Agency Name: Collin County

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Narrative Information

Introduction

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support programs for children and transition-age youth through age 24 who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and support their healing through community-based services.

These programs include:

1. Drop-in centers including street outreach for children and transition-age youth.

- 2. Emergency residential placements for children and transition-age youth, including programs that build placement capacity within existing residential programs.
- 3. Innovative direct service projects that advance recovery of, and support healing for, survivors.
- 4. Long-term residential placements for children and transition-age youth, including programs that build placement capacity within existing residential programs.

Program-Specific Questions

Culturally Competent Victim Restoration

Victim service providers must have the ability to blend cultural knowledge and sensitivity with victim restoration skills for a more effective and culturally appropriate recovery process. Cultural competency occurs when: (1) cultural knowledge, awareness and sensitivity are integrated into action and policy; (2) the service is relevant to the needs of the community and provided by trained staff, board members, and management; and (3) an advocate or organization recognizes each client is different with different needs, feelings, ideas and barriers.

Provide information in this section regarding how your organization is culturally competent when providing services to victims.

The Collin County Juvenile Probation Department is committed to providing evidence-based rehabilitative services in methodology that is both effective and reflective of the cultural needs of those we serve. It is the goal of the department to ensure service delivery includes consideration for culture, language, socio-economic class, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, and other diversity factors in a manner which recognizes, affirms, and values the worth of the individual, family units, and communities; and protects and preserves the dignity of each. It is clear, variations or differences exist among individuals and cultures, and these variations may impact service needs and delivery. Service practitioners within the juvenile probation department are statutorily required to receive training in the area of cultural competency pursuant to Texas Administrative Code 344.622. Beyond the mandatory training required by statute, the department is committed to ongoing training initiatives and continued education beyond the minimum requirements in statute, and endeavors to be as knowledgeable and informed as possible regarding the ever-changing demographics and diverse populations within Collin County. Directed efforts continue with expanding community partnerships and strengthening those previously established with local organizations and community stakeholders representing an extremely diverse background. These efforts further our understanding of how cultural competent service delivery impacts perception of victimization, protection, and support.

Culturally Specific and Underserved Populations

Following are relevant definitions needed to answer this question.

- Underserved populations means populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age), and any other population determined to be underserved by the Attorney General or by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as appropriate.
- Culturally specific means the program is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u-6(g)).
- Racial and ethnic minority group means American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts); Asian Americans; Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; Blacks; and Hispanics.
- Hispanic means individuals whose origin is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or any other Spanish-speaking country.

Does your program have a primary focus on serving a culturally specific population? (The organization must do more than merely provide services to an underserved population or culturally specific group; rather, the organization's primary focus must be on providing culturally competent services designed to meet the specific needs of the target population in order to justify a YES response in the section below.)

_ Yes

X No

If you answered **'YES'** above, you must explain in the box below how your organization's program is specifically designed to focus on and meet the needs of culturally specific populations. If this item does not apply enter **'N/A'**.

N/A

Program Requirements

Child Sex Trafficking Team Guiding Principles

Eligible applicants are required to adhere to the Guiding Principles of the Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT), where applicable. The CSTT's Guiding Principles are:

- a. We treat individuals who have experienced exploitation as victims and survivors, not perpetrators.
- b. We are collaborative.
- c. We are survivor informed.
- d. Our systems and programs prioritize the needs of children and transition-age youth who have experienced exploitation and strive to give equal access to services regardless of system involvement.
- e. We seek to prevent exploitation by educating the public, supporting protective factors for all children and transition-age youth, and by building resiliency among the most vulnerable.
- f. Our approaches, systems and services are trauma-informed, responsive, and include trust-based relationships.
- g. We develop and support community-based, sustainable resources and services.
- h. We are committed to long-term individualized services, including planning for, and re-engaging with, children and transition-age youth after relapse.
- i. We research the causes of and effective responses to exploitation and we evaluate and continuously improve our activities.
- j. We work to prevent and reduce demand for exploitation and to hold all exploiters, including facilitators, and those who benefit from exploitation accountable.

Evidenced-Based Practices

Applications should identify specific recognized promising practices or evidence-based models for programmatic, skills-building, and clinical services the project plans to utilize to empower and build agency with survivors. This information should be reflected in the project's response to "Evidence-Based Practices" under the Narrative tab of eGrants.

Access for Persons with Limited English Proficiency

Eligible applicants must have a policy or approach to providing meaningful access to services for persons who have Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Strategies may include use of a language line or referral partners that provide linguistically appropriate services. Note: Individuals with LEP include those whose primary spoken or written language is something other than English (including, but not limited to, Cantonese, Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, Bengali, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese, or German).

Access for Persons with Disabilities

Eligible applicants must have policies and procedures in place to provide equal opportunity to services for clients with disabilities. An individual with a disability is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity, a person who has a history or record of such an impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment.

Organizational Chart

Applicants must upload the project's organizational chart illustrating administrative, clinical, and programmatic leadership. Upload documentation to the Upload. Files tab of eGrants.

Response to Substance Use Disorders

The Office of the Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team recognizes that survivors of commercial sexual exploitation are often impacted by substance use disorders as a result of, or connected to, their victimization. Please describe your program's policy or approach to serving survivors who experience substance use disorders or are working to maintain sobriety.

The CTD Program creates an individualized service plan designed to provide structured support and intervention for both the youth and their families in any area of their lives. For substance abuse treatment specifically this includes the administering of a number of validated risk-assessment and substance abuse screening/assessment tools. Examples include the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI) and the Substance Abuse Disorder Screening Instrument (SASS). The program also utilizes frequent drug testing, intense supervision for illegal substance abstinence accountability and treatment compliance performed by the Court Liaison and team, goal setting, individual and family counseling, and community resources. One of the community resources, Parent Project, is designed for the adults in the youth's life to equip them with solutions to real life problems, intervention techniques and building healthy relationship and communication with the youth. By combining these elements, the CTD program creates a comprehensive support system that addresses both the immediate challenges of substance abuse and the long-term goal of maintaining sobriety. It emphasizes accountability, support, and skill building for both the youth and their families.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool

Use of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT) is required for programs funded by this award. A CSE-IT screening must be conducted in Lighthouse for each client entering services. Scores of Clear Concern must be reported to DFPS Statewide Intake.

Experience Providing Crisis Services

Eligible applicants must have experience providing identical or similar crisis support services for children and transition-age youth who have been victims of trafficking, sexual assault, or exploitation.

Background Checks

Eligible applicants must conduct national sex offender registry and criminal background checks that meet or exceed the below criteria on all new hires.

- a. A multi-state criminal records search
- b. A social security number trace and alias search
- c. An individual county level search in every county the applicant has lived, over the last seven years
- d. A national fingerprint-based search
- e. In addition, proof that the check has been completed and has been reviewed and is kept on file.
- f. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services child abuse history check

Applicant organization must repeat criminal background checks on all continuously employed staff at least once every two years, or more frequently if required by state or program-specific regulations, and at time of rehire for returning or seasonal staff.

Note: Residential programs contracting with the Department for Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to serve youth in conservatorship already meet the above requirements.

Activity Requirements | Community-Based Drop-in Centers

Eligible applicants for drop-in and street outreach services must have:

- a. Experience providing identical or similar services, including, but not limited to youth who are missing or experiencing homelessness, or
- b. Experience providing professional assessment or crisis services (e.g., licensed mental health or medical care) on a walk-in basis to marginalized populations of youth, or
- c. Experience operating a federally funded street outreach or trafficking outreach program.

Applicants must demonstrate an ability to provide drop-in center services to survivors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and are expected to detail their project's plan to satisfy this requirement in the Narrative tab of eGrants. Applicants should also include their project's strategy or approach to disseminating drop-in center access and service information to their target population.

Activity Requirements | Emergency and Long-Term Residential Placements

Eligible applicants for emergency residential services for CSEY must:

- a. Be in good standing with all state licensing, regulatory, and zoning bodies.
- b. Meet Texas Minimum Construction Standards of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) (new facilities).
- c. Have a current Residential Child Care License to operate a Child-Placing Agency or General Residential Operation providing emergency care, treatment services, and/or multiple services. Proof of licensure is required to be considered for funding. Upload licensure documentation to the Upload. Files tab of eGrants.
- d. Have a Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) contract for residential services with the State of Texas, if serving youth in DFPS conservatorship. A copy of this contract must be uploaded to the Upload. Files tab of eGrants.
- e. If the proposed project operates under the direct oversight of another entity, the overseeing organization must satisfy licensure and contractual eligibility requirements listed in 11 (c) and (d). Documentation must be executed from both organizations illustrating this oversight relationship, including that it will be in force for the entire term of this grant funding cycle, and be uploaded to the Upload Files tab of eGrants.
- f. Follow board approved resident and staff grievance policies and procedures that indicate periodic engagement with Board of Directors. Upload documentation of grievance policy to the Upload. Files tab of eGrants.
- g. Employ part or full-time licensed mental health clinicians for routine clinical and emergency behavioral services. Upload mental health clinician licenses to the Upload. Files tab of eGrants.

Special Requirements for Vehicle Purchases

Only non-profits will be eligible to purchase vehicles under this funding announcement. The vehicles must be for the purpose of transporting victims to various services. Applicants must explain in their eGrants application how the vehicles will be utilized and how that strengthens their delivery of victim services.

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.

Forensic Medical Examination Payments

Health care facilities shall conduct a forensic medical examination of a victim of an alleged sexual assault if the victim arrived at the facility within 120 hours after the assault occurred and the victim consents to the examination. The victim is not required to participate in the investigation or prosecution of an offense as a condition of receiving a forensic medical examination, nor pay for the forensic examination or the evidence collection kit. Crime Victim Compensation funds may be used to pay for the medical portion of the exam unless the victim of sexual assault is required to seek reimbursement for the examination from their insurance carrier. If a health care facility does not provide diagnosis or treatment services for sexual assault victims, the facility is required to refer the victim to a facility that provides those services.

Confidentiality and Privacy

Applicant agrees to maintain the confidentiality of client-counselor information and research data, as required by state and federal law. Personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied may not be disclosed; or, reveal individual client information without informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person about whom information is sought. If release of information is compelled by statutory or court mandate, reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information will be made and steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of information will be taken.

Activities that Compromise Victim Safety and Recovery

Applicant agrees to not engage in activities that jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions.

Polygraph Testing Prohibition

A peace officer or attorney representing the state may not require an adult or child victim of an alleged sex offense to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an offense. In addition, the refusal of a victim to submit to a polygraph or other truth telling examination will not prevent the investigation, charging, or prosecution of an alleged sex offense or on the basis of the results of a polygraph examination.

Protection Orders

Victims applying for a protective order or their attorney may not bear the costs associated with the filing of an order of protections.

Offender Firearm Prohibition

The applicant certifies that its judicial administrative policies and practices include notification to domestic violence offenders of the requirements delineated in section 18 USC \S 992(g)(8) and (g)(9).

Criminal Charges

In connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, the victim may not bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against a domestic violence offender, issuance or service of a warrant, or witness subpoena.

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% 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.

Immigration Legal Services

PSO prioritizes funding of projects that provide a full spectrum of counseling, crisis services, and other direct victim services. PSO will not fund projects that focus primarily on immigration legal services and do not provide a significant level of other types of victim services.

Legal Representation in Divorce and Custody Cases

PSO limits eligibility for legal representation in divorce and custody cases to circumstances where the survivor has been directly victimized by intimate partner violence (IPV) within the last six (6) months. This may include physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, and psychological aggression (including coercive tactics) by a current or former intimate partner against the survivor or survivor's kin sharing the residence. Additionally, legal services in divorce and custody cases funded under this award are limited to emergency order assistance, safety planning, client representation in divorce or guardianship proceedings, and other family law matters directly resulting from the victimization. Through acceptance of this award, grantee agrees that reimbursement for divorce and custody-related legal services will be limited to circumstances listed above.

Discrimination

Applicant agrees not to discriminate against victims because they disagree with the State's prosecution of the criminal case.

Records

Applicant agrees to maintain daily time and attendance records specifying the time devoted to allowable victim services.

Volunteers

If awarded VOCA funds, applicant agrees to use volunteers to support either the project or other agency-wide services/activities, unless PSO determines that a compelling reason exists to waive this requirement.

Crime Victims' Compensation

Applicant agrees to assist crime victims in applying for crime victims' compensation benefits.

Community Efforts

Applicant agrees to promote community efforts to aid crime victims. Applicants should promote, within the community, coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims. Coordination efforts qualify an organization to receive these funds, but are not activities that can be supported with these funds.

Civil Rights Information

Applicant agrees to maintain statutorily required civil rights statistics on victims served by race, national origin, sex, age, and disability of victims served, within the timeframe established by PSO. This requirement is waived when providing services, such as telephone counseling, where soliciting the information may be inappropriate or offensive to the crime victim.

Victims of Federal Crime

Applicant agrees to provide equal services to victims of federal crime. (Note: Victim of federal crime is a victim of an offense that violates a federal criminal statute or regulation; federal crimes also include crimes that occur in an area where the federal government has jurisdiction, such as Indian reservations, some national parks, some federal buildings, and military installations.)

No Charge

Applicant agrees to provide grant-funded services at no charge to victims of crime. Applicants are also prohibited from billing Crime Victims Compensation, private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare for services provided using VOCA funds.

Effective Services

Applicants applying for funds to provide victim services must demonstrate a record of providing effective services to crime victims. (See "Eligible Organizations" in the Funding Announcement.)

College Campus Confidential Direct Services Providers

All personnel compensated through OOG or match funds are Confidential Direct Service Providers that maintain victim's confidentiality for all case information (written or oral) and share information only at the victim's request and with the victim's informed consent, except when release of information is required by law. Confidential Direct Service Providers compensated with grant funds shall not be required to disclose client or case information to any entity, including a campus Title IX officer or coordinator, except when release of information is required by law. A victim may not be coerced or required to file a report or disclose information regarding their victimization with any entity as a condition of receiving services from a Confidential Direct Service Provider.

Failure to comply with this certification may result in PSO, at its sole discretion, withholding reimbursement on personnel line items contained in the program budget until satisfactory evidence of compliance is provided.

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; 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). 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 <u>CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form</u> 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, 2026 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

Non-profit 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; 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). 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 <u>CEO/NGO</u> <u>Certifications and Assurances Form</u> certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements.

Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO Plan)

If awarded, applicant agrees to comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP) requirements per 28 C.F.R. § 42 Subpart E. Agencies may use the EEO Utilization Report Builder to assist with preparing Verification Forms and, if required, Utilization Reports.

Civil Rights Liaison

A civil rights liaison who will serve as the grantee's civil rights point of contact and who will be responsible for ensuring that the grantee meets all applicable civil rights requirements must be designated. The designee will act as the grantee's liaison in civil rights matters with PSO and with the federal Office of Justice Programs. Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Cynthia Jacobson

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

2300 Bloomdale Rd, McKinney, TX 75071

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999 x9999]:

972-548-4606

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 Collin County Juvenile Probation Department is seeking to continue with the community-based services

and projects to work with youth who have been referred for offenses with an emphasis on those who have been subjected or who are at high-risk of commercial sexual exploitation. Juveniles who are referred for offenses are often detained in the detention center, the program for these at-risk youth, has seen an increase in numbers. The level of offense (runaway, truancy, signs of violence, etc.) are often found to be early indicators for youth being victims of human trafficking in the juvenile justice system. While the Collin County Juvenile Probation has successfully implemented departmental protocol and policy to screen and identify youth for commercial sexual exploitation, this program will look to expand operational capacity to identify even more victims of trafficking which has become a nationwide epidemic. More importantly, the program will look to serve as an early intervention program to provide appropriate services to keep them from being referred into the criminal justice system and divert them all together. Children, especially those with histories of runaway, truancy, expulsion, sexting, signs of violence (cuts, bruises, burns on child's body) or electronic transmission of certain material depicting minors, etc., and those involved in foster-care are exponentially more likely to be trafficked than other similar youth. Even tattoos used from "branding" being found on youth, sometimes if inconspicuous locations on youth's bodies have become common place. The program will focus on early identification by using a multidisciplinary agency developed screening tool focusing on risk factors, in conjunction with applicable youth being screened via the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Tool, commonly referred to as CSE-IT, a validated risk-assessment tool specifically designed to identify victims and potential victims of sex-trafficking. Once youth are appropriately identified, the program will provide youth with community based services with an emphasis on comprehensive victim's service care coordination. These services may include but not be limited to medical and therapeutic services and intervention, educational services, clothing and school supplies, intensive-community-based case management services to establish wraparound support for ongoing success and long-term community-based placement. The program will use a multidisciplinary approach to service delivery, working with all community-based stakeholders serving youth throughout the community. The program will provide trafficked youth with needed services as opposed to criminalizing actual victims who are often detained in juvenile detention centers. This program will provide law enforcement a safe and services-based alternative to refer these youth as opposed to referring them to juvenile detention. Juvenile detention is the probation department's most cost-prohibitive service and should not be the only resort for short-term intervention and/or punishment for actual victims. The C.T.D. Program will foster a safe environment for exploited and vulnerable youth to build community and healthy relationships, gain new knowledge, cultivate leadership abilities, and access resources. Through these community based program activities, youth learn to connect and collaborate with others, uplift their voices and express their truths, explore their passions and interests, access safety and healing, and develop the confidence, knowledge, and self-advocacy skills that empower them to lead healthy lives. Funding will be used to support operations for the department's innovative CTD program for victims of human trafficking. The program is a beta, a first of its kind called the CTD Program (CSE-IT, TREAT IT, DIVERT IT), designed for early identification of victims and kids who are high-risk for trafficking, to provide them and their families with intensive case management and community-based services for trauma associated with victimization, and to ultimately divert these victims away from the traditional criminal justice system all together.

Problem Statement:

Every day in the United States, children and adolescents are victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Sex trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years (Center For Family Services, 2020). While there is no consensus on the number of minor sex trafficking victims in the United States, there is clear consensus that the impact of this crime on the victims is devastating. Girls who have been trafficked experience physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual repercussions from the trauma of sexual exploitation. It's unthinkable, but every year, thousands of children become victims of crime whether it's through violent attaches, sexual abuse, on line predators, or trafficking. One out of eight endangered runaway youths is likely a victim of human trafficking (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 2019). There are no exceptions: No cultural or socioeconomic rationalizations may prevent the rescue of children from sexual servitude. The use of children in the commercial sex trade is prohibited both under U.S. law and by statute in most countries around the world. Sex trafficking has devastating consequences for minors. (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 2019). Victims often present with following health-related issues: • Physical health problems associated with beatings and rapes, including broken bones and the need for wound care; • Reproductive health problems, including exposure to HIV and other STDs, pregnancies, and fertility issues; • Malnutrition • Mental health problems, including PTSD and somatic complaints (headaches, chronic pain) resulting from the trauma; • Alcohol and other drug use, as well as addiction. Mental Health Symptoms resulting from repeated abuse include but are not limited to the following: • Extreme anxiety and fear; • Changed relationships with others (including the inability to trust); • Self-destructive behaviors (including suicide attempts); * Changed feelings or beliefs about oneself (including

profound shame and guilt) • Changed perception of the perpetrator (including establishing a traumatic bond); and • Despair and hopelessness. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Heather J. Clawson, Ph. D. and Lisa G. Grace, LICSW, Finding A Path To Recovery). (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 2023) The Collin County Juvenile Probation Department deals with the ongoing mental health and psychological trauma caused by trafficking on a daily basis. The Collin County John R. Roach Juvenile Detention Center is a secure facility designated for both pre-adjudication and post-adjudication detention services. The facility currently designates 60 of its 144 beds to post-adjudication services. During the past fiscal year, the department was able to substantiate more than 22 cases or a staggering 38% of youth being served in postadjudication having been subjected to commercial sexual exploitation. While youth were not committed to post-adjudication as a directly related consequence to being victims of trafficking, the trauma caused by it and the lack of a more concerted and focused trauma-informed and intensive services approach contributed to the traditional juvenile services model being ill equipped to keep these youth shallow in the system. Over the past fiscal year, the juvenile detention facility has seen the need for mental health intervention and case management increase exponentially. Although clinical programming and therapeutic services are readily available, the trauma these trafficked-youth have been subjected to manifests in self-harming behavior and acts of violence toward others, even staff members. When a child acts out self-harming behaviors, departmental policy and state statute requires one-on-one supervision until an appropriate mental health intervention can be facilitated. From 2015 to present, the juvenile probation department has seen an increase in youth requiring suicide-mental health intervention, with children who have been subjected to human trafficking being a very common thread. Some examples of warning signs that Collin County Detention Center has been exposed to with children who have been subjected to sexual exploitation/human trafficking are the following: (and have continued to stay vigilant among those we have served) • Thinking about or attempting suicide • Self-harming (harming and hurting others) • Poor Mental Health • Going missing from home or care/runaways • Depression • Anxiety • Guilt • Anger control issues • Attention deficit/impulse control issues • Physical injuries • Misuse of drugs or alcohol • Involvement in offending • Absenteeism from school • Deterioration in physical appearance • Evidence of online sexual bullying • Evidence of vulnerability on social networking sites • Emotional distance from family members.

Supporting Data:

One study from the Department of Health and Human Services estimated the number between 240,000 and 325,000, while a report from the University of Pennsylvania (Scholars) suggest there are between 100,000 and 300,000 children who are commercially exploited in the United States each year. Nationally, as many as 2.4 million children run away from home each year, with 1 out of every 3 homeless teens being lured toward prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home. Statistically, this means at least 800,000 runaway children will be lured into commercial sexual exploitation each year. The average age at which a child first becomes commercially victimized is a shocking twelve years old. (Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation). CyberTipline: Offers the public and electronic providers a space to report suspected incidents of child exploitation on the internet. It is shared (data) to continue building awareness of the insidious nature of child sexual exploitation occurring. The tipline take reports on multiple kinds of online abuse, ranging from the possession, manufacture, and distribution of child sexual assault material which is known as child pornography. In 2022, NCMEC's Cyber tipline received more than 32 million reports of suspected child sexual exploitation. In 2023, reports made to the CyberTipline rose more than 12% from the previous year, surpassing 36.2 million reports. There were 105,653,162 data files reported to the CyberTipline in 2023. In 2023, the CyberTipline received 36,210,368 reports of suspected child sexual exploitation. Reports of online enticement increased by more than 300% from 44,155 in 2021 to 186,819 in 2023. In 2023, the CyberTipline received more than 35.9 million reports that referred to incidents of suspected child sexual abuse material (CSAM). (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children) Categorization of CyberTipline Reports for 2023: National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Child Pornography (possession, manufacture, and distribution: 35,925,098 Misleading Words or Digital Images on the Internet: 8,446 Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts: 186,819 Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child: 45,746 Misleading Domain Name: 6,883 Child Sexual Molestation: 18,021 Child Sex Tourism: 2,002 Total: 36,210,368 Human trafficking is the world's fastest growing criminal enterprise, valued to be an estimated \$150 billion a year global industry (Law Enforcement Taskforce). Human trafficking generates an estimated \$150 billion, of that profit, comes from commercial sexual exploitation (Human Trafficking Statistics, 2024). After drug trafficking, human trafficking is the world's second most profitable criminal enterprise, a status it shares with illegal arms trafficking. Sex trafficking can and does take place in every community, no matter the cultural make up, the affluence, or the location of a community. No community is immune from being affected by the exploitation of commercial sexual activity. Sex trafficking can range from escort services to outdoor solicitation to personal sexual servitude. Minor and youth sex trafficking costs the state of Texas approximately \$6.6 billion (Human Trafficking by the Numbers, 2024) and (ILO, 2024). Departmental data has shown a number of referred youth be at-risk for human

trafficking through the administration of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation - Identification tool (CSE-IT). The tool is evidence-based and designed to improve early identification of children who are commercially sexually exploited. It is important to understand victimization is not limited to female offenders and a number of male youth served by the juvenile probation department are confirmed victims of this horrendous trade also. In FY2024, a staggering 60% of youth screened showed "possible concern" or "clear concern" for trafficking or 133 youth of 1124 youth screened. In FY2024, the department identified 133 youth who scored "possible concern" or "clear concern" for trafficking; an increase of 46.1% over a one (1) year period. Additionally, anecdotal findings from clinical staff who provide a milieu of therapeutic services for youth who have been committed to the departments post-adjudication program revealed 100% of all female youth committed to the post-adjudication program have been the victim of sexual trauma; 100%. Facts: • 49.6 million People in modern slavery worldwide, and 12 million of them are children. (International Labour Organization, ILO, 2024). • Sex trafficking is the most common type of trafficking in the U.S. (Polaris, 2024). • Forced commercial sexual exploitation generates \$173 billion in illegal profits annually. (ILO, 2024). • 50 states affected by Trafficking every year in the U.S. (Step to Hope, 2024). • 80% of victims identified in sex trafficking cases were born in the United States or living here legally (U.S. Department of Justice, 2023). • Nearly 28,800 were reported cases of children missing to the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children in 2024. 1 in 6 were likely victims of child sex trafficking. (Source: NCMEC). • In 2023, NCMEC received more than 27,800 reports of possible child sex trafficking (National Center of Missing and Exploited Children, 2023). • The NCMEC reports a new and alarming trend with 4,700 reports involving generative AI. • 24.9 million People are trapped in forced slavery, domestic servitude or sex trafficking, many in America. (White House, 2023). • Forced labor in the private economy generates \$236 billion in illegal profits per year, a \$64 billion (37%) increase compared to a decade prior (ILO, Hope for Justice, 2024). • 1.6 million trafficked for forces labor (Safe Haven, 2022) • 4.8 million trafficked for forced sexual exploitation (Safe Haven, 2022). • Over 99% of trafficked individuals trapped in forces sexual exploitation are women. (The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, April 11, 2019). • Over 21% of those trafficked for sex are children. (The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, April 11, 2019). • 25% or 10.1 million people, of human trafficking are under the age of 17 (Human Rights First, 2023) • 66% of child trafficking victims are girls (Save the Children, 2022). • Texas ranks second in the nation for reported cases of human trafficking (Upbring, 2022) • Every two minutes, a child is being prepared for Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking. (DeGarmo, 2019). • 1.0 million children ended up trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation. (Human Trafficking Statistics, 2023). • The U.S. Department of Justice states that the average age of entry into prostitution is 12-14 years old. • Underage girls are the bulk of victims in the commercial sex markets, which include pornography, stripping, escort services, and prostitution (FBI, Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section). • 55% of trafficking attended school at some point during their exploitation. (Department of Homeland Security, 2024). · Sixty percent of children exploited in prostitution are first recruited by peers (FBI, Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section). • The overwhelming majority of runaway, homeless, abused, and atrisk children are approached by pimps and drug dealers within 48 hours of landing on the streets (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention). • Earlier childhood sexual abuse greatly increases vulnerability to commercial sexual exploitation during teen years. According to national statistics, children who are sexually abused earlier in childhood are four times more likely than their peers to be targeted and victimized by commercial sexual exploitation (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention). • The top three platforms identified to recruit victims of sex trafficking in 2023 were Snapchat, Facebook, and Instagram (Federal Human Trafficking Report, 2023). • The internet was by far the most dominant business model sex traffickers used to solicit buyers of commercial sex (used in 87,7% of sex trafficking cases) and was also the most common method for luring victims (used in 42.5% of sex trafficking cases) (Federal Human Trafficking Report). • The rise of the internet and increased use of technology have led to more children being exploited in the commercial sex trade (Human Trafficking and Technology). Due to recent legislative changes and the public becoming more informed regarding commercial sexual exploitation of children, the state legislature introduced and passed legislation eliminating prostitution from the juvenile delinquency offense code. Although juveniles can no longer be charged with prostitution, other offenses and patterns of juvenile delinquency have been proven to be an overwhelming correlation to victimization and risk of human trafficking, especially the CINS offense of Runaway. This correlation proves even stronger when a child has multiple Runaways and is even more exacerbated with foster-care system involvement. In fiscal year 2024, the Collin County Juvenile Probation Department received 48 referrals for Runaways. Departmental data shows 47 of the youth had no prior adjudications while 1 had a previous adjudication before the juvenile court. Ages of youth referred ranged from 11 to 17, with the population half female and half male. This data is not surprising as females are not exclusive victims of commercial sexual exploitation and the department has multiple substantiated cases of male victims. Even more telling, without a diversion alternative program for Collin County, more than 50% of these youth, 22 out of 48 spent time in the juvenile detention center, including those who were identified as trafficking victims but also had other delinquent conduct pushing deeper into the traditional juvenile justice system. Finally, 9 youth within the sample of 48% were referred to detention for multiple Runaway referrals.

Project Approach & Activities:

Youth between the ages of 10-17 years of age who are referred to the juvenile probation department will be immediately screened for trafficking by trained staff with the CSE-IT risk instrument. Potential program candidates may be referred through a myriad of referral sources with law enforcement being the likely primary referral source. Law enforcement agencies will be able to refer youth for screening directly to the juvenile probation department through their traditional avenues including an actual arrest to the detention center for offenses or other delinquent conduct. Law enforcement may also make referrals to the department for youth at-large; police report filed with the department without arrest. This may be the case when a child is an active Runaway and their whereabouts are currently unknown. Schools, parents, and others may also make referrals throughout the community consistent with the traditional juvenile justice system. Youth referred to the juvenile detention center will be screened for human trafficking victimization by trained staff using the CSE-IT riskassessment tool. Most importantly, youth will no longer require a formal referral for delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision (CINS) for screening and services. All program youth will be assigned to a case manager who will initiate immediate contact with the youth and their family (if applicable) parent or custodial caretaker for program screening and potential program intake. In order to be consistent with intensive case management best practice fidelity, the case manager will have a caseload not to exceed 30 program participants at any given time. Program intake will include the collection of demographic information and the explanation of program services, goals, and objectives, with victims of trafficking being provided victim's services and support, as opposed to a traditional juvenile services response, which contains a punitive connotation and element. Youth who are identified as having been trafficked and those subject to being at high-risk for trafficking will be referred to the C.T.D. program to receive community-based services through care coordination with the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. The case manager will foster care coordination for victims to include family advocacy and victim support, mental health services, medical evaluations, forensic interviews, etc. Needed services will be facilitated through a Multidisciplinary framework with the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center (CACCC), the Juvenile Court, and other community stakeholders. The case manager will also serve on the county's Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) with the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. The case manager will ensure an individualized and comprehensive treatment and services plan is developed with participating youth and their family, including but not limited to medical, therapeutic, education, vocational, wrap-around services development. The case manager will provide direct case management support to participating youth and families as needed, attend all MDT staffing, and provide program services update to the juvenile probation and the juvenile court for each case. All program participants and their families deemed appropriate for program services will be assigned a therapist for victim and family counseling. All program youth will receive a triage of needed services as opposed to incarceration and the traditional juvenile justice service model. The services will be tailored to the youth's needs and build on the child and family's strengths. The services will address the voids in the child's life that the exploiter filled - which will be basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing. The case manager will use all information gathered from assessment to tailor services to the child's needs. All program youth will attend school according to their educational needs, receive individual, group, and family counseling, and be linked to community-based linkages for additional services and supports on a daily basis.

Capacity & Capabilities:

The mission of the program is to cultivate practitioners who are compassionate, confident, and armed with the tools necessary to address the complex issues affecting as well as impacting victims. All staff have been and will be trained in understanding sexual exploitation, the realities of prostitution and sex trafficking, the methods of recruitment, the physical/psychological impact of the trauma, safety planning, stages of change, best practices for intervention and response, advocacy and case management, potential methods for exit, an overview of youth development programming, and appropriate boundaries and healthy working relationships. It is of primary importance that staff truly understand minor victims of sex trafficking and the impact of their life experience. Staff will be consistent, nonjudgmental, and treat victims with the utmost respect. Staff will also be able to assist victims in the program by providing the following services: Basic needs; Intensive case management; mental health counseling/treatment; Medical screening/routine care; Life Skills and job training programs; Youth development programming; Education and Family involvement/reunification. The program will maintain collaborative networks with agencies such as victim advocacy groups, local community mental health agencies, local health agencies, local health clinics, local businesses, vocational support services, schools, and police (Collin County will be collaborating with the following but not limited to: Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County; Direction Aging Out Foster Youth Thriving as Adults; etc.). The program will also provide intensive case management services. The staff will coordinate service delivery, ensure communication among providers internally and externally; ensure follow up of any recommended assessments or services; act as an advocate for client with medical professionals, courts; aid in the development and coordination of treatment

plans; and ensure communication with family etc. The Court Liaison along with the case manager serves as a connection/link between juvenile services and agencies, the liaison will monitor the progress of the youth (participants) and serves and tends to all parties whether in program or not (post- participants). The Adolescent Counselor/Licensed Therapist will provide behavioral health services. The therapist will be licensed/certified, have experience in working with victims (of sexual exploitation) trauma, and have strong multicultural counseling.

Performance Management:

Program goal will be to serve a minimum of 30 youth identified as victims or potential victims (high risk) of trafficking via the Validated Risk Instrument (CSE-IT). Objective 1: Ensure 75% of youth identified and served do not receive any additional referral for offenses which increases the chances of trafficking while in the program. Objective 2: Ensure 75% of youth identified and served are placed in long-term community based, family or custodial kinship placement and working toward academic achievement or appropriate job placement upon program completion. Offenses will be tracked via the department's case management software applications, Techshare Juvenile Case Management System. The software applications also provides a platform (Noble Software Application) to enter all CSE-IT screenings and account for recidivism rates to track program success, number of youth screened, identified, and served in the program. The department's case management system also tracks and records all demographic information for youth including race, age, gender and educational status.

Target Group:

The C.T.D. program staff will continue to serve any victim with the main focus being youth between the ages of 10-17 years of age and victims of commercial sexual exploitation/human trafficking. The program will not discriminate in service delivery for any victims pursuant to race, gender, religion or sexual orientation. The Collin County Juvenile Probation Department will be collaborating with other agencies and stakeholders working with program youth on a daily basis. One of them being The Collin County John R. Roach Juvenile Detention Center, a secure facility designated for both per-adjudication and post-adjudication detention services. The facility currently designates 60 of its 144 beds to post-adjudication services. During the past fiscal year, the department was able to substantiate more than 25 cases of youth being served in the postadjudication program having been subjected to commercial sexual exploitation. While youth were not committed to post-adjudication as a directly related consequence to being victims of trafficking, the trauma caused by it and the lack of a more concerted and focused trauma-informed and intensive services approach contributed to the traditional juvenile services model being ill equipped to keep these youth shallow in the system, let alone divert them altogether as this program is focused, evidenced-based, and trauma informed has left youth who are victims of human trafficking to fall through the cracks and be subjected to punitive punishment as opposed to receiving needed treatment and services. The need for mental health intervention and case management for identified youth has increased drastically. The juvenile probation department has seen a slight increase in youth requiring suicide-mental health intervention, with children who have been subjected to human trafficking being a very common thread. The program will work closely with the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center (CACCC) and The Collin County Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). Additionally, the program will work to ensure ongoing public awareness and education by ensuring literature regarding warning signs of human trafficking, and more importantly, the availability of this program to provide services for children who may be victims of human trafficking be readily available to the Collin County community. This will include adding programming information to the Collin County Juvenile Probation Department web pages and sending program literature to all local law enforcement agencies and school districts within the county.

Evidence-Based Practices:

Harvard Business Review Evidence-Based Practice: Effective treatments for victims of sex trafficking/commercial sexual exploitation, indicates that the mental health needs of this population may be similar to other groups who have experienced complex trauma (e.g., victims of child sexual abuse, torture, etc.). Service providers will be expected to adopt and utilize evidence-based treatments that best suit the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking/commercial sexual exploitation. The therapist and case manager will adopt and utilize the evidence-based treatments that best suit the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking/commercial sexual exploitation. They will be able to choose and incorporate the following Therapeutic services/models: • Family therapy • Group therapy • Individual therapy • Survivor Engagement • Substance abuse • Support System • Case management • Treatment planning (Safety planning/ongoing treatment, etc.) • Alternative therapies (art therapy, music therapy, drama, community service projects, etc.) Texas Health and Human Services also believe in taking a trauma-informed approach

(TXHHS, 2023). A trafficked youth has experienced serious trauma. Taking a trauma-informed approach to caring for such a child can avoid inflicting additional harm to the child. Collin County, uses the CSE-IT tool, which has been proven to be an evidence-based tool to screen and identify potential victims of sex trafficking. Research has shown these children are actual victims and should not be funneled through the traditional juvenile justice model wherein they are subject to additional trauma. The program will also ensure all staff working with program youth are fully trained in TBRI (included in the program budget). Collin seeks to be the first Texas County of any size to implement a fully integrated trauma-informed juvenile justice system wherein all stakeholders working with at-risk youth are fully engaged Trauma informed and TBRI practitioners: All juvenile probation staff, contract service providers, collaborating, partnering educational staff working with departmental youth, juvenile court judges and entire judicial staff, etc. Additionally, youth who are referred will be receive intensive community-based case management services by trained staff wherein an individualized case plan will be developed using the Pact Assessment Tool to identify carcinogenic risk factors and needs for evidence-based services delivery. These strategies have proven to reduce recidivism for youth and families.

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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
CSEP Innovative Direct Services to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation	100.00	The program will identify victims and potential victims of trafficking which has become a nationwide epidemic. Children, especially those with histories of runaway, truancy, expulsion, sexting or electronic transmission of certain material depicting minors, and those involved in foster-care are exponentially more likely to be trafficked than other similar youth. The program will focus on early identification by using an multidisciplinary agency developed screening tool focusing on risk factors, in conjunction with applicable youth being screened via the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Tool, commonly referred to as CSE-IT, a validated risk-assessment tool specifically designed to identify victims and potential victims of sex-trafficking. Once youth are appropriately identified, the program will provide youth services which will include: educational services, medical and therapeutic services, intensive-community-based case management services to establish wraparound support for ongoing success. The program will use a multidisciplinary approach to service delivery, working with all community-based stakeholders serving youth throughout the community. This program will provide trafficked youth needed services as opposed to criminalizing actual victims who are often detained in juvenile detention centers. This program will provide law enforcement a safe and service based alternative for these youth as opposed to referring them into the juvenile criminal justice system.

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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Budget Details Information

Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

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Personnel	Liaison	Juvenile Court Liaison: Dee Chappell. Under the direction of the Judge and/or Director of Juvenile Services, serves as liaison between the Court, attorneys, Juvenile Services, and the juvenile and their families involved in the juvenile justice system. Performs court preparation duties and after court duties to ensure all parties are prepared for court and aware of the Judge's rulings. Investigates juvenile's background to prepare juvenile case for court actions; make recommendations to court. Makes decisions regarding the detention of juveniles based on given criteria. Serves as liaison between Juvenile Services and	\$111,120.00	\$37,040.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148,160.00	100

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Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a <u>resolution</u> that contains the following:

- 1. 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;
- 2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
- 3. 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 (Note: If a name is provided, you must update the PSO should the official change during the grant period.); and
- 4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the <u>approved</u> resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** sub-tab located in the **Summary** tab.

Contract Compliance

Will PSO grant funds be used to support any contracts for professional services?

Select the appropriate response:

_ Yes

X No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance: NA

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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

X 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:



Fiscal Year

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]: 10/1/2024
Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]: 9/30/2025

Sources of Financial Support

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of Federal Grant Funds expended:

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Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of State Grant Funds expended: 4246620

Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$1,000,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$1,000,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a PSO grant. However, PSO may require a limited scope audit as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$1,000,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$1,000,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

Select the appropriate response:

X Yes No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit: 9/30/2023

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:

X 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.

FFATA Certification

Certification of Recipient Highly Compensated Officers

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires Prime Recipients (CJD) to report the names and total compensation of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) of each sub recipient organization for the most recently completed fiscal year preceding the year in which the grant is awarded if the subrecipient answers **YES** to the **FIRST** statement but **NO** to the **SECOND** statement listed below.

In the sub recipient's preceding completed fiscal year, did the sub recipient receive: (1) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements; AND (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenue from Federal contracts (and subcontracts), loans, grants (and subgrants) and cooperative agreements?

<u>X</u> No

Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives through periodic reports filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or Section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

X Yes No

If you answered **YES** to the **FIRST** statement and **NO** to the **SECOND** statement, please provide the name and total compensation amount of each of the five most highly compensated officers (a.k.a. positions) within your agency for the current calendar year. If you answered NO to the first statement you are NOT required to provide the name and compensation amounts. NOTE: "Total compensation" means the complete pay package of each of the sub recipient's compensated officers, including all forms of money, benefits, services, and in-kind payments (see SEC Regulations: 17 CCR 229.402).

Position 1 - Name:
Position 1 - Total Compensation (\$):
0
Position 2 - Name:
Position 2 - Total Compensation (\$):
0
Position 3 - Name:
Position 3 - Total Compensation (\$):
0
Position 4 - Name:
Position 4 - Total Compensation (\$):
0
Position 5 - Name:
Position 5 - Total Compensation (\$):

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