



## Memorandum

**To:** Galveston County Commissioners Court  
**From:** Grant Administration Department  
**Court Date:** February 2, 2026  
**Subject:** Galveston County Sheriff's Office  
FY 2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program: Strategic Marine Investigations: Phase One - Capacity Enhancement – Project Application

### Background

The purpose of the FY2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program is to fund projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system. The Galveston County Sheriff's Office utilizes a variety of specialty teams and techniques to adapt to the variety of crimes they may be called to investigate and process, including their Dive Team. The Galveston County Sheriff's Office Dive Team has recently expanded and is transitioning into a county-wide collaborative public safety dive team, increasing its operational responsibilities across multiple jurisdictions. Public Safety Divers work in low to zero visibility water, which is majority of the time contaminated with either biological or chemical substances and precautions must be taken to keep the diver safe. Without specialized equipment or specialized training Public Safety Divers could not do their job efficiently or effectively. The County is seeking to apply for FY2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program funding via the Office of the Governor to pay for required Public Safety Diver training and continuing education for divers at various levels, specifically UCI, MUCI and ERDI certified training courses, and specialized equipment required to keep divers safe in all conditions.

The County is seeking to apply for FY2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program funding via the Office of the Governor to pay for required Public Safety Diver training, specifically ERDI certified training courses, and specialized equipment required to keep divers safe in all conditions. Funding is essential to ensure diver safety, protect public health, reduce operational risk, and maintain a highly trained and effective regional dive team capable of responding to emergencies, criminal investigations, and maritime security threats throughout Galveston County.

### Summary

The County is seeking to apply for FY2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program with the Strategic Marine Investigations- Phase One, Capacity Enhancement project, asking for funding via the Office of the Governor to pay for required Public Safety Diver training, specifically certified training courses and continuing education trainings, and specialized equipment required to keep divers safe in all conditions as they expand their capacity. Funding is essential to ensure diver safety, protect public health, reduce operational risk, and maintain a highly trained and effective regional dive team capable of responding to emergencies, criminal investigations, and maritime security threats throughout Galveston County.

### Financial Summary

County Contribution:	\$ 0.00
Grant Application:	<u>\$148,520.40</u>
Total Project Cost:	<b>\$148,520.40</b>

## **Recommendations**

Grant Administration requests that the Court approve the submission Strategic Marine Investigations: Phase One - Capacity Enhancement – Project Application for theFY2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program and authorize the County Judge to execute the accompanying resolution.

## **Documents for Wet Signature**

FY 2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program: Strategic Marine Investigations: Phase One - Capacity Enhancement – Project Application



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### Resolution

**WHEREAS**, the Galveston County Commissioners Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Galveston County that the FY 2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program: Strategic Marine Investigations: Phase One - Capacity Enhancement – be operated for the 2027 fiscal year; 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 that 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.

**WHEREAS**, the Galveston County Commissioners Court designates the County Auditor for Galveston County as the grantee's financial officer. The financial officer is given the power to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a 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 **FY 2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program: Strategic Marine Investigations: Phase One - Capacity Enhancement – Project Application** to the Office of the Governor.

Passed and approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mark Henry** Galveston County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dwight D. Sullivan** Galveston County Clerk

Grant Number: 5699301