



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administrator
Court Date: February 3, 2025
RE: Sheriff's Department
Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Application

BACKGROUND

In response to the July 7, 2016 shooting incident in Dallas, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 12, which created a grant program to increase the safety of Texas Law Enforcement officers by assisting agencies in the purchase of rifle-resistant body armor.

SUMMARY

Galveston County received 257 body-armor kits in FY 2018 and 2020. Those kits are scheduled to expire in 2025. With the turnover at the Sheriff's Office – the 2026 application will seek to fully cover new personnel. Funding limits for the grant program kept this application to fifteen (15) vests.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Grant Request	\$47,104.00
County Match	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$47,104.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court consider approval to submit the FY 2026 Rifle Resistant Body Armor grant application to the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office - Criminal Justice Division and authorize the County Judge to sign the supporting resolution.

ATTACHMENTS FOR WET SIGNATURE

- ☐ FY 2026 RRBA Program Supporting Resolution

Agency Name: Galveston County
Grant/App: 5018302 **Start Date:** 10/1/2025 **End Date:** 9/30/2026

Project Title: Galveston County Law Enforcement Increased Protection Project
Status: Application Pending Submission

Eligibility Information

Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:
17460009081010

Application Eligibility Certify:

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Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: Galveston County
Project Title: Galveston County Law Enforcement Increased Protection Project
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: Sheriff's Office
Address Line 1: 722 Moody
Address Line 2: 2nd Floor
City/State/Zip: Galveston Texas 77550-2317
Start Date: 10/1/2025
End Date: 9/30/2026

Regional Council of Governments (COG) within the Project's Impact Area: Houston-Galveston Area Council
Headquarter County: Galveston
Counties within Project's Impact Area: Galveston

Grant Officials:

Authorized Official

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Address 1:
City: Galveston, Texas 77550

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Title: The Honorable
Salutation: Judge
Position: County Judge

Financial Official

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Salutation: Mr.
Position: County Auditor

Project Director

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City: Galveston, Texas 77550
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Title: Ms.
Salutation: Ms.
Position: Grant Administrator

Grant Writer

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Fax:
Title: Mr.
Salutation: Captain
Position: Captain

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): 17460009081010
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): DRP9KU1PVJN4

Narrative Information

Introduction

The Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program supports equipping law enforcement officers at risk of shootings with rifle-resistant body armor.

Program-Specific Questions

Applicants must enter the number of officers currently employed by the agency.

Peace Officers - all peace officers currently employed by the agency

Current total number of officers:

320

Reserve Officers - all other reserve officers

Current total number of officers:

20

Certifications

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

Constitutional Compliance

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

Required Agency Policies

Applicant assures that it has adopted policies addressing the deployment and allocation of vests or plates to its officers; and the usage of vests or plates by its officers. PSO requires that the policy on usage of vests or plates include mandatory training on the proper care, fitting, inspection, use, storage, and maintenance of the armor. PSO also requires the policy specify that body armor may not be left in patrol vehicles when an officer is not on duty in order to minimize the heat damage to the armor.

In crafting these policies, applicants should be aware that the inspection, storage, and replacement of body armor were identified as potential points of failure in body armor use by the Police Executive Research Forum. See "[A Practitioner's Guide To the 2011 National Body Armor Survey of Law Enforcement Officers](#)" for more information.

NIJ Body Armor Standards

Applicant assures that body armor purchased with grant funds will comply with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) standard (Ballistic Resistance of Body Armor NIJ Standard-0101.06) for type III (rifles) or type IV (armor piercing rifle) body armor, including bullet-resistant vests, ballistic plates, and plate carriers.

Personally Fitted Vest Requirement

Applicant assures that all body armor vests purchased with grant funds will be personally fitted for individual officers, including vests specifically fitted to individual female law enforcement officers. "Personally fitted" does not require armor be individually manufactured based on the measurements of a specific wearer, but rather that it provide the best possible fit and coverage, through a combination of:

1. Correctly-sized panels and carrier, determined through appropriate measurement; and
2. Properly adjusted straps, harnesses, fasteners, flaps, or other adjustable features.

The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International has made available the Standard Practice for Body Armor Wearer Measurement and Fitting of Armor ([Active Standard ASTM E3003](#)) available at no cost. The Personal Armor Fit Assessment [checklist](#), is excerpted from ASTM E3003.

Cybersecurity Training Requirement

Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not follow 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 percent 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 [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.

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by

DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

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

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:

Galveston County received funding for rifle-resistant body armor for all field officers over the 2018 and 2020 grant years. Since these armor components will be five-years old in 2025, we are asking for replacement for out-of-date components.

Problem Statement :

Since the Santa Fe School Shooting incident occurred in our jurisdiction, it has become apparent our officers must be prepared for all violent attack activities.

Supporting Data:

In 2017, Galveston County was one of 29 jurisdictions recognized by the US Department of Homeland Security for grant funds due to our target-rich environment. Our placement along the intersection of the Houston Ship Channel, the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway, TxDOT Ferry Service and the Galveston Harbor combined with our highly-populated events such as serving 1 million/year cruise tourists, 500,000+ tourist events such as the Lone Star Motorcycle Rally and Mardi Gras puts our law enforcement officers on alert on multiple fronts. These events plus the placement of the third largest refinery in the nation and a Level IV Laboratory put Galveston County on watch for terrorist attacks and high-population target events.

Project Approach & Activities:

Galveston County is hoping to replace rifle-resistant body armor for those that have now and will go out of date in FY 2025.

Capacity & Capabilities:

This is an equipment-purchase grant project that can be executed through our Sheriff and Purchasing Departments to adhere to all vest requirements and purchasing policies and procedures. Galveston County understands the vest must be personally fitted to individual officers and meet the STTM standards.

Performance Management:

Galveston County will maintain a vest assignment list including serial numbers of all components, date issued and initials of receipt.

Target Group:

Peace Officers

Evidence-Based Practices:

All vest kits will be compliant with the National Institute of Justice standards Type III or Type IV body armor.

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.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Equipment and Technology	100.00	Galveston County endeavors to purchase 50 body armor kits to provide for officers not equipped last year and new officers added over the last year.

CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Equipment or technology: Individuals/Operators equipped	50
Equipment or technology: Organizations directly using	1

Number of bullet resistant plates purchased with grant funds	100
Number of bullet resistant vests purchased with grant funds.	50
Number of plate carriers purchased with grant funds	50

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Resolution from Governing Body

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

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

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

Contract Compliance

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

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes
☒ No

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

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

NA

Lobbying

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

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ N/A

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

Select the appropriate response:

☐ Yes
☒ No
☐ N/A

Fiscal Year

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

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

10/1/2025

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

9/30/2026

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:

15229043

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

1708149

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:

9/30/2024

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.

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/%
Purchase of Body Armor to include: 15 qty: RISE, Tactical Carrier, Dark Navy, 2XL & Larger, Quick Release, Ultra-Premium IIIA (unit cost \$1,493). 26 qty: TRUTH, 308 Ultra (AAU301), ICW, RISE, Ultra-Premium, Male IIIA, 10x12 SC (unit cost \$750). 12 qty: Truth SNAP, 308 Standard, AAS301, ICW, RISE, Ultra-Premium, Male. IIIA, 10x12", SC, III (unit cost \$400). Total Cost = \$46,695 + \$445.25 (shipping) = \$47,140.25. Galveston County will not request reimbursement in excess of the award amount of \$47,104.								
Equipment	Bulletproof Vest	See above	\$47,104.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,104.00	53

Source of Match Information

Detail Source of Match/GPI:

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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Summary Source of Match/GPI:

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

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

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Equipment	\$47,104.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,104.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$47,104.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,104.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

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

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Commissioners Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Galveston County, that the **Galveston County Law Enforcement Increased Protection Project** be operated for FY 2026 ; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Commissioners Court agrees to provide any applicable matching funds for said project as required by the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division's **Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program Grant Program** application; and

WHEREAS, the Galveston County Commissioners Court agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, The Galveston County Commissioners Court assures the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

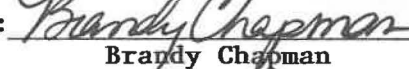
WHEREAS, the Galveston County Commissioners Court designates the Galveston County Judge as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Galveston County Commissioners Court approves submission of the grant application for the **Galveston County Law Enforcement Increased Protection Project** to the Office of the Governor.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of February , 2025.


Mark Henry, Galveston County Judge

Dwight D. Sullivan, Galveston County Clerk

By:  Deputy
Brandy Chapman

Grant Application Number: 5018302

