

[Print This Page](#)**Agency Name:** Collin County**Grant/App:** 5653701 **Start Date:** 3/1/2026 **End Date:** 2/28/2027**Project Title:** Constable PCT 1, 2, 3, and 4 Bullet Resistant Components for Law Enforcement Vehicles**Status:** Application Pending Submission**Profile Information****Applicant Agency Name:** Collin County**Project Title:** Constable PCT 1, 2, 3, and 4 Bullet Resistant Components for Law Enforcement Vehicles**Division or Unit to Administer the Project:** Constable PCT 4 Constable S. Asher**Address Line 1:** 8585 Jon Wesley Dr.**Address Line 2:****City/State/Zip:** Frisco Texas 75034-2535**Start Date:** 3/1/2026**End Date:** 2/28/2027**Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area:** North Central Texas Council of Governments**Headquarter County:** Collin**Counties within Project's Impact Area:****Grant Officials:****Authorized Official****Name:** Chris Hill**Email:** chill@co.collin.tx.us**Address 1:** 2300 Bloomdale Road**Address 1:****City:** McKinney, Texas 75071**Phone:** 972-548-4632 Other Phone:**Fax:****Title:** The Honorable**Salutation:** Judge**Position:** County Judge**Financial Official****Name:** Robert Cone**Email:** Grants@co.collin.tx.us**Address 1:** 2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 3100**Address 1:****City:** McKinney, Texas 75071**Phone:** 972-548-4643 Other Phone:**Fax:****Title:** Mr.**Salutation:** Mr.**Position:** County Auditor**Project Director****Name:** Janna Benson-Caponera**Email:** jbenenson-caponera@co.collin.tx.us**Address 1:** 2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 3100**Address 1:****City:** McKinney, Texas 75069**Phone:** 972-548-4638 Other Phone:**Fax:****Title:** Ms.**Salutation:** Ms.**Position:** Grants and Financial Reporting Manager

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Narrative Information

Introduction

The purpose of this funding is to provide grants to law enforcement agencies to equip motor vehicles used by peace officers with certain bullet-resistant components.

Certifications

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; 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 [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, 2026 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the PSO Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

X I certify to all of the application content & requirements.

Project Abstract :

Collin County Constables' Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 Offices seek funding to equip their frontline patrol vehicles with bullet-resistant components to protect deputies during high-risk contacts, warrant services, civil enforcement, and emergency responses. The request is for 36 patrol vehicles for the Collin County Constable's Office. Many of these assignments place deputies inside or immediately adjacent to their patrol vehicles, often with limited ballistic protection from standard vehicle construction. By installing NIJ-rated ballistic door panels, armored window inserts, and reinforced body components in marked patrol units, the agency aims to significantly reduce the risk of injury or death from gunfire, thus safeguarding our deputies, improving operational readiness, and ensuring uninterrupted service to the communities we protect. Funding this upgrade will allow us to implement these enhancements without drawing from existing operational budgets, thereby increasing safety without compromising daily enforcement and community service missions.

Problem Statement :

Deputies working for the Constable's Office routinely engage in activities that expose them to elevated threat levels: executing warrants, serving civil processes, transporting potentially dangerous individuals, responding to mental health crisis calls, and performing traffic-stop or disturbance responses. In these situations, the patrol vehicle often serves as the primary cover or barrier between the deputy and the suspect. Standard patrol vehicles, however, are not built to provide significant ballistic protection. When deputies are seated inside the vehicle, exiting the vehicle, or using the vehicle doors/windows as cover, they remain vulnerable to gunfire, especially from rifles or handguns fired by armed suspects. Without enhanced ballistic protection, deputies face a preventable risk of serious injury or death, resulting in diminished operational capability, lower morale, and potential gaps in public safety coverage. The scope of the problem encompasses both the physical safety of deputies and the agency's ability to reliably deploy personnel in high-threat assignments without undue risk.

Supporting Data :

Texas — peace officer involved shootings/officer injuries & deaths 2023 (Calendar year): Texas Attorney General reported 208 peace-officer-involved shooting incidents statewide in 2023; those incidents resulted in 30 peace officers injured, and three peace officers killed. Assaults on officers (FBI / LEOKA) illustrate the broader upward trend. 2024 (Calendar year): Texas Attorney General reported 250 incidents in 2024; those

incidents resulted in 14 peace officers being injured and five peace officers being killed. 2023 (National): FBI LEOKA / special release — 79,091 officers were assaulted in 2023 (the highest rate in the prior 10 years). 2024 (National): FBI reporting shows 85,730 officers were assaulted in 2024 (an increase from 2023), with the assault rate per 100 officers at the highest level in the past decade. References • Texas Department of Public Safety. (2024). Crime in Texas Annual Report 2023. Austin, TX: • Texas Attorney General. (2024). Peace Officer Involved Shootings Annual Report 2023. Austin, • Texas Attorney General. (2025). Peace Officer Involved Shootings Annual Report 2024. Austin, • Federal Bureau of Investigation. (2024). Officers Killed and Assaulted in the Line of Duty: 2023 Special Report and Law Enforcement Employee Counts. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice. • Federal Bureau of Investigation. (2025). Statistics on Law Enforcement Officer Deaths in the Line of Duty — January through August 2024. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice.

Project Approach & Activities:

The project will proceed through the following phases: 1. Assessment & Prioritization o Conduct a threat-exposure review of all patrol assignments within the Constable's Office and identify the vehicles most frequently used in high-risk assignments (e.g., warrant services, civil enforcement, mental-health transports, patrol traffic stops). o Select a subset of marked patrol vehicles (to be specified) for immediate ballistic upgrade, based on exposure and operational hours. 2. Procurement of Ballistic Components o Issue specifications and solicit quotes from vendors offering NIJ-rated ballistic door panels, window inserts, and reinforced vehicle body components (ballistic steel or composite). o Ensure chosen components meet or exceed recognized standards for law-enforcement vehicle protection. 3. Installation & Certification o Coordinate with a qualified installer (or the county fleet shop) to install the ballistic components in the selected patrol units. o Post-installation, inspect and certify each upgraded vehicle to verify proper fit, finish, ballistic integrity, and full operational status (including doors/windows/seals). 4. Training & Integration o Provide deputies assigned to upgraded vehicles with a briefing/training module on the operational implications of the ballistic enhancements (e.g., altered ingress/egress procedures, weight/balance changes, tactics for using vehicle as cover). o Update standard operating procedures (SOPs) to incorporate the presence of ballistic-equipped vehicles and optimum deployment tactics in high-threat scenarios. 5. Deployment & Monitoring o Place the upgraded vehicles into scheduled service assignments in high-risk roles. o Monitor vehicle usage, maintenance issues, and any operational feedback from deputies and supervisors. o Collect incident data where ballistic protection may have played a role (e.g., gunfire contact, near-misses, cover situations) to assess real-world value.

Capacity & Capabilities:

Collin County is well-positioned to implement this project effectively. Key strengths include: • Established Project Management: Collin County has experience managing equipment procurement, vehicles/fleet upgrades, and grant-funded initiatives, with an internal administrative team versed in purchasing compliance and grant reporting. • Fleet Maintenance Infrastructure: Collin County Constable PCT 4 Office currently oversees a marked and unmarked patrol vehicle fleet, schedules preventive maintenance, tracks vehicle assignments, and coordinates with county fleet services — hence the capacity to integrate ballistic vehicle components into existing processes. • Operational Expertise: Deputies are routinely assigned to high-risk enforcement operations, and supervisors have a clear understanding of operational tactics, vehicle deployment strategies, and officer-safety needs. • Collaborative Relationships: The agency maintains partnerships with neighboring law enforcement entities and fleet/install support vendors. This enhances the ability to obtain quotes, inspect installations, and coordinate cross-agency best practices. • Fiscal and Administrative Controls: The Office follows county procurement rules, maintains audit-ready documentation, enforces internal controls on equipment purchases, and is capable of fulfilling grant fund tracking and reporting requirements. Together, these capabilities ensure that the project will be executed as planned, vehicle upgrades will meet mission requirements, and the agency will be able to maintain, sustain, and evaluate the ballistic components beyond the grant period.

Performance Management :

Overall Goal: Enhance ballistic protection for deputies and reduce the risk of serious injury or death while operating patrol vehicles in high-threat assignments. Objectives & Strategies: • Objective 1: Install ballistic protection in 10 patrol units (target number to be specified) by the end of year 1 of the grant period. • Objective 2: Assign those upgraded vehicles exclusively to deputy squads engaged in high-risk enforcement operations (warrants, civil enforcement, mental-health transports) 100 % of the time, measured monthly. Data Collection & Tracking: • Maintain a vehicle tracking log listing each upgraded unit, assignment schedule, mileage, and maintenance issues. • Maintain incident reports that capture any gunfire or ballistic event involving a patrol vehicle (upgraded or not) and identify whether ballistic protection performance (or lack

thereof) was a factor. • Maintain procurement, installation, and certification documentation, including vendor invoices, installation checklists, and QA reports.

Target Group :

The primary target group for this project is the frontline deputy squads within the Constable's Office who are assigned to high-risk field operations, specifically: • Deputies engaged in warrant service and fugitive apprehension duties • Deputies conducting civil enforcement (evictions, repossessions, high-resistance process) • Deputies assigned to mental-health crisis response or emergency transports of potentially violent subjects • Deputies performing traffic stop or disturbance-response assignments Indirectly, the public served by these deputies benefits from enhanced deputy safety and uninterrupted law-enforcement services. Patrol vehicles will serve the above deputies exclusively, ensuring that high-risk assignments carry the added protection of upgraded ballistic vehicle components.

Evidence-Based Practices:

The design of this project draws upon established law-enforcement and officer-safety research and practice: • Ballistic protection for law-enforcement personnel has been demonstrated to reduce fatal and non-fatal outcomes in shootings and armed encounters. • The Federal Bureau of Investigation's LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted) data reflect that a significant percentage of officer assaults occur while officers are on traffic stops, disturbance calls, or transport duties. • Texas-specific OIS counts (AG reports) show year-to-year increases in incident counts and fluctuations in officer injuries/fatalities supporting the argument that deputies face significant, and in aggregate increasing, threats during contacts and transports. • Best practices in high-threat vehicle deployment recommend enhanced vehicle protection (armored components) when vehicle-based contacts are systematic, given the vulnerability of standard patrol vehicles to gunfire and ballistic penetration.

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Project Activities Information

Introduction

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This section contains questions about your project. It is very important for applicants to review their funding announcement for guidance on how to fill out this section. Unless otherwise specified, answers should be about the EXPECTED activities to occur during the project period.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Equipment and Technology	100.00	Collin County Constables' Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 Offices seek funding to equip their frontline patrol vehicles with bullet-resistant components to protect deputies during high-risk contacts, warrant services, civil enforcement, and emergency responses. The request is for 36 patrol vehicles /Ford Explorers for the Collin County Constable's Office.

CJD Purpose Areas

PERCENT DEDICATED	PURPOSE AREA	PURPOSE AREA DESCRIPTION
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of police vehicles equipped with bullet-resistant components.	36

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
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Budget Details Information
Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Equipment	Equipment / Accessories for Law Enforcement Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	36 Ford Explorer-W-2872 ISBI Ford Explorer Windsheild Ballistic Glass: Unit cost: \$2,486.00 x 36= \$89,496.00. 36 Ford Explorer-L-3275 ISBI Ford Explorer Font Left Window: Unit cost: \$1,702.00 x 36 = \$61,272.00 36 Ford Explorer-R-3274 ISBI Ford Explorer Front Right Window: Unit cost: \$1,702.00 x 36 = \$61,272.00 36 MISC ISBI KEV-Ford Explorer-F Unit cost: \$837.00 x 36 - \$30,132.00 36 Install Kit MISC Installation Supplies I.E. Unit cost: \$125.00 x 36 = \$4,500.00 36 Install Glass Unit cost: \$1,200.00 x 36 = \$43,200.00 Freight: \$4,000.00 Total	\$293,872.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$293,872.00	36

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