

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

DEPARTMENT: Police
AGENDA DATE: April 5, 2016
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Assistant Chief Patrick Maloney, 212-4301
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: #2 Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

SUBJECT:

Authorize the City Manager or designee to submit an application for grant funding for the Texas Anti-Gang Program (TAG), through the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office, in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for the period April 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, with no cash or in-kind match required, whereby the City is the fiduciary agent working in partnership with multiple local, state and federal agencies to combat gang activity through prevention and enforcement efforts.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The TAG grant will fund a new collaborative effort in which multiple local, state and federal agencies will co-locate existing designated investigative staff in a new leased facility (TAG Center) at a yet to be determined location. Funds are budgeted for TAG Center building lease costs, data services and equipment, TAG Center Administrator and Deputy Administrator salary costs, office equipment and office supplies. Operational activities will focus on gang prevention, intervention, and suppression as well as investigation, enforcement, and prosecution of gang-related offenses. Co-location facilitates information-sharing, investigative collaboration, and multi-jurisdictional enforcement.

SELECTION SUMMARY:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the City) is eligible to apply for grants through the FY 2016 Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Texas Anti-Gang Program (TAG) will assist in combating gang violence in the community.

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

1. That the City Manager or designee is authorized to submit an application for grant funding for the Texas Anti-Gang Program (TAG), through the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office, in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for the period April 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, with no cash or in-kind match required, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and to reject, alter and/or terminate the grant, whereby the City is the fiduciary agent working in partnership with multiple local, state and federal agencies to combat gang activity through prevention and enforcement efforts. In addition, the City Manager or designee is authorized to sign any related paperwork, including but not limited to, authorization of budget transfers, and/or revisions to the operation plan. Further, the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute any grant amendments, corrections or extensions of the grant agreement which increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds.
2. The El Paso City Council agrees that the existence of an award will not be used to offset or decrease total salaries, expenses and allowances that the City receives or provides to its Police Department at or after the time the grant is awarded.
3. That the City of El Paso's Chief Financial Officer, or designee, is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.
4. That the City Council agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the TAG grant funds, the City of El Paso assures that the grant funds will be returned in full to the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office.

(Signature blocks follow on the next page)

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2016.


CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leaser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Linda A. Samples
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Gregory K. Allen
Chief of Police

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Agency Name: El Paso, City of
Grant/App: 3060701 **Start Date:** 5/31/2016 **End Date:** 8/31/2017

Project Title: Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) program
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: Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) program
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: El Paso Police Department
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City/State/Zip: El Paso Texas 79903-1402
Start Date: 5/31/2016
End Date: 8/31/2017

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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Address 1:**City:** El Paso TX, Texas 79903**Phone:** 915-212-4296 Other Phone:**Fax:****Title:** Ms.**Salutation:** Ms.**Position:** Grant Writer**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**Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS):** 058873019**Narrative Information****Introduction**

Information related to this program is in the CJD funding announcement for the Texas Anti-Gang Program.

Section 1: Program-Specific Questions

Please see "Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program, Guidance for Eligible Applicants—Step 2: Consider the Requirements/Criteria, Purpose and Program-Specific Requirements," for further program requirement details.

Uploads**A. Timelines****Guidance**

Applicants are required to upload the following information to eGrants using the "Upload Files" feature in eGrants:

1. Timeline for Infrastructure Planning & Development - include key dates, milestones, deadlines, and progress with planning and build out of TAG Center infrastructure, if applicable.
2. Comprehensive Program Timeline - does not have to coincide with grant award period.
3. Timeline to Operational Planning and Go-Live - includes key dates, milestones, deadlines and progress with planning and operational requirements to Go-Live.

Did you include TAG Program Timelines as part of this application?

☐ Yes

☒ No

B. Maps**Guidance**

The following maps should be uploaded under the 'Summary.UploadFiles' tab in your application:

1. Regional TAG Grant Program map(s) that help illustrate regional target area; coverage capacity; TAG and other partnership locations; and other key identifiers, etc.; preferably with detail regarding county, city, unincorporated areas; other known law enforcement extensions valuable to the TAG; population density and/or known gang population; known crime, violent crime, gang crime statistics in relation to the region; etc. Do not include sensitive, secure information.
2. TAG Program Center Facilities Map that illustrates a general layout of the TAG Center. Do not include sensitive, secure information.

Did you include a TAG Program regional map and a TAG Center facilities map?

☐ Yes

☒ No

C. Organizational Charts**Guidance**

Did you provide a TAG Program Organizational Chart, showing TAG multi-agency executive-level board made up of anchor agencies, personnel, and external partner organizations and stakeholders; preferably demonstrating administration, management structure and communication workflow?

☒ Yes

☐ No

D. Personnel Cost

Does the TAG Budget include personnel costs for a TAG Administrator, with minimum requirements described in TAG Program Guide? Did you provide draft job descriptions for administrative personnel to be funded by TAG Grant Program?

☒ Yes, to all the above
☐ No

E. Cooperative Working Agreements

Guidance

Cooperative Working Agreements (CWA) with anchor on-site multi-disciplinary agencies identifying shared resources, supplied personnel and resources by each party to the CWA, and other important agreements critical to the success and mitigation of risk of the TAG Program.

Did you provide copies of CWAs with TAG anchor agencies?

☐ Yes
☒ No

Section 2: 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:

A. Program Requirements

CJD funds are focused on reducing crime and improving the justice system. Texas Government Code, Section 772.007 requires the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Grant Program, to do the following:

1. Support regional, multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through the coordination of gang prevention, intervention, and supporting activities, including sharing intelligence.
2. Implement innovative solutions through best practice, proven, and/or promising programs.
3. Continued support of existing and positively-impacting TAG Center.
4. Fund new to-be-developed regional TAG Centers using Houston TAG Center's operational model and framework.
5. Institute collaborative working network of colocated multi-jurisdictional anchor agencies and resources.

B. Program Income

Applicant must agree 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 must also agree to report program income to CJD through a formal grant adjustment, to secure CJD approval prior to use of the program income and to use program income only for allowable costs. For the purposes of this program, the deduction method applies. Program income that the applicant did not anticipate at the time of the grant award must be used to reduce the grant award rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Note: If you are claiming program income on this grant it must be used to offset project costs and expended prior to seeking reimbursement from CJD.

C. Eligible Expenses

Applicant assures that grant funds will be used only for activities focused on combating gang violence, or that directly supports and/or enhances a regional, multidisciplinary approach using coordinated gang prevention, intervention and suppression efforts.

Note: A detailed list of eligible expenses can be found in the funding announcement located [here](#).

D. Contract Management

Grantees must be able to ensure that contractors comply with all applicable rules and regulations.

E. CJD Regulations

Grantees must comply with the standards applicable to this funding source cited in the Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC Chapter 3), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

F. 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.

G. Bulletproof Vests

Applicant assures that if it plans to purchase body armor with grant funds, that it has adopted a mandatory wear policy and that all vests purchased have been tested and found to comply with the latest applicable National Institute of Justice (NIJ) ballistic or stab standards. Additionally, vests purchased must be American-made.

H. Uniform Crime Reports

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). 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.

I. Criminal History Reporting

The county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have a 90% average on both adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2010 through 2014.

J. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Requests

If the applicant organization is a sheriff's department or the project is providing direct resources to or is being implemented by a sheriff's department, the following certification applies:

I certify that the applicant sheriff's department (department) participates fully, and will continue throughout the grant period to participate fully, in 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 the custody of the department, and (2) detain such aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. I further certify that the department has no policy, procedure, or agreement that limits or restricts the department's full participation in all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by DHS to (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in the custody of the department, and (2) detain such aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. I agree that failure to comply with this certification will result in CJD terminating the grant and the department shall return all funds received to CJD. Additionally, I agree that the department will remain ineligible for future CJD funding until it can provide satisfactory evidence that the jurisdiction has been in compliance with this requirement for a period of at least one year.

K. 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 CJD and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Linda Thomas

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

300 N. Campbell El Paso, Texas 79901

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

915-212-1240

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as all requirements within the CJD Funding [Announcement-amended](#) and CJD [Comprehensive Certification and Assurances](#) to be eligible for this program.

X I certify to all of the above requirements.

Project Abstract :

The city of El Paso and El Paso County's proximity to Mexico and bordering states make it a key location for organized crime to conduct its operations. El Paso County has a size of 1012.7 square miles with a 2014 population of 833, 487. The city of El Paso is the largest of 7 cities and towns in El Paso County. El Paso area is 249 square miles with an estimated population of 679,036. El Paso County's numerous international ports of entry, airports, interstate rail, and highway infrastructure make the area a hub of transportation and global trade. This also makes the region a key operational stronghold for criminal organizations when it comes to the importation and distribution of drugs and contraband. Texas Department of Public Safety has identified El Paso as having the most number of gang members in Region IV which includes the El Paso-Las Cruces area, Odessa, Midland and San Angelo with a combined MSA population of 1.4 million. El Paso has 322 active gangs and 6190 Gang members according to the El Paso Police Department Gang Data base as of March 2016. Recruitment of gang members, membership and gang violence is on the rise. Violence towards law enforcement is also increasing. The 2015 Texas Department of Public Safety-Gang Threat Assessment states street gangs, prison gangs, and outlaw motorcycle gangs are all present in the El Paso Area. El Paso's largest gang, Barrio Azteca has 882 members. According to the El Paso Police Department Threat Domain Assessment there other prominent active criminal organizations and gangs are Tango Blast, Mexican Mafia, Chuco Tango and Texas Syndicate. Folk Nation, Sureños, Crips, Varrio Northeast, 19th Street, MS-13, Bloods, Barrio San Juan, Hated by Many and Varrio Glenwood Street are all active on El Paso streets. The structure and organization of these gangs are different and vary, with some staying to territorial or racial roots. Some of these gangs have shown to have a hierarchy or paramilitary structure while others are very fluid. . The El Paso area has intelligence showing that many of these gangs will work together on a deal by deal basis. Financial reward benefiting the gangs has been the catalyst when it comes to gangs crossing racial and ethnic lines. Folk Nation is the largest and most active African American Gang in the El Paso Region with 304 members, bloods have 294 members, and Crips have 269 members. Sureños are the most active Hispanic street gang with 636 members. Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's) and Transnational Criminal Organizations are active in the El Paso Region, identified as operating are the Sinaloa Cartel, Vicente Carrillo Fuentes-La Linea and pockets of Los Zetas. These organizations affiliate with local criminal gangs in virtually every type of criminal activity. They are involved in human trafficking, drug trafficking, extortion, home invasion, metal and heavy equipment theft, major fraud, money laundering, bulk cash smuggling, kidnapping and murder for hire. The El Paso Police Department seeks Justice Assistance Grant funding for the purpose of continued support for a multi-agency anti-gang project that is designed to enable the participating law enforcement agencies to more efficiently and effectively cooperate and collaborate on intelligence , investigatory, and operational activities related to combating gangs and other criminal organizations operating in or affecting the region. . The El Paso TAG will be centrally located in an existing building, occupying no more than 24,000 square feet of space, equipped with advanced technology. By co-locating the participating agencies it will ensure agencies have access to information in a timely manner, create force multipliers, and concentrates operations. This allows the focus to be split by the participating law enforcement agencies, among multiple priorities on a routing basis, while permitting flexible surge in focus during moments of crisis or operational need. The TAG will enable the participating law enforcement agencies to more efficiently and effectively cooperate and collaborate on intelligence, investigations, and operational activities related to combating gangs and other criminal organizations operating in or affecting the region. Law enforcement agencies that currently show interest in co-locating to the El Paso TAG are: Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Drug Enforcement Administration, Texas Department of Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigation, El Paso District Attorney's Office, El Paso Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons via Safe Streets Task Force. United States Marshal's Service through a current inter-local agreement in which a Deputy US Marshal is imbedded with the El Paso Police Departments Gang Unit. The El Paso ISD Police will also participate in the TAG Center through their involvement in the Safe Streets Task Force. Other possible participants in the TAG center are Horizon Police Department, Socorro Police Department, Anthony Police Department, and the El Paso County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission. Contributing agencies could also be the El Paso County Attorney's Office. With the large number of military in the El Paso Region, a working relationship with US Army CID would also be a benefit to the TAG Center. Over the last two years, the combined efforts of the two largest law enforcement agencies have resulted in 4955 Gang Members arrested for offenses in the El Paso Region. These offenses include but are not limited to murder, drug offenses, weapons charges, burglaries, sexual assaults, aggravated robbery. Barrio Azteca gang members were responsible for 588 of these arrests, Sureness 348, Folk 290, Bloods 244, Chuco Tango 158, and Crips with 156. The El Paso Gang Unit handled 630 gang related cases with 232 arrests over the same two year period. Texas Department of Public Safety's Gang unit had 208 arrests over a two year period of gang members. By supporting the creation of the El Paso TAG Center, the criminal justice division will be assisting the El Paso Region by reducing the violence and crime associated with gangs and criminal organizations.

Problem Statement :

The El Paso metropolitan's location makes it a key location for gangs, transnational organizations and drug trafficking organizations due to its proximity to the border with Mexico to the south and the state of New Mexico to the north. In order to combat these threats, area law

enforcement and its anti-gang strategies must be up to date with the latest and most effective tools to effectively succeed against these criminal organizations to include intelligence gathering and tactical measures in the field. In order to focus the efforts of the various law enforcement agencies working gangs is to co-locate these agencies to combine in a unified effort using all of their resources to combat the gangs operating in the El Paso Region. The gangs in the region use the proximity of the border, the numerous ports of entry, railways, large interstate highway system and bordering states to their advantage in the furtherance of their criminal organizations. The El Paso Region feels the impact of the gang's activities in the trafficking of drugs, contraband, weapons, and humans. This type of criminal activity could pose a serious threat to the community. In the El Paso area, drug stash houses are very predominant as shipments of drugs are transported from across the border, immediately to a stash house in the El Paso area before being packaged and distributed in the immediate area and across the country. This kind of activity is also prevalent in the area of human smuggling. There has been an increase over the last several months of local drug dealers being "ripped off" for their contraband with the level of violence increasing in these "rip offs". Just as drugs and humans are being smuggled into the country, currency, stolen property, weapons are being smuggled back south bound into Mexico internationally to the cartels. El Paso area gangs are also take part in murder, kidnapping, money laundering, fraud, organized retail thefts, home invasions, robberies, burglaries, prostitution of adults and minors and illegal gambling operations, and drug dealing. Transnational criminal organization have begun to work hand in hand with local gangs using better intelligence, stronger organizational practices and advanced technology in the pursuit of furthering the profits of their organizations.

Supporting Data :

The 2015 Threat Domain Assessment produced by the El Paso Police Department's Fusion Center finds that there are three operating DTO's in the El Paso Region, Sinaloa Cartel, VCF-La Linea, and Los Zetas. There are five prison gangs, Barrio Azteca, Chuco Tango, Mexican Mafia, Tango Blast and Texas Syndicate. The ten most active street gangs identified are Folk Nation, Sureños, Crips, Varrio Northeast, 19th Street, MS-13, Bloods, Barrio San Juan, Hated by Many and Varrio Glenwood Street. According to the assessment, the top five overall threats in the El Paso region are. Barrio Azteca, Bandidos, Sinaloa Cartel, VCF=La Linea, Folk Nation and Sureños. The El Paso Police Department's gang data base has 322 documented gangs with 6190 gang members. El Paso's largest gang would be the Barrio Azteca with 882 documented gang members. Texas Department of Public Safety's Gang Threat Assessment shows that prison gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs, and street gangs are all present and operating in the El Paso region. This same gang threat assessment has Barrio Azteca, Bandidos, Bloods, Crips, and Sureños classified as Tier II groups.

Project Approach & Activities:

The goal of the El Paso TAG project is to coordinate law enforcement activity targeted at gangs and other criminal organizations operating in or affecting the region. This would be done by co-locating representatives from key federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in a single, dedicated facility known as the Texas Anti- Gang Center. By housing all of these agencies in a single building equipped with advanced technology, the TAG center would enable the co-locating law enforcement agencies to more effectively and efficiently cooperate, coordinate, and collaborate on investigative and intelligence efforts. These collaborative efforts would result in reducing gang violence and crime in the El Paso Region.

Capacity & Capabilities:

Currently, there is discussion to house several Federal, State and local law enforcement in the new El Paso TAG Center. Operations will be driven by a board of directors comprised of executives from the law enforcement agencies comprising the TAG, and overseen by an on site executive director and assistant director, appointed by the board. The El Paso TAG will be centrally located in an existing building, occupying no more than 24,000 square feet of space, equipped with advanced technology. By co-locating the participating agencies it will ensure agencies have access to information in a timely manner, create force multipliers, and concentrates operations. This allows the focus to be split by the participating law enforcement agencies, among multiple priorities on a routing basis, while permitting flexible surge in focus during moments of crisis or operational need. The TAG will enable the participating law enforcement agencies to more efficiently and effectively cooperate and collaborate on intelligence, investigations, and operational activities related to combating gangs and other criminal organizations operating in or affecting the region. Law enforcement agencies that currently show interest in co-locating to the El Paso TAG are: Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Drug Enforcement Administration, Texas Department of Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigation, El Paso District Attorney's Office, El Paso Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons via Safe Streets Task Force. United States Marshal's Service through a current inter-local agreement in which a Deputy US Marshal is imbedded with the El Paso Police Departments Gang Unit. The El Paso ISD Police will also participate in the TAG Center through their involvement in the Safe Streets Task Force. Other possible participants in the TAG center are Horizon Police Department, Socorro Police Department, Anthony Police Department, and the El Paso County Sheriffs Department and the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission. Contributing agencies could also be the El Paso County Attorney's Office. With the large number of military in the El Paso Region, a working relationship with US Army CID would also be a benefit to the TAG Center. The El Paso Police Department will be the fiscal agent for the El Paso Tag. The El Paso Police Department Grants Unit successfully manages millions in federal and state grant funds, and will manage this grant as well ensuring that the highest standard of fiscal controls and that all grant expenditures are appropriately billed. All Financial Status Reports are the sole responsibility of a group of specifically trained grant auditors. The City of El Paso Purchasing Office operates autonomously to ensure that grant funded purchases comply with all applicable laws and guidelines. The El Paso Police Department reviews all project processes to ensure full compliance with local, state and federal regulations.

Performance Management :

Goal: It is the goal of the El Paso TAG Center to centrally co-locate gang officers from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to gather intelligence, analyze the intelligence and in turn disseminate the information to area law enforcement. The intelligence gathered by the participating agencies in the El Paso TAG Center would then take that intelligence and use it to tactically disrupt the on-going criminal activities of the gangs operating in the El Paso Region. Objective: to reduce and or eliminate criminal gang activity and violence associated with gangs in the El Paso region. Measures: The following data will be collected and reported quarterly as bell weather output measure of success: 1 Number of gang members arrested for felony offenses 2. Number of gangs targeted 3. Number of weapons seized 4. Number of gang members arrested for misdemeanor offenses. 5. Number of TAG participating agencies, in addition the following outcome measure will be reported quarterly: 1. Number of gang member convictions 2. The dollar value of cash forfeitures, (actual not donated-see note below) as clarified by the OOG, CJD-Because this grant does not fund any field enforcement agents, forfeitures (seized assets) are not considered Program Income hence do not fall under the PI requirements as set forth in this grant application.

Data Management:

The El Paso TAG Center will follow the models of other TAG Centers in developing protocol for collecting and disseminating relevant data and statistics. The TAG Executive Director will be charged with developing specific templates that will be used by each participating agency to report their respective quarterly performance data. From this, quarterly performance data, that is required by CJD it will be vetted and submitted to the El Paso Police Department Grants Unit who in turn will report the required quarterly reports to TAMU, PPRI. The TAG Executive Director will retain all operational data generated by the TAG.

Target Group :

Residents of El Paso and surrounding region

Evidence-Based Practices:

The El Paso TAG Center would operate on intelligence driven investigative strategies. This methodology is geared by Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment. A good example of this investigative technique is the Barrio Azteca RICO investigations. The El Paso Police Department, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Texas Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security Investigations, Customs and Border Protection, Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission have all combined in the region over the several successful RICO investigations to combine their manpower and resources to gather and analyze intelligence information on this organization and developed strategies to successfully disrupt the organizations activities. The most recent RICO resulted in 19 federal arrests, 26 State arrests, 21 Federal Indictments and 29 State Indictments of Barrio Azteca Gang Members. In addition over \$60,000 was seized, 9 weapons were recovered and over a pound of meth and a kilo of heroin were taken off the streets during the two year investigation. These investigative techniques are also being used by the above named agencies in daily operations targeting FOLK Nation, Blood Nation and Sureno's operating within the El Paso County Region. The agencies participating in the El Paso TAG Center have successfully worked together on OCDEFT cases involving the above criminal organizations. The Folk OCDEFT targeted multiple members and affiliates of the Folk Nation gang who's members were distributing cocaine and crack cocaine in the El Paso metropolitan area. The cocaine was supplied through their contacts with the Barrio Aztecas which is aligned with the Vicente Carrillo Fuentes Drug Trafficking Organization. The undercover investigations into this organization resulted in purchases of crack, cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin and pharmaceutical drugs resulting in the arrests of 38 subjects. 4 Members of the VCF DTO were indicted for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. As a result of this arrest warrants were obtained on 3 additional subjects on federal complaints, two state arrest warrants for street level dealers and three federal search warrants were obtained. Law enforcement officials representing ten federal and state agencies executed these warrants throughout El Paso, Texas, Anthony, New Mexico with twelve subjects being arrested. This strategy will continue as the methodology or investigative technique based on the threat level and as seen by threat assessments published by Texas Department of Public Safety and the El Paso Police Department as well as the National Gang Threat Assessment published by the National Gang Intelligence Center. The gangs targeted will be the ones responsible for the significant amount of criminal activity within El Paso County.

Project Activities Information**Progress Reporting Requirements**

All programs will be required to report the output and outcome measures for this program to Texas A&M University, Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI).

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Gangs - Multijurisdictional	100.00	Provide inter-agency cooperation under a unified structure to combat gang violence through gang prevention, intervention and suppression activities.

Measures Information**Objective Output Measures**

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of gang members arrested for felony offenses.	200
Number of gangs targeted.	10
Number of weapons seized.	50
Number of gang members arrested for misdemeanor offenses.	250
Number of participating agencies.	10

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of convictions.	30
Dollar value of cash forfeitures donated to the project.	0

Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Section 1: 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 CJD 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 CJD 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 CJD.

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.

Section 2: Contract Compliance

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

☒ 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.

All contracts for services will be generated through the City of El Paso purchasing department and will comply with all federal and state purchasing requirements. The primary project compliance manager will be the El Paso Police Department grants unit. The Police department grants unit shall oversee approval of all payments for service and City of El Paso purchasing department shall execute payments in accordance with existing procedures.

Section 3: 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?

☐ 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

Section 4: 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]:

9/1/2016

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

8/31/2017

Section 5: 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 (\$) of Federal Grant Funds:

61805796

Enter the amount (\$) of State Grant Funds:

67061548

Section 6: Single Audit

Select the appropriate response below based on the Fiscal Year Begin Date as entered above.

For Fiscal Years Beginning Before December 26, 2014

Applicants who expend less than \$500,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$500,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a CJD grant. However, CJD may require a limited scope audit as defined in OMB Circular A-133.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$500,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$500,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

OR

For Fiscal Years Beginning On or After December 26, 2014

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 CJD grant. However, CJD may require a limited scope audit as defined in 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?

☒ 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 Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular A-133; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit [mm/dd/yyyy]:

8/31/2014

Section 7: Equal Employment Opportunity Plan

Type I Entity

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

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

Requirements for a Type I Entity

- The applicant is exempt from the EEOP requirements required to prepare an EEOP because it is a Type I Entity as defined above, pursuant to 28 CFR 42.302;
- the applicant must complete Section A of the [Certification Form](#) and send it to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to claim the exemption from developing an EEOP; and
- the applicant will comply with applicable federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in employment and in the delivery of services.

Type II Entity

Defined as an applicant that meets the following criteria:

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

Requirements for a Type II Entity - Federal law requires a Type II Entity to formulate an EEOP and keep it on file.

- The applicant agency is required to formulate an EEOP in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301, et seq., 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 CJD, CJD'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; and
- the EEOP is required to be on file in the office of (enter the name and address where the EEOP is filed below):

Enter the name of the person responsible for the EEOP and the address of the office where the EEOP is filed:

Type III Entity

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

Requirements for a Type III Entity - Federal law requires a Type III Entity to formulate an EEOP and submit it for approval to the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

- 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.

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

Section 8: 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.

Homeland Security Information**Fiscal Capability Information****Section 1: Organizational Information**

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	CJD	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Administrative and/or Assistant Director	Deputy Administrator, Assist Tag Center Administrator with day to day coordination of the TAG center \$65000.00 + \$14,476.00 (22.27% Fringe benefits) = \$79,476.00 X 2 yrs = \$158,952.00	\$158,952.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$158,952.00	100
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Cellular, Fax, Pager, and/or Office Telephone	Telephone system, fax, network equipment	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Costs for Space (lease or rental)	Office space \$17/sq X 21,000 X 2yrs=714,000.00 (rent, maintenance , repair, utilities) FBI secure room, equipment, building set up, etc. \$ 250,000.00	\$964,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$964,000.00	0
Equipment	Equipment	office Equipment Copiers, shredder, computers, scanners, monitors, printers, etc	\$23,590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,590.00	7
Personnel	Executive Director	Tag Administrator, Administrate day to day operations for the TAG center \$106,723+ % 23,767.21 (22.27% fringe benefits)= \$130490.21 annual for 2 years = \$260,980.00	\$260,980.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$260,980.00	100
Contractual and Professional Services	Installation of grant purchased equipment and technology	IT Data service /system set up \$100,000.00 Building setup/cabling, equipment \$180,000.00 Data Service/building set up \$50,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$330,000.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Office Supplies (e.g., paper, postage, calculator)	Trash cans and liners, copy paper, refrigerator, erase boards, cork boards, center decals, paper towels, surge protectors, batteries, desk	\$12,967.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,967.00	0

		supplies, dry erase markers, etc						
Equipment	Workstation	141 work areas (work stations, offices, storage, work rooms, conference rooms, break room, seating room)	\$159,511.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159,511.00	141

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	CJD	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Contractual and Professional Services	\$330,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$330,000.00
Equipment	\$183,101.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183,101.00
Personnel	\$419,932.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$419,932.00
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$1,066,967.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,066,967.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

CJD	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

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