



Memorandum

To: Galveston County Commissioners Court
From: Grant Administration Department
Court Date: February 2, 2026
Subject: County Judge – Veteran’s Treatment Court
FY 2027 Specialty Courts Grant Program – Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court Project Application

Background

Galveston County established the Veteran’s Treatment Court, utilizing funding from the Texas Veterans Commission’s Funds for Veterans Grant, as a specialty court program that supports justice-involved veterans from all branches who are experiencing substance use disorders, mental health challenges, trauma, and/or other barriers that may be connected to their military service. As of 2026, the funding for Galveston’s VTC was cut in half, putting the maintenance of operation of the program at risk since it can no longer pay two essential dedicated personnel required by the Specialty Court Model: the Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator and the Veterans Treatment Court Compliance Officer. The County is seeking to pursue additional funding via the Office of the Governor’s FY2027 Specialty Courts Grant Program to fill the gap in funding for salary and fringe for two these crucial positions.

Summary

The FY 2027 Specialty Courts Grant Program - Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court Project Application requests funding to continue supporting project operations, specifically to cover the cost of salary and fringe benefits for both the Veteran’s Treatment Court Coordinator and the Veteran’s Treatment Court Compliance Officer.

Financial Summary

County Contribution:	\$ 0.00
Grant Application:	<u>\$132,026.83</u>
Total Project Cost:	<u>\$132,026.83</u>

Recommendations

Grant Administration requests that the Court approve the submission of the FY 2027 Specialty Courts Grant Program application for the Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court project and authorize the County Judge to execute the accompanying resolution.

Documents for Wet Signature

FY 2027 Specialty Courts Grant Program – Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court Resolution

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Agency Name: Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court
Grant/App: 5733701 **Start Date:** 9/1/2026 **End Date:** 8/31/2027

Project Title: Veterans Treatment Court
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 Veterans Treatment Court
Project Title: Veterans Treatment Court
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Start Date: 9/1/2026
End Date: 8/31/2027

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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 purpose of this funding is to support specialty court programs as defined in Chapter 121-126 and Chapter 129-130 of the Texas Government Code.

Program-Specific Questions**Court Name and Number**

Court name and number as registered with the Office of Court Administration (OCA).
Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court 209

Participant Fees

Does this specialty court collect participant fees pursuant to Sec. 123.004 of the Texas Government Code?

Yes
 No

If yes, what is the current dollar amount charged to participants?

720

In the last fiscal year, how many participants were charged a fee?

24

Risk Assessment Tools

List the risk assessment tool(s) and clinical assessment tools(s) that are utilized by this specialty court? Please provide: 1) The name of each assessment tools used; 2) Why the assessment tools were selected for this specific program and the role it plays in this specialty court's case management process; and 3) The position title(s) of the team member(s) responsible for conducting each assessment. If there are any factors limiting the use of additional assessment tools such as the cost associated with an assessment, familiarity with available assessments, etc., please make note of these factors.

The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) utilizes validated clinical and risk assessment tools to ensure that veterans are appropriately screened, referred, and supervised based on individualized needs and risk levels. These assessments guide treatment planning, service referrals, supervision intensity, and case management decisions throughout the participant's involvement in the specialty court program.

1) VA Forensic Evaluation (Clinical Assessment) Assessment Tool Name: Comprehensive VA Forensic Evaluation (completed by VA Forensic Psychiatry)

Why Selected / Role in Case Management: This evaluation was selected because it provides an evidence-informed clinical foundation specific to justice-involved veterans who are eligible for VA care. The assessment allows the VTC to evaluate a participant's overall behavioral health and criminogenic needs and provides formal clinical recommendations that strengthen individualized case planning. The evaluation includes assessment of: Risk of criminal recidivism Risk of drug/alcohol relapse Housing stability / housing security Fiscal vulnerability and functional stability The evaluation results are incorporated into the participant's treatment plan and used to coordinate appropriate VA services and referrals, including mental health, substance use treatment, and supportive services.

Team Member(s) Responsible for Conducting Assessment: VA Accredited Forensic Psychiatrist (VA)

2) Probation Department Risk/Needs Assessment (Risk Assessment Tool) Assessment Tool Name: Probation Risk/Needs Assessment (completed as part of probation intake process)

Why Selected / Role in Case Management: This assessment tool was selected as it is the standardized instrument utilized by the Probation Department to determine supervision level and identify criminogenic needs for individuals placed on probation. For veterans who do not qualify for pre-trial diversion (PTD), the probation risk assessment provides structured guidance to determine: Appropriate supervision intensity Required probation conditions Referrals to treatment and support services The results directly inform the veteran's supervision plan and support ongoing case monitoring and accountability within the court process.

Team Member(s) Responsible for Conducting Assessment: Probation Officer / Supervision Officer (Probation Department)

Factors Limiting the Use of Additional Assessment Tools At this time, the VTC relies on assessment tools available through partnering agencies (VA forensic evaluation and probation intake assessments). The primary limiting factors in expanding to additional assessment tools include: Cost and licensing fees associated with certain proprietary assessment instruments Training requirements and staff familiarity with new or specialized assessment tools The need to ensure tools are validated for justice-involved populations, including veterans

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.

Information Systems

Applicant assures that any new criminal justice information systems will comply with data sharing standards for the Global Justice XML Data Model and the National Information Exchange Model.

Program Income

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income through a formal grant adjustment and to secure PSO approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after PSO's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless PSO authorizes otherwise.

Program income which the grantee did not anticipate at the time of the award shall be used to reduce the PSO award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

Twelve-Step Programs

Grant funds may not be used to support or directly fund programs such as the Twelve Step Program which courts have ruled are inherently religious. OOG grant funds cannot be used to support these programs, conduct meetings, or purchase related materials.

Specialty Court Certifications

If the applicant is a specialty court operated under Ch. 121 of the Texas Government Code, the following certifications apply:

1. The specialty court will develop and maintain written policies and procedures for the operation of the program.
2. The applicant will submit a copy of any project evaluations, evaluation plans, recidivism studies, or related reports that are completed during the grant period to PSO.

Adoption of Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards

Applicants operating an adult drug court certify that they are working towards full compliance with and adoption of Vol. I & II of the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards.

Adoption of Family Drug Court Best Practice Standards

Applicants operating a family drug court certify that they are working towards full compliance with and adoption of the Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards.

Veterans Treatment Programs

Applicants providing mental health services to veterans or veterans' families must demonstrate a) prior history of successful execution of a grant from the Office of the Governor; and b) that the entity provides training to agency personnel on military informed care or military cultural competency or requires those personnel to complete military competency training provided by any of the following: the Texas Veterans Commission; the Texas Health and Human Services Commission; the Military Veteran Peer Network; the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the U.S. Department of Defense; the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; or a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, by being listed as an exempt entity under Section 501 (c) (3) of that code, with experience in providing training or technical assistance to entities that provide mental health services to veterans or veterans' families.

Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must submit a fully executed resolution with the application to be considered eligible for funding. The resolution must contain the following elements (see [Sample Resolution](#)):

- 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;
- A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
- 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;
- A designation of the name and/or title of a financial officer who is given the authority to submit financial and/or performance reports or alter a grant; and
- A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Cybersecurity Training Requirement

Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the [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 percent 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 [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, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii); (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); (3) encourage or induce an alien to come to, enter, or reside in the United States in violation of law, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv); (4) result in the illegal transport or movement of aliens within the United States, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii). 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, 2027 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 :

The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC), funded since 20XX by the Texas Veterans Commissions' Funds for

<https://egrants.gov.texas.gov/Apps/eGrants/project/GrantPrintableSummary.aspx?PrintCode=0&gh=48-98-E9-D2-CA-C8-93-D9-24-E8-B9-36-B4-C3-...> 6/16

Veterans Grant, is a specialized court program (sometimes referred to as a "problem solving court") that supports justice-involved veterans from all branches who are experiencing substance use disorders, mental health challenges, trauma, and/or other barriers that may be connected to their military service. Specialized staff support veterans through the entirety of the court process by identifying barriers and needs in their lives, developing plans to address their needs, and coordinating aid and resources both in court and out in the community. The staff of the VTC are trained in the specialty court model, which is an evidence-based practice, or practices that have gone through vigorous testing and are shown to bring positive outcomes for veterans if the model is being followed closely. The goal of the Veteran's Treatment Court is to divert veterans from further involvement in the criminal justice system and assist them to successfully integrate them back into their community. As of 2026, the funding for Galveston's VTC was cut in half, putting the maintenance of operation of the program at risk since it can no longer pay two essential dedicated personnel required by the Specialty Court Model: the Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator and the Veterans Treatment Court Compliance Officer. These positions are critical to the success of the VTC model because they provide the structure, coordination, and daily oversight necessary for effective participant supervision and service delivery both in the criminal justice system and in the community. Since Galveston County has a notable population of veterans, any reduction in the availability of services could be detrimental to not only the veterans themselves but the community at large. The Court Coordinator manages program administration, scheduling, participant screening, intake coordination, partner collaboration, reporting, and communication with treatment providers and the Veteran's Association. The Compliance Officer ensures accountability through regular monitoring of court orders, treatment attendance, drug/alcohol testing compliance, and supervision requirements while also helping identify barriers to success and connecting veterans with appropriate resources. Without these positions staffed, the VTC program will not be in alignment with the model's practices. The risk of not maintaining high adherence to the evidence-based practice is that it could adversely affect the expected positive outcomes of the veteran participants. The purpose of this grant proposal is to maintain and strengthen program operations by filling this gap with funding for the salary and fringe benefits of these two positions in order to continue to provide the best services possible for the veterans they serve. By funding these key staff roles, Galveston County will be able to ensure consistent court operations, timely interventions, and continued individualized support for each participating veteran. This project promotes rehabilitation, improves public safety, and reduces repeat offenses by helping veterans successfully engage in treatment, remain compliant with program requirements, and achieve long-term stability. It benefits both the participant and the community at large.

Problem Statement :

The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is currently funded by the Texas Veteran's Commission's Funds for Veterans Grant. In the past, the grant was able to pay for both direct participant support (ex. Drug/alcohol monitoring, financial assistance, and anything directly benefiting the veteran) and all program staff. For 2026, the VTC funding was cut in half. While the VTC can still fund direct participant support for the program, it will no longer fund for the salary and benefits of two personnel essential to the program's success: the Court Coordinator and Compliance Officer. Without a dedicated VTC Coordinator and VTC Compliance Officer, operating the program to the highest as level evidenced by the Specialty Court model will be challenging. These positions are critical to the success of the VTC model because they provide the structure, coordination, and daily oversight necessary for effective participant supervision and service delivery both within the criminal justice system and in the community. Without these positions, the VTC will not be able to maintain alignment with high fidelity to the evidence-based practice model for the program, which will adversely affect the expected positive outcomes of the veteran participants. Galveston County seeks to utilize OOG funding to fill this salary and benefit gap for both the VTC Coordinator and VTC Compliance Officer positions. The purpose of this grant proposal is to maintain and strengthen program operations by filling this gap with funding for the salary and fringe benefits of these positions to continue to provide the best services possible for the veterans they serve. Program Model The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) will address the needs of justice-involved veterans by continuing to operate their court to the standards of the evidence-based Specialty Court Veteran's Treatment Court model, defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 124. This integrated model assesses and addresses the needs of the veteran in the identified aspects they desire, and staff provide collaborative, non-adversarial, interdisciplinary services and support in each realm to assist the veterans in meeting their goals. The model identifies that the VTC team shall consist of staff from, at minimum, six distinct disciplines to be most effective – two of which are a Coordinator and a Probation, or Compliance, officer. The Court Coordinator and Compliance Officer work together with participating veterans to coordinate and support accountability, judicial oversight, coordinated case management, and access to behavioral health and recovery services. Without Coordinator and Compliance Officer assistance, participants would lose critical support in navigating these complex systems, and in turn may cause increased barriers to success and heightened risk of becoming further involved in the criminal justice system. The proposed project will maintain and strengthen program operations by funding the salary and fringe benefits for the Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator and the Veterans Treatment Court Compliance Officer. Together, these positions provide the administrative structure, participant monitoring, and daily support necessary to ensure successful veteran participation and positive program and participant outcomes. Core Activities The Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) operates through a structured, phased program approach. Each participant receives an individualized plan that includes treatment requirements, recovery support, supervision, and court appearances. The VTC team —comprised of the presiding judge, prosecutor, defense counsel, supervision officers, treatment providers, and veteran mentors— meets regularly to review progress and coordinate interventions. The two personnel to be funded by this grant, the Court Coordinator and Court Compliance Officer, will ensure that the program can consistently provide services demonstrating the Essential Characteristics of Specialty Courts, including the following activities: Participant referral review and eligibility screening Timely intake coordination and program orientation Development and monitoring of individualized treatment plans Regular compliance monitoring and documentation Coordinated communication between treatment providers, supervision, VA resources, and the Court Data collection, reporting, and performance monitoring Court session preparation, staffing, and follow-up actions

Supporting Data :

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1) **Size of the Target Population:** Veterans in Galveston Galveston County has a sizeable veteran population that creates an ongoing need for targeted veteran-specific justice interventions. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates 19,656 veterans reside in Galveston County (2019–2023). Additional county profile data estimates veteran prevalence at approximately 6.7% of the population, or 18,379 veterans, based on American Community Survey (ACS data). This population size supports the need for sustained veteran-focused programming and specialized court operations.

2) **Local Substance Use / Overdose Impact in Galveston County** Substance use—particularly opioid/fentanyl-related harm—continues to significantly impact Galveston County, contributing to criminal justice involvement, relapse risk, and instability among justice-involved veterans. A University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) analysis reported that Galveston County had the second-highest drug overdose death rate in Texas in 2020, with approximately 200 deaths per 100,000 persons. This data supports the need for intensive monitoring, structured accountability, and treatment-focused interventions—core elements of the VTC model.

3) **Public Safety and Behavioral Health-Related Demand (Local Indicators)** Local public safety reports show substantial arrest activity and significant behavioral-health-related service demand, reinforcing the need for programs that address underlying substance use and mental health drivers. The City of Galveston's public safety statistics for January 2024 include 4,559 calls for service and 335 arrests, along with 82 calls to a mental health response team (COAST Team). These local indicators show ongoing system impact and the need for coordinated responses to behavioral health challenges within the justice system.

Summary Link to the VTC Need Taken together, these data demonstrate that: Galveston County has a large veteran population, the County has experienced a severe overdose/substance-use burden, and local law enforcement and crisis response systems face continued behavioral-health demand. This evidence supports the necessity of the VTC's specialized model and highlights why stable operational staffing—specifically salary and fringe support for the Court Coordinator and Compliance Officer positions—is essential to maintain intensive supervision, compliance monitoring, and coordinated service delivery

Project Approach & Activities:

The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) will address the needs of justice-involved veterans by using a structured treatment court model that combines accountability, judicial oversight, coordinated case management, and access to treatment and recovery support services. Many participants face underlying challenges such as substance use disorders, mental health conditions (including PTSD), trauma, unstable housing, and limited support systems that increase the risk of continued justice involvement. The VTC model reduces recidivism by addressing these issues through individualized supervision and treatment interventions. The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) will address the needs of justice-involved veterans by continuing to operate their court to the standards of the evidence-based Specialty Court Veteran's Treatment Court model, defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 124. This integrated model assesses and addresses the needs of the veteran in the identified aspects they desire, and staff provide collaborative, non-adversarial, interdisciplinary services and support in each realm to assist the veterans in meeting their goals. The model identifies that the VTC team shall consist of staff from, at minimum, six distinct disciplines to be most effective – two of which are a Coordinator and a Probation, or Compliance, officer. The Court Coordinator and Compliance Officer work together with participating veterans to coordinate and support accountability, judicial oversight, coordinated case management, and access to behavioral health and recovery services. Without Coordinator and Compliance Officer assistance, participants would lose critical support in navigating these complex systems, and in turn may cause increased barriers to success and heightened risk of becoming further involved in the criminal justice system. The proposed project will maintain core program operations by funding the salary and fringe benefits for two essential positions: the Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator and the Veterans Treatment Court Compliance Officer. These roles are central to the daily execution of the Veterans Treatment Court model. Key project activities include participant screening and intake coordination, organizing staffing meetings, preparing court dockets, and ensuring timely communication between the Court, supervision, treatment providers, and veteran support partners. The Court Coordinator will oversee program administration, coordination, scheduling, documentation, and reporting. The Compliance Officer will provide intensive participant monitoring by tracking court-ordered requirements, treatment participation, drug/alcohol testing compliance, and supervision conditions. Together, these staff members ensure the Court can respond quickly to participant progress or noncompliance through appropriate interventions, incentives, and sanctions. By sustaining these positions, Galveston County will preserve the operational capacity needed to deliver consistent monitoring, support recovery, improve public safety, and reduce repeat offenses among justice-involved veterans.

Capacity & Capabilities:

Galveston County has a long-standing commitment to improving public safety through evidence-informed justice interventions and rehabilitation-focused programming. The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is a specialized treatment court that serves justice-involved veterans by combining structured judicial oversight, accountability, intensive supervision, and a continuum of care for all participants characterized by coordinated access to treatment and recovery services. The VTC's mission is to address the underlying causes of criminal justice involvement—including substance use disorders, trauma, and mental health conditions—while supporting veterans in achieving long-term stability and reducing recidivism. Galveston County VTC has the administrative capacity and operational infrastructure necessary to implement the continuation of the funded roles into this program successfully. The Veterans Treatment Court operates under the leadership of the judiciary and is supported by a multidisciplinary team that includes representatives from the District Attorney's Office, defense counsel, community supervision, treatment providers, veteran mentors, and other community-based partners. This team-based model ensures coordinated decision-making, consistent participant monitoring, and timely intervention, which are essential to the Veterans Treatment Court approach. Organizational and Staff Capabilities Successful implementation of the VTC model requires dedicated staffing, consistent program coordination, and monitoring at both the programmatic and participant level. This funding will specifically supports two essential positions that provide the day-to-day execution of VTC operations. Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator: The Court Coordinator provides overall program administration, coordination, and partnership development with the various systems that the participants may find themselves navigating. Responsibilities include managing referrals and intake coordination, scheduling staffing meetings and court dockets, maintaining participant case files, coordinating communication with justice partners and treatment providers, tracking participant progress, and ensuring documentation and reporting requirements are met throughout the grant period. Veterans Treatment Court Compliance Officer: The Compliance Officer ensures the integrity of the treatment court model through intensive participant monitoring and accountability. Responsibilities include tracking compliance with court orders and program requirements, monitoring drug/alcohol testing results and treatment attendance, verifying participant progress, maintaining ongoing contact with participants as needed, and providing timely updates to the VTC team to support appropriate responses through incentives, sanctions, and intervention planning. These positions are critical to the program's ability to operate effectively and to maintain fidelity to the treatment court model. The qualifications and experience of VTC staff ensure the program can maintain consistent supervision, documentation, and service coordination for participating veterans. Collaborative Partnerships The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court relies on strong collaborative partnerships with the VA, Family Service Center, VFWs, American Legions, and local veteran support groups to meet participant needs and support successful outcomes. Essential partnerships include: Galveston County Court System / Judiciary Galveston County District Attorney's Office Defense Counsel / Defense Bar Galveston County Community Supervision & Corrections Department (CSCD) Local law enforcement and detention partners, supporting referrals and veteran identification U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and veteran service providers, supporting eligible treatment and benefits coordination Behavioral health, substance use treatment, and recovery support providers Veteran mentor program and peer support partners, providing veteran-to-veteran guidance and encouragement These partnerships allow the VTC to coordinate comprehensive services while ensuring ongoing accountability and structured monitoring. Through the continued support of trained and dedicated staff and strong collaboration across justice, treatment, and veteran-serving organizations, Galveston County is fully prepared to carry out the proposed project activities and achieve measurable improvements in veteran outcomes and public safety.

Performance Management :

The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) will measure success throughout the grant period by actively monitoring and evaluating the quality of program performance and participant outcomes against the best-practice standards of the Specialty Court Model, as outlined in the Texas Specialty Court Standards. This ongoing quality assessment will help support the court's mission of reducing recidivism and improving stability for justice-involved veterans by addressing any findings in a timely manner. The overall goal of this project is to maintain effective Veterans Treatment Court operations by funding the salary and fringe benefits for two essential positions: the Court Coordinator and the Compliance Officer. Success will be measured using the following goals and objectives: Maintain consistent VTC operations through timely scheduling of intake meetings within 24 hours of starting the program, staffing meetings every other week, docket preparation, and required reporting weekly. Improve participant compliance and accountability by monitoring court orders, supervision conditions, weekly drug/alcohol testing requirements, and treatment attendance. Improve participant outcomes and reduce repeat justice involvement by increasing retention and graduation rates and reducing new arrests or violations while participants are enrolled. The VTC will collect, track, and maintain relevant data using court records, participant case files, compliance monitoring logs, drug/alcohol testing results, treatment attendance reports, supervision documentation, and program outcome reports. The Court Coordinator will oversee data tracking and program reporting as outlined in the Data Collection Standards for the Office of Court Administrations, while the Compliance Officer will document participant compliance and provide timely updates to the VTC team. This data will be reviewed regularly during staffing meetings to monitor progress, guide interventions, and ensure grant performance standards are met. The Coordinator will complete the best practices assessment appropriate for the VTC as required every three years on a rotating basis.

Target Group :

The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) provides services to justice-involved military veterans within Galveston County who meet eligibility requirements and are appropriate for a treatment court intervention. The primary individuals served are U.S. military veterans (and in some cases active duty, Reserve, or National Guard members when applicable) who have been charged with eligible offenses and who are experiencing substance use disorders, mental health conditions (including PTSD), trauma-related challenges, and/or other behavioral health needs that contribute to criminal justice involvement. The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) partners with the Galveston County Jail to utilize the Veterans Re-Entry Search Service (VRSS) to identify veterans early in the booking process. This allows the VTC to

engage eligible veterans as early as possible in the judicial process and connect them with appropriate services and court intervention. In addition, the VTC collaborates with local defense attorneys and judiciary partners to increase awareness and understanding of the VTC program and its benefits for justice-involved veterans. The VTC also has access to a Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Specialist through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to assist veterans within Galveston County who request legal support and to help coordinate services and resources. The VTC also indirectly serves: Veterans' families and dependents, who benefit from increased stability, reduced crisis events, and improved household wellbeing. The Galveston County community, through improved public safety and reduced reoffending. Local criminal justice and emergency response systems, through reduced incarceration time and repeated system involvement. In addition, the program coordinates services and support through key partner agencies and groups, including but not limited to: Criminal Justice / County Partners Galveston County Court System / Judiciary (Veterans Treatment Court docket) Galveston County District Attorney's Office Defense Counsel / Public Defender / Defense Bar Galveston County Community Supervision & Corrections Department (CSCD) / Probation Galveston County Sheriff's Office and Detention Facility (Jail) (referrals and veteran identification) Galveston County Pretrial Services (as applicable) Treatment and Support Service Partners U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) (coordination of eligible treatment, medical care, and behavioral health services) Local mental health and substance use treatment providers (assessment, outpatient services, intensive outpatient treatment, counseling, etc.) Recovery support organizations (peer support groups and sober support resources) Veteran-Specific Supports Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program / Veteran Peer Mentors, providing peer connection, encouragement, and accountability. Veterans service organizations and community partners, assisting with benefits navigation, housing stability, and employment-related needs. The primary service population consists of veterans who would otherwise remain at risk of continued criminal justice involvement without the structured accountability, monitoring, and coordinated treatment approach of the Veterans Treatment Court. The program is designed to reduce recidivism and improve long-term outcomes by supporting veterans in achieving recovery, compliance, and stability.

Evidence-Based Practices:

The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) selected its program approach and activities based on well-established research and nationally recognized best-practice models for treatment courts. The VTC design aligns with evidence showing that treatment courts are most effective when they integrate structured judicial oversight with coordinated treatment services, frequent monitoring, and individualized responses to participant behavior. The foundational framework for the proposed approach is consistent with the Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards developed by All Rise (formerly the National Association of Drug Court Professionals). These standards represent decades of research on what works in treatment courts and emphasize essential elements such as a multidisciplinary team model, routine judicial interaction, clear participant expectations, coordinated treatment planning, and ongoing performance monitoring. Additionally, the project aligns with federal guidance and evidence-based resources promoted by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), which supports Veterans Treatment Court programs nationwide and highlights the importance of structured operations and best-practice implementation for effective participant outcomes. Research also supports the VTC model as an appropriate strategy to address the distinct needs of justice-involved veterans. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has evaluated Veterans Treatment Courts and describes their core purpose as addressing veterans' unique needs and the underlying causes of criminal behavior through services and treatment combined with effective supervision. Further, published studies examining Veterans Treatment Court participant outcomes indicate promising results across multiple areas including criminal justice outcomes, housing, employment, and connection to VA benefits. This evidence also supports the grant's focus on staffing. National best practices emphasize that treatment courts require consistent implementation of key operational functions such as participant tracking, timely communication among team members, compliance monitoring (including treatment attendance and testing), accurate documentation, and structured court staffing sessions. These tasks require dedicated personnel to maintain program fidelity and effectiveness. For this reason, the Galveston County VTC is requesting grant support to fund the salary and fringe benefits for two essential positions: Court Coordinator: responsible for program operations, participant coordination, scheduling, documentation, team staffing, and reporting. Compliance Officer: responsible for intensive participant monitoring, compliance tracking, verification of requirements, and rapid reporting of progress or noncompliance. By supporting these two core positions, the grant will ensure the Veterans Treatment Court has the operational capacity necessary to implement evidence-based practices as intended and to maintain consistent, high-quality services that improve outcomes and reduce recidivism.

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
Specialty Court - Veterans	100.00	The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is a specialized court program that supports justice-involved veterans who are experiencing substance use disorders, mental health challenges, trauma, and other barriers that may be connected to military service. The purpose of this grant proposal is to maintain and strengthen program operations through funding for the salary and fringe benefits of two essential positions: the Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator and the Veterans Treatment Court Compliance Officer. These positions are critical to the success of the VTC model because they provide the structure, coordination, and daily oversight necessary for effective participant supervision and service delivery. The

Court Coordinator manages program administration, scheduling, participant screening and intake coordination, partner collaboration, reporting, and communication with treatment providers and the VA. The Compliance Officer ensures accountability through regular monitoring of court orders, treatment attendance, drug/alcohol testing compliance, and supervision requirements while also helping identify barriers to success and connecting veterans with appropriate resources. By funding these key staff roles, Galveston County will be able to ensure consistent court operations, timely interventions, and continued individualized support for each participating veteran. This project promotes rehabilitation, improves public safety, and reduces repeat offenses by helping veterans successfully engage in treatment, remain compliant with program requirements, and achieve long-term stability. This grant will cover the cost of both the Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator and the Veterans Treatment Court Compliance Officer for a total of \$132,026.83.

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 carry-over individuals participating.	20
Number of individuals NEWLY participating.	25

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of individuals who will successfully complete the program.	42

Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL

Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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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

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/%
Personnel	Probation Officer	COMPLIANCE/PROBATION OFFICER: Richard - Start Date: 9/1/2026 - The Compliance Officer ensures accountability through regular monitoring of court orders, treatment attendance, drug/alcohol testing compliance, and supervision requirements while also helping identify barriers to success and connecting veterans with appropriate resources. The effectiveness of specialty courts is predicated on input from a collaborative, nonadversarial team of professionals that brings diverse expertise, resources, and legal authority together to achieve mutually agreed upon goals. Per the model, this is a named essential position of this team... The FY2027 cost of salary for this position is estimated at \$51,047.83, plus fringe benefits. . The FY2027 cost of fringe benefits is	\$62,796.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62,796.83	100

		estimated at \$11,749 total. This will include the following benefits of Medicare FICA payments (@\$719.00), TCDRS (@\$5,884.00), Worker's Compensation (@\$1,200.00), Alternate Plan (@\$3890.00), and Unemployment (@\$56.00). County health insurance is not included in this package because the staff currently utilize other health plans.. . This salary and benefit plan will be active from 9/1/2026 to 8/31/2027 over a net work day total of 261 days. The total estimated FY2027 fiscal impact of the Compliance Officer position is \$62,796.83.						
Personnel	Court Coordinator	COURT COORDINATOR: Christopher James - Start Date: 9/1/2026 - The Court Coordinator manages program administration, scheduling, participant screening, intake coordination, partner collaboration, reporting, and communication with treatment providers and the Veteran's Association. The effectiveness of specialty courts is predicated on input from a collaborative, nonadversarial team of professionals that brings diverse expertise, resources, and legal authority together to achieve mutually agreed upon goals. Per the model, this is a named essential position of this team.. . The FY2027 cost of salary for this position is estimated at \$56,380.00, plus fringe benefits. . The FY2027 cost of fringe benefits is estimated at \$12,850.00 total. This will include the following benefits of Medicare FICA payments (@\$795.00), TCDRS (@\$6,498.00), Worker's Compensation (@\$1,200.00), Alternate Plan (@\$4296.00), and Unemployment (@\$61.00). County health insurance is not included in this package because the staff currently utilize other health plans.. . This salary and benefit plan will be active from 9/1/2026 to 8/31/2027	\$69,230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69,230.00	100

	over a net work day total of 261 days. The total estimated FY2027 fiscal impact of the Compliance Officer position is \$56,380.00.	
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Source of Match Information

Detail Source of Match/GPI:

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT

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
Personnel	\$132,026.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,026.83

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$132,026.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,026.83

Condition Of Fundings Information

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

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