

FY20 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) Addendum

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Agency Name: Collin County
Application title: Criminal Intelligence Analysts
Application #: 3752001
Location of Agency Headquarters:
CJD amount requested for this project: \$160,000

Is this a collaborative project? YES X NO

PROJECT SUMMARY – NO POINTS ASSIGNED (100 WORDS OR LESS): Briefly summarize the proposed project.

The role of drugs in crime is extensive and represents significant threats to public health, law enforcement, and national security. This project utilizes the existing infrastructure of the North Texas Fusion Center and adds two intelligence staff to identify crime trends and critical nodes within criminal operations to improve public safety through the disruption of criminal activities associated with illicit drugs from cartel to addict. Intelligence staff will support both Collin and Rockwall Counties, as well as the 8-county North Texas Sheriff's Criminal Interdiction Unit.

SUPPORTING DATA (UP TO 10 POINTS): Provide at least three years of supporting data including baseline statistics and the data source(s). Data should provide evidence that the problem exists, its size and scope, and its effects on the target population. Do not use statewide data for a local problem or national data for a statewide problem.

According to the annual Texas Department of Public Safety Crime in Texas Reports, the overall statewide index crime volume and rate has decreased for the past three years. However, during the same period, arrests for drug abuse - sale and manufacturing, as well as possession - has increased by both volume and rate from 2015 to 2017. While the index crime rate for the state has decreased, it has increased each year for both the Collin County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Rockwall County Sheriff's Office (RCSO). Additionally, in both counties the total volume of index crimes has increased each year since 2015.

Rate per 100,000	2015	2016	2017
Texas Index Offense Rate	3,233.3	3,185.2	2,975.0
Collin County SO Index Offense Rate	869.1	895.6	937
Rockwall County SO Index Offense Rate	507.3	407.1	867.6
Texas Drug Abuse Rate	489.2	517.6	520.2
Texas Drug Sale & Manufacturing Rate	63.1	59.2	67.9
Texas Drug Possession Rate	426.3	458.3	452.2

CCSO received an increasing number of calls for service and the number of illegal substance-related offenses investigated by Collin County Sheriff's Office has increased 60% since 2015. Over the same period, CCSO has investigated 2,019 property crimes. From 2015 to 2018, RCSO has seen a 36% increase in calls for service, and 72% increase in illegal substance-related offenses.

Collin County Sheriff's Office	2015	2016	2017	2018
Calls for Service	65,536	64,721	75,587	74,958
Illegal Substance-Related Offense Investigations	205	235	353	328
Property Crime Investigations	573	522	485	439

Rockwall County Sheriff's Office	2015	2016	2017	2018
Calls for Service	29,112	28,305	33,102	39,470
Illegal Substance-Related Offense Investigations	128	131	150	220
Property Crime Investigations	105	75	87	113

The North Texas Fusion Center has also seen an increase in the number situational awareness and case support / tactical products created, as well as an increase in tips received and vetted. Additionally, requests for information (RFIs) from other fusion centers and federal partners has increased, while the number of RFIs staff process for state and local entities has decreased. Additional personnel are needed to perform intelligence analysis and create products for local and regional partners.

North Texas Fusion Center	FY 2017	FY 2018	% Change
Situational Awareness Products	45	77	71%
Case Support / Tactical Products	22	420	1809%
Tips Received and Vetted	147	541	268%
RFIs Responded Originating from Other Fusion Centers	24	73	204%
RFIs Responded Originating from Federal Government	134	230	72%
RFIs Responded Originating from State and Local Entities	569	473	-17%

CAPACITY & CAPABILITIES – AGENCY COLLABORATION: This information will be assessed with the Capacity & Capabilities section in eGrants (up to 5 points). In the table below, list no more than five (5) of the most important collaborations that your agency has with other entities in order to carry out this project. If no collaborations are needed, please put N/A.

AGENCY NAME	DESCRIBE HOW AGENCY ASSISTS WITH <u>THIS</u> PROJECT	CONTACT PERSON NAME
Rockwall County Sheriff's Office	Analysts will be utilized by Rockwall County Sheriff's Office for intelligence analysis and products for narcotics and related crimes occurring in Rockwall County, in conjunction with Collin County for crimes along shared county boundaries, and as part of North Texas Sheriff's Criminal Interdiction Unit	Harold Eavenson

DUPLICATION OF SERVICES (NO POINTS ASSIGNED): Describe how this project avoids duplication or overlapping of existing resources or programs available within project's proposed service area and target population.

While the North Texas Fusion Center (NTFC) has intelligence staff, their focus is on terrorism, leaving a void for proper analysis and dissemination of information for more "localized" crime. Neither Collin County nor Rockwall County Sheriff's Office currently has the staff to perform criminal intelligence analysis for illegal drug trafficking or associated substance abuse crimes. In addition to assisting the two counties with data analysis, project staff will provide real-time support for the 8-county North Texas Sheriff's Criminal Interdiction Unit (NTXCIU) during high intensity surges, supplementing their operations and subsequent trafficking investigations. Currently, no intelligence staff are available to support the NTXCIU.

SUSTAINABILITY (UP TO 5 POINTS): Describe your strategy to sustain this project beyond the grant period. For equipment or technology grants, describe agency's plan to maintain equipment beyond the grant period (i.e., routine maintenance, repairs, upgrades, etc.).

The Collin County Sheriff's Office is committed to intelligence gathering and analysis to improve local public safety. Additionally, as the criminal intelligence staff will be co-located in the NTFC with the terror-related intelligence staff and local, state, and federal agencies, information sharing will be bi-directional. Intelligence gathered at the local level may prove beneficial to support investigations of larger operations, such as transnational cartels. The success of this project should demonstrate the inherent public value associated with criminal data analysis and provide the justification for the organization in assuming the costs associated with maintaining the positions upon severance of grant funding.

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