

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

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

AGENDA DATE: March 12, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: n/a

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Jonathan P. Killings, Fire Chief, (915) 212-5665

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 2: Set the standard for a Safe and Secure City

SUBGOAL: 2.3 Increase public safety operational efficiency

SUBJECT:

A resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit the FY2025 Border Zone Fire Departments Grant, application number 5185401, for the project entitled "Enhancement of Special Operations Teams Capabilities" through the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and all related documents, including but not limited to, authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operations plan, and to accept, reject, amend, correct, extend and/ or terminate the grant, in the amount of \$148,499.18 for the period from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, for the City's Fire Department's Special Response Teams to purchase necessary equipment intended to sustain and enhance current response capabilities locally and regionally to various incidents along the border; and that the City shall provide all applicable matching funds for said grant if applicable; and that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor's grant funds, the City assures that the funds will be returned to the Public Safety Office in full.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The goal of this project is to support emergency services associated with security activities along the US/Mexico Border. The El Paso region is situated in the extreme western area of the State of Texas. Bordering on New Mexico and the country of Mexico, this tristate area has seen a substantial increase in illicit movement of weapons, drugs, contraband and people. The importance of having highly trained and specially equipped Special Rescue Teams in place and ready to manage the environment's challenges is critical to the safety of communities on both sides of the border. This will be accomplished through the purchase of specialized equipment for the El Paso Special Rescue Teams - a 21-member Water Rescue Team and an 18-member Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR). The El Paso Fire Department (EPFD) Water Rescue team frequently conducts water rescues of individuals who attempt to cross the border through waterways. These incidents are inter-agency events with U.S. Border Patrol, El Paso Police Department, and International Boundary Water Commission (IBWC) personnel. The El Paso Sector has the Rio Grande River, American Canal system and ancillary irrigation apparatus proliferated throughout the approximately 1,000 square mile region of the City and County of El Paso, Texas. An elite 21-member water rescue team of El Paso Fire Department personnel provides water rescue capabilities along these water systems and during flash floods that endanger individuals attempting to cross into the US. The USAR team responds to highly complex and technical incidents, involving high-angle, trench and confined spaces when individuals cross into the US using sewer tunnels that are accessed at the border. These incidents require confined space rescues of individuals trapped inside these tunnels resulting extensive specialized operations and resources.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On December 10, 2019, the City Council authorized the City Manager or designee to submit the FY2020 Border Zone Fire Departments grant application for the project entitled, "Sustainment of Water Rescue Response" through the Texas Office of the Governor. The grant was awarded to the City of El Paso in the amount of \$232,477.50.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (“City”) is eligible to apply for the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas FY2025 Border Zone Fire Departments (BZFD) Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Fire Department seeks to enhance its specialized teams capabilities to respond and protect individuals along the U.S./Mexico border from the consequences of natural and human-caused hazards; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase and replace equipment that support the City’s Fire Department’s Special Response Teams (HazMat, ComSar, Water Rescue and Urban Search & Rescue Team (USAR)); and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires no matching funds by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Border Zone Fire Departments Grant will assist the City’s Fire Department Special Operations Response Teams protect and rescue individuals along the U.S./Mexico border.

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

1. That the City Manager or designee is authorized to submit the FY2025 Border Zone Fire Departments Grant, application number 5185401, for the project entitled “Enhancement of Special Operations Teams Capabilities” through the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas and all related documents, including but not limited to, authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operations plan, and to accept, reject, amend, correct, extend and/ or terminate the grant, in the amount of \$148,499.18 for the period from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, for the City’s Fire Department’s Special Response Teams to purchase necessary equipment intended to sustain and enhance current response capabilities locally and regionally to various incidents along the border.
2. That the City shall provide all applicable matching funds for said grant, if applicable.
3. That in the event of loss or misuse of the grant funds, the City assures that the funds will be returned to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in full.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of March, 2024.

CITY OF ELPASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

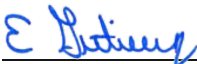
Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Jonathan P. Killings, Fire Chief
El Paso Fire Department

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric Gutierrez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Declined Denied Awarded

PSGrant# _____


GRANT INFORMATION FORM (GIF)**Complete either side A or if awarded, complete side B in this same form**

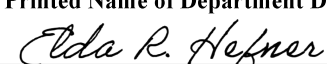
This form is to be used to provide information to the Grants Administration Division (GAD) for grant applications, grant awards, and/or grant contract amendments. After completing either side, please forward to the GAD Office at Grants-1@elpasotexas.gov. Once a grant has been awarded and a contract/agreement needs to be processed, please complete SIDE B and forward to GAD, we will submit for Legal Review and further processing. Please use the same GIF to complete Part A & Part B so it is all kept on the same sheet.

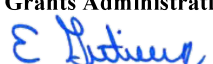
Department City of El Paso Fire Department**DUNS-058873019/UEI-KLZGKXNFVTL4**

A. GRANT APPLICATION	B. CONTRACT/AGREEMENT/AMENDMENTS
A1. Department Programmatic Contact Person Name: Daniel P. Roy Title: Fire Deputy Chief Phone No.: (915) 838-3271 Email: RoyDP@elpasotexas.gov	B1. Department Financial Grant Contact Person Name: Title: Phone No.: Email:
A2. Grant Data Funding Agency: Homeland Security Grant Program / OOG Texas Grant Name: FY25 Border Zone Enhancement of Special Operations Teams CFDA/ALN: 97.067 N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Application Due Date: 03/14/2024 at 5:00PM CST Requires Signature or Review from: Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal Review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B2. Grant Data Funding Agency: Grant Name: Program Name: Agency Contract No.: Grant Type: <input type="text" value="Please Select"/> Pass through Agency: Grant Start & End Date: <input type="text" value="Month"/> <input type="text" value="Day"/> <input type="text" value="Year"/> - <input type="text" value="Month"/> <input type="text" value="Day"/> <input type="text" value="Year"/> New, Continuation, or Amendment: <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>
A3. Financial Data Amount of Grant Funding Request: \$ 148,499.18 Amount of Matching Funds Requested: \$ 0.00 Amount of In-Kind Funds and/or Additional City Contributions: \$ 0.00 Total Amount Requested: \$ 148,499.18	B3. Financial Data Post-Award Amount: \$ _____ (As indicated in the grant contract/ agreement) Actual Amount of Cash Match: \$ _____ Actual Amount of In-Kind: \$ _____ Total Award for Project/Program: \$ 0.00
A4. Grant Classification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitive (award based on competition) <input type="checkbox"/> Entitlement (a set of funds determined under a formula) <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation (ongoing funding)	B4. <input type="checkbox"/> CM Signature required <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Signature required <input type="checkbox"/> City Council approval required
A5. City Match Certification Has City Match been certified by the Department Director? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Does this grant allow for operating/administrative costs? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> % <input type="checkbox"/> Amount \$ _____ How is the match amount determined? <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Amount: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Percentage of Project Cost: _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please explain): _____ For this fiscal year, how much of the local cash amount is already in the department's budget: \$ _____ Not budgeted: \$ _____ Proposed source of match: _____	B5. Grant Accounting String: _____ City Match Accounting String: _____ Comments: No matching funds required.

Brief Description of Grant:
 The FY25 Border Zone Enhancement of Special Operations Teams Grant #5185401 - This project will fund the purchase of specialized equipment for the City of El Paso Fire Department Water Rescue and Special Response Teams. The goal of this project is to support emergency services associated with the execution of security activities along the US/Mexico Border to include the greater El Paso Region.

1.  2/29/2024
 Department Director Signature Date
 Jonathan P. Killings
 Printed Name of Department Director

2.  03/04/2024
 Grants Administration Division Date

3.  03/04/2024
 Legal Review Date

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

1. _____
 Department Director Signature Date

 Printed Name of Department Director

2. _____
 Grants Administration Division Date

3. _____
 Legal Review Date

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Agency Name: El Paso, City of
Grant/App: 5185401 **Start Date:** 9/1/2024 **End Date:** 8/31/2025

Project Title: Enhancement of Special Operations Teams Capabilities
Status: Application Pending Submission

Eligibility Information

Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:
174600074

Application Eligibility Certify:

Created on:2/27/2024 8:30:28 PM By:Ismael Trinidad

Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: El Paso, City of
Project Title: Enhancement of Special Operations Teams Capabilities
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: Office of Emergency Management
Address Line 1: 6055 Threadgill
Address Line 2:
City/State/Zip: El Paso Texas 79924-6327
Start Date: 9/1/2024
End Date: 8/31/2025

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: Brewster,Culberson,El Paso,Hudspeth,Jeff Davis,Presidio

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Position: Special Operation Chief

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Salutation: Mr.
Position: Grant Coordinator

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): 174600074
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): KLZGKXNFVTL4

Narrative Information

Introduction

The purpose of this program is to provide grants to professional fire departments along the Texas-Mexico border region for specialized equipment, maintenance, and medical supplies to support emergency services associated with the execution of border security activities associated with deterring crimes occurring in the geographic area defined in Article IX, Section 7.10 of the General Appropriations Act.

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:

Constitutional Compliance

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

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 Governments](#). 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. Additionally, per Section 420.042 "A law enforcement agency that receives evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense...shall submit that evidence to a public accredited crime laboratory for analysis no later than the 30th day after the date on which that evidence was received." A law enforcement agency in possession of a significant number of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) where the 30-day window has passed may be considered noncompliant.

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to PSO and is active until August 31, 2025 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as all requirements within the PSO Funding Announcement, the eGrants application, the OOG's Guide to Grants, and the OOG's Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities 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 goal of this project is to support emergency services associated with security activities along the US/Mexico Border. The El Paso is region situated in the](#)

extreme western area of the State of Texas. Bordering on New Mexico and the country of Mexico, this tristate area has seen a substantial increase in illicit movement of weapons, drugs, contraband and people. The importance of having highly trained and specially equipped Special Rescue Teams in place and ready to manage the environment's challenges is critical to the safety of communities on both sides of the border. This will be accomplished through the purchase of specialized equipment for the El Paso Special Rescue Teams - a 21-member Water Rescue Team and an 18-member Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR). The El Paso Fire Department (EPFD) Water Rescue team frequently conducts water rescues of individuals who attempt to cross the border through waterways. These incidents are interagency events with U.S. Border Patrol, El Paso Police Department, and International Boundary Water Commission (IBWC) personnel. The El Paso Sector has the Rio Grande River, American Canal system and ancillary irrigation apparatus proliferated throughout the approximately 1,000 square mile region of the City and County of El Paso, Texas. An elite 21-member water rescue team of El Paso Fire Department personnel provides water rescue capabilities along these water systems and during flash floods that endanger individuals attempting to cross into the US. The USAR team responds to highly complex and technical incidents, involving high-angle, trench and confined spaces when individuals cross into the US using sewer tunnels that are accessed at the border. These incidents require confined space rescues of individuals trapped inside these tunnels resulting extensive specialized operations and resources.

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 City/County of El Paso region is filled with a myriad of challenges and dangers unique the US/Mexico border – drug smuggling, human trafficking, mass migration, and the growing potential for terrorism. The terrain — treacherous mountains, a deep and fast-moving Rio Grande River, and arid and harsh remote areas also pose an imminent threat. A frequent activation of resources to mitigate illicit border crossings along the Rio Grande River is common year-round, with a significant spike in activity during the summer months. As these migrant encounters rise, so does the possibility of rescues and deaths of noncitizens who choose to make the dangerous journey. In FY2023, the El Paso Sector performed more than 149 migrant rescues and unfortunately recorded more than 29 migrant deaths. Given the unique geographical and technical hazards in the El Paso Region, the rescue disciplines of NFPA 1670 and 1006 which address Floodwater, Swiftwater and Dive Rescue, Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Hazardous Materials Air Monitoring in technical rescue situations, and Advanced Life Support (ALS) care, have become a routine tactical operational need in the El Paso Region.

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.

El Paso's specialized teams are the only teams in the West Texas Region with the capability to protect communities from the consequences of all hazards, both natural and human-caused. The City of El Paso has a 21-member Water Rescue Team and an 18-member USAR Team. The Water Rescue Team members are trained to the technician level as Swiftwater Technicians (SRT-1) and are SCUBA diving certified to Rescue Diver by Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI). They are also a NIMS Type III Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue team for Texas A&M Task Force One. The USAR Team, a regional Type IV Urban Search and Rescue Team, is made up of 18 members trained in high-angle, confined space, hazmat, structural collapse, heavy vehicle rescue, machinery rescue and specialized rescue techniques. The El Paso Fire Department operates annually from a budget set by tax base and utilizes grants to assist in attaining equipment and training to support its specialized teams that would be otherwise unattainable due to budget constraints. The following existing capability levels are documented in the 2022 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA): Mass Search and Rescue Operations, Page 45, identifies the capability target as: Within 4 hours of an incident, conduct search and rescue operations for 58 people requiring rescue. El Paso Water Rescue Team has one Zodiac 13'9" (RIB) inflatable boat with a 40-horse power and 18 floodwater and swift water rescue certified personnel. For a large-scale event the jurisdiction does not have sufficient resources to conduct search and rescue operations on its own. All 58 people needing rescue could be rescued in 5 hours. The boat can carry about 5 people. Activation of the Water and Rescue Team in addition to the DPS resources would take place immediately and will take approximately 30 minutes to start rescuing people.

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 following capability gaps are documented in the 2022 Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR): (1) Mass Search and Rescue Operations, Page 79, identifies the need for equipment for all Task Force Teams and purchase of new equipment to increase capabilities; (2) Mass Search and Rescue Operations, Page 79, identifies the need for vehicle stabilization struts; (3) Mass Search and Rescue Operations, Page 79, identifies the need for a heavy-duty strut system with a working load limit of 19,300 Lbs.

Impact Statement :

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

The project is intended to sustain and enhance current response capabilities locally and regionally in response to water rescue and special rescue incidents on the border. It will provide the necessary equipment to ensure that the both regional teams are capable of responding and protecting the lives of those along the border within Texas Disaster District 8. With the provided equipment, the teams will be able to rapidly intervene in water rescues and special rescues and recoveries related to migration, thus minimizing the risk to personnel and the community. All of which are identified as current capability gaps within the 2022 RCGOG SPR. The investment into these equipment items will close the gaps and expand functional capability within the El Paso Fire Department.

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.*)

4.1 Enhance the systems and organizational structures that coordinate and manage response operations to ensure unified, efficient effort. 4.1.1 Strengthen the state's regionally focused, multi-discipline, all hazards response system that ensures each region statewide has access to the necessary response teams and resources, to include enhancement of resource request and mutual aid processes

Target Group :

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

The target group includes the El Paso Fire Department (EPFD), the EPFD Water Rescue and Special Rescue Teams (USAR), State and Regional partners and a combined regional population of approximately 2.7 million that make up the City/County of El Paso, Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico and Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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 will continue funding the water rescue and special response team employee salaries and regular maintenance of equipment purchased with local, state and federal grants.

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.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
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Fire/EMS Operations	100.00	The goal of this project is to support emergency services associated with security activities along the US/Mexico Border. The El Paso is region situated in the extreme western area of the State of Texas. Bordering on New Mexico and the country of Mexico, this tristate area has seen a substantial increase in illicit movement of weapons, drugs, contraband and people. The importance of having highly trained and specially equipped Special Rescue Teams in place and ready to manage the environment's challenges is critical to the safety of communities on both sides of the border. This will be accomplished through the purchase of specialized equipment for the El Paso Special Rescue Teams - a 21-member Water Rescue Team and an 18-member Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR).
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Equipment or technology: Individuals/Operators equipped	35

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of Individuals Trained	35
Number of Special Response Teams personnel provided with new or updated equipment.	35
Number of Special Response Teams created, maintained or enhanced.	2
Number of trainings conducted.	20

Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL

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 clicking on 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?

Select the appropriate response:

- 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:

138112377

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

11745669

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:

8/31/2023

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.

Fiscal Capability Information

Section 1: Organizational Information

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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/%
Equipment	Equipment/Accessories for Fire/EMS Response Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	POWER HAWK TECH. AUTO CRIB-IT 17HGT (2-AC-17)	\$3,180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,180.00	2
Equipment	Equipment/Accessories for Fire/EMS Response Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	RAE Systems MiniRAE 3000+ Portable Handheld VOC Monitor only	\$4,880.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,880.00	1
Equipment	Equipment/Accessories for Fire/EMS Response Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	Mustang Swiftwater suits MSD624	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00	5
Equipment	Equipment/Accessories for Fire/EMS Response Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	Husqvarna K1 PACE Fire Rescue Saw Package	\$6,038.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,038.00	2
Equipment	Fire/EMS Rescue Equipment (cost per unit greater than \$5,000)	PARATECH INC. Heavy Vehicle Extrication Kit	\$55,800.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,800.99	1
Equipment	Fire/EMS Rescue Equipment (cost per unit greater than \$5,000)	PARATECH INC. Man And Machine Kit	\$7,966.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,966.99	1
Equipment	Fire/EMS Rescue Equipment (cost per unit greater than \$5,000)	PARATECH PAKHAMMER SELF CONTAINED KIT	\$26,273.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,273.20	2
Equipment	Fire/EMS Rescue Equipment (cost per unit greater than \$5,000)	RAE Systems MiniRAE 3000+ Portable Handheld VOC Monitor with calibration kit and gases.	\$5,522.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,522.00	1
Equipment	Fire/EMS Rescue Equipment (cost per unit greater than \$5,000)	Elevator Support Unit Kit. Paratech, Inc	\$6,461.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,461.00	1
Equipment	Fire/EMS Rescue Equipment (cost per unit greater than \$5,000)	Paratech Elevator Shaft Rescue Kit (ESR) 22-796890K	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	1
Equipment	Fire/EMS Rescue Equipment (cost per unit greater than \$5,000)	Paratech Remote Placement MULTIFORCE Bag Kit	\$13,377.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,377.00	1

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	\$148,499.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148,499.18

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$148,499.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148,499.18

Condition Of Fundings Information

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