

Letter of Intent

Agency: Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

Project Name: FY2027 Criminal Justice Program, Investigative Response Project

Grant #: 5762201

Funding Source: Office of the Governor

Funding amount requested: \$82,673.00

While we don't have any formal partnership with other agencies, The Fort Bend County Sheriff's office does regularly coordinate responses with regional, state and federal law enforcement agencies. This FBC Sheriff's Office project should be considered a funding priority because it will meet the need for tools that are essential to the work of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations (CID) and Patrol Divisions who are routinely engaged in real-time, field-based investigations and research. The "Detective Field Kits", which include digital video cameras, binoculars, and laptops that are used to perform video surveillance in the field as part of a case investigation. The project will also provide officers in the Patrol Division with compatible Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) equipment upgrades that will be used to collect and analyze data from vehicles involved in accidents thus providing crucial information in accident investigations. Further, this project will significantly enhance both the Criminal Investigation Division and the Patrol Division's accuracy, efficiency and success during investigative procedures. The Houston Police Department (77002) use the same surveillance equipment requested as well as the Crash Data Retrieval equipment and we plan on collaborating with them on training. The project can be scaled by receiving half of the amount of the investigative equipment requested. If we do not receive these funds, we would need additional funding resources and/or other grant opportunities to sustain this project. The amount requested is for 100% funding with no match. There are currently no other sources of funding above \$50,000 for this project.

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