

Letter of Intent

Agency: Fort Bend County Sheriff's office

Project Name: FY 26 General Victim Assistance Grant Program

Grant #: 4956002

Funding Source: VA-Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program| Office of the Governor

Funding amount requested: \$7

The Family Violence Unit at the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office collaborates with several key community partners, including the Fort Bend County DA's Office, Fort Bend County Women's Center, Child Advocates of Fort Bend, and Child Protective Services. We are requesting funding for domestic violence initiatives, which should be prioritized due to the critical need to protect individuals, promote community well-being, prevent future incidents, and address the broader societal impact of domestic violence. Domestic violence poses a significant threat to individuals, leading to physical, emotional, and psychological harm. With this funding, we can support essential programs and services that offer protection, shelter, and resources to those affected by domestic violence.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office currently works with a multidisciplinary team of community partners, including the Fort Bend County Women's Center, Child Advocates of Fort Bend, the DA's Office, Parks Youth Ranch, and the Fort Bend Community Rainbow Room, to meet the needs of domestic violence victims in the community.

Our case management for domestic violence can be considered scalable, given our capacity to evolve, embrace change, and efficiently handle increased case demands. By focusing on these scalable aspects, we can develop roles that are resilient and well-suited to our future case management efforts.

Our sustainability plan involves seeking county funding to further support the initiatives of the Family Violence Unit. To sustain the role of the domestic violence coordinator, we will incorporate the position into our yearly budget, reclassify a current open position, and convert available funds to ensure ongoing financial support for grant-funded roles. Currently, there are no other sources of funding exceeding \$50,000 for this project.

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