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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is eligible to apply for grants through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas ("CJD"); and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council seeks to receive grant funding through the CJD grant/application number 4750101 FY2024 for the El Paso Police Department project identified as "Project Safe Neighborhoods"; and

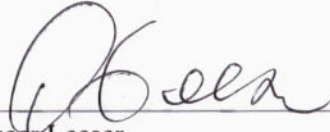
WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council designates the City Manager or his designee as the City's authorized official.

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

1. **THAT**, the El Paso City Council authorizes the grant application submission to the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, grant application number 4750101, FY2024 for the City of El Paso Police Department project identified as "Project Safe Neighborhoods" 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 State of Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.
5. **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.


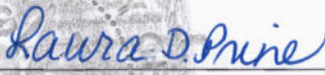
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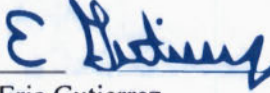
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Assistant Chief Peter Pacillas
El Paso Police Department

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Agency Name: El Paso, City of
Grant/App: 4750101 **Start Date:** 10/1/2023 **End Date:** 9/30/2024

Project Title: Project Safe Neighborhoods
Status: Application Pending Submission

Eligibility Information

Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:
746000749

Application Eligibility Certify:

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Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: El Paso, City of
Project Title: Project Safe Neighborhoods
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: Police Department
Address Line 1: 300 N. Campbell
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City/State/Zip: El Paso Texas 79901-1402
Start Date: 10/1/2023
End Date: 9/30/2024

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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Salutation: Ms.

Position: Senior Grant Planner

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): 746000749

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.

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

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

Prevention (%):

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'.

El Paso TAG 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'.

Agencies involved in the Task Force are TXDPS, FBI, Homeland Security, Sheriffs Department, Drug Enforcement Agency, ATF, El Paso Police Department, District Attorneys office.

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.

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.

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

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

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to PSO and is active until August 31, 2024 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

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:

Claudia Luján

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

300 N. Campbell El Paso, TX 79901

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999 x9999]:
(915)212-1241

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 :

The El Paso Police Department (EPPD) serves approximately 683,000 residents within the city limits of El Paso and thousands more that travel to El Paso daily to visit or work. Estimated numbers indicate that El Paso swells to approximately one million people per day. The EPPD is jurisdictionally responsible for about 256.38 square miles. The patrol units are assigned to one of five Regional Commands, which serve eight El Paso representative district jurisdictions. In addition to the patrol units, the EPPD has a myriad of specialized units to include, but are not limited to Gang Unit, SWAT, Auto Theft, Narcotics, Crimes against Persons, Crime Scene Unit, and more. The El Paso Police Department currently employs over 1,100 sworn personnel, resulting in approximately two officers per 1,000 residents, and has over 260 civilian support staff. Consistent with national trends, El Paso has seen an increase in violent crime and weapon violations, with increases of 17% and 10% when comparing 2022 to 2021 (as of 12/22/2022). Although great strides have been made toward reducing violent crime in El Paso through units like the Gang Task Force, challenges have been identified, consistent with the crime triangle, concerning People, Places, and Problems. The El Paso Police Department seeks to utilize evidence and intelligence-based practices by deploying technological innovations to identify and arrest active criminals using firearms while carrying out aggravated offenses. Utilizing the sensors to alert the requested situational awareness tool, we can reduce our response times to be more effective in responding to gun crime.

Problem Statement :

In 2021 EPPD purchased its first audio sensors used to detect gunshots. The purchase of Firefly LEII allowed EPPD an accurate, cost-effective, and sustainable way to pinpoint the exact location of the shooting events within a defined area in real-time. Allowing EPPD officers to respond to more crime scenes quickly and collect more evidence and information. In the initial phases of this program, EPPD discovered that more sensors were needed to cover the target area, and three more sensors were acquired, bringing the total to fifteen sensors used for this initiative. The El Paso Police Department has taken steps to address gun crime by also forming the department's first National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) program. This network allows for the capture and comparison of ballistic evidence to aid in solving and preventing violent crimes involving firearms. For this network to be successful, it requires local law enforcement to collect and submit all evidence suitable for entry into NIBIN. Using these gunshot sensors assists with collecting evidence that feeds into the NIBIN system and helps create a robust information system. It is more likely to produce actionable intelligence on gun crime by linking crimes, guns, and suspects. CGIT's innovative transportable gunshot detection technology, combined with a crime gun intelligence methodology based on current best practices, gives EPPD the tools they need to identify and stop criminal "trigger pullers" before they can do more harm, thereby preventing more shootings and more victims. Using the gunshot detection system, EPPD has provided instant notification to the officers working in the area. To continue providing the service, there is a need for continued funding for the maintenance and support of these sensors. The El Paso Police Department will continue implementing measures to address gun violence. This begins with the community and school presentations. The presentations will focus on gang and gun awareness. This component will collaborate with the El Paso Police Gang Unit and Police Area Representatives (PAR). Further, EPPD would like to purchase licenses for open-source media monitoring tools to promote situational awareness in the El Paso area. Currently, EPPD manually searches open-source media, but this is restricted by the amount of time it takes. A web-based program has proven instrumental in locating vital evidence in mass shootings, school threats, and other public safety concerns. EPPD would like to purchase five social media platform licenses, an open-source media aggregator that uses customizable algorithms to send alerts on emerging events. Accessing this platform would allow EPPD to monitor open-source material more thoroughly while assuring civil rights and civil liberties are respected. This web-based system compiles many open-source media streams to alert users to major events faster and more efficiently than an employee could. If the user determines the alert is credible, they can view the source material, which may be helpful for evidence collection and witness identification. Social media platform alerts are customizable and can be used to alert on shootings in the El Paso area and many other public safety concerns. One example of social media platform use would be the August 3rd shooting. San Antonio, Texas (SW Fusion Center) got an alert from social media platform and could relate that source of information to the shooting here at the Walmart and located the subject's manifesto. They related that information to us here in El Paso (Fusion Center). We also believe this would help us with a social media trend of people posting videos of shooting out of vehicle windows while driving on the highway.

Supporting Data :

El Paso, Texas's gun crime trends closely mirror national trends. As an indicator of Firearm activity, over the past five years, the City of El Paso has seen a general upward trend in Weapon Violation related incidents. Except for the COVID-19 suppressed in 2020, EPPD has shown 30-50 more criminal incidents related to weapon violations (Deadly Conduct, Discharge of Firearm, etc.) year over year. While 2022 has yet to end, it already exceeds 2021's statistics. As of 12/22/2022, the EPPD records show 46% more criminal cases of weapon violations in 2022 than in 2018 (326 cases in 2018 vs. 478 in 2022). This is similarly reflected in the number of violent crimes that involve shootings. When comparing Aggravated Assaults, Robberies, and Murders where a firearm was fired, these have increased from 70 in 2019 to 115 in 2022 for a 64% increase (as of 12/17/2022). Despite the

increase in cases, arrests have not shown the same increases. This could be assisted with improved investigative tools. We believe continued support of the Firefly sensors and the expansion to include social media platform will improve response times, evidence collection, and witness identification to help meet these investigative needs. The Firefly sensors are built to be installed in most urban areas, so they allow EPPD to be responsive to emerging hot spots. Currently, the Firefly sensors are located in the Pebble Hills and Mission Valley police regions of the City of El Paso in areas identified by Data Driven methodologies to identify the most common area for gunshots. These two regions account for 47% of the City of El Paso's Weapons Violations incidents since 2018 and 49% for violent crimes where a gun was discharged.

Project Approach & Activities:

The FireFly Gunshot Detection System was activated on October 31, 2021. The FireFly System is composed of several gunshot sensors strategically placed in a specific area based on a data-driven assessment of locations. The system sends a notification within 30 seconds of a possible gunshot. Communications and Watch Officers receive notification within 30 seconds of detecting a gunshot, the detection is analyzed for verification, and a decision is made to dispatch officers if deployment of resources is necessary. In addition, several pole cameras are strategically placed within the project area and are monitored by the Watch Officers. All detections are treated as legitimate shootings until determined otherwise. When the deployment of resources is necessary, a marked unit will be dispatched to the area. It will physically check the area for casings or evidence indicative of shots being fired. Watch/Fusion Officers will assist officers on the scene with pinpointing the site of the actual gunshot location. Watch/Fusion Officers are notified if casing(s) are located, or evidence indicating a gunshot was discovered. Watch/Fusion Officers will review the Pole Cameras (video feed) in the area to look for workable leads or information. If no evidence indicates shots being fired, Fusion/ Watch Officers will generate an Information Report (FireFly) to document the response and actions taken. Suppose evidence of an actual shooting is discovered. In that case, officers at the scene will generate the appropriate offense report, conduct the appropriate investigation, and summon the assistance of the Crime Scene Unit and the Ballistic Intelligence Unit (B.I.U.) to collect any evidence located at the scene. If casings are collected at the scene, they will be entered into NIBN for further review and possible match.

Capacity & Capabilities:

The El Paso Police Department has two full-time officers dedicated and certified in Integrated Ballistics Identification System Data Acquisitions. The B.I.U. is regionally certified and can now conduct acquisitions and test fire (firearms). Since going operational in November 2019, the B.I.U. has successfully obtained 75 leads directly linked to ongoing investigations. The Ballistic Intelligence Unit (B.I.U.) is organized through sworn personnel to quickly respond to the scenes and process ballistic evidence for investigations. Casings that have an immediate need for actionable intelligence can be rapidly processed and entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) system for ballistic comparison. This tiered evidence collection policy allows the B.I.U. to act as a call-out unit while addressing prolific firearm offenders. The B.I.U. will serve as a resource to other investigative units, tying investigations together and identifying suspects. The B.I.U. currently consists of two supervisors and two sworn police officers responsible for responding to gun-related calls. As well as entering acquisitions into the (NIBIN) system and verifying firearm data into the Electronic Tracing System - (E-Trace system). The B.I.U. will also assist in coordinating inter-departmental efforts to respond to gun crimes. To keep the information up to date, B.I.U. will meet with first-line officers by attending shift meetings monthly and on shift training days. These collaborative meetings bring together detectives, tactical support units, and other specialty units to foster communication, troubleshoot challenges, and increase operational efficiency. Each Regional Command Center already has an established Police Area Representative (P.A.R.) program. This enables the El Paso Police Department to effectively reach out to various community organizations and schools for preventative crime/ gang presentations. This program will be a citywide initiative between P.A.R. officers and the EPPD Gang Unit. The El Paso Police Gang Unit is housed at the Texas Anti-Gang Center (T.A.G.) along with several federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. A board composed of executive staff from the constituent law enforcement agencies manages the overall operations of the T.A.G. center. Co-locating the participating agencies ensures that agencies have access to information promptly, create force multipliers, and concentrate operations. This allows the participating law enforcement agencies to split their focus among multiple priorities on a routine basis while permitting flexible surges during moments of crisis or operational need.

Performance Management :

The El Paso Police Department will continue to document the implementation of the intelligence lead policing operational activities facilitated through the deployment of innovative technology. The El Paso Police Department will continue to review current gun crime trends and continue recording and planning meetings for the outreach initiatives, discuss the use of the technology, and review officer log sheets for documented frequency and volume of use of technology. Finally, records of the actual deployment of the technology will be collected and examined. Expected data elements will include: days of the week, time of day, the number of times technology is deployed, activated, and used, and the number of personnel utilizing the technology. Data on outreach presentations will also be collected and accounted for about the number of attendees, age group, and location. The EPPD MATRIX FUSION Center Crime Analyst(s)/ supervisor will collect all data related to arrests, officer deployments, technology placements, and outreach initiatives. This will include 911 calls resulting in actual shootings compared to gunshot detection system alerts. B.I.U. will track the number of casings entered in the NIBIN system that is subsequently linked to other gun crimes in NIBIN. The number of Firearms will be followed in the E-Trace system.

Target Group :

The City of El Paso is divided into regions: Northeast, West Side, Central, Pebble Hills (Eastside), and Mission Valley Regional Command Centers. The two regions that statistically show a higher amount of gun crime were the Northeast Regional Command and Pebble Hills Regional Command Center; however, the statistics and analysis show an increase in the Mission Valley Regional Command. With the addition of the social media platform, the EPPD / Fusion Center can assist other local, state, and federal agencies that request assistance tracking any open source and social media information.

Evidence-Based Practices:

The gunshot detection system was activated on October 31, 2021. The El Paso Police Department's gun shot detection system has provided real-time notifications of gunshot detection. The EPPD has received many notifications and has documented approximately 60 reports, including weapons charges. The El Paso Police Department has made four arrests, and three criminal cases are being linked via the collaboration of the Gun Shot Detection system and EPPD's Ballistic Intelligence Unit. (B.I.U.). The B.I.U. has responded to several scenes and has been able to locate and collect pertinent evidence related to gunshots detected by the gun shot detection system. During the initial response, patrol units checked the area but met with negative results due to the time of night and visibility constraints. The B.I.U. unit re-checked the area using the coordinates detected by the gunshot detection system, and they collected gun casings within the area of the detection. The mobile gunshot detection system has been relocated from one region, Northeast Regional Command (NERC), to cover two other regions, Pebble Hills Regional Command and Mission Valley Regional Command (PHRC and MVRC), to cover those areas that have had significant activity. EPPD analysis of predicting crime is crucial ineffectively deploying this system. El Paso and its citizens will significantly benefit from this innovation.

Project Activities Information

Introduction

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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
Crime Prevention	100.00	In preventing gun crime the El Paso Police Department must maintain the existing Gun Shot Detection Sensors. 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
Casework, non-licensed counseling, individual advocacy, or other support: Hours delivered.	0
Casework, non-licensed counseling, individual advocacy, or other support: Individuals receiving	0
Instruction and Support for Pro-social, Educational, Vocational, or Employment skills: Hours delivered.	500
Instruction and Support for Pro-social, Educational, Vocational, or Employment skills: Individuals receiving.	500

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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Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a [resolution](#) that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update the PSO should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the [approved](#) resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** sub-tab located in the **Summary** tab.

Contract Compliance

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

Select the appropriate response:

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

The El Paso Police Department is continuously in contact with vendor in regards to technological issues, to ensure a timely response to address any deficiencies. Communications (email) with vendor are saved for historical reference.

Lobbying

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- ☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ N/A

Fiscal Year

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

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

10/1/2023

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

9/30/2024

Sources of Financial Support

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

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

217632742

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

5107956

Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a PSO grant. However, PSO may require a limited scope audit as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

Select the appropriate response:

☒ Yes
☐ No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

8/31/2021

Equal Employment Opportunity Plan**Compliance**

The EEOP certification information must be submitted to the Office of Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs through their on-line [EEOP Reporting Tool](https://eeopreportingtool.ojp.gov/). For more information and guidance on how to complete and submit the federal EEOP certification information, please visit the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs website at <https://oip.gov/about/ocr/eeop.htm>.

Type I Entity

Defined as an applicant that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- has less than 50 employees;
- is a non-profit organization;
- is a medical institution;
- is an Indian tribe;
- is an educational institution, or
- is receiving a single award of less than \$25,000.

Requirements

- The applicant agency is exempt from the requirement to prepare an EEOP because it is a Type I Entity as defined above, pursuant to 28 CFR 42, subpart E;
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services; and
- the applicant must submit EEOP Certification information the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to claim the exemption from developing an EEOP.

Type II Entity

Defined as an applicant that meets the following criteria:

- has 50 or more employees, and
- is receiving a single award of \$25,000 or more, but less than \$500,000.

Requirements

- The applicant agency is required to formulate an EEOP in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301, subpart E;
- the EEOP is required to be formulated and signed into effect within the past two years by the proper authority;
- the EEOP is available for review by the public and employees or for review or audit by officials of OOG, OOG's designee, or the Office of Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, as required by relevant laws and regulations;
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services;
- the applicant must submit EEOP information to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to claim the exemption from submitting an EEOP to OCR; and
- the EEOP is required to be on file with the applicant agency.

Enter the name of the person responsible for the EEOP and the address of the office where the EEOP is filed:
Araceli Guerra 300 N. Campbell El Paso, TX 79901 (915)212-1401

Type III Entity

Defined as an applicant that is NOT a Type I or Type II Entity.

Requirements

- The EEOP is required to be formulated and signed into effect within the past two years by the proper authority;
- the EEOP has been submitted to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice and has been approved by the OCR, or it will be submitted to the OCR for approval upon award of the grant, as required by relevant laws and regulations; and
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services; and
- the applicant must submit EEOP information to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

Certification

Based on the definitions and requirements above, the applicant agency certifies to the following entity type:

- ☐ Type I Entity
☐ Type II Entity
☒ Type III Entity

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.

FFATA Certification**Certification of Recipient Highly Compensated Officers**

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires Prime Recipients (CJD) to report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) of each sub recipient organization for the most recently completed fiscal year preceding the year in which the grant is awarded if the subrecipient answers **YES** to the **FIRST** statement but **NO** to the **SECOND** statement listed below.

In the sub recipient's preceding completed fiscal year, did the sub recipient receive: (1) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements; AND (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives through periodic reports filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or Section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If you answered **YES** to the **FIRST** statement and **NO** to the **SECOND** statement, please provide the name and total compensation amount of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) within your agency for the current calendar year. If you answered NO to the first statement you are NOT required to provide the name and compensation amounts. NOTE: "Total compensation" means the complete pay package of each of the sub recipient's compensated officers, including all forms of money, benefits, services, and in-kind payments (see SEC Regulations: 17 CCR 229.402).

Position 1 - Name:

Position 1 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 2 - Name:

Position 2 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 3 - Name:

Position 3 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 4 - Name:

Position 4 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 5 - Name:

Position 5 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Fiscal Capability Information

Section 1: Organizational Information

*** FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS ONLY ***

Enter the following values in order to submit the application

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded: 0

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

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS: 0

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

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded:

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

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS:

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

Section 2: Accounting System

The grantee organization must incorporate an accounting system that will track direct and indirect costs for the organization (general ledger) as well as direct and indirect costs by project (project ledger). The grantee must establish a time and effort system to track personnel costs by project. This should be reported on an hourly basis, or in increments of an hour.

Is there a list of your organization's accounts identified by a specific number (i.e., a general ledger of accounts)?

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Does the accounting system include a project ledger to record expenditures for each Program by required budget cost categories?

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is there a timekeeping system that allows for grant personnel to identify activity and requires signatures by the employee and his or her supervisor?

Select the appropriate response:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If you answered 'No' to any question above in the Accounting System section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 3: Financial Capability

Grant agencies should prepare annual financial statements. At a minimum, current internal balance sheet and income statements are required. A balance sheet is a statement of financial position for a grant agency disclosing assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at a given point in time. An income statement is a summary of revenue and expenses for a grant agency during a fiscal year.

Has the grant agency undergone an independent audit?

Select the appropriate response:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Does the organization prepare financial statements at least annually?

Select the appropriate response:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

According to the organization's most recent Audit or Balance Sheet, are the current total assets greater than the liabilities?

Select the appropriate response:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Financial Capability section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 4: Budgetary Controls

Grant agencies should establish a system to track expenditures against budget and / or funded amounts.

Are there budgetary controls in effect (e.g., comparison of budget with actual expenditures on a monthly basis) to include drawing down grant funds in excess of:

a) Total funds authorized on the Statement of Grant Award?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

b) Total funds available for any budget category as stipulated on the Statement of Grant Award?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Budgetary Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 5: Internal Controls

Grant agencies must safeguard cash receipts, disbursements, and ensure a segregation of duties exist. For example, one person should not have authorization to sign checks and make deposits.

Are accounting entries supported by appropriate documentation (e.g., purchase orders, vouchers, receipts, invoices)?

Select the appropriate response:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Is there separation of responsibility in the receipt, payment, and recording of costs?

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes
☐ No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Internal Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Budget Details Information

Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Contractual and Professional Services	Installation of grant purchased equipment and technology	12-SensorsMaintenance(\$1,980.00each). The annual sustainment fee is a necessary part of the overall system that provides direct support for the remote CGIT data center. The remote CGIT data center is one of the required components to operate the overall system.	\$23,760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,760.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Domain / Web Hosting Services	Social Media platform Software - 5 licenses @\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0

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
Contractual and Professional Services	\$23,760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,760.00
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$73,760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$73,760.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

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