

## RESOLUTION 2025-02

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners' Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Panola County that the Violence Against Women - Prosecution Project be operated for the 2025-2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners' Court agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Office of the Governor grant application; and


**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners' Court agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, Panola County assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

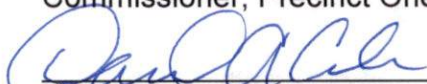
**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners' Court designates the County Judge of Panola County, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commissioners' Court approves submission of the grant application for the Violence Against Women - Prosecution Project to the Office of the Governor.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 in Open Court.

Grant Application Number: 5462401

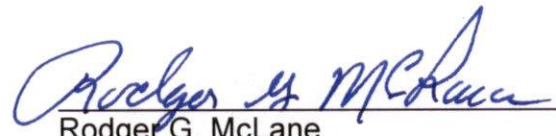
  
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Commissioner, Precinct One

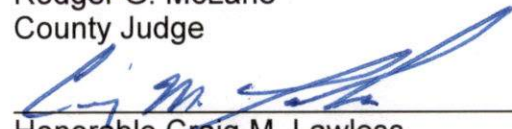
  
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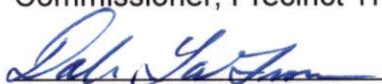
ATTEST:

  
Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

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Rodger G. McLane  
County Judge

  
Honorable Craig M. Lawless  
Commissioner, Precinct Three

  
Honorable Dale LaGrone  
Commissioner, Precinct Four

**Agency Name:** Panola County

**Grant/App:** 5462401 **Start Date:** 9/1/2025 **End Date:** 8/31/2026

**Project Title:** Violence Against Women - Prosecution Project

**Status:** Pending OOG Review

**Eligibility Information**

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

17560011060000

**Application Eligibility Certify:**

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**Profile Information**

**Applicant Agency Name:** Panola County

**Project Title:** Violence Against Women - Prosecution Project

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**Start Date:** 9/1/2025

**End Date:** 8/31/2026

**Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area:** East Texas Council of Governments

**Headquarter County:** Panola

**Counties within Project's Impact Area:** Panola

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**Position:** County Judge

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**Salutation:** --- Select One ---  
**Position:** District Attorney

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**Salutation:** --- Select One ---  
**Position:** Investigator

**Grant Vendor Information**

**Organization Type:** County  
**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):** 17560011060000  
**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** DLESA213MET8

**Narrative Information**

**Introduction**

The purpose of this funding is to solicit applications for projects that promote a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach to improve the justice system's response to violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

**Culturally Specific and Underserved Populations**

Does your program have a primary focus on serving a culturally specific population? (The organization must do more than merely provide services to an underserved population as defined by 34 USC § 12291 (a)(46) or culturally specific group; rather, the organization's primary focus must be on providing culturally competent services as defined by 34 USC § 12291(a)(9) designed to meet the specific needs of the target population in order to justify a YES response in the section below.)

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Eligibility Requirements**

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:

**Grant Eligibility Regarding Compelling Victim Testimony:**

In accordance with 34 USC § 10454, in order for a prosecutor's office to be eligible to receive grant funds under this subchapter, the head of the office shall certify to the State receiving the grant funding that the office will, during the 3-year period beginning on the date on which the grant is awarded, engage in planning, developing and implementing—

- (1) training developed by experts in the field regarding victim-centered approaches in domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases;
- (2) policies that support a victim-centered approach, informed by such training; and
- (3) a protocol outlining alternative practices and procedures for material witness petitions and bench warrants, consistent with best practices, that shall be exhausted before employing material witness petitions and bench warrants to obtain victim-witness testimony in the investigation, prosecution, and trial of a crime related to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking of the victim in order to prevent further victimization and trauma to the victim.

**Constitutional Compliance**

Applicant assures that it will not engage in any activity that violates Constitutional law including profiling based upon race.

**Forensic Medical Examination Payments**

Health care facilities shall conduct a forensic medical examination of a victim of an alleged sexual assault if the victim arrived at the facility within 120 hours after the assault occurred and the victim consents to the examination. The victim is not required to participate in the investigation or prosecution of an offense as a condition of receiving a forensic medical examination, nor pay for the forensic examination or the evidence collection kit. Crime Victim Compensation funds may be used to pay for the medical portion of the exam unless the victim of sexual assault is required to seek reimbursement for the examination from their insurance carrier. If a health care facility does not provide diagnosis or treatment services for sexual assault victims, the facility is required to refer the victim to a facility that provides those services.

**Confidentiality and Privacy**

Applicant agrees to maintain the confidentiality of client-counselor information and research data, as required by state and federal law. Personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied may not be disclosed; or, reveal individual client information without informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person about whom information is sought. If release of information is compelled by statutory or court mandate, reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information will be made and steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of information will be taken.

**Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery**

Applicant agrees to not engage in activities that jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions.

**Polygraph Testing Prohibition**

A peace officer or attorney representing the state may not require an adult or child victim of an alleged sex offense to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an offense. In addition, the refusal of a victim to submit to a polygraph or other truth telling examination will not prevent the investigation, charging, or prosecution of an alleged sex offense or on the basis of the results of a polygraph examination.

**Protection Orders**

Victims applying for a protective order or their attorney may not bear the costs associated with the filing of an order of protections.

**Offender Firearm Prohibition**

The applicant certifies that its judicial administrative policies and practices include notification to domestic violence offenders of the requirements delineated in section 18 USC § 992(g)(8) and (g)(9).

**Criminal Charges**

In connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, the victim may not bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against a domestic violence offender, issuance or service of a warrant, or witness subpoena.

**Cybersecurity Training Requirement**

Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section



112.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Government](#). A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the [Texas Department of Information Resources Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) page.

### **Criminal History Reporting**

Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66*. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

Counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90% of convictions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety.

### **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)**

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.

### **Entities That Collect Sexual Assault/Sex Offense Evidence or Investigate/Prosecute Sexual Assault or Other Sex Offenses**

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 420.034, any facility or entity that collects evidence for sexual assault or other sex offenses or investigates or prosecutes a sexual assault or other sex offense for which evidence has been collected, must participate in the statewide electronic tracking system developed and implemented by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Visit [DPS's Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program website](#) for more information or to set up an account to begin participating. Additionally, per Section 420.042 "A law enforcement agency that receives evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense...shall submit that evidence to a public accredited crime laboratory for analysis no later than the 30th day after the date on which that evidence was received." A law enforcement agency in possession of a significant number of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) where the 30-day window has passed may be considered noncompliant.

### **Immigration Legal Services**

PSO prioritizes funding of projects that provide a full spectrum of counseling, crisis services, and other direct victim services. PSO will not fund projects that focus primarily on immigration legal services and do not provide a significant level of other types of victim services.

### **Legal Representation in Divorce and Custody Cases**

PSO limits eligibility for legal representation in divorce and custody cases to circumstances where the survivor has been directly victimized by intimate partner violence (IPV) within the last six (6) months. This may include physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, and psychological aggression (including coercive tactics) by a current or former intimate partner against the survivor or survivor's kin sharing the residence. Additionally, legal services in divorce and custody cases funded under this award are limited to emergency order assistance, safety planning, client representation in divorce or guardianship proceedings, and other family law matters directly resulting from the victimization. Through acceptance of this award, grantee agrees that reimbursement for divorce and custody-related legal services will be limited to circumstances listed above.

### **Community Efforts**

Applicant agrees to promote community efforts to aid crime victims. Applicants should promote, within the community, coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims. Coordination efforts qualify an organization to receive these funds, but are not activities that can be supported with these funds.

### **No Charge**

Applicant agrees to provide grant-funded services at no charge to victims of crime. Applicants are also prohibited from billing Crime Victims Compensation, private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare for services



premiered from billing crime victims compensation, private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare for services provided using VAWA funds.

### **Discrimination**

Applicant agrees not to discriminate against victims because they disagree with the State's prosecution of the criminal case.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO Plan)**

If awarded, applicant agrees to comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP) requirements per 28 C.F.R. § 42 Subpart E. Agencies may use the [EEO Utilization Report Builder](#) to assist with preparing Verification Forms and, if required, Utilization Reports.

### **Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures**

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

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to PSO and is active until August 31, 2026 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

**Non-profit Organizations:** Each non-profit 501(c)(3) organization must certify that it does not have, and will continue not to have any policy, procedure, or agreement (written or unwritten) that in any way encourages, induces, entices, or aids any violations of immigration laws. Additionally, the organization certifies that it does not have in effect, purport to have in effect, and is not subject to or bound by any rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) encourage the concealment, harboring, or shielding from detection of fugitives from justice or aliens who illegally came to, entered, or remained in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, the organization certifies that it will not adopt, enforce, or endorse a policy which prohibits or materially limits the enforcement of immigration laws, and will not, as demonstrated by pattern or practice, prohibit or materially limit the enforcement of immigration laws.

Each non-profit organization must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/NGO Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements.

### **Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Certification**

The applicant certifies that it meets the following federal statutory requirements in regards to the provision of legal advocacy:

- (1) any person providing legal assistance through a program funded under this section—
  - (A)(i) is a licensed attorney or is working under the direct supervision of a licensed attorney;
  - (ii) in immigration proceedings, is a Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representative;
  - (iii) in Veterans' Administration claims, is an accredited representative; or
  - (iv) is any person who functions as an attorney or lay advocate in Tribal court; and
- (B)(i) has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the targeted population; or
- (ii)(I) is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in clause (i); and
- (II) has completed, or will complete, training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and related legal issues, including training on evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide;
- (2) any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a tribal, State, territorial, local, or culturally specific domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, State, territorial, and local law enforcement officials;
- (3) any person or organization providing legal assistance through a program funded under subsection (c) has informed and will continue to inform State, local, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or sexual assault programs and coalitions, as well as appropriate State and local law enforcement officials of their work; and
- (4) the grantee's organizational policies do not require mediation or counseling involving offenders and victims physically together, in cases where sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or child sexual abuse is an issue.

Does the applicant meet the criteria outlined above?

☒ Yes

☐ No

### **Prosecutor Certification**

In order for a prosecutor's office to be eligible to receive grant funds under this subchapter, the head of the office shall certify, to the State, Indian Tribal government, or territorial government receiving the grant funding, that the office will, during the 3-year period beginning on the date on which the grant is awarded, engage in planning, developing and implementing—

- (1) training developed by experts in the field regarding victim-centered approaches in domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases;
- (2) policies that support a victim-centered approach, informed by such training; and
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Does the applicant certify to the requirements outlined above?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A-This grant will not be administered by a Prosecutor's Office

### **Civil Rights Liaison**

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

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Larry Fields

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

108 South Sycamore Carthage, Texas 75633

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

(903)693-0310

### **Overall Certification**



Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the PSO Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

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

### **Project Abstract :**

The Panola County Family Violence Intervention Program ("Program") provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or age. Our Criminal District Attorney and lead prosecutor understands the impact of family violence as a past board member of the Rusk- Panola County Children's Advocacy Center, he has seen firsthand how family violence impacts women and children. He has been a licensed attorney for thirty eight years, a Constable, Texas Municipal Court Judge, and Justice of the Peace. He has witnessed violence against women as a peace officer judge and attorney. This law enforcement and legal background has provided the prosecutor with exposure to a wide range of beliefs, cultures, religions, and ethnic backgrounds. He owned and operated an oilfield construction business. He handled large projects and was responsible for all aspects of each project including environmental, safety, and supervision of many people of different ethnic backgrounds. The Criminal District Attorney is being assisted in this project by the First Assistant Criminal District Attorney. The First Assistant District Attorney currently works for the Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office prosecuting both felony and misdemeanor cases. Prior to coming to work for Panola County, the First Assistant worked for two rural counties handling case prosecutions ranging from traffic citations to murder, for a span of eighteen years. The Assistant's prior case experience has provided Him with exposure to a wide range of beliefs and backgrounds from defendants, witnesses, jurors and government staff. In addition to the experience representing the State, the Prosecutor oversaw a misdemeanor caseload as a County Court at Law Judge for two years, as well as having a sole-practitioner private practice for two years. The former experience created insights into how prosecutions are viewed from the bench, not merely through dockets and pretrial hearings, but also by presiding over ten jury trials. The latter provided the opportunity to work with defendants accused of family violence, specifically regarding the Defense viewpoint and family dynamics which exist during the prosecution. Further, he was actively involved with a Children's Advocacy Center, having participated not only in witness interviews over the years, but also having served on the Board of Directors, including that as President for several terms. These opportunities provided live observation and interaction with children and investigators at the outset of many Family Violence prosecutions, but also provided intimate knowledge of how a non-profit organization operates, and specifically, one that assists victims and cooperates with Law Enforcement on a daily basis. The First Assistant personally reaches out to victims, both for trial preparation and personal desires regarding the outcome of each case. Our top prosecutors bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in an effort to prosecute family violence and violence against women.

### **Problem Statement :**

The overwhelming majority of victims of domestic violence such as dating violence, stalking, harassment and sexual assault are women. These victims suffer physically, emotionally, socially, and economically. Social and economic pressures, often if not always, complicate the issues at hand. An additional complicated factor is the rural nature of Panola County. These pressures include things like family influence, child rearing responsibilities, and the male often being the sole or major source of income. Violence against women often results in serious injury due to the undeniable difference in physical characteristics between men and women. This is particularly true in cases involving strangulation. The Family Violence Prosecutor works to develop and maintain thorough protocols across the board to achieve successful prosecution in such cases. A significant rate of turnover in law enforcement personnel calls for the need for continuing training on how to work the cases. Officers must know how to properly collect specific evidence, record injuries, and guide these victims toward available assistance, starting at the scene of the crime. Without such training, law enforcement simply takes the call, makes an arrest, and writes a report. This method is insufficient. Our program strives to educate officers in proper evidence-based investigation at the scene to promote more successful case outcomes. Injuries must be documented, statements must be properly recorded, evidence must be photographed and collected, safety plans need to be in place, and recorded 911 calls must be flagged for later use at trial. Complete investigation of the crime, including gathering the names and contact information for each and every witness, must take place at the scene. Even dispatchers must be trained to obtain as much witness information as possible from third-party 911 callers so the witness may be contacted if needed for trial. This is vital to prosecution, especially when a victim, often under the influence of her abuser, later recants or is reluctant to proceed. In addition, children are often present during assaults and are victimized by witnessing abuse in the home. Occasionally, children are injured if they are being held by the victim when an assault takes place, or when trying to protect the victim from the abuser. The cycle of



abuse continues through multiple generations within families and must be disrupted to bring about change. The criminal justice system must respond quickly and appropriately to promote safety and endeavor to break the cycle of abuse

### **Supporting Data :**

The Panola County Community Plan identified the need for better victim services and county-wide coordination of existing services. Seventy seven Family violence assaults were reported to the National Incident Based Reporting System for last year (2024) in Panola County. Thirty cases were reported that involved sexual assault and fourteen reported cases for stalking and harassment. We have a backlog of cases currently in our office. These cases are difficult to prosecute based on circumstances currently beyond our control. We see violent crimes against women in our rural county who are hindered by isolation, poverty and/or lack of transportation. Women often must decide on their future with an abusive partner based on these factors. Our ability to obtain a conviction in these cases is based on an investigation that is often lacking in substance due to the complaining witness not wanting to prosecute. Statistics show that witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor for the transmission of violent behavior from one generation to the next. The Panola County Family Violence Prosecutor would work closely with Churches, Mission Carthage and other sources to refer victims of domestic violence, who might not otherwise report the crime, to seek assistance through the District Attorney's Office. Through this project we would be able to assist these women and their children with safety planning, referrals to shelter or alternative housing, and other services that meet their need for safety and protection. We offer this assistance to victims of domestic violence, regardless of whether or not they choose to report to law enforcement. Once these victims become informed about their rights and have their immediate safety needs met, we can guide them through the criminal justice process.

### **Project Approach & Activities:**

The Panola County Criminal District Attorney's Office investigates and prosecutes all crimes in Panola County, Texas. We provide assistance for women, the disabled, children and elderly victims of crime. The Family Violence Intervention Program would provide a specialized, trained prosecutor to handle all cases of violence against women and to assist victims in securing legal and physical protection by advising on how to procure Protective Orders against domestic violence offenders and developing appropriate safety plans. If a victim does not qualify for a protective order, the prosecutor can request that conditions be placed on a defendant's bond to ensure the victim's safety. Our goals include training and assisting local law enforcement personnel on the proper protocols and procedures for evidence-based investigation of cases involving violence against women, as well as improving on the enforcement of protective orders. The Family Violence Prosecutor will work to educate the courts and community supervision departments on the importance of appropriate punishment and sanctions in domestic violence cases to keep victims safe and reduce recidivism rates. We will work to enable women victims of violence to feel safe, secure restitution, seek appropriate counseling, find shelter, or assistance with relocation. We will communicate with these victims and educate them about the legal process. It is very common for victims of domestic violence to recant or refuse to cooperate with the prosecution of their cases, whether out of fear of retaliation or simply the unknown. Our approach is to listen to and respect each victim's point of view, but to provide them with information and education on the dynamics of domestic violence and involve them in the disposition process by providing them with alternatives to outright dismissal of the case. Once these victims understand that the perpetrator can still be held accountable, or in many cases receive appropriate counseling through Batterers' Intervention Prevention Programs, some victims remain cooperative, if even reluctantly, and the cases have a positive outcome. Because there are indeed cases where the safer option is to dismiss a case, the Family Violence Prosecutor and Victim Assistance Coordinator communicate to the victim the importance of seeking help when needed and protecting herself and her family, making the County's Program available to assist victims even in the event of a case dismissal.

### **Capacity & Capabilities:**

The Panola County District Attorney's Office has only two prosecutors: the elected Criminal District Attorney and the Felony First Assistant Criminal District Attorney. Due to the large number of family violence, dating violence, and stalking/harassment cases in this small county, the grant-funded Family Violence Prosecutor would handle all misdemeanor and felony cases pertaining to violence against women and family members. Additionally, the prosecutor must have a close working relationship with the current Victim Assistance Coordinator. The First Assistant Criminal District Attorney has over 20 years as a prosecutor in neighboring counties. Said prosecution included assault family violence prosecution as well as any kind of case from a traffic ticket to a murder. The Prosecutor has also received training from the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. The Prosecutor dedicated to this project would work closely with our elected Criminal District Attorney, our First Assistant District Attorney, all law enforcement and other county agencies, as well as agencies and non-profit organizations in the surrounding counties to make sure that each victim receives the services they need or desire. Our office has a



Victim Assistance Coordinator to assist all of the prosecutors with victims of violent crimes and to ensure that our office is in full compliance with the requirements of Crime Victims' Rights as set out in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. The Family Violence Prosecutor continues to personally contact each victim regarding their case to ensure that their safety needs and other concerns are being addressed appropriately.

### **Performance Management :**

This project would provide a specialized prosecutor who is dedicated to the prosecution of all cases involving violence against women, from intake to disposition. The Family Violence Prosecutor also assists victims in securing proper legal and physical protection by procuring Protective Orders against domestic violence offenders. Our goals include assisting all county law enforcement officers in the proper evidence-based investigation and documentation of domestic violence cases, and to improve the enforcement of protective orders. We strive to keep each victim safe with protective orders, bond conditions, referrals to shelters or counseling, awareness and safety planning, as well as procure appropriate punishments and sanctions for the offenders. The intent, beyond the safety and restoration of victims, is to assure that all viable cases are filed and prosecuted. After disposing of the initial backlog of cases at the inception of this project, we will be able to reach and maintain a level that is on track with the goals for the project.

### **Target Group :**

All victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, predominantly females, over 14 years of age and ethnic backgrounds. Approximately 74% of our victims are White, 16% are African American, and 9% are Hispanic. These statistics mirror the county demographics, and that trend continues. For 2022 about 5% were between the ages of 14-17 years, 38% were between the ages of 18-34, 37% were between the ages of 35-64 and only 19% were over 65 years of age. Panola County is rural and many of our victims are isolated, lack transportation, and are disadvantaged by poverty and lack of education

### **Evidence-Based Practices:**

The Panola County Family Violence Prosecutor is currently our first assistant criminal district attorney he is the prosecutor in the misdemeanor and felony courts. We are modeling our program after similar programs in Upshure, Gregg, Harris and Dallas Counties. The program's emphasis is on early contact with the victim to determine extent of injuries, whether or not medical needs have been met, discuss the need for a protective order or bond conditions, the amount of any relevant restitution, and the victim's feelings on punishment/case disposition. The decision as to whether a case will be refused or dismissed is determined on a case-by-case basis. If a victim requests dismissal of their case, they are asked to meet with an advocate from the Women's Center of East Texas to receive information on the dynamics of domestic violence, the effects of violence on children in the home, safety planning, legal and shelter resources and counseling. They also meet with the D.A.'s Office Victim Assistance Coordinator to make sure they are aware of all their victim's rights under Chapter 56 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and receive assistance with protective order applications as well as Crime Victim Compensation forms where necessary. The victim then meets with the Family Violence Prosecutor to make sure she/he is not being threatened or coerced by the abuser or his/her family. They will also discuss any alternative case dispositions such as probation or deferred adjudication, which could include appropriate sanctions such as Batterers Intervention Prevention Programs and/or No Contact Conditions.

### **Project Activities Information**

#### **Introduction**

This section contains questions about your project. It is very important for applicants to review their funding announcement for guidance on how to fill out this section. Unless otherwise specified, answers should be about the EXPECTED activities to occur during the project period.



## Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program

In the space below, briefly explain how your project will address one or more of the state priority areas listed below:

### a) Law Enforcement

- Victim-Centered/Trauma-Informed Training
- Regional Sexual Assault Response Teams: Law Enforcement participation
- Specialized Investigators/Units
- Coordination between Law Enforcement and Victim Service Providers

### b) Prosecution

- Victim-Centered/Trauma-Informed Training
- Regional Sexual Assault Response Teams: Prosecution participation
- Specialized Prosecutors/Units

### c) Victim Services

- Trauma-Informed, Professional Mental Health Therapy and Counseling
- Address Rural Needs
- Transportation and Emergency Housing
- Implementation of Telehealth/Tele-Advocacy Technology
- Language access plans
- Victim-Centered/Trauma-Informed Training

### d) Courts

- Legal Advocacy (protective order assistance, legal rights & options, court accompaniment, etc.)
- Access to Court Hearings

Prosecution- Due to the large number of family violence, dating violence, and stalking/harassment cases in Panola County, the grant-funded Family Violence Prosecutor will handle all misdemeanor and felony cases pertaining to violence against women and family members, and handle all protective orders for domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The Prosecutor will work hand in hand and offices with the Victim Assistance Coordinator to for a Specialized Prosecutorial Unit dedicated solely to prosecuting cases involving Family Violence and Violence against women. The Family Violence Prosecutor will work with local law enforcement to develop a comprehensive "Domestic Violence Packet" to be used in conjunction with their regular offense reports. These packets include a detailed domestic violence form with diagrams; a strangulation supplement for use in cases where a perpetrator has impeded the normal breathing or circulation of the victim; a victim statement with questions in English and Spanish; lethality assessments; Notice to Victims of Domestic Violence in English and Spanish; and other information and brochures to be given to victims on scene. The Prosecutor will conduct periodic in-house training at local police agencies to stress the importance of evidence-based investigations to increase successful prosecution in cases where the victims may become uncooperative or unavailable. This project will strive to educate the courts and community supervision departments on the importance of appropriate punishment and sanctions in domestic violence cases to keep victims safe and reduce recidivism rates. We work to enable women victims of violence to feel safe, secure

### Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Prosecution	100.00	Intake of offense reports related to violence against women, which includes family violence, sexual assault and stalking. Confer with law enforcement officers who investigate the cases. Interview witnesses. Meet with victims, assist in obtaining protective orders (as needed) and prosecute cases in the appropriate courts. Prosecute any motions to revoke probation. Assist in training law enforcement in proper evidence-based investigation of crimes related to violence against women.

### CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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### Measures Information

#### Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of sexual assault, domestic violence and / or stalking cases filed.	100
Number of sexual assault, domestic violence, and / or stalking cases referred.	150

#### Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of cases resulting in conviction or deferred adjudication.	80
Number of charges dismissed or acquitted.	53

#### Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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#### Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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#### Resolution from Governing Body



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

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

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

### **Contract Compliance**

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

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

### **Lobbying**

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

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ N/A

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

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ N/A

### **Fiscal Year**

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

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

1/1/2025

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

12/31/2025

### **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:

1540576

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

198399

### Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$1,000,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$1,000,000 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 \$1,000,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$1,000,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

Select the appropriate response:

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

12/31/2023

### 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.

Select the appropriate response:

☒ I Certify

☐ Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

### FFATA Certification

#### Certification of Recipient Highly Compensated Officers

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

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

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



☒ Yes  
☐ No

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

Position 1 - Name:

Position 1 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 2 - Name:

Position 2 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 3 - Name:

Position 3 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 4 - Name:

Position 4 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

Position 5 - Name:

Position 5 - Total Compensation (\$):

0

### Victim Services Information

#### Agency Type

Implementing Agency Type - Government

Which designation best describes your agency

- Prosecutor

#### Purpose of Award

- Start up a new victim services project

#### Type of Crime Funding Distribution

Identify the percent of funding dedicated to each type of victimization. The percentages provided below should not include matching funds. Cumulative total for all types of victimization must equal 100%.

Type of Crime	Percent of Funds Dedicated to Crime Enter whole percentages only	Funds Dedicated to Crime Current Award x Percent Entered
Child Physical Abuse	0	\$0.00
Child Sexual Abuse	0	\$0.00
Domestic and Family Violence	95	\$42,750.00
Child Sexual Assault	0	\$0.00
Adult Sexual Assault	5	\$2,250.00
DUI/DWI Crashes	0	\$0.00

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Assault	0	\$0.00	
Adults Molested As Children	0	\$0.00	
Elder Abuse	0	\$0.00	
Robbery	0	\$0.00	
Survivors of Homicide	0	\$0.00	
Adult Human Trafficking	0	\$0.00	
Child Human Trafficking	0	\$0.00	
Other Violent Crimes	0	\$0.00	
Description:			
Other Non-Violent Crimes	0	\$0.00	
Description:			
SUM of %'s Sum of % MUST = 100%	100	SUM of Funds Sum of Funds MUST = OOG Current Budget	\$45,000.00

### Use of Funds

Does this project provide DIRECT SERVICES to victims:

☐ Yes  
☒ No

Information and Referral

Personal Advocacy/Accompaniment

Emotional Support or Safety Services

Shelter/Housing Services

Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance

Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims

All VOCA-funded direct service projects MUST assist victims with seeking crime victim compensation benefits. Please explain why your agency is not assisting victims with crime victim compensation benefits:

### Types of Victimizations

Check the types of victimization that best describe the victims the grant-funded project will serve. "Other" refers to a type that Is Not associated with any of the types provided in the list. Check all that apply:

Types of Victimizations

- Adult physical assault (includes aggravated and simple assault)



- Adult sexual assault
- Domestic and/or family violence
- Stalking/harassment
- Teen dating victimization
- Other

If Other is TRUE provide explanation:

Adult physical assault against women (includes aggravated and simple assault). Also terroristic threats against family members and violation of protective orders.

### **Budget and Staffing**

Answer the questions below based on your current fiscal year. Report the total budget available to the victim services program by source of funding. Do not report the entire agency budget, unless the entire budget is devoted to victim services program.

Annual funding amounts allocated to all victimization programs and/or services for the current fiscal year:

Identify by source the amount of funds allocated to the victimization program/services budget for your agency. DO NOT COUNT FUNDS IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY. OTHER FEDERAL includes all federal funding except the award amount for this grant.

OOG Current Budget:

\$45,000.00

Other State Funds:

\$0.00

Other Local Funds:

\$0.00

Other Federal Funds:

\$0.00

Other Non-Federal Funds:

\$0.00

Total Victimization Program Budget:

\$45,000.00

Total number of paid staff for all grantee victimization program and/or services:

COUNT each staff member once. Both full and part time staff should be counted as one staff member. DO NOT prorate based on FTE.

Total number of staff:

1

Number of staff hours funded through THIS grant award (plus match) for grantee's victimization programs and/or services:

Total COUNT of hours to work by all staff supporting the work of this award, including match.

Total number of hours:

1560

Number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this award (plus match) for grantee's victimization programs and/or services:

COUNT each volunteer staff once. DO NOT prorate based on FTE.

Total number of volunteer staff:

0

Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this award (plus match) for grantee's victimization programs:

Total COUNT of hours to work by all volunteers supporting the work of the award, including match

Total hours to work by all volunteers:

0

Explain how your organization uses volunteers to support its victimization programs or if your organization does not use volunteers explain any circumstances that prohibit the use of volunteers.

## **Fiscal Capability Information**

### **Section 1: Organizational Information**

\*\*\* FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS ONLY \*\*\*

Enter the following values in order to submit the application

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded: 0

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

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS: 0

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

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded:

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

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS:

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

### **Section 2: Accounting System**

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

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

Select the appropriate response:



☐ Yes  
☐ No

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

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes  
☐ No

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

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes  
☐ No

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

Enter your explanation:

### **Section 3: Financial Capability**

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

Has the grant agency undergone an independent audit?

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes  
☐ No

Does the organization prepare financial statements at least annually?

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes  
☐ No

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

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes  
☐ No

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

Enter your explanation:

### **Section 4: Budgetary Controls**

Grant agencies should establish a system to track expenditures against budget and / or funded amounts. Are there budgetary controls in effect (e.g., comparison of budget with actual expenditures on a monthly basis) to include drawing down grant funds in excess of:

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

☐ Yes  
☐ No

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

☐ Yes  
☐ No

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

Enter your explanation:

**Section 5: Internal Controls**

Grant agencies must safeguard cash receipts, disbursements, and ensure a segregation of duties exist. For example, one person should not have authorization to sign checks and make deposits.  
Are accounting entries supported by appropriate documentation (e.g., purchase orders, vouchers, receipts, invoices)?

Select the appropriate response:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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

Select the appropriate response:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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

Enter your explanation:

**Budget Details Information**  
**Budget Information by Budget Line Item:**

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Prosecutor	Dedicated prosecutor to work all cases involving violence against women, from intake to trial, including requests for protective orders and motions to revoke probation in related cases. The prosecutor will be hired at (\$85,000) plus benefits (\$17,850). We are only requesting \$45,000 though for this position from the OOG.	\$45,000.00	\$34,285.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,285.50	75

## Source of Match Information

### Detail Source of Match/GPI:

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
Panola County General Fund - 30%	Cash Match	\$34,285.50

### Summary Source of Match/GPI:

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$34,285.50	\$34,285.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

## Budget Summary Information

### Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Personnel	\$45,000.00	\$34,285.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,285.50

### Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$45,000.00	\$34,285.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,285.50

## Condition Of Fundings Information

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
System of Award Management (SAM): Registration with SAM is required by all OOG applicants. Applicants are required to maintain current registrations in the System for Award Management (SAM) database. The SAM database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. Applicants must update or renew their SAM registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at <a href="http://www.sam.gov/">http://www.sam.gov/</a> .	2/4/2025 7:30:23 AM	2/11/2025 1:41:50 PM	Yes	No



<p>Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures: Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible grantees/applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code. Each local unit of government and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency must download, complete and then return the <a href="#">2026 CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form</a> certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements.</p>	<p>3/3/2025 12:37:39 PM</p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Resolution: Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must submit a resolution electronically using the 'Upload' function in the eGrants system. The <a href="#">resolution</a> must contain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to OOG that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;</li> <li>• A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;</li> <li>• 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 OOG should the official change during the grant period.); and</li> <li>• A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to OOG.</li> </ul>	<p>3/3/2025 12:37:53 PM</p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>

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