

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM



DEPARTMENT / COUNCIL OFFICE: Police

AGENDA DATE: 4/1/26

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON NAME: A/Chief Humberto Talamantes

PHONE NUMBER: 915-212-4309

2nd CONTACT PERSON NAME: Commander Reginald Moton

PHONE NUMBER: 915-212-4147

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

**AGENDA ITEM:**

A resolution authorizing the Grants Administrator or designee to apply, submit, accept, reject, alter, or terminate grant applications, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the City to the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas, grant application number 5897201 for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "SHSP LETPA FY26" to provide financial assistance to the City of El Paso. Requesting \$318,585.32. No cash match is required. The grant period will be from September 1, 2026 - August 31, 2027.

**ISSUE STATEMENT:**

City Council is asked to authorize the Grants Administrator or designee to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the submission and administration of the above-referenced grant application to secure funding that will enhance public safety and protective infrastructure within the community.

**BACKGROUND:**

The FY26 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) – Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) supports regional efforts to prevent and respond to terrorism and other high-risk threats. Funding will enhance public safety capabilities within the El Paso region and the Rio Grande Council of Governments area. Grant funds will be used to acquire specialized protective equipment to support law enforcement operations. These investments improve responder safety, operational readiness, and overall community resilience.

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. Approve the resolution authorizing submission and administration of the grant application.
2. Decline approval and direct staff to return with alternative options.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW AND/OR RECOMMENDATION:**

The item was not reviewed by a City Council Committee

**COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH (if applicable, as an attachment) – please include:**

N/A

**RELATED CITY POLICIES:**

Strategic Goal 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure Grant Management Policy;

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

The application for SHSP-LETPA FY25 was approved by city council February 25, 2025. The application for SHSP-LETPA FY24 was approved by city council February 27, 2024. The application for FY23 was approved by city council January 31, 2023, FY 22 was approved by city council February 1, 2022. Grant application for FY 21 was approved by city council February 2, 2021. Grant application for FY20 was approved by city council February 18, 2020. Grant application for FY19 was approved by city council on February 26, 2019. Grant application for FY18 was approved by city council on February 26, 2018.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

- Legal counsel reviewed as a part of Council packet
- Legal counsel reviewed in advance of packet as an individual item

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Grant funding in the amount of \$318,585.32 requested from the Public Safety Office of the State of Texas under the SHSP LETPA FY26 program.

**REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:**

N/A

NAME	AMOUNT (\$)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Resolution
- B. Application

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

A/C Humberto Talamantes

915-212-4309

1594@elPASOTexas.gov

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**SIGNATURE:**



(If Agenda 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 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 5897201 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as SHSP LETPA FY26 (“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 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 Public Safety Office 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 Public Safety Office 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 Public Safety Office 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 5897201, for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as SHSP LETPA FY26 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 Public Safety Office 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 City's 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:**

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Renard U. Johnson  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Eric Gutierrez  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Peter Pacillas  
Department Director

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**Agency Name:** El Paso, City of  
**Grant/App:** 5897201 **Start Date:** 9/1/2026 **End Date:** 8/31/2027

**Project Title:** SHSP LETPA FY26  
**Status:** Pending OOG Review

**Eligibility Information**

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

**Application Eligibility Certify:**

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**Profile Information**

**Applicant Agency Name:** El Paso, City of  
**Project Title:** SHSP LETPA FY26  
**Division or Unit to Administer the Project:** El Paso Police Department  
**Address Line 1:** 300 N. Campbell  
**Address Line 2:**  
**City/State/Zip:** El Paso Texas 79901-1402  
**Start Date:** 9/1/2026  
**End Date:** 8/31/2027

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

**Grant Officials:**

**Authorized Official**

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

**Financial Official**

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**Salutation:** Ms.  
**Position:** Comptroller

**Project Director**

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**Fax:**  
**Title:** Mr.  
**Salutation:** Sergeant  
**Position:** Police Officer

**Grant Writer****Name:** Edith Munoz**Email:** C2087@elpasotexas.gov**Address 1:** 911 N. Raynor**Address 1:****City:** El Paso , Texas 79903**Phone:** 915-212-4286 Other Phone:**Fax:****Title:** Ms.**Salutation:** --- Select One ---**Position:** Research Assistant**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):** 17460007499014**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** KLZGKXNFVTL4**Narrative Information****Overview**

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

**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.

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

### Project Summary :

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

Funding for this project will provide and sustain mission essential safety gear and specialized equipment to enhance the protection of the El Paso Police Departments Special Operations Group. The proposed PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) are 3 Bomb Suit ensembles and 38 Ballistic Vests. The Special Operations Group will use the equipment to safely and efficiently mitigate threats for acts of terrorism and active aggressor incidents in the region.

**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 of El Paso and its international geographical location increases the region for potential terrorist activity. The growing population, close proximity to an international border, one of the largest military installations in the US, high volume of international trade and the remote location make for a high volume coordinated targeting from foreign and domestic terrorism. These types of events have transpired in the past in recent events such as the Real World - Active-Aggressor incident in El Paso Texas (2019 Walmart shooting and 2023 Cielo Vista Mall shooting, and Uvalde, Texas; an increase in bomb call outs for suspicious packages in the El Paso region and increased protests, demonstrations and gatherings in the El Paso, TX. region (2025 THIRA page 38 active aggressor and demonstrations)

**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 Police Department currently has 124 officers and detectives assigned to the Special Operations Group teams. SWAT consist of 43 operators, Crisis Negotiation team has 22 negotiators, Combined Search and Rescue consist of 12 rescuers, Tactical Patrol K-9 has 08 handlers, Dignitary Protection team has 31 officers and detectives, and Bomb Squad has 13 bomb technicians. All Special Operations Group teams can operate separately or in conjunction with one another dependent on what the incident dictates. Some teams such as SWAT, Bomb and Combined Search and Rescue have the limited capability to operate on two separate incidents at the same time. Currently, basic PPE and equipment is available to all teams in an effort to mitigate, disrupt, and/or interdict an incident of terrorism, active aggressor or natural disaster. The Special Operations Group teams are available to respond and assist within the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) region in mitigating an incident of terrorism and/or natural disaster.

**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 capability gap identified as Interdiction and Disruption is identified on page 70 of the 2025 SPR listed under Decreased Capabilities identified as expired bomb suits and expired ballistic vests for EPPD. Secondly, it is also identified on page 55 of the SPR under Interdiction and Disruption under the POETE listed on equipment as, the need for PPE Equipment. Interdiction and disruption was rated third on the top 3 core capabilities to sustain in 2023 and the equipment requested will allow the special operation group to maintain and expand its level of response locally and in the region.

**Impact Statement :**

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

The proposed project will reduce the capability gaps by increasing officer safety for the special operations group. It will increase and update Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and specialized equipment for the special operations officers to mitigate and tactically improve responses to the critical incidents related to active aggressor, coordinated terrorist attacks and natural disasters.

**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.*)

4.2.3 Ensure sustainment of response teams across Texas, to include personnel replacement, training to maintain proficiency, and replacement of equipment as needed.

**Target Group :**

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

The 129 members from the El Paso Police Departments Special Operations Group (SWAT, Bomb Squad, CMT, COMSAR, Dig-Pro and K-9 units) will be the direct beneficiaries. The listed equipment will enhance the special operations group's ability to respond, mitigate, and protect the residents of the city and region from potential terrorism from active aggressor, coordinated terrorist attack, and natural disasters

**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.

El Paso Police Department will seek to sustain the capabilities alternate funding in an effort to safely and efficiently maintain The a regional response level.

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

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

**Selected Project Activities:**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE:</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Support of First Responder Capabilities	100.00	This project will be utilized for the purchases of specialized equipment for special teams PPE sustainment to provide immediate response to active aggressor and terrorism related activities.

**Measures Information**

Objective Output Measures

<b>OUTPUT MEASURE</b>	<b>TARGET LEVEL</b>
Number of exercises conducted.	0
Number of individuals participating in exercises.	0
Number of people trained.	0
Number of Special Response Team personnel provided with new or updated equipment.	41
Number of Special Response Teams created, maintained or enhanced.	3
Number of trainings conducted.	0

Objective Outcome Measures

<b>OUTCOME MEASURE</b>	<b>TARGET LEVEL</b>
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Custom Output Measures

<b>CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE</b>	<b>TARGET LEVEL</b>
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Custom Outcome Measures

<b>CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE</b>	<b>TARGET LEVEL</b>
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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:

## Homeland Security Information

### FUND SOURCE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

**DHS Project Type:** Establish/enhance regional response teams

#### 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:** Deployable

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:** Research equipment and vendors; **Completion Date:** 10-01-2026

**Milestone:** Submit approved purchase order to vendor upon completion of city purchasing process; **Completion Date:** 11-01-2026

**Milestone:** Receive, inventory and process invoices for payment.; **Completion Date:** 01-01-2027

**Milestone:** Deploy equipment into operation.; **Completion Date:** 01-31-2027

**NIMS Resources**

\_\_\_ Check if this project supports a NIMS typed resource

**Enter the name of the typed resources from the Resource Type Library Tool:** Bomb Response Team, Special Weapons and Tactics Team

**Enter the ID of the typed resources from the Resource Type Library Tool:** 6-508-1176, 6-508-1245

**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	02PE-01-BSUT Suit, Improvised Explosive Device/Explosive Ordnance Disposal (IED/EOD) Protective Ensemble	3 EOD Bomb Ensemble for bomb squad at approximately \$41,713.27 each. (3 x \$48,633.44 each for an approximate total of \$145,900.32). Manufactured by Med-Eng LLC Model EOD10 Bomb Suit.	\$145,900.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145,900.32	3
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	01LE-01-ARMR Armor, Body	38 Ballistic vests for the EPPD Special Operations Group (SWAT, Bomb Squad and CMT) at approximately \$4,544.34 each. (38 X \$4544.34 each for an approximate total of \$172.685.00) Manufactured by Aardvark Project 7 ballistic vests.	\$172,685.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$172,685.00	0

**Source of Match Information**

**Detail Source of Match/GPI:**

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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**Summary Source of Match/GPI:**

<b>Total Report</b>	<b>Cash Match</b>	<b>In Kind</b>	<b>GPI Federal Share</b>	<b>GPI State Share</b>
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Budget Summary Information****Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>OOG</b>	<b>CASH MATCH</b>	<b>IN-KIND MATCH</b>	<b>GPI</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Equipment	\$145,900.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145,900.32
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$172,685.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$172,685.00

**Budget Grand Total Information:**

<b>OOG</b>	<b>CASH MATCH</b>	<b>IN-KIND MATCH</b>	<b>GPI</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$318,585.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$318,585.32

**Condition Of Fundings Information**

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