

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso (the “City”) is eligible to apply for grant funding administered by the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso City Council (“City Council”) seeks to obtain grant funding through the grant application number 5893901 for the El Paso Fire Department project identified as FY 2026 SHSP LETPA Special Operations Multi-Discipline Regional Reaction Project (“Grant”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 016016, the City Council previously designated the City Manager as the authorized signatory for City grant applications and acceptances in the interest of efficiency of administrative governmental operations; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, including the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City acknowledges that, for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, a Financial Officer separate from the Authorized Official is required to administer grant-related financial and programmatic reporting functions on behalf of the City.

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

1. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, has authorized the Grants Administrator as the City’s Authorized Official for purposes of compliance with grant application, administration, and reporting requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, with the authority to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City.
2. **THAT**, the Grants Administrator is authorized to apply for and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 5893901, for the City of El Paso Fire Department project identified as FY 2026 SHSP LETPA Special Operations Multi-Discipline Regional Reaction Project to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso.

3. **THAT**, the City of El Paso shall provide all applicable matching funds for the Grant if applicable.
4. **THAT**, in the event of loss or misuse of said grant funds, the City of El Paso agrees to return all such funds for said grant to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas in accordance with applicable grant requirements.
5. **THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller as the City’s Financial Officer for purposes of compliance with grant requirements imposed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas and other applicable state granting authorities, either of whom is authorized to submit financial and programmatic reports and to perform grant-related actions on behalf of the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the City Council, through the City Manager, hereby designates the Grants Administrator, as the Authorized Official who is authorized to execute any related documents to carry the intent of this Resolution, including but not limited to the grant agreement, 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 that increase, decrease, or de-obligate program funds, provided that no additional City funds are required.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

**CITY OF EL PASO:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Renard U. Johnson  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



Carlos L. Armendariz  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**



Bryan Silva (acting Chief)  
Jonathan P. Killings  
Fire Chief

# Grant Information Form Part A - Grant Application

Office of the Comptroller



This form is to be used to provide information to the Grants Administration Division (GAD) for grant applications, grant awards.

Department:

Fire

DUNS-058873019/UEI-KLZGKXNFVTL4

## A. GRANT APPLICATION

A1. Department Programmatic Contact Person

Name:

Armando Valencia

Title:

Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator

Phone No.:

(915)838-3264

Email:

valenciaa@elpasotexas.gov

A3. Financial Data

Amount of Granting Agency Funds Requested:

\$ \$191,342.94

Amount of City Matching Funds Requested:

\$ \$0.00

Amount of In-Kind Funds Requested:

\$ \$0.00

Amount of "other" matching Funds:

\$ \$0.00

Other Matching Funds Source:

N/A

Total Amount Requested:

\$ \$191,342.94

A2. Grant Data

Funding Agency:

Texas Department of Public Safety-Office of the Governor

Grant Name:

FY26 SHSP LETPA Special Operations Multi-Discipline

CFDA/ALN: ('n/a' if unavailable)

N/A

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Application Due Date:

March 16, 2026

NOTE: If application due date does NOT meet the 14 working day requirement, application MUST be accompanied with a memo from your DCM requesting a one-time exception in order to be processed.

Requires Signature or Review from:

- Mayor
- City Manager
- Legal Review

A4. Grant Classification

- Competitive (award based on competition)
- Entitlement (set of funds determined by formula)
- Continuation (ongoing funding)

# Grant Information Form - Part A

## A5. City Match Certification

Has City Match been secured by the Department Director?

Yes  No  N/A

Is the match secured for the life of the grant?

Yes  No  N/A

Does this grant allow for operating/administrative costs?

Yes  No  % Amount: \$

How is the match amount determined?

Fixed Amount: \$

Percentage of Project Cost:  %

Other (Please explain):

No City Grant Match required

For this fiscal year, how much of the local match amount is already in the department's budget:

\$

Not budgeted:

\$

Proposed source of match:

N/A

Description of Grant:

City of El Paso Fire Department is seeking funding in the amount of \$191,342.94 from the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas FY26 SHSP LETPA Grant Application.

Funding will be used to purchase equipment for the Special Operations Division Special Response Teams- One vehicle, four trailers, compressors & generators

## REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Preparer

eSigned via GovOS.com  


Key: 986a2d42-0362-46fc-ab00-18bf8ccfb0a4  
SIGNED BY: CLAUDIA MARTINEZ  
Department Director

Date

Grants Administration Div.

eSigned via GovOS.com  


Key: 7b270d1e-4424-4b13-b00f-41f544d1d4a0  
SIGNED BY: ELDA RODRIGUEZ-HEFNER  
Legal Review

Date

eSigned via GovOS.com  


Key: 1c178a5a-70cb-46b0-bda0-4167056301bb  
SIGNED BY: ROBERT ARVIZU

Date

Date

Agency Name: City of El Paso

Grant/App: 5893901

Start Date:  
9/1/2026

Project Title: FY26 SHSP LETPA Special Operations Multi-Discipline  
Regional Reaction Project

Status: Application Pending  
Submission

End Date:  
8/31/2027

Fund Source: HS-Homeland Security Grant Program  
(HSGP)

Current Program Manager:

Liquidation Date:

Original Award: \$0.00

Current Budget: \$191,342.94

Current Award: \$0.00

CFDA: 97.067

OOG Solicitation: SHSP LETPA Solicitation -FY26  
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**Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:**

17460007499009

**Application Eligibility Certify:**

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**Applicant Agency Name:** City of El Paso

**Project Title:** FY26 SHSP LETPA Special Operations Multi-Discipline Regional Reaction Project

**Start Date:** 9/1/2026

**End Date:** 8/31/2027

**Division or Unit to Administer the Project:** City of El Paso Fire Department Special Response Division

**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,Hudspeth,Jeff Davis,Presidio

**Address Line 1:** 6055 Threadgill  
**Address Line 2:**  
**City/State/Zip:** El Paso Texas 79924-6327  
**Payment Address Line 1:**  
**Payment Address Line 2:**  
**Payment City/State/Zip:**

**Grant Officials:**  
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**Salutation:** Ms.  
**Position:** Grants Administrator

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**City:** EL PASO, Texas 79901  
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**Agency:**  
**Title:** Ms.  
**Salutation:** Ms.  
**Position:** Comptroller

**Project Director**  
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**City:** El Pa, Texas 79924  
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**Agency:**  
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**Salutation:** Chief  
**Position:** Special Operations Chief

**Grant Writer**  
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**Agency:**  
**Title:** Mr.  
**Salutation:** Mr.  
**Position:** Grant Coordinator

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**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  
**Payment Address Line 1:**  
**Payment Address Line 2:**  
**Payment City/State/Zip:**

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### Narrative Information

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#### 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.

#### Primary Mission and Purpose

**State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA):** Supports state, tribal and local preparedness activities that continue to build law enforcement capabilities to prevent terrorist attacks and support critical prevention and protection activities. All LETPA investments must be consistent with capability targets set during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and gaps identified in the State Preparedness Report (SPR).

Many activities which support the achievement of target capabilities related to terrorism preparedness may simultaneously support enhanced preparedness for other hazards unrelated to acts of terrorism. However, **all SHSP-LETPA projects must assist grantees in achieving target capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, or protecting against acts of terrorism.**

#### 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.

**Resolution from Governing Body**

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must submit a fully executed resolution with the application to be considered eligible for funding. The resolution must contain the following elements (see [Sample Resolution](#)):

- 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;
- A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
- 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;
- A designation of the name and/or title of a financial officer who is given the authority to submit financial and/or performance reports or alter a grant; and
- A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

**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.

**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](mailto: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).

### Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures – Local Units of Government

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, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii); (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); (3) encourage or induce an alien to come to, enter, or reside in the United States in violation of law, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv); (4) result in the illegal transport or movement of aliens within the United States, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii). 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, 2027 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

### Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures – Nonprofit Organizations

Each non-profit 501(c)(3) organization must certify that it does not have, and will continue not to have any policy, procedure, or agreement (written or unwritten) that in any way encourages, induces, entices, or aids any violations of immigration laws. Additionally, the organization certifies that it does not have in effect, purport to have in effect, and is not subject to or bound by any rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) encourage the concealment, harboring, or shielding from detection of fugitives from justice or aliens who illegally came to, entered, or remained in the United States, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii); (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); (3) encourage or induce an alien to come to, enter, or reside in the United States in violation of law, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv); (4) result in the illegal transport or movement of aliens within the United States, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii). Lastly, the organization certifies that it will not adopt, enforce, or endorse a policy which prohibits or materially limits the enforcement of immigration laws, and will not, as demonstrated by pattern or practice, prohibit or materially limit the enforcement of immigration laws.

Each non-profit organization must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/NGO Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements.

### Program Requirements

#### Building and Sustaining Core Capabilities

1. All capabilities being built or sustained must have a clear link to one or more Core Capabilities in the National Preparedness Goal.
2. Many capabilities which support terrorism preparedness simultaneously support preparedness for other hazards. Grantees must demonstrate this dual-use quality for any activities implemented under this program that are not explicitly focused on terrorism preparedness. Activities implemented under SHSP must support terrorism preparedness by building or sustaining capabilities that relate to the prevention of, protection from, mitigation of, response to, and recovery from terrorism.
3. Funding should be used to sustain core capabilities. New capabilities should not be built at the expense of maintaining current and critically needed core capabilities. New capabilities must be aligned with capability targets and gaps identified through the THIRA/SPR process.

**Mission Areas**

The National Preparedness Goal organizes the core capabilities into the five mission areas:

- Prevention. Prevent, avoid or stop an imminent, threatened or actual act of terrorism.
- Protection. Protect our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations, and way of life to thrive.
- Mitigation. Reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters.
- Response. Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.
- Recovery. Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening and revitalization of infrastructure, housing and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.

**LETPA****Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)**

The state is responsible for ensuring that at least 35 percent (35%) of the combined HSGP funds allocated under SHSP and UASI are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities, as defined in 6 U.S.C. 607.

Grant projects must be consistent with the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Information Bulletin \(IB\) 412](#) which discusses eligible activities outlined in:

- a. The [National Prevention Framework](#);
- b. The [National Protection Framework](#) where capabilities are shared with the prevention mission area;
- c. Section 2006 of the [Homeland Security Act of 2002](#), as amended; and
- d. The [FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit](#).

Activities eligible for use of LETPA focused funds include but are not limited to: Maturation and enhancement of designated state and major Urban Area fusion centers, including information sharing and analysis, threat recognition, terrorist interdiction, and training/hiring of intelligence analysts. Coordination between fusion centers and other analytical and investigative efforts. Implementation and maintenance of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative. Implementation of the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime and associated efforts to increase the sharing of information with public and private sector partners. Increased physical security, through law enforcement personnel and other protective measures, by implementing preventative and protective measures at critical infrastructure sites or at-risk nonprofit organizations.

**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.

**I certify to all of the application content and requirements.**

**Project Summary :**

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

This project is requesting funds to purchase 1 multi-discipline reaction vehicle and 4 trailers. This equipment will assist the El Paso Fire Department's ability to prevent, protect, react and recover from incidents that originate from acts of terrorism (internationally or domestically), technological or natural disasters and accidentally caused human events. The project will support specialized units, including Water Rescue, HAZMAT, USAR, and Search and Rescue operations. El Paso's specialized teams provide key core capabilities such as operational coordination, threat and hazard identification, environmental response and health and safety, situational assessment, and mass search and rescue operations. The teams were created using UASI funding. Loss of UASI funding severely threatens the ability for the teams to continue to provide the expected level of service both locally and regionally. This project addresses gaps with equipment needed to maintain and improve prevention, protection, reaction and recovery abilities. The equipment described in this grant will be used when reacting to acts of terrorism and in support of law enforcement - El Paso Police Department, El Paso County Sheriffs, TDPS, FBI, HSI, Border Patrol.

**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 and County of El Paso are located in remote West Texas along the border with Juárez, Mexico, and the State of New Mexico. Although part of Texas, the region operates on Mountain Standard Time, while most state resources are more than 12 hours away in the Central Standard Time zone. The nearest comparable metropolitan areas are Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona. The Paso del Norte region is recognized by local, state, and federal agencies as an urban island. Due to its isolation and complex border challenges, El Paso employs a whole-community approach, partnering with local, tribal, state, interstate, federal, and international agencies. Its specialized teams are the only ones in far West Texas equipped to address all hazards—natural and human-caused. Additionally, the potential for terrorist activities grows daily. El Paso supports a FEMA Type III Hazardous Materials Team, Local Urban Search and Rescue Team and a Special Rescue team. These teams are needed in the region to reduce the risk of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives (CBRNE) incidents through early detection and identification. These teams increase the state's ability to react in order to minimize damage and loss of life due to terrorism and criminal attacks. The El Paso community is confronted with several significant challenges, including both domestic and international terrorism, persistent violence linked to drug trafficking, large-scale cross-border migration, human smuggling operations, the routine

transport of hazardous materials across the border, and outbreaks of public health emergencies.. The RGCOG Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) 2025 identifies several terrorism related scenarios in which the equipment provided by this project would help to close defined capability gaps. The El Paso Fire Department Specialty Teams are a critical force in regional protection, mitigation, reaction, intelligence gathering, and recovery operations, providing skilled, decisive support to both the community and our law enforcement partners.

**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.

The El Paso Fire Department supports 4 specialized teams. These teams include a Regional Hazardous Materials Team, Water Rescue Team, Search and Rescue Team, and a USAR Team with confined space, high angle, structural collapse, and trench rescue capabilities. Current resources that support these specialized teams and projects include a designated department (Special Operations) specifically meant to address the needs of the teams. There is a yearly city budget designated for special operations that is to be spent for all teams equipment, travel, and training.

**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).

Interdiction and Disruption SPR Step 1: Assess Capabilities Capability Target - Within 3 min. of the identification or notification of a credible threat, conduct outreach to the fusion center and Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) in the community and identify 100 personnel assigned to support follow up interdiction and disruption activities that may be undertaken against identified suspects and/or contraband. 2025 Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) RGCOG, Page 55

**Impact Statement :**

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

Upon completion/purchase of the multi-discipline reaction vehicle and trailers, the EPFD Special Operations Specialized Teams will significantly improve its ability to prevent, protect, react and recover from incidents that originate from acts of terrorism (internationally or domestically), technological or natural disasters and accidentally caused human events. By acquiring reliable, a mission-ready multi-discipline protection and reaction vehicle and trailers, the EPFD Special Operations Division will sustain and enhance its specialized tactical teams, serve as a vital law enforcement support partner, improve operational readiness, strengthen rapid response capabilities, and reduce departmental costs.

**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 Strategic Plan 2021-2025, Focus: Prevention - Prevent, avoid, or stop an imminent, threatened, or actual act of terrorism. Page 4. Goal 2: Protect: 2.2 - Reduce the risk of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives (CBRNE) incidents by enhancing control and early detection capabilities. Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan 2021-2025, Page 40.

**Target Group :**

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

The equipment and funding provided through this grant will assist the City of El Paso Fire Department Special Operations Division and its law enforcement partners in fulfilling their shared mission to protect the more than 800,000 residents of the City and County 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 EPFD Special Operations Division will sustain the capabilities provided by this project through dedicated departmental funding, preventive maintenance programs, and ongoing staff training, ensuring vehicle(s) and equipment remain mission-ready. While future federal or state grants may support enhancements, core operational readiness and specialized team capabilities will be maintained without reliance on additional external funding.

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**Project Activities Information**

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**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
Support of First Responder Capabilities	100.00	Funding provided through this grant for the purchase of equipment will be used to support and strengthen the City of El Paso Fire Department's Special Operations tactical teams, including HAZMAT, Urban Search and Rescue, and

Water Rescue teams. By enhancing these specialized teams, the department's ability to effectively respond to acts of terrorism in support of our law enforcement is significantly improved.

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Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of exercises conducted.	40
Number of individuals participating in exercises.	130
Number of people trained.	130
Number of Special Response Team personnel provided with new or updated equipment.	130
Number of Special Response Teams created, maintained or enhanced.	4
Number of trainings conducted.	40

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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**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

**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:

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**Homeland Security Information****FUND SOURCE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

**DHS Project Type:** Enhance capabilities to respond to CBRNE events

**Capabilities**

**Core Capability:** Interdiction and Disruption

**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 procurement/purchasing of grant equipment.; **Completion Date:** 12-01-2026

**Milestone:** Receive grant equipment.; **Completion Date:** 03-31-2027

**Milestone:** Confirmation of purchases, receipt of equipment, close out grant.; **Completion Date:** 06-30-2027

**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:**

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**Budget Information by Budget Line Item:**

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Equipment	03SR-01-COMP Compressor, Industrial Air	Compressor - SpeedAire Electric Air Compressor: 7.5 HP, 2 Stage, vertical, 80 gall, 24.5 CFM, 175 PSI. \$4,592.13 EACH. QTY. 2.	\$9,184.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,184.26	2
Equipment	10GE-00-GENR Generators	Generator - Honda Portable Inverter Generator, 3000 Surge Watts, 2800 Rated Watts, Electric Start, Model# EU3000S1AN, \$2,000 EACH. QTY 1	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	1
Equipment	10GE-00-GENR Generators	Generator - GENERAC frame generator with cord: Conventional, Gasoline, 6,500 W Running, 8,125 W Starting, Recoil Item 892G76., Mfr. Model 7672, Grainger : Standard output 4000-7,999. \$1,153.07 EACH. QTY. 1	\$2,306.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,306.14	2
Equipment	10GE-00-GENR Generators	Generator, Solar Generator 1000W Portable Power Station with Solar Panel Included, 1024Wh LiFePO4 (LFP) Battery with 120V AC. \$515 EACH. QTY 1.	\$515.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$515.00	1
Equipment	12TR-00-TEQP Trailer, Equipment	Trailer - 2026 Rock Solid Cargo 24' ENCLOSED CARGO 10K CAR HAULER TRAILER Cargo / Enclosed Trailer (USAR Regional	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,500.00	1

		Trailer) - \$16,500.00, EACH, QTY. 1.							
Equipment	12TR-00-TEQP Trailer, Equipment	Trailer, New 2026 ROCKSOLID RS 8.5X26 8.5X26 ENCLOSED 7K AXLES, #O/ORS26COMAND, \$31,500.00 EACH, QTY. 2	\$63,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,000.00		2
Equipment	12TR-00-TEQP Trailer, Equipment	Trailer, 8.5 X 16', enclosed trailer, (CERT -Regional Community Emergency Reaction Team). \$11,500 EACH, QTY. 1.	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00		1
Equipment	12VE-00-MISS Vehicle, Specialized Mission	Vehicle, 2026 Ford F-450 4door Dis Red, Camper Shell Red, Slide out Tray, ranch hand front bumper, Console, BW trailer hitch 2 5/16 . \$86,337.54 EACH. QTY - 1.	\$86,337.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$86,337.54		1

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**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

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**Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:**

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Equipment	\$191,342.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$191,342.94

**Budget Grand Total Information:**

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$191,342.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$191,342.94

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**Condition Of Fundings**

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Project Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
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Creating a Snapshot for this Project

Enter a description for the Snapshot, then click the 'Create a New Snapshot' button. Your new Snapshot will display below.

Application Navigation Links

**Navigating to another Tab in this Project**

Click on a link below to 'go to' the selected tab for this project in eGrants.

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<a href="#">Source.of.Match</a>
<a href="#">Budget.Summary</a>
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View All of the Snapshots for this Project

Click on the 'Export to Word' link to view a Snapshot of the grant project as of the date / time displayed in the description to the left of this link. Then click the 'Open' or 'Save' button when prompted. You can export your results to Microsoft Word. Click on the 'Printer Friendly' link to view a Snapshot of the grant project as of the date / time displayed in the description to the far left of this link. Then you can print your results by pressing the 'Ctrl' + 'P' buttons at the same time on your keyboard. Follow the Print dialog box prompt to print to a location of your choice. After printing the results, click on red 'X' (Close) icon to close this screen.