

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



DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

AGENDA DATE: 1/20/26

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON NAME: Assistant Chief Talamantes

PHONE NUMBER: 1-915-212-4309

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, to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 3952707 for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "Project Safe Neighborhoods FY2027," to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso. Requesting \$33,000.00, no cash match is required. Grant period will be from October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Safe Neighborhoods Grant project will maintain 11 Gunshot Detections sensors and tracking services for the Gang Unit and to purchase (9) level 3 mini ballistic shields for the Gang Unit for protection during high-risk critical incident encounters.

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The grant application for FY2026 Criminal Justice Division Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) was approved by city council on February 25, 2025. The grant application for FY2025 Criminal Justice Division Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) was approved by city council on February 27, 2024. FY24 Criminal Justice Division Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) was approved by city council on January 31, 2023, grant application for FY2023 Criminal Justice Division PSN was approved February 1, 2022, grant application for FY2022 Criminal Justice Division PSN was approved by city council on February 2, 2021, and grant application for FY2021 PSN was approved on March 3, 2020.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

N/A

NAME	AMOUNT (\$)

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: A/C J.F. BRIONES #1609



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

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; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council seeks to receive grant funding through the grant/application number 3952707 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as "Project Safe Neighborhoods FY2027"; 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 City Council desires to reaffirm the City Manager, or designee, as the City's 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; 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; and

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 apply and submit to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 3952707, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "Project Safe Neighborhoods FY2027" 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 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. THAT**, the City Council hereby designates the Deputy Chief Financial Officer – Comptroller or the Office of the Comptroller Grants Administrator, 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 Manager or 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.

(Signatures to follow on next page)

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF EL PASO

Renard U. Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric Gutierrez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

A/C J.F. BRIONES #1609 
For Peter Pacillas
Chief of Police

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Agency Name: El Paso, City of
Grant/App: 3952707 **Start Date:** 10/1/2026 **End Date:** 9/30/2027

Project Title: Project Safe Neighborhoods FY2027
Status: Application Pending Submission

Eligibility Information
Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:
17460007499014

Application Eligibility Certify:
Created on:12/15/2025 5:25:24 PM By:Edith Munoz

Profile Information
Applicant Agency Name: El Paso, City of
Project Title: Project Safe Neighborhoods FY2027
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: Police Department
Address Line 1: 300 N. Campbell
Address Line 2:
City/State/Zip: El Paso Texas 79901-1402
Start Date: 10/1/2026
End Date: 9/30/2027

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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Position: Lieutenant Auxiliary Support

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Position: Research Assistant

Grant Vendor Information

Organization Type: Unit of Local Government (City, Town, or Village)
Organization Option: applying to provide services to all others
Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID): 17460007499014
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): KLZGKXNFVTL4

Narrative Information

Introduction

The purpose of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program is to create and foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime, including, but not limited to, addressing criminal gangs and felonious possession and use of firearms.

Program-Specific Questions

What is the project's main Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) design feature?

- ☐ Community Engagement
- ☐ Focused and Strategic Enforcement
- ☒ Prevention and Intervention
- ☐ Accountability

Indicate the percentage of your PSN project allocated for each of the following categories:

Police Agency (%):

100

Research Partner (%):

0

All Other Partner Agencies (%):

0

Project will support the operations and coordination activities of a gang task force.

Select the appropriate response:

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

Texas AntiGang Center

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

EPPD, TAG, DPS, EPSO, DHS, FBI

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.

Information Systems

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

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.

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. 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

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.

Civil Rights Liaison

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

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Mary Wiggins/Chief Human Resources Officer

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

300 N. Campbell El Paso, Texas 79901

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

915.212.1267

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 & requirements.

Project Abstract :

Gun violence continues to present a critical risk to public safety, often going undetected or underreported due to reliance on delayed 911 calls. This creates operational gaps in timely awareness, response coordination, and intelligence collection. The Firefly Gunshot Detection Program directly addresses these challenges by providing real-time, automated detection and location of gunfire incidents in high-risk areas. The proposed project will deploy Firefly acoustic detection sensors to identify, classify, and geo-locate gunfire events, immediately notifying law enforcement and fire/EMS dispatch. This capability enables faster response times, improves officer and responder safety, enhances victim survivability, and supports rapid evidence preservation—often before calls for service are received. It will also be used to purchase mini ballistic shields to enhance the gang unit's ability to safely interdict violent gang activity by providing rifle-rated protection during high-risk critical incident encounters. This project addresses identified THIRA/SPR capability gaps in Intelligence and Information Sharing, Interdiction and Disruption, Operational Coordination, and Public Safety Response. Firefly enhances situational awareness by providing precise incident location data, number of rounds fired, and directional information, allowing command staff to deploy resources efficiently and mitigate ongoing or retaliatory violence. The system also produces actionable crime data that supports intelligence-led policing, hotspot identification, and long-term violence reduction strategies. Grant funding will provide continue support to the management of the Firefly Gunshot Detection Program and surveillance protection equipment for Gang officers addressing high risk gang critical incidents. Measurable outcomes include reduced response times to gunfire incidents, increased recovery of ballistic evidence, improved investigative outcomes, add officer safety protection during gang critical incidents and strengthened coordination among law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services.

Problem Statement :

Gunfire incidents pose an immediate threat to community safety but are frequently underreported or reported with delay due to reliance on 911 calls as the primary notification method. This creates critical gaps in real-time situational awareness, response coordination, and intelligence collection, limiting the ability of law enforcement and fire/EMS to rapidly locate incidents, deploy resources effectively, and provide timely medical aid. Inaccurate or delayed reporting reduces evidence recovery, increases risks to responders and the public, and hinders intelligence-led efforts to identify violent crime patterns and prevent retaliatory violence. Additionally, the mini ballistic shields provide an added layer of protection during surveillance and high-risk gang critical incidents. This represents a documented THIRA/SPR capability gap in Intelligence and Information Sharing, Interdiction and Disruption, Operational Coordination, and Public Safety Response, which the Firefly Gunshot Detection Program is designed to address by providing real-time, actionable gunfire detection and location data.

Supporting Data :

Gun crime trends in El Paso, Texas, mirror national patterns, with a notable upward trajectory in firearm-related offenses over the past five years. From 2020 to 2025, the City of El Paso has experienced a consistent increase in weapon violation incidents. On average, the El Paso Police Department (EPPD) has seen an annual increase in weapon violation-related incidents, which translates to an additional 40 to 80 cases each year. The data is as follows: 350 incidents in 2020 (due to COVID-19 suppression) 443 incidents in 2021 497 incidents in 2022 534 incidents in 2023 485 Incidents in 2024 404 incidents in 2025 YTD Despite the rising number of cases, arrests have not correspondingly increased, highlighting a need for enhanced investigative tools and resources. The continued support and expansion of Firefly gunshot detection sensors, coupled with social media monitoring platforms, are expected to significantly improve response times, evidence collection, witness identification, and additionally providing gang officers an added layer of protection with the mini ballistic shields when dealing with gang violence calls for service, help support the department's investigative efforts. Currently, Firefly sensors are deployed in the UERC/PHRC region of El Paso, an area identified through data-driven methodologies as a hotspot for gunshot incidents. This region accounted for 39.77% of all weapon violation incidents in the City of El Paso in 2025. The sensors' ability to cover urban areas makes them adaptable to other emerging crime hotspots, allowing EPPD to respond quickly and effectively to rising threats.

Project Approach & Activities:

The FireFly Gunshot Detection System was activated on October 31, 2021, and has since become a critical tool in the El Paso Police Department's efforts to enhance gun crime detection and response. The FireFly system is comprised of multiple gunshot sensors strategically placed in key areas, identified through data-driven assessments. These sensors are designed to detect potential gunshots and notify Communications and Watch Officers within 30 seconds of a possible event. Upon detection, the notification is analyzed for verification, and a decision is made regarding the necessity of dispatching officers to the scene. When a legitimate shooting is suspected, resources are deployed, such as marked patrol unit is dispatched to the identified location to physically search for evidence such as spent casings or other indicators of a shooting. This approach ensures a comprehensive, data-driven, and coordinated response to gun violence in El Paso, enhancing the department's ability to respond more rapidly, effectively, and safely to gun-related crimes.

Capacity & Capabilities:

The El Paso Police Department (EPPD) has a dedicated and certified team for handling firearm-related evidence through its Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS). The Ballistic Intelligence Unit (B.I.U.), operational since November 2019, includes two full-time officers who are specifically trained and certified in IBIS Data Acquisitions. The B.I.U. is regionally certified and plays a key role in processing ballistic evidence, ensuring that casings with immediate investigative value are quickly entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) system for ballistic comparison. This capacity allows for the rapid identification of leads directly linked to ongoing investigations. To date, the B.I.U. has successfully obtained 638 leads that have been crucial to investigations. The B.I.U. is organized to act swiftly, with sworn personnel dedicated to responding to crime scenes and processing ballistic evidence. By leveraging tiered evidence collection policies, the B.I.U. ensures that time-sensitive leads are prioritized. The unit serves as a resource to other investigative teams, linking cases, identifying suspects, and contributing to broader efforts to address gun violence. The B.I.U. consists of two supervisors and two sworn officers responsible for responding to gun-related calls, entering acquisitions into the NIBIN system, and verifying firearm data in the Electronic Tracing System (E-Trace). Additionally, the unit helps coordinate inter-departmental efforts to tackle gun crimes. To ensure information is up to date and relevant, the B.I.U. engages with first-line officers through regular shift meetings and on-shift training sessions. These collaborative meetings include detectives, tactical support units, and other specialty teams, which help enhance communication, address challenges, and improve operational efficiency across the department. The Gang Unit operates from the Texas Anti-Gang Center (T.A.G.), a collaborative space that includes federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. The T.A.G. Center is overseen by a board comprising executive staff from participating agencies, enabling the sharing of resources, information, and operational focus. This setup maximizes the impact of joint operations while ensuring flexibility during critical moments. The T.A.G. center's ability to respond to various criminal activities is further supported by the use of mini ballistic shields essential for officer safety during high-risk critical incidents.

Performance Management :

The El Paso Police Department (EPPD) will systematically document and evaluate the implementation of intelligence-led policing activities through the use of innovative technology. The primary goal of this project is to enhance the department's ability to detect, investigate, and prevent gun violence through data-driven decision-making and technology deployment. Overall Goals, Objectives, and Strategies: Enhance Gun Crime Detection and Response: Continue using gunshot detection systems and the Ballistic Intelligence Unit (B.I.U.) to reduce response times, improve the accuracy of gun-related investigations, and identify patterns in gun violence. Improve Investigative Capabilities: Use NIBIN and E-Trace systems to track and link ballistic evidence to ongoing investigations, thereby providing actionable intelligence to law enforcement agencies. Data Collection and Tracking: To evaluate the effectiveness of the project, the EPPD will systematically collect and track the following data. Technology deployment: Frequency and volume of technology use, including gunshot detection systems, will be recorded. Gun Crime and Investigations: Data will be collected on 911 calls for service related to weapons discharges, number of casings entered into the NIBIN system will be tracked, along with the number of links to other gun crimes and number of firearms traced through the E-Trace system will be monitored to evaluate the effectiveness of ballistic evidence tracking. Data Management and Analysis: All relevant data will be collected and maintained by the MATRIX Fusion Center's Crime Analyst(s) and supervisor. They will be responsible for compiling reports and conducting regular reviews to assess progress toward the project's objectives.

Target Group :

The City of El Paso is divided into 6 regions, including the Northeast, West Side, Central, Pebble Hills, Upper Eastside, and Mission Valley Regional Command Centers. Based on recent crime statistics and analysis, the Northeast and Pebble Hills Regional Command Centers have historically experienced higher rates of gun crime.

With the implementation of the social media platform and expanded capabilities at the EPPD MATRIX, the department will also be able to support other local, state, and federal agencies in tracking open-source and social media information related to ongoing investigations. This expanded capacity allows for a more collaborative and integrated approach to addressing gun violence and criminal activities. The target group for this project includes: Residents of the City of El Paso, who will benefit from improved gun violence detection and faster law enforcement responses. EPPD Gang Unit: Officers and investigators who will be equipped with mini ballistic shields that will be used during surveillance and high-risk critical incident responses. Local Law Enforcement: Officers within the EPPD who will directly benefit from enhanced technology and real-time intelligence, enabling more efficient and effective responses to gun crimes. State and Federal Agencies: Local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies that may request assistance from the Fusion Center, particularly in tracking social media and open-source information to aid in investigations.

Evidence-Based Practices:

The activation of the El Paso Police Department's (EPPD) gunshot detection system on October 31, 2021, was based on evidence supporting the efficacy of similar systems in reducing gun violence and enhancing law enforcement response times. The system provides real-time notifications of gunshot incidents, enabling officers to respond quickly and efficiently. The collaboration between the Gunshot Detection System and EPPD's Ballistic Intelligence Unit (B.I.U.) has been integral to solving cases. The B.I.U. has successfully linked several criminal cases to incidents detected by the gunshot detection system. In some instances, initial patrol units were unable to locate evidence due to the time of day or visibility constraints. However, by utilizing the coordinates from the gunshot detection system, the B.I.U. was able to re-check the area and recover gun casings, providing crucial evidence for ongoing investigations. Real-time alerts enable law enforcement to respond more quickly, increasing the likelihood of locating and securing evidence. Moreover, these systems have been shown to improve the accuracy of crime scene investigations and reduce response times, which is essential in high-crime areas. The mini ballistic shields will provide officer safety protection to gang officers when responding to these high crime areas. EPPD has strategically relocated the mobile gunshot detection system from its initial coverage area, the Northeast Regional Command (NERC), to Pebble Hills Regional Command and Mission Valley Regional Command (PHRC and MVRC) based on data-driven analysis of crime patterns. This relocation aligns with evidence supporting the targeting of resources to areas with higher gun crime activity. The EPPD's predictive crime analysis plays a key role in optimizing the deployment of this technology. By analyzing crime trends and hotspot data, EPPD can proactively target regions with significant gun violence and maximize the system's impact. El Paso and its citizens stand to benefit greatly from this innovative approach, as research consistently demonstrates that technological advancements like gunshot detection systems, when integrated with real-time intelligence and evidence-based policing strategies, enhance public safety and improve law enforcement outcomes.

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
Law Enforcement	100.00	In preventing gun crime the El Paso Police Department must maintain the existing Gun Shot Detection Sensors and purchase level 3 mini ballistic shields for the Gang Unit. This will assist our Department in reaching our goal of prevention, detection and apprehension of potential offenders.

CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Equipment or technology: Individuals/Operators equipped	7
General Law Enforcement or Public Safety: Arrests resulting from grant	1
Targeted Investigation: Criminal cases resulting in arrest	1
Targeted Investigation: Grant-funded investigations carried out by the unit/division	0
Training or professional development: Individuals provided	0
Training or professional development: Individuals received	0
Training, professional development, or technical assistance: Hours provided	0
Training, professional development, or technical assistance: Hours received	0

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?

Select the appropriate response:

- ☐ 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

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

***** 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

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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/%
Contractual and	Investigative Services	Subscription for Firefly acoustic detection sensors	\$25,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,200.00	0

Professional Services		and maintenance with Gun Intelligence Technologies for one year at \$25,200.						
Equipment	Surveillance Equipment and Accessories	The grant be used to purchase (9) mini ballistic shields to enhance the gang unit's ability to safely interdict violent gang activity by providing rifle-rated protection during high-risk critical incident encounters. Each shield is \$900 for a total of \$8100, the remaining balance will be cover with OCD general funds.	\$7,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,800.00	9

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
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Contractual and Professional Services	\$25,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,200.00
Equipment	\$7,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,800.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$33,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,000.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

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