



MEMORANDUM

To: Texas Local Municipalities

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Date: December 7, 2020

Subject: Grant Program Funding Opportunity: Sex Trafficking Prevention Needs Assessment for Senate Bill 20

Overview

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission ("HHSC") seeks to implement the Matching Grant Program for Municipal Sex Trafficking Prevention Programs, as directed by Senate Bill (S.B.) 20, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019. The purpose of the program is to provide matching grants to support a local municipality in collaboration with a local institution of higher education to develop a sex trafficking prevention needs assessment. Grant awards are to be used for developing a sex trafficking prevention needs assessment that outlines:

- The prevalence of sex trafficking crimes in the municipality;
- Strategies for reducing the number of sex trafficking crimes in the municipality; and
- The municipality's need for additional funding for sex trafficking prevention programs and initiatives.

HHSC is seeking applications from local Texas municipalities ("Applicants") for fiscal year 2021 to implement programs conducting eligible activities as described in Attachment A-Sex Trafficking Prevention Needs Assessment Details and Instructions. To qualify for a grant under the program, an Applicant must:

- Develop a media campaign and appoint a municipal employee to oversee the program; and

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- Provide proof that it can obtain or secure municipal money in an amount at least equal to the amount of the awarded grant.

Submission Requirements

The narrative submission is limited to 25 pages sized 8 ½" x 11", double spaced, in 12-point, Times New Roman font. Supporting documentation, including forms, letters of commitment or written agreements developed and provided as part of this submission will not be counted as part of this 25-page narrative limit.

The deadline for submission is January 11, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Central Standard Time (CST).

Please submit the proposal to the following email addresses:

To: Human_Trafficking@hhsc.state.tx.us

Subject: Sex Trafficking Prevention Needs Assessment Submission

Upon submission of your proposal(s), you will receive an email confirmation of receipt. If you do not receive confirmation within one business day of submission, please contact Human_Trafficking@hhsc.state.tx.us with a courtesy copy to Brandi Soules at Brandi.Soules@hhs.texas.gov.

Review Criteria

HHSC intends to award one grant to an eligible Applicant based on available funding and the degree to which the proposal meets the intent of S.B. 20 and associated criteria outlined in this grant funding opportunity.

Decisions for award are based on the sole discretion of HHSC. As part of the evaluation and selection process, HHSC may seek input from external stakeholders.

Awards

Awards are contingent upon Applicants demonstrating committed matching funds, which may include cash and in-kind contributions, including gifts, grants, or donations, from any person or organization, but may not include state or federal funds.

Please contact the HHSC Texas Human Trafficking Resource Center at Human_Trafficking@hhsc.state.tx.us, if you have any questions regarding the sex trafficking prevention needs assessment grant program funding opportunity.

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Attachments

Attachment A- Sex Trafficking Prevention Needs Assessment Details and Instructions

Attachment B- Sex Trafficking Prevention Needs Assessment Proposal

Attachment C- Budget Proposal

Attachment D- Sample Contract Template

Attachment E- Data Use Agreement

Attachment E-1- Security and Privacy Inquiry