



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners Court
From: Grants Administration
Court Date: May 11th, 2026
RE: Office of Emergency Management
Houston Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
2026 UASI Application Submission Ratification

BACKGROUND

Galveston County is eligible for funding under the Houston Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). The Office of Emergency Management serves as the administrator of these funds for Galveston County. These funds are used to enhance the county's preparedness for all types of emergencies.

The Houston UASI Region requires jurisdictions to submit budgets at the regional level for review and consideration for funding through regional allocations. If approved, UASI budget requests are then submitted as formal applications to the Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Division.

We received authorization on April 15, 2026 from HGAC to open draft applications for UASI projects in the eGrants portal. The full draft applications will be submitted for ratification on the first Commissioners Court in May.

SUMMARY

The UASI Region has approved our budget requests and authorized submission of the FY 2026 applications. The deadline to submit the applications to the Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Division was April 30, 2026. The applications have been submitted in advance of this deadline. The required resolutions for these projects were previously placed on the April 27, 2026 Commissioners Court agenda, approved, and executed at that time. This item is being presented to Commissioners Court for ratification of the FY 2026 UASI application submissions.

Armored Vehicle - The Galveston County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) seeks FY2026 UASI funding to purchase a tactical armored rescue vehicle to support counter terrorism, active threat response, and high-risk law enforcement operations within Galveston County and the Houston-Galveston UASI region. The vehicle will provide protected mobility for deputies during terrorist incidents, active attacker events, barricaded subjects, and operations involving critical infrastructure, maritime facilities, and densely populated venues. This project directly enhances responder safety, tactical capability, and regional interoperability in alignment with UASI core capabilities.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>Grant Match</u>	<u>County Match</u>
Armored Vehicle:	\$400,000.00	\$0.00

THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON



GRANTS DIVISION

RECOMMENDATIONS

Grants Administration respectfully requests that the Court ratify the submission of the FY 2026 UASI grant applications to the Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Division.

ATTACHMENTS FOR WET SIGNATURE

- None

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Agency Name: Galveston County
Grant/App: 5996801 **Start Date:** 9/1/2026 **End Date:** 5/31/2028

Project Title: Armored Rescue Vehicle
Status: Application Pending Submission

Eligibility Information

Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:
746000908

Application Eligibility Certify:

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Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: Galveston County
Project Title: Armored Rescue Vehicle
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: Galveston County Sheriff's Office
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City/State/Zip: City of Galveston Texas 75590-2317
Start Date: 9/1/2026
End Date: 5/31/2028

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

Headquarter County: Galveston

Counties within Project's Impact Area: Brazoria,Chambers,Galveston,Harris,Montgomery

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Grant Vendor Information

Organization Type: County
Organization Option: applying to provide homeland security services
Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID): 746000908
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): DRP9KU1PVJN4

Narrative Information**Overview**

The purpose of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. HSGP provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. The building, sustainment, and delivery of these core capabilities are not exclusive to any single level of government, organization, or community, but rather, require the combined effort of the whole community. HSGP supports core capabilities across the five mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery based on allowable costs.

Primary Mission and Purpose**Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA):**

Supports programs that address the unique multidiscipline planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas in efforts to build and sustain law enforcement capabilities to prevent terrorist attacks and support critical prevention and protection activities. Urban areas must employ regional approaches to overall preparedness.

Eligibility Requirements

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.

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.

Criminal History Reporting

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

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

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

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

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

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

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation

Grantees are required to implement NIMS. The NIMS uses a systematic approach to integrate the best existing processes and methods into a unified national framework for incident management across all homeland security activities including prevention, protection, response, mitigation, and recovery. Grantees must use standardized resource management concepts for resource typing, credentialing, and an inventory to facilitate the effective identification, dispatch, deployment, tracking and recovery of resources.

Emergency Management Plans (Intermediate Level)

Cities and counties must have a current emergency management plan or be a legally established member of an inter-jurisdictional emergency management program with a plan on file with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Plans must be maintained throughout the entire grant performance period. If you have questions concerning your Emergency Management Plan (preparedness) level, contact your Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) or your regional Council of Governments (COG). For questions concerning plan deficiencies, contact TDEM at tdem.plans@tdem.texas.gov.

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).

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures – Local Units of Government

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States, 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.

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures – Nonprofit Organizations

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

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

Program Requirements

Building and Sustaining Core Capabilities

1. All capabilities being built or sustained must have a clear link to one or more Core Capabilities in the National Preparedness Goal.
2. Many capabilities which support terrorism preparedness simultaneously support preparedness for other hazards. Grantees must demonstrate this dual-use quality for any activities implemented under this program that are not explicitly focused on terrorism preparedness. Activities implemented under SHSP must support terrorism preparedness by building or sustaining capabilities that relate to the prevention of, protection from, mitigation of, response to, and recovery from terrorism.
3. Funding should be used to sustain core capabilities. New capabilities should not be built at the expense of maintaining current and critically needed core capabilities. New capabilities must be aligned with capability targets and gaps identified through the THIRA/SPR process.

Mission Areas

The National Preparedness Goal organizes the core capabilities into the five mission areas:

- Prevention. Prevent, avoid or stop an imminent, threatened or actual act of terrorism.
- Protection. Protect our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations, and way of life to thrive.
- Mitigation. Reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters.
- Response. Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.
- Recovery. Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening and revitalization of infrastructure, housing and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.

LETPA

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)

The state is responsible for ensuring that at least 35 percent (35%) of the combined HSGP funds allocated under SHSP and UASI are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities, as defined in 6 U.S.C. 607.

Grant projects must be consistent with the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Information Bulletin \(IB\) 412](#) which discusses eligible activities outlined in:

- a. The [National Prevention Framework](#);
- b. The [National Protection Framework](#) where capabilities are shared with the prevention mission area;
- c. Section 2006 of the [Homeland Security Act of 2002](#), as amended; and
- d. The [FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit](#).

Activities eligible for use of LETPA focused funds include but are not limited to: Maturation and enhancement of designated state and major Urban Area fusion centers, including information sharing and analysis, threat recognition, terrorist interdiction, and training/hiring of intelligence analysts. Coordination between fusion centers and other analytical and investigative efforts. Implementation and maintenance of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative. Implementation of the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime and associated efforts to increase the sharing of information with public and private sector partners. Increased physical security, through law enforcement personnel and other protective measures, by implementing preventative and protective measures at critical infrastructure sites or at-risk nonprofit organizations.

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 and requirements.

Project Summary :

Briefly summarize the project, including proposed activities and intended impact.

[The Galveston County Sheriff's Office \(GCSO\) seeks FY2026 Urban Area Security Initiative \(UASI\) funding to acquire a tactical armored rescue vehicle to support counterterrorism, active threat response, and high-risk law enforcement](#)

operations throughout Galveston County and the Houston-Galveston UASI region. The vehicle will provide protected mobility for deputies during terrorist incidents, active attacker events, barricaded suspects, and operations involving critical infrastructure, maritime facilities, petrochemical complexes, and densely populated public venues. This project enhances responder safety, tactical capability, and regional interoperability in alignment with UASI core capabilities. The armored rescue vehicle will provide ballistic protection capable of shielding personnel from rifle threats while allowing deputies to safely approach and evacuate civilians or injured officers from dangerous environments. The platform is designed to transport multiple tactical personnel and equipment while operating in hazardous or hostile environments where conventional patrol vehicles cannot safely operate. In addition to personnel transport, the vehicle supports rescue operations, protected approach to critical structures, deployment of tactical teams, and the evacuation of injured victims or officers during high-risk incidents. The vehicle can also serve as a mobile protective platform during incidents involving explosives threats, active shooters, barricaded subjects, or potential CBRNE environments near critical infrastructure such as ports, industrial facilities, and transportation hubs. Acquisition of this capability will significantly enhance the Galveston County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, which operates as a FEMA Type II tactical team within the region. Armored rescue vehicles are a critical component of tactical team survivability and operational capability, providing protected mobility for personnel conducting high-risk law enforcement and counterterrorism missions. This addition will strengthen the team's ability to meet FEMA typing expectations for tactical teams by improving officer protection, rescue capability, and the ability to safely deploy personnel during complex incidents. The vehicle will also serve as a regional asset available for mutual aid throughout the Houston-Galveston UASI region, supporting partner agencies during large-scale emergencies, terrorism incidents, mass casualty events.

Problem Statement :

Provide a detailed account of the issues, threats or hazards that your project will target. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or state *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)*, as applicable.

Galveston County's operational environment includes some of the Houston-Galveston UASI regions highest-profile critical infrastructure and population flows. The Port of Galveston, one of the nation's busiest cruise and cargo ports, processes 3+ million cruise passengers annually, supports continuous commercial shipping, and converges passenger, pedestrian, and freight traffic across shared transportation corridors. These conditions align with the 2025 UASI THIRA's identified hazards of active shooter/armed assault, complex coordinated attacks, and targeted strikes against mass gatherings and maritime infrastructure (UASI THIRA Capability 5.1, 5.3). Current national terrorism trends further elevate the risk environment facing coastal jurisdictions such as Galveston County. Federal threat assessments from the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue to identify domestic violent extremists and lone-actor attackers as the most persistent threats. Galveston County's terrorism risk profile is further elevated by the presence of high-consequence biohazard research and laboratory facilities within the county. Such facilities represent nationally recognized critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) and are specifically identified in homeland security planning as potential targets for terrorist exploitation, sabotage, or attempted acquisition of hazardous biological materials. Galveston County additionally has several non-port related mass-gathering events annually including Mardi Gras, "Jeep Weekend", and the Lone Star Rally (the largest motorcycle rally in Texas). Any of these events alone can draw a hundred thousand attendees. Under the Houston-Galveston UASI THIRA framework, threats involving CBRNE-adjacent facilities, mass gatherings, and critical infrastructure converge into high-risk scenarios requiring protected law enforcement mobility, rapid interdiction, and secure evacuation operations. GCSO maintains a formal Mutual Aid Agreement with the Port of Galveston, obligating the Sheriff's Office to provide immediate law enforcement response to high-risk incidents affecting port facilities, cruise terminals, and surrounding transportation nodes. A terrorism-related incident involving or coinciding with a biohazard laboratory would likely necessitate armored response capability to safely deploy personnel, establish secure perimeters, and support joint operations with public health, federal, and maritime partners.

Existing Capability Levels :

Describe the existing capability levels, including resources that are currently in place to support this project prior to the use of grant funds.

The Galveston County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) maintains a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team that provides specialized response to high-risk incidents throughout Galveston County and in support of partner agencies within the Houston-Galveston Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) region. The GCSO SWAT Team operates as a FEMA Type II tactical team and responds to incidents including terrorist threats, active attacker events, barricaded subjects, hostage situations, high-risk warrant service, and security operations involving critical infrastructure and large public gatherings. The team consists of trained deputies assigned from multiple divisions and functions as a multidisciplinary tactical unit capable of rapid deployment. Personnel include entry operators, designated marksmen, tactical medics, and command staff who coordinate with patrol deputies, investigators, and emergency medical services during critical incidents. Patrol units typically establish containment and perimeter security until SWAT personnel arrive and assume tactical operations. Within the Houston-Galveston UASI region, several agencies maintain advanced tactical teams capable of addressing terrorism-related incidents and complex threats. The region includes five FEMA Type I SWAT teams and two FEMA Type II SWAT teams, including the GCSO SWAT Team. Currently, SWAT personnel respond to threatening environments using standard patrol or tactical vehicles while relying on individual ballistic protective equipment, including body armor, ballistic helmets, and ballistic shields. Deputies utilize available cover from vehicles or surrounding structures while approaching high-risk scenes and deploy on foot once containment and tactical positions are established.

Capability Gaps:

Describe the capability gaps which will be addressed by the project. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or statewide State Preparedness Report (SPR).

The 2025 Houston-Galveston Urban Area Security Initiative Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) identifies a regional capability limitation affecting law-enforcement special teams operating in high-risk environments. Specifically, the SPR notes that the region "lacks sufficient amounts of PPE for law-enforcement special teams" and highlights the need to sustain and enhance specialized response capabilities (SPR, p. 36). The SPR notes that agencies responsible for protecting critical infrastructure and supporting large-scale public events must maintain equipment that allows responders to operate safely. Galveston County's operational environment includes major critical infrastructure and large public gatherings that present elevated risk scenarios requiring protected law enforcement response. The Port of Galveston processes millions of cruise passengers annually and serves as a major maritime transportation hub. Additionally, events such as Mardi Gras Galveston, Jeep Weekend, and the Lone Star Rally regularly draw tens of thousands of visitors to concentrated areas within the county. Currently, the Galveston County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team responds to high-risk incidents using standard patrol and tactical vehicles that do not provide armored ballistic protection for personnel. Deputies rely primarily on individual protective equipment, including body armor, ballistic helmets, and ballistic shields, when approaching potentially dangerous environments. While these measures provide some protection, they do not provide protected mobility for personnel operating in environments where suspects may possess rifles or other high-threat weapons. Regional partners maintain some armored response vehicles; however, these assets are located in other jurisdictions and may be committed to separate incidents or operational assignments. As a result, reliance on external resources may delay the deployment of protected personnel during time-sensitive incidents within Galveston County.

Impact Statement :

Describe the project goals/objectives and how this project will maintain capabilities or reduce capability gaps.

Acquisition of a tactical armored rescue vehicle will significantly enhance the Galveston County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) ability to respond safely and effectively to high-risk incidents involving terrorism threats, active attacker events, and incidents affecting critical infrastructure and large public gatherings within Galveston County. As described in the Existing Capability section, the GCSO SWAT Team currently responds to threatening environments using standard patrol and tactical vehicles while relying on individual ballistic protective equipment such as body armor, ballistic helmets, and ballistic shields. While these measures provide personal protection, they do not provide protected mobility for personnel approaching hostile environments where suspects may possess rifles or other high-powered weapons. An armored rescue vehicle would allow deputies to safely approach high-threat locations, deploy tactical personnel under ballistic protection, and evacuate injured civilians or officers from dangerous areas. This capability is particularly important given Galveston County's operational environment, which includes critical infrastructure such as the Port of Galveston, maritime transportation facilities, biological research laboratories, and large public events that draw significant crowds each year. Incidents at these locations may require law enforcement to rapidly deploy personnel into dangerous environments while protecting responders and civilians. The armored rescue vehicle will allow the GCSO SWAT Team to transport tactical operators safely, conduct rescues, and maintain control of high-risk scenes during complex incidents. It will also enhance regional preparedness by providing an additional armored response asset available to support partner agencies throughout the Houston-Galveston UASI region during major incidents.

Homeland Security Priority Actions:

Identify the Texas Homeland Security Priority Action most closely aligned with this project. Each Priority Action is linked with an *Objective from the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan (HSSP)*. List the Priority Action by number and text (e.g. *1.2.3 Expand and enhance the network of human sources that can provide detailed and relevant information on known or suspected terrorist and criminal enterprises.*)

1.3.1: In conjunction with federal agencies, conduct unified state and local law enforcement operations to deny the use of the Texas border region to terrorists and criminal organizations, particularly between the ports of entry.

Target Group :

Identify the target group and population expected to benefit from this project.

Primary beneficiaries include GCSO deputies and tactical personnel assigned to high-risk, counterterrorism, and port response missions. Secondary beneficiaries include: -Port of Galveston Police Department -Commercial shipping and cruise passengers -Port employees and contracted labor forces -Regionally affected public and tourist populations. The armored rescue vehicle also serves as a deployable asset under UASI mutual aid agreements, enhancing regional capacity across the entire Greater Houston-Galveston area.

Long-Term Approach:

Describe how the applicant agency will maintain the capabilities supported by this project without additional federal or state funds. If sustainment is dependent upon federal or state grants, describe the ongoing need for future grants, as applicable.

GCSO will integrate the armored rescue vehicle into existing standard operating procedures, training cycles, and regional exercise schedules. Maintenance, crew certification, and interoperability drills with port and UASI partner agencies will be sustained through annual fleet budgets and mutual aid training commitments, ensuring longevity beyond the grant period.

Project Activities Information

HSGP Instructions for Project Activity Selection

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) applicants should only select one project activity. The eGrants system will allow multiple selections, but each HSGP subrecipient project must fit into one and only one of the Investment Categories that are listed as project activities under the "Activity List".

Urban Area Impact

Identify the Urban Area Strategic Plan Goal and Objective that most closely aligns with this project. List the Goal/Objective specific to your Urban Area Strategic Plan by number and text (*e.g., Goal 5: Interoperable Communications. Sustain standards-based, shared systems with adequate coverage and capacity to facilitate seamless interoperable communications throughout the Urban Area. Objective 2: Complete the deployment of standards-based shared systems to serve the region.*)

Goal 8: Enhanced Law Enforcement Response Capacity, Objective 8.3: Enhance and sustain equipment and technology that enables law enforcement organizations and FEMA typed teams to prevent, protect against, and respond to human-caused incidents in the Houston UASI region. This project will help the Houston-Galveston UASI region attain its goals and objectives by closing a critical gap in protected law enforcement response capability during terrorism-related and complex coordinated incidents. The acquisition of an armored rescue vehicle provides the region with an immediately deployable, interoperable asset that enhances responder safety, operational coordination, and mission effectiveness in high-threat environments. By enabling protected movement of personnel, rapid victim rescue, and secure access to hostile or uncertain scenes, the project directly supports UASI objectives related to counterterrorism response, critical infrastructure protection, mass-gathering security, and CBRNE-informed incident management. The vehicle strengthens regional mutual aid capacity, allowing Galveston County to support neighboring jurisdictions, port facilities, and special events without delay. Ultimately, this capability improves the region's ability to prevent loss of life, reduce responder risk, and rapidly stabilize incidents that threaten public safety, public health, and economic continuity.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Support of First Responder Capabilities	100.00	An armored rescue vehicle will enhance the capability to support first responders by providing critical protection and operational support during high-risk incidents. This vehicle will serve as essential protective equipment, allowing deputies to safely respond to terrorism threats, active shooter situations, and other violent encounters. It enables secure transport of personnel, protected approach to hostile environments, and rapid extraction of injured civilians and officers. The armored platform significantly reduces exposure to ballistic threats and improves overall responder safety. By equipping first responders with this capability, GCSO strengthens its ability to prevent, protect against, and respond effectively to critical incidents while supporting regional mutual aid and coordinated emergency response efforts across the Houston UASI area.

Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of exercises conducted.	20
Number of individuals participating in exercises.	25
Number of people trained.	25
Number of Special Response Team personnel provided with new or updated equipment.	20
Number of Special Response Teams created, maintained or enhanced.	1
Number of trainings conducted.	10

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL

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?

- 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

Enter the debarment justification:

Homeland Security Information

FUND SOURCE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

DHS Project Type: Establish/enhance regional response teams

Capabilities

Core Capability: Mass Search and Rescue Operations

Identify if this investment focuses on building new capabilities or sustaining existing capabilities. : New Capabilities (Build)

Are the assets or activities Deployable or Shareable: Shareable

Check if this Investment requires new construction or renovation, retrofitting, or modification of existing structures

Check if these funds will support a project that was previously funded with HSGP funding

Project Management Step Involved:

Check the step that most closely resembles the phase of the project activities to be completed during the grant period.

Step: Close Out

Description: The completion of all work on a project. Can also refer to completion of a phase of the project.

Process: Involves formally terminating and concluding all tasks, activities, and component parts of a particular project, or phase of a project.

Milestones

Milestone: Begin Purchasing process; **Completion Date:** 11-01-2026

Milestone: Complete the procurement process; **Completion Date:** 06-01-2027

Milestone: Complete first training and certification with equipment and operators; **Completion Date:** 10-01-2027

NIMS Resources

Check if this project supports a NIMS typed resource

Enter the name of the typed resources from the Resource Type Library Tool: Special Weapons and Tactics Team

Enter the ID of the typed resources from the Resource Type Library Tool: 6-508-1245

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/%
Equipment	12VE-00-MISS Vehicle, Specialized Mission	Tactical Armored Rescue Vehicle- Vehicle has all-steel armor	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400,000.00	1

		construction, enhanced off-road capabilities (all-terrain run-flat tires), seating for 12 fully equipped officers, gas deployment capability, hydraulic ram for breaching capability.						
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Source of Match Information

Detail Source of Match/GPI:

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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Summary Source of Match/GPI:

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

Budget Summary Information

Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Equipment	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400,000.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$400,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400,000.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

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