

Fort Bend County
Grant Application Approval Form

County Judge's Office Approval:	Signature:	Date:
Commissioners Court Approval:	Signature:	Date:

Name of Grant: Human Trafficking Investigation and Prosecution Project #3944601		
Purpose of Grant: Obtain personnel in order to more effectively investigate and prosecute human trafficking and related offenses in Fort Bend County, Texas		
Date: 01/26/2021	Announcement Date: 12/14/2020	Application Deadline: 02/11/2021
Name of Department/Division Requesting Grant: District Attorney		
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Pre-Application Assessment Considerations

- 1) Financial
 - i. Financial Breakdown

Request Amount:	\$472,852.90	
Match and Source		
Cash:	\$	Source:
In-kind:	\$	Source:
Program Income:	\$	Source:
Total Anticipated Project Cost:	\$472,852.90	

- ii. Staffing Requirements (including salary and benefits increases for multi-year grants, number and title of positions)

This grant is a continuation of an award from the Office of the Governor of Texas that allowed for the hiring of a human trafficking investigator and a criminal intelligence analyst. In our reapplication, we will be requesting funds for two felony level human trafficking prosecutors.

Human Trafficking Investigator: \$95,052

(Breakdown)

Total Gross Salary (Annually): 66,208

Payroll Taxes \$5,065

Retirement \$8,163

W/C – Unemployment \$2,516

Group Insurance: \$13,100

Human Trafficking Criminal Intelligence Analyst: \$74,705

(Breakdown)

Total Gross Salary \$49,770 (annually)

Payroll Taxes \$3,807

Retirement \$6,137

W/C – Unemployment \$1,891

Group Insurance \$13,100

Human Trafficking Prosecutor (2 total): \$138,837 each

(Breakdown)

Total Gross Salary \$101,581

Payroll Taxes \$7,771

Retirement \$12,525

W/C – Unemployment \$3,860

Group Insurance \$13,100

- iii. Operational Needs (i.e., office space, equipment, etc.)

Investigator Vehicle: Government Lease vehicle through Enterprise for 12 months, at a rate of \$700 per month – gov't rate): 8,400

iPhone 11 for 2 prosecutors (\$100 each at government rate): \$200

Cell phone plan for investigator, analyst, and two prosecutors (\$60 per month at government rate): 2,880

For two prosecutors: Dell Latitude 5500 laptop with accessories (carrying bag, cords) at government rate (\$1,206.96) and Dell monitor at government rate (\$203.99): \$2,821.90

Avaya desk phone for two prosecutors (\$350.00 each at government rate): \$700

Bookcase and file cabinet for two prosecutors at government rate (\$200 per bookcase, \$360 per cabinet): \$1,120.00

Desk for two prosecutors from Carol's Office Furniture at government rate (\$1,300 per desk): \$5,100.00

Chairs for two prosecutors at government rate (4 guest chairs at \$175 each, 2 executive chairs at \$500 each): \$1,700.00

Credenza for two prosecutors from Carol's Office Furniture at government rate (\$1,250.00): \$2,500

- iv. Grant Financial History (two-year history, if applicable. If no history, please explain why- this is the first time the County has applied for this grant, etc.)

We were awarded \$308,374.45 in the first grant cycle for a human trafficking investigator and a criminal intelligence analyst (18 month grant).

- v. Sustainability Plan: a clear continuation plan for sustaining grant-funded program if funding is reduced or terminated which reflects the potential for loss of grant-funded position or program components

If the grant funding is reduced or terminated, and we are unable to obtain another funding source, the county will be asked to absorb the costs of these vital positions.

2) Programmatic

- i. Alignment with County's strategic priorities and/or department/program plan

The Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecution of all criminal offenses that occur in the county, including Human Trafficking and related offenses. This program is directly aligned with the county's strategic priorities in the 2020-2021 Fort Bend County Public Safety Community Plan under Law Enforcement Priority #6 and under Victim Issues-Child Priority #8 and Priority #11.

- ii. Needs of Fort Bend County residents that will be addressed by the grant

This program will address the need of residents for reduced criminal activity and increased community safety through aggressive investigation and prosecution of Human Trafficking and related crimes committed against children, youth, and adults

in the county. Efforts to rescue and recover victimized citizens will be enhanced.

iii. Department's capacity to administer administrative aspects of the grant

For the past year, the Fort Bend County has handled the financial and administrative aspects of the grant with no issues.

iv. Prior year grant performance data/accomplishments

In September 2020, the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office conducted a four day sting operation in Stafford, Texas and Missouri City, Texas dedicated to locating those seeking to buy and sell sex in our county. The four day proactive operation resulted in 46 arrests on a variety of human trafficking related charges and the rescue of five human trafficking victims.