

REQUEST FOR AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

FEB 12 2018

Submission Deadline - Tuesday, 12:00 PM before Court Dates


Approved

SUBMITTED BY: Sheriff Adam King

TODAY'S DATE: 01/26/2018

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD: X



REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: 02/12/2018

SPECIFIC AGENDA WORDING

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office is requesting to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$63,240 from the Justice Assistance Grant Program through NCTCOG. The grant is 100% funded and to apply for a remotely controlled robot and a Direct Link Crisis Response communications system to include a throw phone that will be deployed in crisis response situations. Funding of grant will be brought back to court before funds are accepted.

PERSON(S) TO PRESENT ITEM: Sheriff Adam King

SUPPORT MATERIAL: (Must enclose supporting documentation)

TIME: 5 min

ACTION ITEM: X

WORKSHOP: _____

(Anticipated number of minutes needed to discuss item)

CONSENT: _____

EXECUTIVE: _____

STAFF NOTICE:

COUNTY ATTORNEY: _____

IT DEPARTMENT: _____

AUDITOR: _____

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT: _____

PERSONNEL: _____

PUBLIC WORKS: _____

BUDGET COORDINATOR: _____

OTHER: _____

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ASSIGNED AGENDA DATE: _____

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COURT MEMBER APPROVAL _____

Date _____

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Agency Name: Johnson County
Grant/App: 3574601 **Start Date:** 10/1/2018 **End Date:** 9/30/2019

Project Title: Johnson County Critical Response Equipment Program
Status: Application Pending Submission

Eligibility Information

Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:
756001030

Application Eligibility Certify:

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Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: Johnson County
Project Title: Johnson County Critical Response Equipment Program
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Start Date: 10/1/2018
End Date: 9/30/2019

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Counties within Project's Impact Area:

Grant Officials:

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Grant Vendor Information

Organization Type: County
Organization Option: applying to provide services to all others
Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID): 756001030
Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS):

Narrative Information

Introduction

This application is for grants under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Please read the [funding announcement](#) for program rules and application guidelines and review the *Guide to Grants, Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities* and *Standard Certifications and Requirements* - all available at [CJD's resources webpage](#) - for standard rules and conditions the applicant agrees to when certifying an application.

How to Apply for a CJD Grant contains special instructions for this application, and *Developing a Good Project Narrative* is essential reading for drafting effective responses to the nine boxes below in the "Project Narrative" section. Both are also available at [CJD's resources webpage](#), and applicants wishing to receive a grant should review them closely. Applicants that fail to adequately respond to the prompts will NOT be selected by CJD for funding.

Applications for local or regional projects under this announcement will first be reviewed and ranked by the relevant regional Council of Governments' (COG) Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, and some COGs have additional, mandatory application procedures. Applicants should contact their COG's criminal justice planner early as possible for instructions. The local criminal justice planners are also the first, best contact for questions regarding the application or program, and [their contact information can be found here](#).

Unless otherwise specifically instructed, DO NOT UPLOAD ATTACHMENTS with further information. Use the space provided here to address any aspects of the project you consider relevant.

Section 1: Program-Specific Questions

A. Specialty Courts

If applicant applying to fund a specialty court operating under Ch. 121 of the Texas Government Code, enter the **CJD ID for the court** (list available [here](#)). If applicant is not, enter "0":
0

B. Drug Testing

If the project tests program participants for drugs or alcohol, describe the testing policy, including the method used for testing and the frequency of testing for participants. Enter 'N/A' if the project does not have participants or those participants are not drug tested.
N/A

C. Juvenile Case Managers

Select the option that best describes the support for juvenile case managers (including programs administered by juvenile case managers) in this project:

- No support for juvenile case managers
- Support for juvenile case managers to address truancy only
- Support for juvenile case managers to address juvenile crime

If this project includes support for juvenile case managers, select all options that apply. The juvenile case managers under this project will be employed or co-employed by:

- A truancy court under Chapter 65, Texas Family Code
- An independent school district
- A juvenile probation department
- A juvenile criminal court
- Another type of entity

This project does not support juvenile case managers

If this project supports juvenile case managers, list the names of the entities employing, co-employing, or utilizing the case managers, including the name of the truancy court and the name of the school district (if applicable). Projects that do not support juvenile case managers should enter **N/A**:

N/A

If this project supports juvenile case managers, list any of the entities entered immediately above that currently employ juvenile case managers. If the project does not support juvenile case managers or none of the entities currently employ them, enter **N/A**:

N/A

If the applicant is applying for funds to support a juvenile case manager, check all that apply (all other applicants select the last option):

- Each county of the applicant retains funds collected under Sec. 102.015, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure
- Each municipality of the applicant retains funds collected under Sec. 102.015, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure
- Each county of the applicant currently collects fees to support juvenile case managers under Sec. 102.0174, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure
- Each municipality of the applicant currently collects fees to support juvenile case managers under Sec. 102.0174, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure
- Each county of the applicant has established a judicial trust fund under Sec. 36.001, Texas Government Code
- Each municipality of the applicant has established a judicial trust fund under Sec. 36.001, Texas Government Code
- Applicant is not applying for funds to support a juvenile case manager

D. Evaluation Projects

This section regards any evaluation budget line item and/or selection of "Program Evaluation" as a project activity.

Tier-One Evaluations

Evaluations of programs that have been implemented and the evaluations will test the fidelity of the program based on proven models or best-practices. The evaluation also will review available program output and outcome information.

Does this application include a tier-one evaluation?

- Yes
- No

If you answered 'YES' above, describe below the best practices/model to be used in a fidelity and performance evaluation, the goal(s) of the evaluation, and why it is needed. If you answered 'No' above, enter 'N/A'.

N/A

Tier-Two Evaluations

Evaluations directed at measuring the effectiveness of proposed new program models or significant changes in present program models. The goal of tier-two evaluations is both to measure the program's effectiveness and to produce data and evidence necessary for others to replicate the program models and to develop best practices that CJD can use in supporting similar efforts.

Does this application include a tier-two evaluation?

- Yes
- No

If you answered 'YES' above, describe below why this new program model is needed and the goal(s) of the evaluation. If you answered 'No' above, enter 'N/A'.

N/A

If you answered **NO** to both questions above, check this box.

E. Sustainment

How many additional years, beyond this request, do you plan to request continuation funding?

0

1) If you entered three (3) years or fewer, provide a brief explanation of your sustainment plan (if you entered more than three years or the project will not be sustained, enter 'N/A'):

Johnson County is committed to continuing the program, maintenance, and software upgrades after the grant funding/program ends.

2) If you entered more than three (3) years, explain the longer term sustainment plan or why other resources cannot be used to continue this project and why a sustainment strategy is not possible (if you entered three years or fewer or the project will not be sustained, enter 'N/A'):

N/A

Section 2: Certifications

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

A. Constitutional Compliance

Applicant assures that it will not engage in any activity that violates Constitutional law including profiling based upon race.

B. Information Systems

Applicant assures that any new criminal justice information systems will comply with data sharing standards for the Global Justice XML Data Model and the National Information Exchange Model.

C. Bulletproof Vests

Applicant assures that if it plans to purchase body armor with grant funds, that it has adopted a mandatory wear policy and that all vests purchased have been tested and found to comply with the latest applicable National Institute of Justice (NIJ) ballistic or stab standards. Additionally, vests purchased must be American-made.

D. Uniform Crime Reports

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) and must have been current for the twelve previous months.

E. Criminal History Reporting

The county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have a 90% average on both adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2011 through 2015.

F. DNA Testing of Evidentiary Materials

When funds are used for DNA testing of evidentiary materials, any resulting eligible DNA profiles must be uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) by a government DNA lab with access to CODIS.

G. Interoperable Communications

Funds to support emergency communications activities must ensure compliance with the FY 2015 SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants; adherence to the technical standards set forth in the FCC Waiver Order, or any succeeding FCC orders, rules, or regulations pertaining to broadband operations in the 700 MHz public safety band; and are fully coordinated with the full-time Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) for Texas.

H. Twelve-Step Programs

Grant funds may not be used to support or directly fund programs such as the Twelve Step Program which courts have ruled are inherently religious. OOG grant funds cannot be used to support these programs, conduct meetings, or purchase related materials.

I. Specialty Court Certifications

If the applicant is a specialty court operated under Ch. 121 of the Texas Government Code, the following certifications apply:

1. The specialty court will develop and maintain written policies and procedures for the operation of the program.
2. The applicant will submit a copy of any project evaluations, evaluation plans, recidivism studies, or related reports that are completed during the grant period to CJD.

J. Generated Program Income

Unless specifically and explicitly authorized to do otherwise by OOG, at OOG's sole discretion, the applicant will report Generated Program Income (GPI), which includes any portion of fees collected from program participants and retained by the grantee. GPI will be applied to the grant through a grant adjustment. GPI must be used to offset project costs and must be expended prior to seeking payment from OOG.

K. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Requests

The full text of this certification can be found [here](#). To be in compliance with this requirement, any county or municipal government that includes a department that detains individuals after arrest for a criminal violation must provide a letter signed by the head of each such department certifying to the requirements. This letter may be used for any application submitted to OOG for a period of up to two years from the date it is signed. If that period expires during the project period of any grant, the grantee must submit an updated letter for each such grant to remain in compliance with this requirement.

All applicants must select one of the following options:

- Applicant is not a county or municipal government
- Applicant is a county or municipal government and does not include any department that detains individuals after arrest for a criminal violation at any time
- Applicant is a county or municipal government that includes department(s) that detain individuals after arrest for a criminal violation. Letters certifying compliance and signed by the heads of all such departments have been uploaded to this application.
- Applicant is a county or municipal government that includes department(s) that detain individuals after arrest for a criminal violation. The Authorized Official has read the certification found on the aforementioned CJD website. Further, the Authorized Official will not be submitting signed letters certifying compliance from the heads of all such departments and understands that failure to comply with this certification may result in OOG, at its sole discretion, rejecting this application and any other application from the relevant county or municipal government.

L. Civil Rights Liaison

A civil rights liaison who will serve as the grantee's civil rights point of contact and who will be responsible for ensuring that the grantee meets all applicable civil rights requirements must be designated. The designee will act as the grantee's liaison in civil rights matters with CJD and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Randy Gillespie

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

2 N. Main Street, Cleburne, TX 76033

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999 x9999]:

(817)556-6350

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the CJD Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

X I certify to all of the application content & requirements.

Project Abstract :

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has an active twelve man SWAT team that currently provides services to the community during critical incidents. Over the past several years there has been an increase in the number of critical incident responses that derive from domestic or mental crisis that result in armed conflicts or standoffs with armed barricaded suspects. These incidents require the immediate response of specially trained units from our SWAT team and trained Negotiators. This response is to bring resolution to the situation that is inherently "high risk" to the victims, citizens, and deputies that are responding to the incident. The unincorporated (rural) areas of Johnson County pose a unique issue in responding to rural areas that are not developed, which creates a higher risk in both the approach and visibility of the deputies. The use of a tactical surveillance robot in connection with the communication system and throw phone allows a coordinated response by being able to assess the circumstances prior to risking human life.

Problem Statement :

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has had an Emergency Response Team (ERT) for several years to respond to critical incidents that involved substantial risk to both the members of the community and to Deputies that are responding to the incident. In April of 2011 the mindset of how deputies respond to critical incident changed when deputies responded to a critical incident in which the suspect barricaded himself in a shed. Three Deputies and a municipal officer responded and the barricaded male subject attacked shooting two deputies one being Clifton Taylor who was killed in the line of duty. The number of critical incident responses continues to increase each and every year requiring the deployment of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team (ERT). The SWAT team is specially trained to respond to these type situations as a unit which provided a skilled and coordinated response. Currently in an urban to rural settings the team must still obtain an "eyes on" scenario to surveil the terrain, layout of structures, and gather first hand observations of what's going on at the scene. This would include suspect location, victim locations, conditions of building and access points, and to establish if possible the type of weapon the suspect may be armed with. Then to communicate with a barricaded suspect SWAT Team members or negotiators have to establish some type of direct contact. This could be directly communicating or delivering some type of device (cell phone) to communicate, in which a majority of the time is well within a likely "kill zone" or within a lethal range of the actor with minimal protection. In some of these situations the barricaded person scenario involves victims such as spouses and children that are endangered by the actions of the barricaded person. The potential result of not carefully evaluating circumstances can place innocent lives in more danger. During the past twenty four months the SWAT team and/or Sheriff's Office Deputies have responded to more than 50 calls for service that have included barricaded suspects (some that suffer from mental health issues), armed suspects, hostage situations, and high risk warrant operations. The primary objective in any operation is to save lives, to include the actor, and to provide the maximum amount of protection for the deputies that are on scene. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office SWAT team and negotiators work and coordinate with both the Burleson Police Department and the Cleburne Police Department, and provide assistance and services to the other incorporated municipalities within Johnson County.

Supporting Data :

Johnson County has an estimated population of 163,971 and law enforcement services are provided by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and eight other municipalities. Johnson County is unique in the fact that about 48% of the total population or 78,700 citizens of Johnson County reside within the unincorporated areas of Johnson County that is collectively made up of both urban and rural areas. The Johnson County SWAT Team and/or negotiations team has been deployed 53 (local RMS) times in the past three years responding to critical incidents such as mental health crisis (suicidal/barricaded), armed suspects, barricaded (hostage/endangered victims), and high risk felony warrant services. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has an active Mental Health Program that is designed specifically to deal with mental health consumers. The outcomes clearly show an increase in the number of responses to persons in imminent mental crisis on the rise, which is most evident in the number of suicidal person calls and barricaded person calls. In March of 2017 the SWAT and negotiations team responded to a call in Godley, Texas to a male subject that was firing a weapon in the direction of the initial deputies responding to the scene and the SWAT Team members. Due to the approach to the home located in a populated (urban) area the negotiations team was forced to attempt to communicate with the subject through a PA system as there was no other suitable method without risking safety to the deputies or community. The end result was the suspect was shot and taken into custody, and it was later learned that the subject had been diagnosed with an serious illness, became depressed, and decided to do "suicide by cop". In 2014 the Sheriff's Office responded to 342 mental calls, 375 in 2015, and 391 in 2016. A very low estimate is that 10 percent of these mental crisis calls result in a "serious" suicidal gestures that result in violence (up to and including homicide) to a family member and/or barricade themselves in their residence, which leaves both innocent victims and deputies responding in a vulnerable situation. A solution to the current tactical operations method of placing officers in harm's way during critical incidents is the acquisition of a remote operated tactical robot and communications equipment that would allow the SWAT Team to surveil the scene and make every effort to communicate with the barricaded person to bring resolution to the critical incident.

Project Approach & Activities:

This program is to be implemented within the Johnson County Sheriff's Office within the Special Operations Teams, which would consist of SWAT and negotiations. The Sheriff and the SWAT Commander will designate trained personnel to operate both the robot and communications system, which will be deployed on high risk operations or critical incidents to provide the maximum amount of safety for the officers and person(s) affected by the incident. The Sheriff's Office works and will continue to work with the STOP Special Crimes Unit (SCU), Cleburne Police Department, and the Burleson Police Department and make the equipment assessable to these agencies and other municipalities when requested. The robot will be deployed in potential critical incidents or high risk operations (armed suspects, barricaded persons, hostage situations, or high risk warrant service) to provide surveillance, scene assessment, and provide deputies and team members the maximum amount of safety that can be afforded. The robot can be quickly deployed in the field and can transverse most obstacles that it would encounter with its track system and high angle stabilizers. This would allow the robot to climb stairs, limbs, and other obstacles that would be encountered in a rural or urban setting. The system is made up of a remote controlled low profile robot along with

features including a pan tilt/zoom camera, high angle stabilizers, command terminal, remote operated radio control, carrying case and spare battery pack. The camera system is 360 degree IR camera that allows the operator to survey an area and the camera can be zoomed in up to 100% to identify objects of interest, and also has communications that would allow you to monitor and communicate with hostages or potentially the suspect. The unit would also include an extended manipulator arm with camera to view through or over taller objects, and has the additional capability to open doors or pick up and carry objects such as a communications device (throw phone) or deliver emergency equipment. The use of this type of equipment (robot) provides the ability to collect and evaluate scene situations without endangering team members and victims, which saves lives. The second element to this program is the communications equipment, which includes a throw phone. Currently SWAT Team members are only able to rely on portable radios to gather situational updates, which requires that a second person be available to pass on information to command or must divert their attention away from the situation to relay critical information. A crisis response communications system with a throw phone can allow team members to monitor without disrupting the negotiating process in real time, which provides critical data to deployed team members and to command staff to shift resources as needed. The throw phone unit offers much more than a device to communicate it also allows the ability to monitor as the throw phone unit also is equipped with 5 covert pinhole cameras and covert microphones to monitor circumstances regardless of if the suspect is communicating. Also this feature allows you to monitor the situation with hostages and communicate if possible. The communications system is also equipped to record any and all communication in its entirety for scene evaluation and future criminal justice needs. The combination of these two units cannot completely eliminate the need for team movement or to deploy into potential lethal zones, but it does promote a safer environment in that it allows evaluation of the scene prior to responding, and that "saves lives".

Capacity & Capabilities:

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has implemented many programs over the past several years to provide better resources for law enforcement and service to the community. Some of these programs have included Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management System (RMS), developed MCT (Mobile Communication Terminal), developed communications to be compliant with Federal standards, In-car video systems, and most recently initiated a Body Worn Camera program. The Johnson County Crisis Response Equipment Program will be administered by the SWAT Commander, who will monitor and evaluate debriefings, as well as evaluate the deployment of the robot and communications equipment. The use of the equipment will be documented (local RMS), which will allow the findings to be assessed and then incorporated into training, development of more comprehensive policies, and to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the program. The SWAT Team trains multiple times each month as does the negotiations team which will allow persons designated as operators of the equipment to increase their proficiency in the use and operation of the equipment. Each piece of equipment is extremely beneficial to both teams for scene assessment (evaluation), a coordinated response to known circumstances, and the ability of both teams to work simultaneously together. This is accomplished through the data that the tactical robot gathers, but the dissemination of that data is done with the communications equipment regardless of whether its scene data or monitoring the negotiations in real time (live). This equipment will also serve to benefit other municipalities as requested.

Performance Management :

The goal of the Johnson County Critical Response Equipment program is to immediately deploy the robot and communications equipment into volatile situations in which traditionally, SWAT officers were themselves deployed as a means to assess the situation. By deploying a surveillance robot with multiple other functionalities and communications equipment the operators on the SWAT team are not directly in harm's way during the surveillance and assessment of the incident. This lessens the likelihood of injuries and death to officers and subjects. The objective is to purchase a tactical surveillance robot and communications equipment and to immediately place it into service with the agencies SWAT team and negotiations team to reduce the need to deploy actual SWAT operators into the inner perimeter surveillance positions or to establish communications with a barricaded person as a "first resort". Also, an objective is to be able to assess a situation faster as the robot can be deployed almost immediately after arrival at a situation to begin transmitting information back to SWAT command personnel. The Communications equipment (throw phone) is capable of being delivered into the scene by the robot to establish communication and the communication system allows all both SWAT and negotiations team members to monitor the situation as it unfolds and yet not interfere with the communication established by the primary negotiator. These pieces of equipment serve different purposes but both achieve a common goal of bring a successful resolution to a critical incident, and protect the lives of both innocent victims and deputies.

Data Management:

Upon implementation of the Johnson County Critical Incident Response Equipment Program the SWAT Commander will maintain deployment reports that will be documented in the Sunguard Records Management System (RMS). This will provide statistical data on the type and nature of calls where the robot and/or communications systems are deployed. This is imperative in that it will allow systematic evaluation of response situations that can be incorporated into training for all emergency responders to include the SWAT and Negotiations Teams. The evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the program will be based on information collected from after incident debriefings that will provide insight into the use and effectiveness of the equipment. This will allow equipment operators to become more efficient in the use, operation, and deployment of equipment. The assessment by the SWAT Commander and other Administrative Staff will allow the program to be evaluated on multiple levels.

Target Group :

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has a population of 163,971, and Law Enforcement services are provided by the Sheriff's Office and eight other municipalities. The unincorporated areas of Johnson County represent 48% (78,700) of the total population of Johnson County. The Johnson County Critical Response Equipment Program will benefit the law enforcement agencies of Johnson County and the citizens or other persons that become victims of a critical incident. The robot and communications system will be made available and deployed to assist other agencies when requested. The implementation of the programs equipment, Robot and Communications System will assist law enforcement in the performance of their duties during a critical incident, but will also promote officer safety by providing a safer response to situations that ultimately result in needless casualties each year of both officers and innocent victims.

Evidence-Based Practices:

There are several agencies that have implemented robot and communications equipment throughout the DFW area and have reported a tremendous amount of success with the implementation of their programs. Some of the more established programs are with the Dallas PD, Fort Worth PD, Irving PD, and Arlington PD who all have small portable robots that have been deployed numerous times at scenes to perform

intelligence gathering, and communications without exposing SWAT Team members to an (known to exist) inherent danger. One of the more known situations was the use of a police robot to confront a armed subject in Dallas that had deployed an IED after murdering innocent officers. There have been numerous articles printed in reference to robots and drones such as one in Police One Magazine (policeone.com/police-products/police-drones/articles/9502450-5-ways-drones-can-help-cops-fight-crime) authored by Sean Varah; who cited the five reasons as Active Shooter, Crime Scene and Traffic-Accident Scene Analysis, Surveillance, Monitoring, and Bomb Inspection. The communications equipment with throw phone is a vital part of the scene assessment in that its covert cameras and monitors allow for the scene to be monitored in addition to the tactical robot, as well as the ability to communicate with a hostage taker or barricaded subject. The communications equipment also allows team members to monitor the communications and receive directions without interfering with negotiations while they are in process. This ensures that everyone remains informed which is critical to gaining a successful outcome.

Project Activities Information

Introduction

This section contains questions about your project. It is very important for applicants to review their funding announcement for guidance on how to fill out this section. Unless otherwise specified, answers should be about the EXPECTED activities to occur during the project period.

For the activities under the "OOG-Defined Project Activity Area" section near the end of this page, see *CJD Grant Activities and Measures* for definitions and related measures, available at [CJD's resources page](#).

Estimated Individuals Participating/Served/Trained

This question is for the majority of CJD grants that serve or train individuals, or has individuals participating in a program. This question does not apply to projects that ONLY purchase equipment, etc., that will be used generally (such as purchasing a colposcope, vehicle, or communications system), or target the general public (a public awareness campaign, etc.). Please estimate the following for the project period, or if this does not apply to your project, enter "0" in each box.

Number of individuals NEWLY enrolled or BEGAN being served:

0

Number of carry-over individuals enrolled/being served in the program at the beginning of the project period:

0

Number of individuals who will successfully complete the program / full course of services:

0

Choose one:

My program does not serve or enroll specific individuals

My program's typical designed (ideal) length is best measured in HOURS of services delivered/ enrollment for each individual

My program's typical designed (ideal) length is best measured in DAYS of services delivered/ enrollment for each individual

Enter the number of hours or days (depending on selection above) of the typical designed (ideal) length of the program for each individual. Enter "0" if you indicated that your program does not serve or enroll specific individuals:

0

Special Project Types and Information

Select all special project types that apply to your project.

Task forces: Project will support the operations and coordination activities of a task force.

Yes

No

If you answered 'YES' above, enter the name of the task force. If you selected **No**, enter **N/A**.

n/a

If you answered 'YES' above, enter the agencies or organizations that participate in the above-named task force. If you selected **No**, enter **N/A**.

N/a

Gang activity: Project involves a focus specifically on gang activity.

Yes

No

Transnational and organized crime: Project involves a focus specifically on transnational and organized crime.

Yes

No

Border activities: Project involves a focus specifically related to the Texas-Mexico border.

Yes

No

Human trafficking (select all that apply):

Project focuses on human trafficking

Project specifically focuses on trafficking of minors

Project specifically focuses on trafficking of adults

Project specifically focuses on sex trafficking

Project specifically focuses on labor trafficking

Project does not have any particular focus on human trafficking

Juvenile Justice Projects

Select all categories that describe the project's juvenile crime activities. Definitions are available [here](#).

- Diversion
- Mental health services
- Aftercare/reentry
- After-school programs
- Alternatives to detention
- Community-based programs and services
- Delinquency prevention
- Girl-focused services
- School programs
- Substance and alcohol abuse
- Disproportionate minority contact
- Mentoring, counseling and training programs
- Job training
- Aptitude testing
- Diversion in a rural setting
- Project does NOT have a particular focus on juvenile crime

Campus-Based Projects

This project is based on – or serves – one or more specific educational campuses (K-12 or higher education).

How many TOTAL students at ALL campuses will be served by the project? (enter "0" if this project is not based on – or serves – specific educational campuses):

0
 List each educational campus that will be served by this project. Enter 'N/A' if this project is not based on – or serves – specific educational campuses.
 N/A

Crime or Victim Type

This question is for justice projects that target specific crimes and ALL victim services projects. Others may enter "100" under "All other crimes". Applicants to serve victims of or prosecute/investigate/prevent exclusively child sex trafficking victims should assign 100% to that category.

Select the type(s) of crime or crime victim this project targets and provide the percentage of time dedicated to each. Applicants with projects that target multiple-offense offenders or multiple-victimization victims should assign percentages that best describe the activity. Percentages may not exceed 100%.

- Sexual assault (%):
0
- Domestic abuse (%):
0
- Child abuse (%):
0
- DUI / DWI (crashes for victim services) (%):
0
- Survivors of homicide (%):
0
- Assault (%):
0
- Adults molested as children (%):
0
- Elder abuse (%):
0
- Robbery (%):
0
- Stalking (%):
0
- Dating/acquaintance violence (%):
0
- Human trafficking (%):
0
- Child sex trafficking (%):
0
- All Other Crimes / No Specific Crimes or Victims Targeted (%):
100

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Equipment and Technology	100.00	The goal of the Johnson County Critical Response Equipment program is to immediately deploy the tactical robot and communications equipment into volatile situations in which traditionally, SWAT officers were themselves deployed as a means to assess the situation. By deploying a surveillance robot with multiple other functionalities and communications equipment the operators on the SWAT team are not directly in harm's way during the surveillance and assessment of the incident. This lessens the likelihood of injuries and death to officers and subjects. Also, an objective is to be able to assess a situation faster as the robot can be deployed almost immediately after arrival at a situation to begin transmitting information back to SWAT command personnel. The Communications equipment (throw phone) is capable of being delivered into the scene by the robot to establish communication and the communication system allows all both SWAT and negotiations team members to monitor the situation as it unfolds and yet not interfere with the communication established by the primary negotiator.

CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
*REQUIRED TOTAL: Equipment or technology: Individuals/ operators equipped	15
*REQUIRED TOTAL: Equipment or technology: Organizations directly using	1

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Section 1: Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a resolution that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to CJD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update CJD should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the approved resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** sub-tab located in the **Summary** tab.

Section 2: Contract Compliance

Will CJD grant funds be used to support any contracts for professional services?

- Yes
 No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Section 3: Lobbying

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

- Yes
 No
 N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

- Yes
 No
 N/A

Section 4: Fiscal Year

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

10/1/2018

Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

9/30/2019

Section 5: Sources of Financial Support

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (\$) of Federal Grant Funds:

703620

Enter the amount (\$) of State Grant Funds:

2304676

Section 6: Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a CJD grant. However, CJD may require a limited scope audit as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

- Yes
 No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

9/30/2016

Section 7: Equal Employment Opportunity Plan

Type I Entity

Defined as an applicant that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- the applicant has less than 50 employees;
- the applicant is a non-profit organization;
- the applicant is a medical institution;
- the applicant is an Indian tribe;
- the applicant is an educational institution, or
- the applicant is receiving a single award of less than \$25,000.

Requirements for a Type I Entity

- The applicant is exempt from the EEOP requirements required to prepare an EEOP because it is a Type I Entity as defined above, pursuant to 28 CFR 42.302;
- the applicant must complete Section A of the Certification Form and send it to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to claim the exemption from developing an EEOP; and
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services.

Type II Entity

Defined as an applicant that meets the following criteria:

- the applicant has 50 or more employees, and
- the applicant is receiving a single award of \$25,000 or more, but less than \$500,000.

Requirements for a Type II Entity - Federal law requires a Type II Entity to formulate an EEOP and keep it on file.

- The applicant agency is required to formulate an EEOP in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301, et seq., subpart E;
- the EEOP is required to be formulated and signed into effect within the past two years by the proper authority;
- the EEOP is available for review by the public and employees or for review or audit by officials of CJD, CJD's designee, or the Office of Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, as required by relevant laws and regulations;
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services; and
- the EEOP is required to be on file in the office of (enter the name and address where the EEOP is filed below):

Enter the name of the person responsible for the EEOP and the address of the office where the EEOP is filed:

Type III Entity

Defined as an applicant that is NOT a Type I or Type II Entity.

Requirements for a Type III Entity - Federal law requires a Type III Entity to formulate an EEOP and submit it for approval to the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

- The EEOP is required to be formulated and signed into effect within the past two years by the proper authority;
- the EEOP has been submitted to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice and has been approved by the OCR, or it will be submitted to the OCR for approval upon award of the grant, as required by relevant laws and regulations; and
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services.

Based on the definitions and requirements above, the applicant agency certifies to the following entity type:

- Type I Entity
- Type II Entity
- Type III Entity

Section 8: Debarment

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Select the appropriate response:

- I Certify
- Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.
N/A

Section 9: FFATA Certification

Certification of Recipient Highly Compensated Officers

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires Prime Recipients (CJD) to report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) of each sub recipient organization for the most recently completed fiscal year preceding the year in which the grant is awarded if the subrecipient answers **YES** to the **FIRST** statement but **NO** to the **SECOND** statement listed below.

In the sub recipient's preceding completed fiscal year, did the sub recipient receive: (1) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements; AND (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements?

Yes
 No

Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives through periodic reports filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or Section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

Yes
 No

If you answered **YES** to the **FIRST** statement and **NO** to the **SECOND** statement, please provide the name and total compensation amount of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) within your agency for the current calendar year. If you answered NO to the first statement you are NOT required to provide the name and compensation amounts. NOTE: "Total compensation" means the complete pay package of each of the sub recipient's compensated officers, including all forms of money, benefits, services, and in-kind payments (see SEC Regulations: 17 CCR 229.402).

Position 1 - Name:
Position 1 - Total Compensation (\$):
0

Position 2 - Name:
Position 2 - Total Compensation (\$):
0

Position 3 - Name:
Position 3 - Total Compensation (\$):
0

Position 4 - Name:
Position 4 - Total Compensation (\$):
0

Position 5 - Name:
Position 5 - Total Compensation (\$):
0

Fiscal Capability Information

Section 1: Organizational Information

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded:
Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status:
Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS:
Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State:

Section 2: Accounting System

The grantee organization must incorporate an accounting system that will track direct and indirect costs for the organization (general ledger) as well as direct and indirect costs by project (project ledger). The grantee must establish a time and effort system to track personnel costs by project. This should be reported on an hourly basis, or in increments of an hour.

Is there a list of your organization's accounts identified by a specific number (i.e., a general ledger of accounts).

Select the appropriate response:
 Yes
 No

Does the accounting system include a project ledger to record expenditures for each Program by required budget cost categories?

Select the appropriate response:
 Yes
 No

Is there a timekeeping system that allows for grant personnel to identify activity and requires signatures by the employee and his or her supervisor?

Select the appropriate response:
 Yes
 No

If you answered 'No' to any question above in the Accounting System section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 3: Financial Capability

Grant agencies should prepare annual financial statements. At a minimum, current internal balance sheet and income statements are required. A balance sheet is a statement of financial position for a grant agency disclosing assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at a given point in time. An income statement is a summary of revenue and expenses for a grant agency during a fiscal year.

Has the grant agency undergone an independent audit?

Select the appropriate response:
 Yes
 No

Does the organization prepare financial statements at least annually?

Select the appropriate response:
 Yes
 No

According to the organization's most recent Audit or Balance Sheet, are the current total assets greater than the liabilities?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Financial Capability section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.
Enter your explanation:

Section 4: Budgetary Controls

Grant agencies should establish a system to track expenditures against budget and / or funded amounts.
Are there budgetary controls in effect (e.g., comparison of budget with actual expenditures on a monthly basis) to include drawing down grant funds in excess of:

- a) Total funds authorized on the Statement of Grant Award?
 - Yes
 - No
- b) Total funds available for any budget category as stipulated on the Statement of Grant Award?
 - Yes
 - No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Budgetary Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.
Enter your explanation:

Section 5: Internal Controls

Grant agencies must safeguard cash receipts, disbursements, and ensure a segregation of duties exist. For example, one person should not have authorization to sign checks and make deposits.

Are accounting entries supported by appropriate documentation (e.g., purchase orders, vouchers, receipts, invoices)?
Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there separation of responsibility in the receipt, payment, and recording of costs?
Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Internal Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.
Enter your explanation:

Budget Details Information

Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Equipment	Surveillance Equipment and Accessories	A remote operated tactical surveillance robot that is quickly deployed and has a track system with high angle stabilizers, allowing the robot to transverse multiple objects including stairs, mud, and water. The robot has the ability to self righted in the event it becomes overturned. The unit has a 360 degree IR camera	\$63,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,240.00	1

	<p>that has pan, tilt, or zoom and that can be zoomed up to 100% to identify an object of interest. The camera also allows for substantial zooming capabilities at 10x color zoom feature. The system includes a two way microphone speaker to allow the user listening access to an incident scene while also being able to communicate with victims or suspects through the speaker system. The unit would also include an extended manipulator arm with camera to view through or over taller objects, and has the additional capability to open doors or pick up and carry objects such as a communications device (throw phone) or deliver emergency equipment up to 15 pounds.</p>						
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Source of Match Information

Detail Source of Match/GPI:

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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Summary Source of Match/GPI:

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Budget Summary Information

Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Equipment	\$63,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,240.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$63,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,240.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
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Office of the Governor

Criminal Justice Division

Funding Announcement:

Justice Assistance Grant Program

December 1, 2017

Opportunity Snapshot

Below is a high-level overview. Full information is in the funding announcement that follows.

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

Eligible Purpose Areas

Projects must fall under one of four categories: Prevention or Intervention, General Criminal Justice System Support, Targeted Criminal Justice Response, and Recidivism Reduction.

Organizational Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by state agencies, public and private institutions of higher education, independent school districts, Native American tribes, councils of government, non-profit corporations (including hospitals and faith-based organizations), and units of local government, which are defined as a non-statewide governmental body with the authority to establish a budget and impose taxes.

Project Periods

Continuation projects may not exceed a 12-month period.

Budget

The minimum allowed under this program is \$10,000 and there is no maximum funding request.

Match

There is no match requirement under this program.

Process

Applications under this funding announcement must be submitted in eGrants at: eGrants.gov.texas.gov

Timelines

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	12/01/2017
Online System Opening Date	12/18/2017
Final Date to Submit an Application	02/20/2018 at 5:00PM CST
Earliest Project Start Date	10/01/2018
Latest Project Start Date	12/01/2018

Contact Information

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

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Justice Assistance Grant Program

Overview of Application Process

Applicants should carefully review the application process as outlined below. CJD will not consider applications that fail to adequately address the application requirements and prompts, including those that have been previously approved for funding and/or are recommended for funding by local Criminal Justice Advisory Committees.

- ❑ **Step 1 – Review eligibility and requirements:**
 - The Eligibility section outlines who may apply, which purpose areas will be considered, and the expenses and activities eligible to be included.
 - The Program-Specific Details section has information on timelines, reporting, and funding.
 - The Standard CJD Requirements section addresses application and project requirements.
- ❑ **Step 2 – Contact your regional criminal justice planner (local and regional projects only):** The regional Council of Governments' (COG) Criminal Justice Advisory Committee will review local and regional applications first, and some COGs have additional, mandatory application procedures. Applicants should contact their COG's criminal justice planner early as possible. A directory is available at <http://txregionalcouncil.org/regional-programs/criminal-justice/cjcontacts/>.
- ❑ **Step 3 – Develop your project:** Before starting your application, applicants should develop a concrete understanding of their project and read CJD's *Developing a Good Project Narrative* at <http://gov.texas.gov/cjd/resources>, which details how to explain:
 - **What the project will accomplish:** What problem will the project solve? Who is the targeted population to serve and/or prosecute? What does success look like and how do you measure it?
 - **How the project will help:** What specifically will you do? What standards or evidence says it's an effective approach? What capabilities are needed to succeed?
 - **What is required for success:** What resources (including funding) does the project require?
- ❑ **Step 4 - Apply in eGrants:** Compile and submit your grant application via eGrants, at <http://eGrants.gov.texas.gov>. For more instructions and information, see *How to Apply for a CJD Grant*, available at <http://gov.texas.gov/cjd/resources>.
- ❑ **Step 5 - Funding Decisions and Grant Acceptance:** Await the funding decision, which is provided through a grant award or other notice from CJD. If you receive an award, complete the acceptance process to access funds.

Application Resources

CJD has published several resources to assist applicants in understanding and applying for funding, all of which can be found at <http://gov.texas.gov/cjd/resources>

- ***Developing a Good Project Narrative:*** Guidance on how to formulate an effective project, and how to communicate it clearly in the application's narrative prompts.
- ***How to Apply for a CJD Grant:*** Instructions on how to file an application in eGrants.
- ***Guide to Grants:*** CJD policies and guidance on common grant issues.
- ***Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities:*** A compendium of CJD and Homeland Security Grants Division policies for all grantees.
- ***Standard Certifications and Requirements:*** CJD's standard requirements that the Authorized Official must certify upon applying for a grant.
- ***CJD Grant Activities and Measures:*** A reference for applicants on the activities allowed for different project types and the measures associated with each.

Eligibility

Eligible Organizations

Applications may be submitted by state agencies, public and private institutions of higher education, independent school districts, Native American tribes, councils of governments, non-profit corporations (including hospitals and faith-based organizations), and units of local government, which are defined as a non-statewide governmental body with the authority to establish a budget and impose taxes.

All applications submitted by local law enforcement agencies/offices must be submitted by a unit of government affiliated with the agency, including an authorizing resolution from that unit of government. For example, police departments must apply under their municipal government, and community supervision and corrections departments, district attorneys, and judicial districts must apply through their affiliated county government (or one of the counties, in the case of agencies that serve more than one county).

Eligible Activities and Costs

The following list of eligible and ineligible activities and costs apply generally to all projects under this announcement, unless otherwise noted in the purpose area-specific sections below. For definitions, see *CJD Grant Activities and Measures* (available at <http://gov.texas.gov/cjd/resources>)

Eligible:

1. General law enforcement or public safety;
2. Targeted prosecution or investigation;
3. Training, professional development, or technical assistance received (training performed for grantee employees or volunteers, by in-house employees or outside trainers);

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4. Training, professional development, or technical assistance provided (training performed for others outside of the organization, by the grantee);
5. Equipment and technology;
6. Program evaluation and assessment;
7. Casework, non-licensed counseling, individual advocacy, or other support;
8. Counseling or treatment for substance abuse;
9. Counseling, therapy, or other care performed by a licensed professional;
10. Instruction and support for academic programs;
11. Instruction and support for employment or the workforce;
12. Instruction and support for life, social, or emotional skills;
13. Materials or curriculum development; and
14. Research or statistical activities.

Ineligible:

Projects funded under this announcement may not be used to support the unallowable services, activities, and costs listed in the *Guide to Grants* (available at <http://gov.texas.gov/cjd/resources>) and:

1. Body-worn cameras (funding for body-worn cameras is available under the Body-Worn Camera Program);
2. Rifle-resistant body armor (body armor of Type III and below are eligible);
3. Construction, renovation, or remodeling;
4. Medical services;
5. Security enhancements or equipment for non-governmental entities not engaged in criminal justice or public safety;
6. Non-law enforcement vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
7. Transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training;
8. Equipment, supplies, and other direct costs associated with processing DNA evidence;
9. Law enforcement equipment that is standard department issue (not including body armor);
10. Costs associated with implementing the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) (*agencies seeking funds for NIBRS projects should apply for funding under the NIBRS funding announcement*);
11. Automated license plate readers, cell-site simulators, drones, or other surveillance equipment that may infringe upon the civil liberties of Texans;
12. Activities or costs in support of Operation Borderstar (*agencies seeking such funding should apply under Homeland Security and Grants Division funding announcements*);
13. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state or local law or regulation.

Items on the Department of Justice controlled purchase list (available at <http://www.bja.gov/Funding/JAGControlledPurchaseList.pdf>) will be approved on a case-by-case basis and at the sole discretion of CJD. Including such items in the application may result in the delay or denial of applications.

Eligible Purpose Areas

Applications must designate their project as falling under one of the below four categories of purpose areas:

- **General Justice System Support**
- **Targeted Criminal Justice Response**
- **Recidivism Reduction**
- **Prevention or Intervention**

Applications must also contain target measures that demonstrate the scope of the project. These targets will be one measure of project success and grantees will be required to report periodic progress towards them. Each of the purpose areas and sub-categories have measures that correspond to them and specific activities. For a list of the measures and activities for this funding announcement, see *CJD Grant Activities and Measures*, available at <http://gov.texas.gov/cjd/resources>.

General Justice System Support

General Justice System Support projects have a goal of improving general effectiveness or efficiency of components of the criminal justice system. Projects that target specific crimes or criminal elements should be submitted under “Targeted Criminal Justice Response”.

Projects should fall under these sub-categories:

- **Operational Support.** These projects will improve the general capacity and capability of criminal justice agencies through direct support of operations, including training and equipment. Examples: 1) A project to provide de-escalation training for law enforcement officers; 2) A project to purchase mobile data terminals to give law enforcement officers access to information while in the field.
- **Administrative Support.** These projects will improve the efficiency of criminal justice agencies in performing administrative functions. Examples: 1) A project to overhaul a police department’s workflow and processes for crime reporting; 2) A project to purchase record management system software for a court or law enforcement agency.

Targeted Criminal Justice Response

Targeted Criminal Justice Response projects respond to specific crimes or criminal elements, with the ultimate goal of increasing the successful prosecutions of those crimes. Applications for these projects should clearly define the targeted set of crimes or criminal elements, have data on the severity of the problem, and how the project will identify and pursue offenders.

Projects should fall under these sub-categories:

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- **Targeted Investigations.** These projects increase successful clearances for targeted sets of crime. Example: A project to conduct proactive investigations on a specific type of crime such as human trafficking, gang activity, or domestic violence.
- **Specialized Prosecutions.** These projects increase successful prosecutions (including convictions, deferred adjudications, and diversions) for targeted sets of crimes. Example: A project to provide a specialized prosecutor for child abuse, human/drug trafficking, or sexual assault.
- **Operational Support:** These projects will improve the general capacity and capability of targeted criminal justice responses through direct support of investigations or prosecutions, including equipment and training. Examples: 1) A project that replaces and/or upgrades forensic equipment used in the investigation or prosecution of specific crimes; 2) A project to provide targeted training for law enforcement officers on forensics, human trafficking, highway interdiction, gangs, border patrol, and drug trafficking; 3) A project to provide analysis of sexual assault forensic evidence kits to reduce a backlog.
- **Administrative Support.** These projects will improve the efficiency of criminal justice agencies in administrative functions supporting targeted responses to crime. Example: A project that provides equipment replacement and/or upgrades that improve efficacy and efficiency of targeted crime investigations such as evidence management software.

Recidivism Reduction

Recidivism reduction projects have an ultimate goal of reducing crimes committed by offenders.

Projects should fall under these sub-categories:

- **Diversion and Community Supervision.** These projects prevent recidivism among non-incarcerated offenders, including those enrolled in specialty court programs. Examples: 1) A project that provides increased case management and supervision for individuals on probation; 2) A project to provide substance abuse treatment to an individual enrolled in a specialty court program.
- **Re-entry.** These projects prevent recidivism among offenders who will – or have already – returned to the community after a sentence of incarceration. Examples: 1) A project that provides after-care for offenders who received substance abuse treatment while in jail; 2) A project to provide job training to offenders who are currently incarcerated.

Prevention or Intervention

Prevention or Intervention projects reduce criminal or delinquent behavior and opportunities to commit crime, with the goal of reducing criminal offenses.

Projects should fall under these sub-categories:

- **Criminal and Delinquent Behavior Prevention.** These projects work with individuals at-risk of criminal or delinquent behavior. Example: A community-based program that provides early intervention services to individuals at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

- **Public Safety and Security Awareness.** These projects intervene with potential victims to reduce opportunities to commit crime. Examples: 1) A project that performs outreach to at-risk youth who may potentially become victims of sex trafficking; 2) A project to reduce drug dealing at residential rental properties by improving property management practices.

Program-Specific Details

Timeline

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Online System Opening Date	12/18/2017
Final Date to Submit an Application	02/20/2018 at 5:00PM CST
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Latest Start Date	12/01/2018

Funding and Reporting Details

Category	Detail
Funds Available	Up to \$12 million ¹
Budget Minimum	\$10,000
Budget Maximum	None
Match Requirement	No match required
Project Period	May <i>not</i> exceed 12 months
Program Income Method	Deduction (if applicable)
Funding Source	Federal: Authorized under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), 42 U.S.C. 3751(a)
Financial Reporting	At least quarterly, submitted via Financial Status Reports in eGrants
Financing Method	Reimbursement-for-costs basis
Progress Reporting	Quarterly, submitted via the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University at http://cid.tamu.edu ²

1) Awards are funded through a federal government award and appropriated by Congress. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

2) CJD may require additional reporting through a condition of funding, as needed.

Standard CJD Requirements

When accepting an award under this funding announcement, the grantee agrees to comply with a variety of state and federal laws and regulations, including requirements related to Uniform Crime Reports, criminal history reporting, and immigration and customs enforcement requests. For more information see the following documents, available at <http://gov.texas.gov/cjd/resources>.

- *Standard Certifications and Requirements*
- *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*
- *Guide to Grants*

Selection Process

Application Screening: CJD will screen all applications to ensure that they meet the requirements included in the funding announcement. Applications that meet those requirements will move forward to the merit review phase.

Merit Review – Local Projects: Projects with a local impact will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the local Council of Governments using their own criteria. The merit review panels will assess the applications for quality and rank by priority, and then report their findings to the CJD executive director.

Merit Review – Statewide Projects: Projects with a statewide impact will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the CJD executive director in an effort to prioritize funding. The merit review panel will assess and score each application on a 100-point scale, and then report its findings to the executive director. Scores will be based on standard criteria. For more information, see *How to Apply for a CJD Grant*, available at <http://gov.texas.gov/cjd/resources>.

Final Decisions – All Projects: The executive director will consider merit review rankings along with other factors and make all final funding decisions. Other factors may include cost effectiveness, overall funds availability, CJD or state government priorities and strategies, legislative directives, need, geographic distribution, balance of focuses and approaches, or other relevant factors.

CJD may not fund all applications or may only award part of the amount requested. Per Rule 3.9 of the Texas Administrative Code, all funding decisions made by the executive director are final and are not subject to appeal. The receipt of an application by CJD does not obligate CJD to fund the grant or to fund it at the amount requested.

Announcements

After CJD makes final funding decisions, each applicant will receive either an unfunded notice or a preliminary decision notification or final grant award. Release of final grant awards for federally funded programs are always contingent on CJD's receipt of the federal grant award for that program and CJD cannot release or guarantee funding to any applicant until it has received and accepted the federal award and a determination is made that adequate funding is available.

About CJD

Our mission at the Criminal Justice Division is to direct much needed resources to those who are committed to making Texas a safer place and those who help victims of crime to recover and feel safe again. In carrying out this mission, we are committed to helping our grantees by actively finding ways for them to accomplish their goals and by making sure that we always have our eye to identifying the approaches that work best. We envision positive and beneficial working relationships with our grantees where we provide as much assistance as is needed and where we are always ready with answers, not burdensome restrictions or requirements.

CJD will make over \$275 million in funding available to hundreds of organizations during state fiscal year 2018 for juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, victims services, law enforcement, prosecution, courts, specialty courts, prevention of child sex trafficking, and other types of projects to benefit Texans.