83 per month + \$18,985.40 in benefits. Job Essential Functions • Provide administrative support for the Houston TAG Center • Create and/or maintain data in MS Office programs, to include Excel spreadsheets, and various third party and company-proprietary systems, such as MVM's Learning Management System. • Function as corporate receptionist by providing primary coverage for the reception desk and ensuring efficient operation of the reception area responsibilities and processes. • Direct inquiries and telephone calls to the appropriate departments or staff members. • Greet and direct visitors, guests, and fellow employees in a professional and friendly manner. • Administer visitor badges when applicable. • Maintain corporate security sign-in and sign-out logs. • Accept and process incoming and outgoing mail, parcels, and packages. • Monitor and maintain the central office supply room to ensure it is well-stocked, neat and organized. • Perform other duties as assigned.	\$85,835.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,835.36	0
Contractual and Professional Services	Investigative Services	Houston TAG Administrator (George Rhyne, Lebanon Creek Leadership & Management)- Annual Salary (\$175,000) = \$14,583.33 per month + Annual Insurance (\$6,000) (insurance requirements mandated by Harris County for all contract employees) = \$181,000.00. Job Essential Functions • Advises TAG Executive Board, Working Group and Supervisors; Project Director; the HIDTA Director and Deputy Director in matters involving strategic planning, policy and performance indicators relating to the TAG grant.. • Identifies future funding streams to support TAG Center rent and operation costs.. • Assists Project Director in applying for future grants or other funding resources.. • Ensures compliance with grant mandates and policies.. • Works in conjunction with the Houston Intelligence Support Center Manager regarding the sharing of intelligence, trends and threats.. •	\$181,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$181,000.00	0

		<p>Facilitates regular meetings at the TAG Center to include but not limited to: Executive Board meetings, Working Group meetings, Supervisors meetings and Intelligence meetings.. • Coordinates the collection of monthly enforcement statistics, and the preparation of quarterly enforcement reports and other reports as necessary to provide grantors/funding providers with required data for evaluation of current and future grants or funding assistance.. • Assists in the procurement of equipment, supplies, and services in compliance with Harris County procurement rules and applicable grant rules.. • Receives, tracks and issues equipment and supplies.. • Accounts for equipment and supplies purchased with grant funds.. • Assists in budgeting for the project.. • Oversees facilities. • Conducts limited network patch connections to facilitate data and phone connectivity at the TAG Center in the IT room.. • Coordinates with TAG Center agency and HIDTA IT staff to ensure data and telephone connectivity. • Represents TAG Center in local, regional and national forums as directed by the Executive Board.. • Performs other duties as assigned by the TAG Executive Board, HIDTA Director and/or Project Director or their designees.</p>						
Contractual and Professional Services	Investigative Services	<p>Salary for TAG Intelligence Officer (Enrique Muniz, XIR Strategics, LLC) - Annual Salary \$140,004 = \$11,667 per month + Annual Insurance \$7,500 (insurance requirements mandated by Harris County for all contract employees) = \$147,504.00 Job Essential Functions . • Intelligence collection, detailed research and analysis, and reporting of threat and security intelligence from both internal and external sources (open-source, subscription services, other intelligence sources, understanding of security posture, etc.). • Understands and profiles the threats associated with criminal gang activities. Analyzes and determines the intent, operational and technical capabilities, tradecraft, and modus operandi of threat actors so that proactive</p>	\$147,504.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$147,504.00	0

		<p>strategies can be implemented. • Reviews, creates and briefs intelligence products, such as threat group profiles and their methodologies and trends with recommended actions to mitigate. • Generates scheduled and ad-hoc threat communications/briefings/reports for a wide range of audiences. • Works with TAG constituents to deliver Security Intelligence to feed into Security posture monitoring and reporting. • Ensures that appropriate services, tools, processes, and procedures are in place to effectively provide comprehensive threat intelligence service to the TAG. • Measure and demonstrates the value of threat and security intelligence services delivered. • Actively engages in liaison activities with intelligence communities, law enforcement, peer institutions, and information sharing communities as it pertains to the collection and sharing of threat data. • In close coordination with the TAG Administrator, the Intelligence Officer (IO) assists with incident response efforts through intelligence backed decisions in a dynamic threat environment. Works with incident response teams to analyze and resolve incidents. • The Intelligence Officer will not be required to perform any law enforcement related duties consistent with being employed as a peace officer by a law enforcement agency. • Other responsibilities as assigned by the TAG Administrator.</p>						
Contractual and Professional Services	Investigative Services	Brazoria County District Attorney's Office - Initial Funding for 1 Investigator at \$125,000	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	0
Contractual and Professional Services	Investigative Services	Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office - Initial Funding for 1 Investigator at \$125,000	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	0
Travel and Training	In-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	Texas Gang Investigator Association Conference (Date and Location TBA): Registration (\$500.00 x 2 people = \$1,000.00) Lodging (5 nights @ \$200.00 x 2 people = \$2,000.00)	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0
Travel and Training	In-State Incidentals and/or Mileage	Texas Gang Investigator Association Conference (Date and Location TBA): Travel Mileage (400 miles x 62.5 cents x 2 people = \$500.00), Per Diem	\$1,268.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,268.00	0

		(6 days x \$64.00 x 2 people = \$768.00)						
Travel and Training	In-State Incidentals and/or Mileage	TAG Administrator Meetings/Site Visits - 8 visits = 8 TAG site locations (TAG Administrator) - Lodging (8 locations x \$130 per night = \$1,040.00), Travel Mileage (8 visits x \$400 = \$3,200.00), Per Diem (8 days @ \$64.00 = \$512.00)	\$4,752.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,752.00	0
Travel and Training	In-State Incidentals and/or Mileage	TAG Center Site Meetings - 8 visits = 8 TAG site locations (TAG Intelligence Officer) - Lodging (8 locations x \$130 per night = \$1,040.00), Travel Mileage (8 visits x \$400 = \$3,200.00), Per Diem (8 days @ \$64.00 = \$512.00)	\$4,752.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,752.00	0
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	International Association of Chief of Police Conference - October 14 - 17, 2023, San Diego, CA - Registration (1 x \$500.00) Lodging (3 days @ \$300.00 x 1 person = \$900.00); Airfare and luggage (1 attendee @ \$700.00); Ground Transportation (4 days @ \$30.00 = \$120.00)	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	0
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives Conference - (Date and Location TBA) - Registration (1 x \$500.00) Lodging (6 nights x \$225.00 x 1 person = \$1,350.00); Airfare and luggage (1 attendee @ \$700.00); Ground Transportation (7 days @ \$30.00 = \$210.00)	\$2,760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,760.00	0
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association Conference - (Date and Location TBA) - Registration (1 x \$500.00) Lodging (4 nights x \$225.00 x 1 person = \$900.00); Airfare and luggage (1 attendee @ \$700.00); Ground Transportation (5 days @ \$30.00 = \$150.00)	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	0
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	East Coast Gang Investigators Association Conference - (Date and Location TBA) - Registration (1 x \$400.00) Lodging (3 nights x \$225.00 x 1 person = \$675.00); Airfare and luggage (1 attendee @ \$700.00); Ground Transportation (4 days @ \$30.00 = \$120.00)	\$1,895.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,895.00	0
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Incidentals and/or Mileage	International Association of Chief of Police Conference - October 14 - 17, 2023, San Diego, CA - Travel Mileage (88 miles x 62.5 cents per mile =	\$411.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$411.00	0

		\$55.00), Per Diem (4 days x \$69.00 = \$276.00); Parking (4 days @ \$20.00 = \$80.00). *Rates are determined in accordance to the State of Texas Travel Reimbursement Rates.						
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Incidentals and/or Mileage	National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives Conference - (Date and Location TBA) - Travel Mileage (88 miles x 62.5 cents per mile = \$55.00), Per Diem (7 days x \$69.00 = \$483.00); Parking (7 days @ \$20.00 = \$140.00). *Rates are determined in accordance to the State of Texas Travel Reimbursement Rates.	\$678.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$678.00	0
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Incidentals and/or Mileage	International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association Conference (Date and Location TBA) - Travel Mileage (88 miles x 62.5 cents per mile = \$55.00), Per Diem (5 days x \$69.00 = \$345.00); Parking (5 days @ \$20.00 = \$100.00). *Rates are determined in accordance to the State of Texas Travel Reimbursement Rates.	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0
Travel and Training	Out-of-State Incidentals and/or Mileage	East Coast Gang Investigators Association Conference - (Date and Location TBA) - Travel Mileage (88 miles x 62.5 cents per mile = \$55.00), Per Diem (4 days x \$69.00 = \$276.00); Parking (4 days @ \$20.00 = \$80.00). *Rates are determined in accordance to the State of Texas Travel Reimbursement Rates.	\$411.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$411.00	0
Equipment	Desktop System and Accessories	Desktop Computer Systems 1 unit @ \$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	1
Equipment	Laptop System and Accessories	Laptop/Tablet with accessories 1 unit @ \$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00	1
Equipment	Specialized Computer Software	Coplink X Systems Integration (\$26,000) with 2-year subscription @ \$132,000.00/yr	\$290,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290,000.00	1
Equipment	Specialized Computer Software	CLEAR for Law Enforcement w/Commercial LPR, Mobile Companion, Real Time Incarceration/Alerts - For all Texas TAG Centers - 3 -year subscription with 5-year Renewal Option	\$989,712.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$989,712.00	1
Equipment	Specialized Computer Software	TAG SharePoint Site development to provide information sharing capabilities to statewide TAG Centers. Cost will include site development and maintenance for TAG Centers.	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	1

Equipment	Specialized Computer Software	LeadsOnline PowerPlus Investigation System Service Package 1 unit @\$72,062.00	\$72,062.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,062.00	1
Equipment	Specialized Computer Software	TAG - Verus - Jail Telephone Transcription Subscription 2 years it include all 9 TAGs	\$33,400,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,400,000.00	2
Equipment	Specialty Cameras and Accessories	Covert Dog Tag HD DVR Camera - 1 unit @ \$2,095.00	\$2,095.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,095.00	1
Equipment	Global Positioning System (GPS) Unit and Accessories	CovertTrack Vehicle Trackers Renewal/replacement - 20 units @ \$1,100.00	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,000.00	20
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Internet Access Services	Telecommunications Service including webhosting, LAN/WAN internet data, PRI Telephone Data	\$27,639.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,639.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Computer Software and Media	Microsoft Office 365 - Government E3 Licenses - 10 licenses @ \$240.00 each and Azure AD Premier @ \$69.00	\$2,469.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,469.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Costs for Space (lease or rental)	Incidental charges for HVAC, shower cleaning, and rental space maintenance that falls outside of the lease agreement terms for 9/1/2023-8/31/2024. After hours HVAC rate is \$25 per hour.	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Office Supplies (e.g., paper, postage, calculator)	Basic Office Supplies (cleaning supplies, paper, ink, stationary, pens, paper, clips, staplers and small office equipment for TAG Administrator and Staff.	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Installation of grant purchased equipment and technology.	Maintenance and/or repair of grant funded equipment currently being used for Houston TAG.	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Printer, Fax, Scanner and/or Camera (\$5,000 or less per unit)	Copier rental cost \$305 per month. \$3660 annually	\$3,660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,660.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Electric, Gas, and/or Water / Wastewater	Off Road Diesel Fuel for TAG Backup Generator - 20,000 gallons x \$3.62/gallon	\$72,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,400.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Alarm and/or Security Fee	Alarm Monitoring with Arming and Disarming Reporting and Access Control Data Management (12 months) ICON current contract.	\$3,660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,660.00	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
Contractual and Professional Services	\$667,839.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$667,839.36
Equipment	\$34,831,119.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,831,119.00
Personnel	\$21,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,500.00
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$161,828.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161,828.00
Travel and Training	\$24,877.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,877.00

**Budget Grand Total Information:**

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$35,707,163.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,707,163.36

**Condition Of Fundings Information**

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
Other Condition of Funding. - Travel and Registration - Prior to requesting reimbursement, please update BLI description(s) to include the number of individuals, date, location, name/type of training, and cost per person.	7/6/2023 4:31:58 PM		No	Yes
Procurement Questionnaire: Grantees must upload to the Upload.Files tab in eGrants, the completed OOG-prescribed Post-Award Procurement Questionnaire when a procurement is expected to exceed \$250,000. In addition, OOG may require the grantee to submit supporting documentation on a case-by-case basis.	7/12/2023 9:49:36 AM		No	Yes
Other Condition of Funding. - Informational. Travel expenses incurred while traveling outside the employee's primary TAG service area on TAG related business (quarterly admin meetings, etc.) are to be reimbursed out of a travel pool. This travel pool will be a single budget line-item per employee containing the expenses for hotel, per diem, and fuel if not using a TAG vehicle.	7/6/2023 4:28:27 PM		No	No
Please be advised that OOG has added a Condition of Funding (CoF) that will hold funds on a specific budget line item(s) that must be met. You can review the CoF by going to the Summary tab and Clicking on the View Condition of Funding link. Assuming all other Conditions of Funding noted on the Statement of Grant award have been met, you will be able to request reimbursement for any line item except for the one(s) with the fund hold until that fund hold is cleared.	7/6/2023 4:31:58 PM		No	No



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