



County of Fort Bend, Texas

Grant Intent to Apply Form

Name of Grant: Forensic Evidence Testing		
Purpose of Grant: Qualitative Forensic Testing of Seized Narcotics for END Program Cases		
Department/Division: District Attorney		
Point of Contact: Chad Bridges		Phone Number: (281) 238-3353
Announcement Date: 12/14/20	Commissioners Court: 2/2/21	Submission Deadline: 2/11/21

Pre-Application Considerations:

1) Financial

i) Financial Breakdown (First-year applicants, please provide best estimates.)

Grant Funding Request:	\$18,000.00	
Match	Amount	Source
Cash:	\$0.00	Fort Bend County General Fund
In-kind:	0	
Program Income:	0	
Total Project Cost:	\$18,000.00	

ii) Staffing Requirements (including salary and benefits increases for multi-year grants, number of personnel and brief description of duties. If this a first-year application, please provide best estimates.)

Not Applicable

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

None

iv) Grant Financial History (Two-year history if available. Please write N/A for first-year applications.)

This is the 3rd cycle of the grant. The Auditor's Office has made all reports to CJD in an accurate and timely fashion.

v) Sustainability Plan (continuation for grant-funded program if grant funding is reduced or terminated)

Absorption by Fort Bend County or reimbursement by non-indigent defendants

2) Programmatic

i) Alignment with department/program's plans and priorities

The END program was initiated by Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office in partnership with other Criminal Justice stakeholders. The DA's Office has a commitment to reducing recidivism by quickly placing low level drug offenders who are willing to take responsibility for their addiction in customized treatment programs rather than having the cases remain pending on District Court Dockets. Forensic testing of illegal substances squares with the County's Community Safety Plan Law Enforcement Priority #20.

ii) Department's capacity to administer the financial and administrative aspects of the grant

The District Attorney's Office has a long history of successfully administering grants and being in compliance with CJD guidelines. As mentioned above, the Auditor's Office has made all reports to CJD in an accurate and timely fashion.

iii) Prior year performance data and accomplishments (Please write N/A for first-year applications.)

The END program has gathered momentum even during the pandemic although there still growth and development necessary. Having said that, pandemic conditions are still a challenge in the entire court system.