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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:** Galveston County Sheriff's Office**Address Line 1:** 722 Moody**Address Line 2:** 2nd Floor**City/State/Zip:** Galveston Texas 77550-2317**Start Date:** 10/1/2026**End Date:** 9/30/2027**Regional Council of Goverments(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****Name:** Mark Henry**Email:** mark.henry@co.galveston.tx.us**Address 1:** 722 Moody**Address 1:****City:** Galveston, Texas 77550**Phone:** 409-766-2244 Other Phone: 409-765-2639**Fax:** 409-766-4582**Title:** The Honorable**Salutation:** Judge**Position:** County Judge**Financial Official****Name:** Sergio Cruz**Email:** sergio.cruz@galvestoncountytx.gov**Address 1:** 722 Moody Avenue**Address 1:** 4th Floor**City:** Galveston, Texas 77550**Phone:** 409-770-5398 Other Phone:**Fax:****Title:** Mr.**Salutation:** Mr.**Position:** County Auditor**Project Director****Name:** Clayton Pope**Email:** clayton.pope@galvestoncountytx.gov

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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.

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% 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, 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii); 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); (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 :

Galveston County is dedicated to protecting its 320 peace officers through the systematic provision of high-quality, rifle-resistant body armor. Our jurisdiction faces complex security challenges, ranging from the continuous protection of nationally significant critical infrastructure—including the Houston Ship Channel and the country's third-largest refinery, where the threat of high-velocity weaponry is a constant reality—to responding to intermittent and unexpected high-intensity violence, such as the Santa Fe School Shooting. To maintain maximum safety standards in this high-stakes, dynamic environment, the County utilizes a rolling replacement strategy that relies on grant partnerships to ensure no officer is forced to rely on rifle-resistant body armor exceeding its five-year manufacturer-rated lifespan. This FY27 proposal represents the next critical phase of this long-term safety initiative, which has been successfully sustained through previous funding cycles in 2018, 2020, FY25, and FY26. The requested funds will replace armor components issued in 2022 that reach expiration in 2027. Without this continued state support, the County would face a significant budgetary gap in replacing these essential life-saving components. Ultimately, this funding partnership is a critical investment in the men and women who protect Galveston County, ensuring that those standing on the front lines against violent threats are never left without the highest standard of life-saving ballistic protection.

Problem Statement :

This is for informational purposes only. For medical advice or diagnosis, consult a professional. The Santa Fe School Shooting underscored a definitive reality: our officers must maintain a constant state of readiness to counter high-velocity threats and large-scale violent incidents. Galveston County operates within a multifaceted and high-stakes security landscape where 320 peace officers are increasingly exposed to high-velocity weaponry during routine patrols, specialized responses, and the constant protection of nationally significant critical infrastructure. This includes the Houston Ship Channel and the country's third-largest refinery, where the threat of high-powered ballistics is a constant operational reality. The primary challenge addressed by this project is the technical and structural degradation of life-saving equipment over time. Standard-issue soft armor is inherently insufficient against the high-powered rifles prevalent in modern domestic threats. While specialized rifle-resistant plates provide the necessary defense, they carry a strict five-year manufacturer-rated lifespan. Beyond this window, ballistic integrity can no longer be guaranteed, creating a critical vulnerability for officers deployed into high-threat environments. Current budgetary constraints make it difficult to sustain the high costs of specialized equipment through general funds alone. Without a systematic, rolling replacement strategy supported by grant partnerships, the County faces the risk of officers relying on expired or compromised armor. By aligning our procurement with manufacturer lifecycles, this project ensures that equipment failure is never the reason an officer loses their life in the line of duty.

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 Intercostal 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:

To address the critical safety gap identified in the Problem Statement, Galveston County seeks to implement a structured Life-Cycle Management Program specifically for the provision of rifle-resistant body armor. The project's methodology focuses on a transition toward a proactive procurement strategy; however, current local funding is insufficient to cover the high costs of specialized ballistic plates. This grant serves as the essential mechanism to ensure 100% of our force is equipped with reliable, current-rated protection that would otherwise remain financially out of reach. The project will utilize a phased procurement approach to replace specialized rifle-resistant body armor for those units that have already expired or are scheduled to exceed their manufacturer-rated lifespan throughout the grant period. This approach is dictated by manufacturer-certified safety standards, which state that ballistic integrity cannot be guaranteed beyond a five-year window. Without the infusion of grant funds, the county remains unable to reconcile the gap between these strict safety standards and the reality of our current aging inventory over the term of the project.

Capacity & Capabilities:

Galveston County possesses the administrative infrastructure and operational expertise necessary to successfully execute this equipment-purchase project. The project will be managed through a collaborative partnership between the Galveston County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) and the County Purchasing Department, ensuring a seamless transition from procurement to field deployment. The Galveston County Purchasing Department is experienced in high-volume, regulated procurement and maintains strict adherence to all local, state, and federal purchasing policies. The Sheriff's Office brings decades of experience in tactical equipment management and officer safety protocols. Galveston County recognizes that to be effective, rifle-resistant body armor must be personally fitted to individual officers to ensure maximum coverage and mobility. Furthermore, the GCSO command staff is committed to safety excellence, requiring that all procured armor meets or exceeds National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Level III or IV ballistic standards. This partnership ensures that the project is supported by both financial oversight and technical expertise. The Sheriff's Office will manage the individualized fitting and inventory tracking, while the Purchasing Department manages the contractual aspects of the grant. Together, these departments have a proven track record of managing similar equipment lifecycles, ensuring this project will be executed on time and within budget.

Performance Management :

The primary goal of this project is to maintain 100% ballistic safety compliance through a proactive, rolling replacement strategy. Success is measured by the department's ability to systematically phase out expiring gear and equip personnel with current NIJ-certified protection without any gaps in coverage. To achieve this, the Galveston County Sheriff's Office will utilize a dynamic equipment-tracking database to manage the lifecycle of all rifle-resistant body armor. This system allows for the continuous collection and maintenance of critical data, including: Inventory Lifecycle Data: Manufacturer serial numbers and certified expiration dates for all components. Deployment Records: Precise date of issuance and documented officer acknowledgement of receipt. Rolling Schedule Audits: Monthly reviews of the assignment list to identify equipment approaching its five-year end-of-life date. The organization will measure success by the successful transition of officers from aging units to new armor according to the established rolling schedule. By tracking these specific data points, the County ensures that no officer is deployed with expired protection and that all grant-funded assets are accurately accounted for. This ongoing data maintenance provides a clear, audit-ready record of how the project is achieving its safety standards throughout the entire grant period.

Target Group :

Peace Officers

Evidence-Based Practices:

All rifle-resistant body armor 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 25 ballistic carriers and 50 plates to provide for officers not equipped last year and new officers added over the last year. The purchase equips 25 frontline peace officers with the essential, life-saving protection needed to effectively respond to the modern, rifle-centric threats encountered in the field.

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	25
Equipment or technology: Organizations directly using	1
Number of bullet resistant plates purchased with grant funds	50
Number of bullet resistant vests purchased with grant funds.	0
Number of plate carriers purchased with grant funds	25

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL

Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL

Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL

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 please 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/%
Equipment	Bulletproof Vest	Purchase of Body Armor Kits to include: Ferro	\$62,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62,700.00	25

	Concepts Armor carriers with Hesco 400 Series NIJ Active Threat Level III plates, model designation number 3404-23173. 25 qty body armor kits @ \$2,500.00 each. This purchase equips 25 frontline peace officers with the essential, life-saving protection needed to effectively respond to the modern, rifle-centric threats encountered in the field. Total cost: \$62,500 (kits) + \$200 (shipping) = \$62,700.				
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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
Equipment	\$62,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62,700.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$62,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62,700.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

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

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