



Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division Funding Announcement: FY2021 Texas Anti-Gang Program

Purpose

The Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) is soliciting applications for preselected projects that support regional, multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through the coordination of gang prevention, intervention, and suppression activities.

Available Funding

State funds are authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 23 for Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Eligible Organizations

The following units of local government and state agencies are eligible to apply:

City of El Paso, City of McAllen, City of North Richland Hills, City of Waco, Harris County, Lubbock County, Smith County, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Application Process

Applicants must access the PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding.

Key Dates

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	01/10/2020
Online System Opening Date	01/10/2020
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	03/12/2020 at 5:00pm CST

Project Period

Projects selected for funding must begin on or after September 1, 2020 and expire on or before August 31, 2021.

Funding Levels

Minimum: \$10,000

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the State Uniform Grant Management Standards ([UGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

Eligible Activities and Costs

Costs must directly support and/or enhance a regional, multidisciplinary approach using coordinated gang prevention, intervention and suppression efforts through a Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center.

Eligible expenses include costs associated with establishment of physical and operational infrastructure for a regional TAG Center such as personnel, contractual costs for building enhancements and information system interfaces, equipment, training, supplies, and direct operating expenses.

Program-Specific Requirements

TAG Centers must:

1. Institute a collaborative working network of collocated multi-jurisdictional anchor agencies and resources;
2. Maintain an Executive Committee through a cooperative working agreement (CWA) of all anchor agencies;
3. Include within the application budget a TAG Administrator position that reports directly to the regional TAG Center Executive Committee; and
4. Designate an individual to participate in a TAG grant program working group, or other group, at the request of HSGD.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Entities receiving funds from Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.
2. Beginning January 1, 2020, counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90 percent of convictions within seven business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Texas Department of Public Safety. By January 1, 2021, such reporting must take place within five business days.
3. Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year.
4. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has established a goal set by the Texas Legislature for all local law enforcement agencies to implement and report crime statistics data by using the requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Additionally, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will collect required crime statistics solely through the NIBRS starting January 1, 2021. Due to the upcoming federal deadline, grantees are advised that eligibility for future grant funding may be tied to compliance with NIBRS. Financial grant assistance for transitioning to NIBRS may be available for your jurisdiction from the Public Safety Office.
5. Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS

related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2021 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

6. Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>).
7. Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://sam.gov/>.
8. All law enforcement agencies receiving an award under this announcement must agree to comply with TXGANG reporting requirements relating to criminal combinations and criminal street gang activity, as required by Sec. 61.02, Code of Criminal Procedure.

Failure to comply with program eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or suspension or termination of grant funds.

Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the unallowable costs listed in the [Guide to Grants](#) or any of the following unallowable costs:

1. Construction, renovation, or remodeling;
2. Medical services;
3. Law enforcement equipment that is standard department issue; and
4. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state or local law or regulation.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by PSO staff members and/or a review group selected by the executive director. PSO will make all final funding decisions based on eligibility, reasonableness, availability of funding, cost-effectiveness, state priorities and strategies, and/or other relevant factors.

Contact Information

For more information, contact the eGrants help desk at eGrants@gov.texas.gov or (512) 463-1919