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Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: Grayson County

Project Title: Domestic Violence Investigator Program

Division or Unit to Administer the Project: Grayson County District Attorney's Office

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Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area: Texoma Council of Governments

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Counties within Project's Impact Area:

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Narrative Information

Project Abstract :

The Grayson County Domestic Violence Investigator will ensure that misdemeanor and felony cases of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence and Stalking are investigated and prepared with adequate information for prosecution, provide victims 13 and over assistance in participation in the criminal justice system, and provide referral to the Victim Services Division for assistance with Crime Victims Compensation, Protective Orders or other victim related matters and/or referrals. According to the Crimes in Texas report, published by the Texas Department of Public Safety, in 2016, there were 878 incidents of family violence and 80 Sexual Assaults reported to law enforcement within Grayson County's 128,235 population. The Domestic Violence Investigator investigated 599 cases of Family Violence provided to the District Attorney's office by the 13 law enforcement agencies in Grayson County from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. 186 of those were felonies and 413 were misdemeanors. The goal of the Domestic Violence Investigator Program is to provide investigative services to all adult female victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence and Stalking to assist in the successful prosecution of offenders and to ensure adult female victims are afforded the rights granted by Article 56.02 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. The Grayson County District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Investigator program will provide investigative services to all female victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence and Stalking within the 128,235

population of Grayson County, ages 13 years and up. Functions of the position include: interview victim/witnesses, assist prosecutors with schedule witnesses for trial, contact witnesses and provide security for victims/witnesses during criminal proceedings, provide information to victims concerning crime victims compensation and protective orders, referring victims to the victim services coordinators and to other area agencies and services when appropriate.

Problem Statement :

Criminal cases of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Dating Violence are not adequately investigated and prepared for prosecution in Grayson County's 128,235 population. Female victims 13 years of age and over need assistance with information concerning participating in the criminal justice system, making good decision regarding prosecution, as well as, information on Crime Victims Compensation, Protective Orders and other Victim related matters and/or area agencies or services. Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking cases require information to be gathered at the beginning of the case for prosecutors to determine the cases place in the system, and someone to contact the victim to determine if that victim is willing to participate in the case.

Supporting Data :

According to the 2016 Crimes In Texas report published by the Texas Department of Public Safety, law enforcement agencies in Grayson County reported 878 incidents or calls for service for Domestic Violence cases and 80 incidents or calls for service for sexual assault made by the public (it should be noted that Sexual Assault child/Aggravated Sexual Assault Child and Indecency with Child were included in these numbers from Crimes in Texas). From September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017 the Domestic Violence Investigator conducted investigations on 186 felony cases and 413 misdemeanor cases for a total of 599 cases investigated by the Domestic Violence Investigator. These cases include dating violence and stalking. There were two sexual assault cases and three cases of stalking investigated during this time period.

Project Approach & Activities:

The Grayson County District Attorney's Office participates in the Texoma Council of Governments regional community planning process in all focus areas and specifically in the area of victim services. The Domestic Violence Investigator Program project addresses the number one priority for prosecution projects by supporting and responding to violence against women. This project continues the development of a specialized Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence and Stalking victim services division within the prosecutor's office. The Investigator in this program dedicates his time to locating and contacting victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking, gathering demographic as well as case specific information including determining if medical records need to be obtained from a medical center, if there has been past violence, if the victim and defendant are still together, what the relationship is, and if the victim wishes to pursue prosecution. This information is vital to prosecutors who file the cases. Every effort is made to contact a victim including the Investigator physically attempting to locate. The Investigator also serves subpoenas, marshalls witnesses at criminal hearings, provides criminal history checks on defendants and witnesses, obtains any records necessary for the case and other duties that may be required for such cases or the program.

Capacity & Capabilities:

The Domestic Violence Investigator program has maintained the same general structure during it's entire history - covering the same geographical area (Grayson County) and with the same hierarchy. The Domestic Violence Investigator reports to the District Attorney and the First Assistant Attorney. The Investigator is a 41 year commissioned veteran of law enforcement working with in his capacity of Domestic Violence Investigator since January of 2002. The Investigator retains his commission by remaining up to date on all training hours necessary for his commission and especially in the areas of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking.

Performance Management :

The Domestic Violence Investigator program's goal is to ensure that all cases of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking cases filed in our office by the 13 law enforcement agencies that serve Grayson Counties 128,235 population are properly investigated and prosecuted, and that all victims of such crimes are given appropriate resources and the rights guaranteed by Chapter 56 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. The Domestic Violence Investigator will dedicate his time to contacting female victims aged 13 and above, gathering demographic and permanent contact information to enhance the prosecution on approximately 604 total cases for the 2017 fiscal year on the cases provided by law enforcement by August 31, 2017. The Domestic Investigator will track the number of cases filed by law enforcement, the number of cases he investigates, the number referred for prosecution, and the number of cases prosecuted in both felony and misdemeanor courts.

Data Management:

The Domestic Violence statistical sheets are provided to the Victim Services Director on a Weekly basis. Those statistics are kept to be used at several intervals throughout the year, including for grant performance reports as well as other instances such as supporting data for fiscal budgets or when providing local information at public venues and public awareness campaigns.

Target Group :

The Domestic Violence Investigator Program provides investigative services on all cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking involving female victims age 13 and over in Grayson County's 128,235 population. Cases are submitted from 13 law enforcement agencies, as well as the two college campuses and the Texas Rangers. In the 2017 fiscal year, Investigator Terry Dunn provided services to 604 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases. As of the date of this writing 87 cases have been investigated. Spanish speaking victims are assisted by personnel in our office and other challenges are handled on a case by case basis to ensure all needs of victims are met. There is not a specific population of persons that are investigated by the investigator as the cases brought for investigation are provided by law enforcement. All races, religions, genders, and gender identities, ages above 13 years of age are served by our investigator. In the 2019 fiscal year the Domestic violence Investigator intends to provide services to 570 female victims of all races, religions, genders and gender identities, ages above 13 years of age in Grayson County.

Evidence-Based Practices:

The Grayson County District Attorney's Office designed the Domestic Violence Investigator Program out of a need to provide vital information to prosecutors in cases of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking cases. Initial contact with victims within a week of receiving the offense report, and maintaining the most current demographic and permanent contact information is paramount to successful prosecutions of these cases. We have found that if we can make contact with those victims at the earliest possible time after the offense, gather her information, defendant information, including criminal history and prior bad acts, the better chance of not only keeping that victim engaged but also assisting her in making a change in her life and a successful prosecution. In 2017 we accomplished our stated goal, and our current records indicate that program staff Investigator TJD has investigated 87 cases of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking from September 1, 2017 to January 12, 2018.

Project Activities Information

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
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Targeted Prosecution or Investigation	100.00	The Domestic Violence Investigator Terry Dunn provides investigative services in Grayson County District Attorney's Office including: interviewing victim/witnesses; criminal history checks; marshaling witnesses; victim contact; records retrieval; filing class c cases; and providing information and referral.
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
*REQUIRED TOTAL: Targeted prosecution or investigation: Criminal cases resulting in arrest (for LEAs) or conviction/ deferred adjudication (for prosecutors) resulting from project activities	220
*REQUIRED TOTAL: Targeted prosecution or investigation: Criminal cases resulting in arrest (for LEAs) or conviction/deferred adjudication (for prosecutors) resulting from project activities in the LAST COMPLETE agency fiscal year	250
*REQUIRED TOTAL: Targeted prosecution or investigation: Grant-funded prosecutions or investigations carried out by the unit/division	570
Forensic interviews performed by a law enforcement officer or prosecutor: Individuals interviewed	380

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL

Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL

Budget Details Information

Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - All Others	Domestic Violence Investigator Terry Dunn- provides investigative services in the Grayson County District Attorney's Office including: interviewing victim/witnesses; victim contact; records retrieval; filing class c cases; and providing	\$33,536.25	\$40,035.78	\$0.00	\$73,572.03	100

		information and referral. The initials of the Domestic Violence Investigator are TJD. Terry Dunn's current salary is \$48,893 and his benefits are \$22,940. (benefits include F.I.C.A., Heath Insurance, Retirement, Unemployment, and Workers Compensation). (Also includes a 3% salary and benefit increase as required by our Commissioners).					
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Budget Summary Information

Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	TOTAL
Personnel	\$33,536.25	\$40,035.78	\$0.00	\$73,572.03

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	TOTAL
\$33,536.25	\$40,035.78	\$0.00	\$73,572.03