

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Police

AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Assistant Chief Humberto Talamantes, (915)212-4309

Chief Peter Pacillas (915)212-4305

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: NO. 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

SUBGOAL: 2.1 Maintain standing as one of the nation's top safest cities

SUBJECT:

That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas grant application 3007109 for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "El Paso 2023 OPSG" to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso. Requesting \$1,609,255.00, no cash match required. Grant period will be from March 01, 2024 – February 28, 2025.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The El Paso Police Department has received the Operation Stone Garden (OPSG) grant since FY 2009. Funding will be used to detect, deter, interdiction, intelligence gathering, and anti-terrorism operations.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The grant application for FY2022 was approved by City Council April 11, 2023, FY2021 was approved on March 29, 2022, and FY2020 was approved on March 16, 2021.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Chief Peter Pacillas



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the “City”) is eligible to apply for grants through the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas (“PSO”); and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council seeks to receive grant funding through the HSGD grant/application number 3007109 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as “El Paso OPSG”; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council designates the City Manager or his designee as the City’s authorized official.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. **THAT**, the City Manager or his designee is authorized to submit to the Public Safety Office, grant application number 3007109, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as “El Paso 2023 OPSG” to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.
2. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for said grant if applicable.
3. **THAT**, the City Manager or his designee is authorized to apply for, accept, reject, alter and/or terminate said grant.
4. **THAT**, the City Council agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso will return all funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas.
5. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the City Manager or his designee is authorized to sign any related paperwork, including but not limited to, the actual grant contract, the authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan, as well as any grant amendments, corrections or extensions of the grant agreement which increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

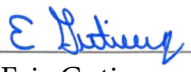
CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric Gutierrez
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Peter Pacillas
Chief of Police

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Agency Name: El Paso, City of
Grant/App: 3007109 **Start Date:** 3/1/2024 **End Date:** 2/28/2025

Project Title: El Paso-2023 OPSG
Status: Application Pending Submission

Eligibility Information

Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:
17460007499009

Application Eligibility Certify:

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Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: El Paso, City of
Project Title: El Paso-2023 OPSG
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: City of El Paso Police Department
Address Line 1: 911 N. Raynor
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City/State/Zip: El Paso Texas 79903-1402
Start Date: 3/1/2024
End Date: 2/28/2025

Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area: Rio Grande Council of Governments
Headquarter County: El Paso
Counties within Project's Impact Area: El Paso

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Title: Ms.

Salutation: Ms.

Position: Grants Project Manager

Grant Vendor Information

Organization Type: Unit of Local Government (City, Town, or Village)

Organization Option: applying to provide homeland security services

Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID): 17460007499009

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): KLZGKXNFVTL4

Narrative Information

Overview

The purpose of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. HSGP provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. The building, sustainment, and delivery of these core capabilities are not exclusive to any single level of government, organization, or community, but rather, require the combined effort of the whole community. HSGP supports core capabilities across the five mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery based on allowable costs.

The funding announcement, located on the [eGrants Calendar](#) page, describes the organization types, activities, and costs that are eligible under the announcement. The PSO's [eGrants User Guide to Creating an Application](#) guides applicants through the process of creating and submitting an application in eGrants. Information and guidance related to the management and use of grant funds can be found in the PSO's Guide to Grants, located on the [PSO Resource for Applicants and Grantees webpage](#).

Primary Mission and Purpose

Operation Stonegarden (OPSG): Supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among Customs and Border Protection (CBP), United States Border Patrol (USBP), and local, Tribal, territorial, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies. The OPSG Program funds investments in joint efforts to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

OPSG Objectives

OPSG is intended to support Border States in accomplishing the following objectives:

- Increase capability to prevent, protect against, and respond to border security issues.
- Increase coordination and collaboration among Federal, state, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies.
- Continue the distinct capability enhancements required for border security and border protection.
- Provide intelligence based operations through USBP Sector Level experts to ensure safety and operational oversight of Federal, state, local, and Tribal enforcement agencies participating in OPSG operational activities.
- Support requests to the Governor to activate, deploy, or redeploy specialized National Guard Units/Packages and/or elements of state law enforcement to increase or augment specialized/technical law enforcement operational activities.
- Continue to increase operational, material and technological readiness of state, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies.

Eligibility Requirements

Cybersecurity Training Requirement

Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Government](#). A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the [Texas Department of Information Resources Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) page.

Criminal History Reporting

Entities receiving funds from PSO 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.

Counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90% of convictions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. 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 by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.

Entities That Collect Sexual Assault/Sex Offense Evidence or Investigate/Prosecute Sexual Assault or Other Sex Offenses

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 420.034, any facility or entity that collects evidence for sexual assault or other sex offenses or investigates or prosecutes a sexual assault or other sex offense for which evidence has been collected, must participate in the statewide electronic tracking system developed and implemented by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Visit DPS's Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program website for more information or to set up an account to begin participating.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation

Grantees are required to implement NIMS. The NIMS uses a systematic approach to integrate the best existing processes and methods into a unified national framework for incident management across all homeland security activities including prevention, protection, response, mitigation, and recovery. Grantees must use standardized resource management concepts for resource typing, credentialing, and an inventory to facilitate the effective identification, dispatch, deployment, tracking and recovery of resources.

Emergency Management Plans (Intermediate Level)

Cities and counties must have a current emergency management plan or be a legally established member of an inter-jurisdictional emergency management program with a plan on file with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Plans must be maintained throughout the entire grant performance period. If you have questions concerning your Emergency Management Plan (preparedness) level, contact your Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) or your regional Council of Governments (COG). For questions concerning plan deficiencies, contact TDEM at tdem.plans@tdem.texas.gov.

Program Income

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income through a formal grant adjustment and to secure PSO approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after PSO's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless PSO authorizes otherwise. Program income which the grantee did not anticipate at the time of the award shall be used to reduce the PSO award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

OPSG Operational Capability

OPSG funds must be used to provide an enhanced law enforcement presence and to increase operational capabilities of Federal, state, local, and Tribal law enforcement, promoting a layered, coordinated approach to law enforcement within the Texas Border Region.

Operational Overtime Costs

OPSG funds should be used for operational overtime costs associated with law enforcement activities, in support of border law enforcement agencies for increased border security enhancement. Costs associated with overtime (OT) shall be reimbursed following the grantee's overtime policy and the requirements as stated below:

- a. OT is time actually worked that exceeds the required number of hours during an employee's designated work period.
- b. The OT rate will be no more than one-and-one-half (1.5) times the employee's regular pay rate.
- c. Exempt salaried employees may not be reimbursed for overtime unless the grantee's overtime policy specifically allows for it.
- d. HSGD will only reimburse the grantee for OT that does not exceed a total of 16-hours (regular + OT) worked during any 24-hour period.

Integrated Planning Team

OPSG uses an integrated approach to address transnational criminal activity. Federal, state, local, and Tribal partners are required to establish and maintain an OPSG Integrated Planning Team (IPT) with representation from all participating law enforcement agencies.

Reporting Requirements

Participation in OPSG requires accurate, consistent, and timely reporting of how funds are used and how operations have impacted border security. Each partner agency must identify a single point of contact to represent their agency as a member of the IPT and to coordinate submission of reports. Required reports include:

- **Daily Activity Report** - submit ongoing results and outputs from OPSG operations conducted. A monthly report detailing the daily activities must be submitted to the Border Patrol Sector by 10th day of the following month.
- **After Action Report** - articulates outcomes, outputs, and results for each OPSG operation conducted.

Cybersecurity Self-Assessment

Grantees are strongly encouraged to complete the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR). The NCSR is a no-cost, anonymous, annual self-assessment designed to measure gaps and capabilities of state, local, tribal and territorial governments' cybersecurity programs. For more information about the NCSR, visit: <https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac/services/ncsr/>

Coordination

All operational plans should be crafted in cooperation and coordination among Federal, state, local, and Tribal partners. All jurisdictions must coordinate with the USBP Sector Headquarters with geographic responsibility for the jurisdiction's location in developing and submitting an Operations Order to the Governor's Office, Homeland Security Grants Division.

After awards are announced, prospective recipients will re-scope the draft Operations Order and resubmit it as a final Operations Order based on actual dollar amounts awarded. Final Operations Orders will be approved by the appropriate Sector Headquarters and forwarded to Headquarters, Office of Border Patrol, Washington, D.C., before funding is released.

Recipients may not begin operations, obligate, or expend any funds until the final Operations Order has been approved by FEMA Grants Program Directorate and USBP Headquarters.

Operational Cycle

The overarching operational cycle involves three stages; application, concept of operations to formulate a Campaign Plan and one or more tactical operational periods which are all developed by the IDT

Application

Jurisdictions must develop their Operations Order in coordination with state and Federal law enforcement agencies, to include, but not limited to CBP/USBP. Operations Orders that are developed at the county level should be inclusive of city, county, Tribal, State, and other local law enforcement agencies that are eligible to participate in OPSG operational activities. Operations Order details should include the names of the agencies, points of contacts, and individual funding requests. The USBP sector office will forward the application to the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for final review before submission to DHS/FEMA.

Concept of Operations to Formulate a Campaign Plan

Participants receiving an award will create and submit an Operations Order that forms a campaign plan and captures the initial, generalized budgetary intent to their IPT. The campaign plan should articulate the participant agency's long-term border security objectives and goals designed to mitigate border security risk. The operations plan will project planned expenditures in the following categories: overtime, equipment, instruction, travel, maintenance, fuel, and administrative funds. Once the operations plan is approved, the area IPT will meet to initiate the last stage in the planning process.

Tactical Operations Plan

Once the participant is ready to conduct operations, the area IPT will begin planning tactical operations. Tactical operations will be conducted on a periodic basis and are composed of six critical elements:

1. A pre-planning meeting with the IPT
2. Specific beginning and end dates
3. Intelligence driven with a nexus to border security
4. Use of targeted enforcement techniques
5. Clearly stated objectives
6. After action meeting

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Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the PSO 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 and requirements.

Project Summary :

Briefly summarize the project, including proposed activities and intended impact.

The El Paso Police Department will enhance the capability to detect, prevent, and deter transnational criminal organizations' terrorist acts such as; smuggling of contraband, money laundering, and human trafficking. By increasing the presence and number of qualified law enforcement personnel in the area, the probability of detecting illegal activities transiting El Paso will increase. Participation associated with this Tactical Operation will also increase the likelihood of detecting potential terrorists and weapons of mass destruction moving from the immediate border to

major population centers in the US. This funding is designated to enhance cooperation and coordination between Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States (US) borders along routes of ingress and egress leading to and from the US/Mexico border. OPSG intends to enhance law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the land borders of the US. In addition, the program aims to increase coordination and local capability to support DHS. The Department of Homeland Security funds Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) (DHS), led by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Border Patrol, which supports overtime costs and reimbursement for the operation to state, local, and tribal agencies to enhance border security. The criminal element in the El Paso-Cd. Juarez area varies from highly organized Trans National/ Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) to alien smuggling organizations (ASOs)—the drug war in Cd. Juarez and the violent crime on the border have members directly linked to El Paso and the rest of the US, who are identified as working for the cartels, providing services to smuggle drugs, weapons, people, and cash across the border. The ability to track and gather intelligence has become increasingly difficult. The criminal element is sophisticated with increased counter-intelligence capabilities. Any intelligence concluded quickly becomes obsolete, causing public and law enforcement safety concerns. These groups have an extensive network on both sides of the border, with generations of knowledge in smuggling routes and various criminal techniques. Those techniques include the distribution of narcotics in and outside of El Paso County and large money-laundering networks. El Paso continues to be a significant hub to transport narcotics nationwide, with an estimated 4 to 6 billion dollars laundered.

Problem Statement :

Provide a detailed account of the issues, threats or hazards that your project will target. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or state *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)*, as applicable.

The El Paso Police Department officers involved in Operation Stonegarden sponsored activities will likely encounter illegal activity such as felony arrest, major drug offenses, transnational criminal activities, Mexican drug trafficking activities, and various traffic offenses. However, because of the presence of major criminal elements operating along the border region of El Paso County, there is a high probability of contact and involvement with multi-millions of dollars in trade-based money laundering, drug, and human smugglers. This laundering of money could finance and enable those people seeking entrance into the US with terrorist intentions. Combating these activities will assist in reducing crime in the border community and improve the quality of life for the El Paso community.

Existing Capability Levels :

Describe the existing capability levels, including resources that are currently in place to support this project prior to the use of grant funds.

An Average of 2 supervisors and 8 officers per operation. Approximately 40 operations per month. Operational capabilities have been augmented to include FLIR truck deployments along the border area to assist LEO's in detecting illegal activities during night time operations. This addition has seen early success.

Capability Gaps:

Describe the capability gaps which will be addressed by the project. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or statewide State Preparedness Report (SPR).

The overtime awarded from the project will allow for the enhancement of patrols to be deployed in order to address border security issues with greater continuity.

Impact Statement :

Describe the project goals/objectives and how this project will maintain capabilities or reduce capability gaps.

The El Paso Police Department will enhance the capability to detect, prevent, and deter transnational organizations' terrorist acts and the smuggling of contraband, human trafficking, weapons of mass effect, and money laundering. By increasing the presence and number of law enforcement personnel in the area, the probability of detecting illegal activities will increase. In addition, the participation of the involved agencies associated with this Tactical Operation will also increase the likelihood of detecting potential terrorists and weapons of mass destruction moving from the border area to significant population centers within the United States. Officers performing duties under this operation will enhance border security, EPPD will not be involved in immigration enforcement.

Homeland Security Priority Actions:

Identify the Texas Homeland Security Priority Action most closely aligned with this project. Each Priority Action is linked with an *Objective from the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan (HSSP)*. List the Priority Action by number and text (e.g. 1.2.3 *Expand and enhance the network of human sources that can provide detailed and relevant information on known or suspected terrorist and criminal enterprises.*)

Texas Homeland Security Priority Action 1.3.1: In conjunction with federal agencies, conduct unified state and local law enforcement operations to deny the use of the Texas border region to criminal organizations and terrorist, particularly between the ports of entry

Target Group :

Identify the target group and population expected to benefit from this project.

The City of El Paso

Long-Term Approach:

Describe how the applicant agency will maintain the capabilities supported by this project without additional federal or state funds. If sustainment is dependent upon federal or state grants, describe the ongoing need for future grants, as applicable.

The City of El Paso would not be able to provide enhanced patrols for border security due to major budget constraints. The El Paso Police Department is dependent on Federal and State Grant funding to respond to border security issues/threats.

Project Activities Information**HSGP Instructions for Project Activity Selection**

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) applicants should only select one project activity. The eGrants system will allow multiple selections, but each HSGP subrecipient project must fit into one and only one of the Investment Categories that are listed as project activities under the "Activity List".

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Border Security	100.00	The collective mission of this project is to conduct high visibility saturation patrols on the local highways, primarily in close proximity to the ports of entries, as well as off road patrol as a second line of defense to detect/deter, identify, classify, and bring about law enforcement resolution for those involved in criminal activities using routes of egress within the EL Paso County. The El Paso Police Department will utilize an intelligence driven methodology to assess the risks in our AOR (Area of Responsibility) based on the threats and vulnerabilities identified.

Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of gang members arrested for felony offenses.	10
Number of miles patrolled by grant-funded officers.	150000
Number of reports submitted - BIARs to a Regional DPS-JOIC (for LBSP) or DARs to US Border Patrol (for OPSG).	250
Number of traffic stops conducted by grant-funded officers supporting the border initiative.	20
Number of weapons seized by grant-funded officers supporting the border initiative.	2

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Number of adult apprehensions (transferred to USBP custody) made by grant-funded peace officers	0
Number of arrests (felony) made by grant-funded officers supporting the border initiative.	10
Number of arrests (misdemeanor) made by grant-funded officers supporting the border initiative.	10
Number of minor/juvenile apprehensions (transferred to USBP custody) made by grant-funded peace officers	0
Value of all forfeitures (cash and other assets) attributed to grant-funded officers supporting the border initiative.	0

Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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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 the Public Safety Office (PSO) 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 the PSO 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 PSO.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the approved resolution to eGrants by going to the **Upload.Files** tab and following the instructions on Uploading eGrants Files.

Contract Compliance

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

Select the appropriate response:

☐ 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.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

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?

Select the appropriate response:

☐ 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

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]:

9/1/2024

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

8/31/2025

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 (in Whole Dollars \$) of Federal Grant Funds expended:

149819695

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of State Grant Funds expended:

8986340

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 PSO grant. However, PSO 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?

Select the appropriate response:

☒ 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:

8/31/2022

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

Enter the debarment justification:

FFATA Certification

Certification of Recipient Highly Compensated Officers – The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires Prime Recipients (HSGD) 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

Homeland Security Information

FUND SOURCE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

DHS Project Type: Enhance capability to support international border and waterway security

Capabilities

Core Capability: Intelligence and Information Sharing

Identify if this investment focuses on building new capabilities or sustaining existing capabilities. :
Existing Capabilities (Sustain)

Are the assets or activities Deployable or Shareable: Shareable

☐ Check if this Investment requires new construction or renovation, retrofitting, or modification of existing structures

☒ Check if these funds will support a project that was previously funded with HSGP funding

Project Management Step Involved:

Check the step that most closely resembles the phase of the project activities to be completed during the grant period.

Step: Execute

Description: The period within the project lifecycle during which the actual work of creating the project's deliverables is carried out.

Process: Involves directing, accomplishing, managing, and completing all phases and aspects of work for a given project.

Milestones

Milestone: Begin Tactical Operation Activities ; **Completion Date:** 03-01-2024

Milestone: Conclude Tactical Operation Activities; **Completion Date:** 02-28-2025

Milestone: Complete Final Progress Report; **Completion Date:** 03-15-2025

NIMS Resources

☐ Check if this project supports a NIMS typed resource

Enter the name of the typed resources from the Resource Type Library Tool:

Enter the ID of the typed resources from the Resource Type Library Tool:

Fiscal Capability Information**Section 1: Organizational Information**

*** FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS ONLY ***

Enter the following values in order to submit the application

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded: 0

Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status: 01/01/1900

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS: 0

Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State: 0

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/%
Personnel	Operational Overtime for Law Enforcement (Organization)	Contingency line item of \$1,609,255.00 award, pending distribution upon the approval of the OP order.	\$1,609,255.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,609,255.00	100

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
Personnel	\$1,609,255.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,609,255.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$1,609,255.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,609,255.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
Other Condition of Funding. The OOG has placed a fund hold on this grant pending an HS/FEMA approved Operations Order.	1/29/2024 11:06:53 AM		Yes	No

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