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

Grant/App: 4999701 Start Date: 9/1/2024 End Date: 8/31/2025

**Project Title:** Combating Domestic Violent Extremism - Functional Exercise

Status: Application Pending Submission

## **Eligibility Information**

Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:

17460007499009

**Application Eligibility Certify:** 

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#### **Profile Information**

Applicant Agency Name: El Paso, City of

**Project Title:** Combating Domestic Violent Extremism - Functional Exercise **Division or Unit to Administer the Project:** Office of Emergency Management

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**Start Date:** 9/1/2024 **End Date:** 8/31/2025

Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area: Rio Grande Council of

Governments

Headquarter County: El Paso

Counties within Project's Impact Area: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio

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## **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):** 17460007499009 **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) Competitive National Priority Area (NPA)**: Supports state, Tribal and local preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities where a nexus to terrorism exists. All 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 projects must assist grantees in achieving target capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism.

Grant projects must be submitted in support of one of the following approved NPAs:

## **Combating Domestic Violent Extremism**

Core Capabilities: Interdiction & Disruption; Intelligence and Information Sharing; Planning; Public Information and Warning; Operational Coordination; Risk management for protection programs and activities

- •Open source analysis of misinformation campaigns, targeted violence and threats to life, including tips/leads, and online/social media-based threats.
- •Sharing and leveraging intelligence and information, including open-source analysis
- •Execution and management of threat assessment programs to identify, evaluate, and analyze indicators and behaviors indicative of domestic violent extremists.
- •Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, suspicious activity reporting [SAR] indicators and behaviors) to help prevent radicalization
- •Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, SAR indicators and behaviors) to educate the public on misinformation campaigns and resources to help them identify and report potential instances of domestic violent extremism.

## **Enhancing Election Security**

Core Capabilities: Cybersecurity; Intelligence and Information Sharing; Planning; Long-term Vulnerability Reduction; Situational Assessment; Infrastructure Systems; Operational Coordination; Community Resilience

- Physical security planning support
- Physical/site security measures e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, access controls, etc.
- General election security navigator support.
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning for elections systems.
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments of elections systems.
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the ".gov" internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services
- Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures

#### **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 <a href="Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Government">Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Government</a>. 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.

#### 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.

## **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.

<u>Deduction Method</u> - 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.

<u>Asset Seizures and Forfeitures</u> - 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).

## **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.

## **Nationwide Cyber Security Review**

Grantees will be required to complete the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR), enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. The Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), or equivalent for each recipient agency should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment. The NCSR is available at no cost to the user and takes approximately 2-3 hours to complete. For more information about the NCSR, visit: https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac/services/ncsr/.

## **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 <u>all</u> of the application content and requirements.

#### **Project Summary:**

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

This project is to develop and implement a Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) complaint functional exercise involving a domestic terrorism threat impacting the El Paso region. Functional exercise activities will be intelligence focused to include open source analysis of misinformation campaigns, targeted violence and threats to life, including tips/leads, and online/social media-based threats; sharing and leveraging intelligence and information, including open-source analysis; and execution and management of threat assessment programs to identify, evaluate, and analyze indicators and behaviors indicative of domestic violent extremists in a given exercise scenario. Participants will include intelligence analysts, law enforcement partners, and emergency managers from local, state, and federal agencies to include member agencies of the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Exercise will focus on enhancing operational coordination, intelligence and information sharing, investigations and analysis, and interdiction and disruption core capabilities.

#### **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.

On August 3, 2019, El Paso suffered a domestic terror attack killing 23 individuals and injuring 25 more. The perpetrator of this heinous act was motivated by the mass migration events of 2019 as described in shooter's manifesto. Similarly, El Paso has experienced continued mass migration events in 2022 and 2023 with an increased risk of a domestic terror attacks from potential malicious bad actors nationwide. This is exacerbated by frequent national media exposure, polarizing rhetoric on social media and other social media platforms furthering homeland security concerns and protective actions for jurisdictions along the entire southwest border. This project will enhance intelligence and information capabilities to combat domestic violent extremism and help the region prevent, respond and recover from a domestic terrorist attack along the border region.

## **Existing Capability Levels:**

Describe the existing capability levels, including resources that are currently in place to support this project prior to the use of grant funds.

Operational Coordination Within 1 hour of a potential or actual incident, establish and maintain a unified and coordinated operational structure and process across 1 jurisdiction affected and with 100 partner organizations involved in incident management. Maintain for 30 day(s). Intelligence and Information Sharing Within 10 mins. of the identification or notification of a credible threat, identify/analyze local context of the threat for the respective area of responsibility, and facilitate the sharing of threat information with 100 priority intelligence stakeholder agencies/entities in accordance with the intelligence cycle, and all dissemination protocols. Interdiction and Disruption Within 10 mins. of the identification or notification of a credible threat, conduct outreach to the fusion center and Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) in the community and identify 100 personnel assigned to support follow up interdiction and disruption activities that may be undertaken against identified suspects and/or contraband. Screening, Search, and Detection Within 1 hour of notice of a credible threat, conduct screening, search, and detection operations for 2,000 people requiring screening, including 81 people with access and functional needs (requiring screening). The City of El Paso through the El Paso Police Department manages its Fusion Center serving as the focal point for the receipt, analysis, gathering and sharing of threat-related information between State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT), federal and private sector partners. The El Paso FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force focuses on terrorism and other criminal matters related to various aspects of the counterterrorism mission and is made up of local, state and federal law enforcement partners. Both of these agencies contribute to the core capabilities of Operational Coordination, Intelligence and Information Sharing, Screening, Search and Detection, and Interdiction and Disruption.

#### **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).

Operational Coordination Training - Multiagency and county trainings needed. THIRA and SPR. Multiagency training to include rural areas with El Paso EOC. ICS training at the rural areas with all stake holders. Example fires, freeze, and terrorism exercises at the rural areas to include drone capabilities. (SPR 2023, p. 18) Exercises - Need to increase the severity of scenarios in exercises to include more disciplines such as forensics, finance, and behind the scenes staff who are critical in responding to an emergency/disaster; Need more stakeholder participation in all regional exercises involving operational coordination and ICS to increase regional and coordinated responses for interdiction and disruption. (SPR 2023, p. 18) Intelligence and Information Sharing Planning - Train EPPD staff on Intel gathering and info sharing (2023 SPR, p. 23). Organization - Lack of participation from WATCH officers in tabletop exercises throughout the region. Participation in all regional exercises involving operational coordination and ICS to increase regional coordinated responses (2023 SPR, p. 23). Equipment- Need for El Paso Region Fusion Center to be more involved in rural incidents; Need for the Tri-County area to create and serve as a focal point within the RGCOG region for the receipt, analyze, and share threat-related information between federal, state, local, and regional law enforcement partners (2023 SPR, p.

23). Training- Establishment of Intelligence protocols and procedures throughout the region is needed (2023 SPR, p. 23). Screening, Search, and Detection: Planning - Need for Identifying and locating threats or hazards by conducting full scale exercises and conducting risk assessment activities such as surveillance and search procedures (2023 SPR, p. 29). Training - Need for training regional first responders in screening, search, and detection protocols (2023 SRP, p. 30). Exercises -Need for more operational coordination and ICS scenarios in all regional exercises to increase regional coordinated responses (2023 SPR, p. 30). Interdiction and Disruption Planning - A regional team of multijurisdictional personnel to conduct risk assessments, investigate and follow-up on any possible threats needs to be created 2023 SPR, p. 26) Training - Need for training regional first responders and mutual aid partners in the established plans and SOPs as related to interdiction and disruption protocols and activities; Need for training of new personnel and recertification of existing personnel (2023 SPR, p. 27). Exercises - Exercise of the established interdiction and disruption protocols with regional jurisdictions is needed Need more stakeholder participation in all regional exercises involving operational. coordination and ICS to increase regional coordinated responses (2023 SPR, p. 27).

## **Impact Statement:**

Describe the project goals/objectives and how this project will maintain capabilities or reduce capability gaps. The goal of this project is to enhance homeland security, intelligence, and law enforcement agencies to enhance the RGCOG and El Paso region's ability to combat Domestic Violent Extremism through a functional exercise. The objectives of the project will reduce core capability gaps in operational coordination, intelligence and information sharing, interdiction and disruption and screening, search and detection core through a carefully designed intelligence driven functional exercise following the HSEEP planning process. Through these exercise goals and objectives, the region will directly address these capability gaps, within these core capabilities, against a domestic terrorism attack scenario and provide an evaluation of the exercise outcomes and lessons learned that can be applied to future incidents.

## **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.)

1.1 Expand and enhance the statewide intelligence capability that reduces the threat of terrorism and criminal enterprises, with an emphasis on proactive intelligence. 1.1.1-Enhance intelligence coordination and collaboration across the state's network of intelligence nodes and with federal partner organizations, to include development of common processes and standards for recognized. fusion centers. 1.1.2-At the state and local levels, ensure close integration of intelligence analysis into all homeland security operations, to include use of technical situational awareness platforms. 1.1.3-Enhance the state's capacity to identify, assess, monitor, and disrupt potential domestic terrorism and other mass casualty threats, particularly those that could impact special events, soft targets, and crowded places. 1.1.4-Continue development of multi-agency teams at the regional and local levels focused on recognizing indicators of potential radicalization to violence and implementing early intervention strategies. 1.1.5-Expand and enhance the state's capacity to receive, analyze, and share actionable intelligence on potential cybersecurity threats with federal, state, local, and private sector partners. 1.1.6-Expand and enhance law enforcement intelligence and crime analysis training delivered to all law enforcement agencies in the state through development of common training standards, programs, and certification processes. 4.9 Conduct exercises across the state that include tribal, regional, and local entities and support the National Exercise Program (NEP) Principals' Objectives. 4.9.1- Use exercises throughout the state to assess and strengthen preparedness and resiliency within each region, and ensure lessons from exercises inform future planning and training efforts. 4.9.2 - Use Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) guidelines to develop, conduct, and evaluate all exercises in Texas, ensuring alignment with applicable National Principals' Objectives. 4.9.3 - In coordination with partner agencies at all levels, annually develop and conduct a minimum of one major statewide exercise and support a minimum of one exercise in each region of the state, with an emphasis on addressing lifeline response functions. 4.9.4 - Enhance processes for the review and analysis of exercise and real world incident After Action Reports and sharing of best practices and lessons learned across jurisdictions to facilitate continuous improvement.

#### **Target Group:**

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

Target groups include regional Fusion Centers, Joint Terrorism Task Force members to include local, state, and federal law enforcement, emergency management and intelligence agencies in El Paso County and participating counties from the Rio Grande Council of Governments. Regional population is expected to surpass 900,000 based on 2020 census estimates.

## **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.

Capabilities will be maintained through lessons learned and incorporated into participating agency's individual budgetary goals. As future gaps are identified through this functional exercise, agencies can apply for future grant funding to help sustain or maintain those respective areas.

## **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:** 

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism	100.00	This project assists with sustaining and improving the El Paso Office of Emergency Management's and regional partners ability to prevent, respond and recover from incidents as a result of terrorism. This project is to develop and implement a Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) complaint functional exercise involving a domestic terrorism threat impacting the El Paso region. Functional exercise activities will include open source analysis of misinformation campaigns, targeted violence and threats to life, including tips/leads, and online/social media-based threats; sharing and leveraging intelligence and information, including open-source analysis; and execution and management of threat assessment programs to identify, evaluate, and analyze indicators and behaviors indicative of domestic violent extremists in a given exercise scenario. Participants will include intelligence analysts, law enforcement partners, and emergency managers from local, state, and federal agencies to include member agencies of the Joint Terrorism Task Force and RGCOG participating counties. Exercise will focus on the enhancing core capabilities of Operational Coordination, Intelligence and Information Sharing, Screening, Search and Detection, and Interdiction and Disruption.

#### **Measures Information**

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL

Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL		

## **Resolution from Governing Body**

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a <u>resolution</u> 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 <u>approved</u> resolution to eGrants by going to the **Upload.Files** tab and following the instructions on Uploading eGrants Files.

## **Contract Compliance**

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

Select the appropriate response:

\_ Yes

X No

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

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

#### Lobbying

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

Select the appropriate response:



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

X No

\_ N/A

#### **Fiscal Year**

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

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

9/1/2024

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

8/31/2024

## **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:

138112377

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

11745669

#### **Single Audit**

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

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

Select the appropriate response:

**X** Yes

\_ No

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

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

8/31/2023

#### **Debarment**

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

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X I Certify
Unable to Certify
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Enter the debarment justification:

#### **FFATA Certification**

**Certification of Recipient Highly Compensated Officers** – The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires Prime Recipients (HSGD) 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 <u>X</u> 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

**X** 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).

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Position 1 - Name:
Position 1 - Total Compensation ($):
0
Position 2 - Name:
Position 2 - Total Compensation ($):
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Position 3 - Name:
Position 3 - Total Compensation ($):
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Position 4 - Name:
Position 4 - Total Compensation ($):
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Position 5 - Name:
Position 5 - Total Compensation ($):
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## **Homeland Security Information**

#### **FUND SOURCE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

**DHS Project Type:** Establish/enhance emergency operations center

**Capabilities** 

Core Capability: Intelligence and Information Sharing

Identify if this investment focuses on building new capabilities or sustaining existing capabilities. : New Capabilities (Build)

Are the assets or activities Deployable or Shareable: Shareable

\_\_\_\_ Check if this Investment requires new construction or renovation, retrofitting, or modification of existing structures

\_\_\_\_ Check if these funds will support a project that was previously funded with HSGP funding

## **Project Management Step Involved:**

Check the step that most closely resembles the phase of the project activities to be completed during the grant period.

Step: Plan

**Description:** The purpose of establishing, at an early date, the parameters of the project that is going to be worked on as well as to try to delineate any specifics and/or any peculiarities to the project as a whole and/or any specific phases of the project.

**Process:** Involves working out and extending the theoretical, practical, and/or useful application of an idea, concept, or preliminary design. This also involves a plan for moving a project concept to a viable project.

#### **Milestones**

Milestone: Procurement solicitation; Completion Date: 10-15-2024

Milestone: Award solicitation; Completion Date: 02-14-2025

Milestone: Begin exercise Planning.; Completion Date: 03-01-2025 Milestone: Complete Exercise Planning; Completion Date: 06-01-2025

Milestone: Exercise delivered; Completion Date: 06-15-2025

Milestone: After Action Review Conducted; Completion Date: 07-01-2025

Milestone: After Action Report Completed and Improvement Plan; Completion Date: 08-01-2025

#### **NIMS Resources**

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

Enter the name of the typed resources from the Resource Type Library Tool:

Enter the ID of the typed resources from the Resource Type Library Tool:

## **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 an 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 summa 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	Consultant (Exercises)	Contractual- Vendor for Functional exercise.	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00	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	<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:**

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Contractual and Professional Services	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00

# **Budget Grand Total Information:**

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00

# **Condition Of Fundings Information**

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

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