

## Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Solicitation for Cities and Counties

The Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting local applications that promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system for the state fiscal year 2015 grant cycle for cities and counties that qualified for a direct allocation of \$10,000 or more under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the JABG Program is to reduce juvenile offending through accountability-based programs focused on the juvenile offender and the juvenile justice system.

**Available Funding:** Federal funds are authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 2002, Public Law 107-273, 42 U.S.C. 3796 et seq. All grants awarded from this fund must comply with the requirements contained therein.

**Funding Levels:** Cities and counties are eligible to apply for amounts not to exceed the direct federal allocation shown below, unless your jurisdiction will receive waived funds from a larger or neighboring city or county. Allocations are derived from a federal formula based on a combination of law enforcement expenditures for each unit of local government and the average annual number of Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 1 violent crimes that each unit of local government reports for the 3 most recent calendar years for which data are available:

Locality	Allocation	Match	Total
AUSTIN CITY	\$12,810	\$1,423	\$14,233
BEXAR COUNTY	\$37,566	\$4,174	\$41,740
BIG SPRING CITY	\$13,937	\$1,549	\$15,486
COLLIN COUNTY	\$14,729	\$1,637	\$16,366
DALLAS CITY	\$24,408	\$2,712	\$27,120
DALLAS COUNTY	\$48,912	\$5,435	\$54,347
DENTON COUNTY	\$12,796	\$1,422	\$14,218
EL PASO COUNTY	\$24,145	\$2,683	\$26,828
FORT BEND COUNTY	\$12,042	\$1,338	\$13,380
FORT WORTH CITY	\$12,400	\$1,378	\$13,778
HARRIS COUNTY	\$77,897	\$8,655	\$86,552
HIDALGO COUNTY	\$17,519	\$1,947	\$19,466
HOUSTON CITY	\$59,999	\$6,667	\$66,666
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$11,015	\$1,224	\$12,239
REEVES COUNTY	\$13,188	\$1,465	\$14,653
SAN ANTONIO CITY	\$20,262	\$2,251	\$22,513
TARRANT COUNTY	\$45,061	\$5,007	\$50,068
TRAVIS COUNTY	\$47,953	\$5,328	\$53,281

**Required Match:** Grantees must provide matching funds of at least ten percent (10%) of total project expenditures. This requirement must be met through cash contributions.

**Standards:** Grantees must comply with the standards applicable to this funding source cited in the *Texas Administrative Code* (1 TAC Chapter 3), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

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**Prohibitions:** Grant funds may not be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- 1) Inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytizing;
- 2) lobbying;
- 3) any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official, except in the case of a juvenile court or drug court;
- 4) transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training;
- 5) vehicles or equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
- 6) weapons, ammunition, explosives or military vehicles;
- 7) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- 8) promotional gifts;
- 9) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments;
- 10) membership dues for individuals;
- 11) any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project or that is provided by other federal, state or local funds (i.e., supplanting);
- 12) fundraising;
- 13) medical services;
- 14) construction; and
- 15) any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law.

**Eligible Applicants:** Cities and counties qualifying for a direct federal allocation of \$10,000 or more.

**Eligible Activities:**

- 1) Accountability
- 2) Corrections / Detention Facilities
- 3) Corrections / Detention Personnel
- 4) Court Services / Improvements (Including Specialized Courts except Drug Courts)
- 5) Data Information / Sharing Systems
- 6) Drug Court - Juvenile
- 7) Graduated or Progressive Sanctions
- 8) Juvenile Probation
- 9) Juvenile Records Systems
- 10) Reentry of Offender into the Community
- 11) Restitution / Community Service
- 12) Risk and Needs Assessment
- 13) School Safety Enhancement
- 14) Training for Law Enforcement and Court Personnel

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- 1) In order for an applicant to be eligible, the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have an overall 90% average on reporting adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2008 through 2012. This requirement must be met by August 1, 2014.
- 2) Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>); and
- 3) Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) and maintain an active registration throughout the grant period.

**Project Period:** Grand-funded projects must begin on or after September 1, 2014, and expire on or before August 31, 2015.

**Application Process:** Applicants must access CJD's grant management website at <https://eGrants.governor.state.tx.us> to register and apply for funding.

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**Closing Date for Receipt of Applications:** All applications must be certified via CJD's grant management website on or before January 31, 2014.

**Selection Process:** All applications will be reviewed by CJD staff members. CJD will make funding decisions based on eligibility, reasonableness, availability of funding, and cost-effectiveness.

**Contact Person:** If additional information is needed, contact the eGrants help desk at [eGrants@governor.state.tx.us](mailto:eGrants@governor.state.tx.us) or (512) 463-1919.