

Letter of Intent

Agency: Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

Project Name: FY2026 Criminal Justice Grant Program, Justice Assistance Grant-Electronic Ticket Writers

Grant #: 5459601

Funding Source: Office of the Governor

Funding amount requested \$139,992

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department regularly conducts comprehensive evaluations and desires effective and efficient management of traffic law enforcement by reducing crashes, injuries, and fatalities in Fort Bend County. This project focuses on achieving greater efficiency with traffic-related initiatives that will create more time for uniformed personnel to address other crime control efforts, such as directed patrol, deterrence and visibility, hot spots, and violent offender initiatives. Electronic readers, known as imagers, have the ability to quickly read and transfer driver and vehicle information into a format needed to report racial profiling report data and to enable a citation to be written. A printer within a patrol vehicle receives Bluetooth messaging and prints a copy of a citation or written warning given to a motorist involved with a traffic law violation. The modern technology, ticket writers in this instance, can also effectively assist with identification of persons believed to be fugitives and persons with active and outstanding warrants. The data from driver's licenses are entered within the same electronic and wireless ticket-writing system to report racial profiling information required under Texas Code of Criminal Procedures Act. 2.132 regarding Racial Profiling traffic stop data collection. The e-ticket system also promotes traffic stop efficiency, where data is collected, a citation or warning is written, and the officer returns to service much quicker, reducing the exposure to fast moving vehicles on freeways, boulevards, roadways, and narrow streets. Additionally, increasing the number of marked units in service including reducing time spent at each traffic stop, will enable the Sheriff's Office to more effectively enforce traffic laws and directly contribute to a reduction in crashes and fatalities. While having a greater number of police units and officers to deploy affects traffic enforcement, traffic safety and traffic enforcement are not the only policing approaches to consider as pertinent to deployment of resources. On-duty officers can also seek greater community engagement and appreciate a greater amount of time to respond to emergency calls and participate in other enforcement initiatives. This benefits both law enforcement by more effective, targeted policing for communities through the reduction in crime and social harms. The amount requested is for 100% funding for this position with no match. There are currently no other sources of funding above \$50,000 for this project.

Hon. K.P. George, County Judge

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