

Interoffice Memorandum

To: Vanessa McKeehan
Project Manager – Grants
Office of County Judge KP George

From: Kelly Fortune
Date: 13 January 2022
Re: VOCA LOI

Dear Ms. McKeehan:

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office will be submitting a grant proposal to continue funding Victim Liaison Assistant position to support FBCSO. The Federal Funds we are requesting, through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Division, are authorized under Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA) as amended and codified in 34 U.S.C. §20103. VOCA funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime and Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2. Attached to this email is our LOI.

The Project Summary is as follows:

Project Summary: Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office (FBCSO) General Victim Assistance Grant Proposal, funded by Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division FY2023.

FBCSO intends to renew the above-named grant program to continue funding of Victim Liaison Assistant for Criminal Investigations Division (CID). We are seeking \$59,020.00 under this proposal for continued funding for the FBCSO Victim Liaison Assistant position as stipulated in Eligible Activities and Costs: Crisis Services: 1) Services that respond to immediate needs (other than medical care), emotional, psychological, and physical health and safety. 2) Personal advocacy and emotional support. The Victim Liaison Assistant activities will be to provide crime victims of Fort Bend County with information and the status of their case. One major function is to concentrate on case coordination and communicating with local multi-disciplinary teams. The Victim Liaison Assistant works in conjunction with Child Protective Services, Child Advocates, law enforcement, prosecutor's office, behavioral health services, social services, medical nurses and counselors. The County Attorney's Office has been informed of the Sheriff's Office's intent to seek this funding. The appropriate documents have been uploaded into OnBase with a request for a review of terms and conditions of the grant by an assistant county attorney.

Please advise if you require any additional information on this grant proposal.

The grant closing/certification date is February 10, 2022; however, the Sheriff's Office seeks to submit this grant to your office by Monday, February 7, 2022 for your certification and submission.

Sincerely,

Kelly Fortune