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### **Eligibility Information**

**Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:**  
17512933833009

### **Application Eligibility Certify:**

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### **Profile Information**

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**Start Date:** 9/1/2024  
**End Date:** 8/31/2025

**Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area:** Ark-Tex Council of Governments  
**Headquarter County:** Bowie  
**Counties within Project's Impact Area:** Bowie,Cass,Delta,Franklin,Hopkins,Lamar,Morris,Red River,Titus

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#### **Grant Vendor Information**

**Organization Type:** Council of Government (COG)  
**Organization Option:** applying to purchase juvenile detention or assessment services  
**Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID):** 17512933833009  
**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** M6KPW65RAJ91

#### **Narrative Information**

##### Introduction

The purpose of this funding is to support projects that prevent violence in and around schools; and to improve the juvenile justice system and develop effective education, training, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs.

##### Certifications

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.

##### **Information Systems**

Applicant assures that any new criminal justice information systems will comply with data sharing standards for the Global Justice XML Data Model and the National Information Exchange Model.

##### **Program Income**

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income through a formal grant adjustment and to secure PSO approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after PSO's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless PSO authorizes otherwise.

Program income which the grantee did not anticipate at the time of the award shall be used to reduce the PSO award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

### **Twelve-Step Programs**

Grant funds may not be used to support or directly fund programs such as the Twelve Step Program which courts have ruled are inherently religious. OOG grant funds cannot be used to support these programs, conduct meetings, or purchase related materials.

### **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.

### **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 [2025 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, 2025 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 :

The ATCOG Purchase of Juvenile Justice Services project addresses the number of juveniles referred to the county probation departments, the mental health services needed for these juveniles, and the limited amount of local funds to provide the necessary level of mental health services. This regional project covers the nine-county ATCOG region: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus, and provides reimbursement for juvenile justice services including psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, polygraph examinations, mental health/behavioral assessment testing, parent/family training and counseling/support services. As reported by the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention for the year 2020 (the most current report available), there was a total population of 31,017 juveniles (ages 10-17) in ATCOG's nine-county region. According to reports from the county juvenile probation departments, there were a total of 431 juvenile probation referrals across the ATCOG region for 2023 (56 more referrals than 2022) Many of these referrals require services such as psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, polygraph examinations, mental health/behavioral assessment testing, parent/family training and counseling/support services. To address the number of referrals in our region and the need for evaluations and counseling for many of these referrals, ATCOG will contract with the counties, and the juvenile probation departments in each county will subcontract with quality service providers/professionals to provide the services required. Following submission of required documentation, ATCOG will reimburse the counties for eligible expenses. Monitoring visits are conducted with contractors to assure correct documentation procedures are followed and subcontractors are monitored by probation officers to be sure that the services received are of high quality.

### Problem Statement :

The majority of ATCOG's member counties are rural with limited budgets. This has a direct effect on the level of juvenile services, such as evaluations and counseling, purchased by these counties. These services are often expensive but very important in the assessment of the juveniles and providing them with the best treatment, if necessary. Due to these limited resources and, in some cases, decreased funding in local budgets, the level of evaluation and counseling services could be negatively affected, even though the need for these services is still increasing.

### Supporting Data :

As reported by the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention for the year 2020 (the most current report available), there was a total population of 31,017 juveniles (ages 10-17) in ATCOG's nine-county region. According to reports from the county juvenile probation departments, there were a total of 431

juvenile probation referrals across the ATCOG region for 2023 (56 more referrals than 2022). Many of these referrals require services such as psychological/psychiatric evaluations, professional therapy and mental health counseling. We have also seen a need for anger management therapy/classes for juveniles who have been referred, as well as sex offender counseling/treatment, polygraph examinations, mental health/behavioral assessment testing, parent/family training and counseling/support services. The type of services requested for reimbursement seem to vary by county, but the greatest needs in FY23 were psychological/psychiatric evaluations & assessments (consumed approx. 52% of total contract funds), and sex offender counseling (consumed approx. 31% of total contract funds). General counseling consumed approximately 17% of the total contract funds. The FY23 average cost of psychological/psychiatric evaluations & assessments was \$617/hr, and the average expense of sex offender counseling was \$66/hr, which is dependent on the level and duration. For sex offender counseling/treatment a longer treatment period is often necessary for this type of treatment and counseling. Therefore, the counties that provided sex offender treatment/counseling saw that their allocated contract amount depleted quickly due to the longer treatment/counseling period for those juveniles. For some of the services previously mentioned, the cost to provide those services increased from FY22 to FY23 for some counties.

### **Project Approach & Activities:**

According to a report by the National Conference of State Legislatures regarding the "Mental Health Needs of Juvenile Offenders", the prevalence of mental health problems among juveniles requires responses to identify and treat disorders. "Many of the two million children and adolescents arrested each year in the United States have a mental health disorder. As many as 70 percent of youth in the system are affected with a mental disorder, and one in five suffer from a mental illness so severe as to impair their ability to function as a young person and grow into a responsible adult. An absence of treatment may contribute to a path of behavior that includes continued delinquency and, eventually, adult criminality. Effective assessment and comprehensive responses to court-involved juveniles with mental health needs can help break this cycle and produce healthier young people who are less likely to act out and commit crimes." ATCOG staff is also involved in the strategic planning process, as well as facilitating the strategic plan updates. The strategic plan for the region recognizes the priority/need for funding resources for sex offender treatment, psychological/psycho-sexual evaluations, and other mental health and substance abuse services for at-risk youth, including psychiatric evaluations, counseling, and treatment. This local priority listed in the strategic plan reflects the importance of these juvenile mental health services.

### **Capacity & Capabilities:**

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) was organized in 1968 and is one of 24 regional council of governments in Texas. ATCOG consists of the following departments/programs: Executive, Administration, Finance, Information Technology, Area Agency on Aging, Criminal Justice, Economic Development, Environmental, Housing, Transportation, 9-1-1 addressing, and Homeland Security. Each department providing services to the region operates, and is funded, separately. Most of the ATCOG departments, including the Criminal Justice Department, are funded solely by federal/state grant funds that those departments apply for each year (depending on the particular grant period or funding schedule). Patricia Haley, ATCOG's Criminal Justice Coordinator, has been an employee at ATCOG for over 20 years and has administered the programs of the ATCOG Criminal Justice Department for the past 18 years. ATCOG utilizes and has maintained successful coordinated collaboration using a multidisciplinary team of the following agencies/departments/individuals in order to carry out this program: Patricia Haley (ATCOG) - CJ Coordinator/Program Administrator Melissa Simpson (Bowie County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Bowie County Scott Dupree (Cass County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Cass County John Perry (Delta, Franklin, Hopkins County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Delta, Franklin, Hopkins Counties Darrell Bruce (Lamar County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Lamar County Sherry Edwards (Red River County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Red River County Brian Clayton (Morris & Titus County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Morris & Titus Counties These implementation coordinators/planners/administrators are then responsible for subcontracting with support staff to carry out the services of the contract and ensuring that those staff meet the standards of providing those services. Their support staff of subcontractors might include LPC's, psychiatrists, sex offender counseling/treatment facilities, anger management counselors, etc. depending on the services needed for each county. These support staff/subcontractors also vary depending on the price, availability, and location of their services provided. However, the same level of quality service is still maintained and required.

### **Performance Management :**

The goal of the project is to provide necessary funds to allow county juvenile probation departments in the

ATCOG nine-county region to purchase quality services for juveniles that have been referred to them. Services to be purchased include psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, polygraph examinations, mental health/behavioral assessment testing, parent/family training and counseling/support services. Throughout the grant year, ATCOG will assess the number of juveniles served by the funds of this grant project. Other measures that will be monitored include the number of juveniles receiving psychological/psychiatric evaluations and assessments. The financial objective of assisting the counties with funding to provide these contracted services is also monitored. ATCOG contracts with the counties, and the juvenile probation departments in the nine-county region subcontract with quality professionals/service providers to purchase the necessary services. By providing these necessary services to juveniles in our region, the objective is to enable them to remain or re-enter their family/home/school/work environment and be successful upstanding juveniles.

### **Target Group :**

This project covers the 9-county ATCOG region which includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus counties. The ATCOG 9-county region covers a total of 5,740 square miles (U.S Census Bureau, The County Information Program 2020). The Purchase of Juvenile Services project will assist in providing mental health services to referred juveniles, male and/or female, ages 10-17, including at-risk youth. As reported by the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention for the year 2020 (the most current report available), there was a total population of 31,017 juveniles (ages 10-17) in ATCOG's nine-county region.

### **Evidence-Based Practices:**

In researching evidence-based practices for juvenile mental health services, we have found several documented practices for providing effective psychosocial treatments for conduct-disordered children and adolescents, and mental health disorders in children and adolescents. However, it hasn't been determined that the professional service providers (that our probation departments contract with) establish their practices (counseling, evaluations, treatments, etc.) by utilizing any specific evidence-based practices, other than practices they have used themselves and, based on their own professional experience, found to be successful. Even though it hasn't been determined that the professional service providers in our region are using the following evidence-based practice, we will include it in this section since the study supports many of the mental health services/treatments that are included and provided in this project. As stated and referenced by Burns/Hoagwood/Mrazek in the introduction to this study, "The need for effective treatment for children and adolescents is urgent because one fifth of the children in the United States have a diagnosable mental disorder (Angold & Costello, 1995; Roberts, Attkinsson, & Rosenblatt, 1998), and a smaller, but significant, subset of them (5-9% have severe emotional disorders with extreme functional impairment (Friedman, Katz-Leavy, Manderschied, & Sondheimer, 1996). Although the full 20% with a disorder will not seek professional help, at a minimum, providing treatment for the more severely impaired youth is critical." Burns, B.J., Hoagwood, K., & Mrazek, P.J. (1999) Effective treatment for mental disorders in children and adolescents. *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review*, 2(4), 199-253. As referenced in a report by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) regarding the "Mental Health Needs of Juvenile Offenders", the prevalence of mental health problems among juveniles requires responses to identify and treat disorders. "Many of the two million children and adolescents arrested each year in the United States have a mental health disorder. As many as 70 percent of youth in the system are affected with a mental disorder, and one in five suffer from a mental illness so severe as to impair their ability to function as a young person and grow into a responsible adult. An absence of treatment may contribute to a path of behavior that includes continued delinquency and, eventually, adult criminality. Effective assessment and comprehensive responses to court-involved juveniles with mental health needs can help break this cycle and produce healthier young people who are less likely to act out and commit crimes." This report was compiled by Sarah Hammond, program principal in NCSL's Criminal Justice Program, and other NCSL staff who contributed to this report and the project are Donna Lyons, group director for Criminal Justice, and Vicky R. McPherson, staff coordinator. <http://www.ncsl.org/print/cj/mentaljjneeds.pdf>

### **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
Mental Health Services	100.00	This project will allow ATCOG to provide reimbursement to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG nine-county region to assist them in purchasing quality services for juveniles that have been referred to them. Services to be purchased include psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, polygraph examinations, mental health/behavioral assessment testing, parent/family training and counseling/support services. ATCOG contracts with the counties (juvenile probation departments) in our region and they subcontract with providers for the mental health services for the juveniles referred to them. ATCOG reimburses the county juvenile probation departments for mental health services that they purchase for the juveniles referred to them. As mentioned, the counties subcontract with specific service providers in order for the juveniles to receive these quality services. In order for the county's reimbursement to occur, ATCOG requires several forms of documentation, including a copy of their contract with the provider/subcontractor. Service providers, as well as prices, can change from year to year. Therefore, we do not know which provider the counties will subcontract with until after our grant award notification has been received, and the counties have then gone through their quote process.

**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 hours of service completed by program youth.	350
Number of program youth served.	60

## Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of program youth completing program requirements.	55

Number of program youth who offend or reoffend.	58
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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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#### Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a [resolution](#) 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 [approved](#) 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

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:



ATCOG contracts with the counties, and the juvenile probation departments in the nine-county region subcontract with quality professionals/service providers to purchase the necessary services. ATCOG monitors their documentation that is required by ATCOG for reimbursement. Each county/jurisdiction must provide a copy of their contract that they have in place with their service provider(s) and also provide copies of invoices for services. A current balance is kept and maintained by ATCOG to ensure proper fund allocation. Furthermore, the subcontractors are monitored by the probation departments and a report is forwarded to ATCOG from the probation departments.

### 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
- 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:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

### 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:

15260450

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

5524699

### Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 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 \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

Select the appropriate response:

- 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:

9/30/2022  
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:

- 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.

## **Fiscal Capability Information**

### Section 1: Organizational Information

\*\*\* FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS ONLY \*\*\*

Enter the following values in order to submit the application

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded: 0

Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status: 01/01/1900

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS: 0

Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State: 0

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded:

Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status:

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS:

Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State:

## Section 2: Accounting System

The grantee organization must incorporate an accounting system that will track direct and indirect costs for the organization (general ledger) as well as direct and indirect costs by project (project ledger). The grantee must establish a time and effort system to track personnel costs by project. This should be reported on an hourly basis, or in increments of an hour.

Is there a list of your organization's accounts identified by a specific number (i.e., a general ledger of accounts)?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Does the accounting system include a project ledger to record expenditures for each Program by required budget cost categories?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there a timekeeping system that allows for grant personnel to identify activity and requires signatures by the employee and his or her supervisor?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you answered 'No' to any question above in the Accounting System section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

## Section 3: Financial Capability

Grant agencies should prepare annual financial statements. At a minimum, current internal balance sheet and income statements are required. A balance sheet is a statement of financial position for a grant agency disclosing assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at a given point in time. An income statement is a summary of revenue and expenses for a grant agency during a fiscal year.

Has the grant agency undergone an independent audit?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Does the organization prepare financial statements at least annually?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

According to the organization's most recent Audit or Balance Sheet, are the current total assets greater than the liabilities?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Financial Capability section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

#### Section 4: Budgetary Controls

Grant agencies should establish a system to track expenditures against budget and / or funded amounts.

Are there budgetary controls in effect (e.g., comparison of budget with actual expenditures on a monthly basis) to include drawing down grant funds in excess of:

a) Total funds authorized on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

b) Total funds available for any budget category as stipulated on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Budgetary Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

#### Section 5: Internal Controls

Grant agencies must safeguard cash receipts, disbursements, and ensure a segregation of duties exist. For example, one person should not have authorization to sign checks and make deposits.

Are accounting entries supported by appropriate documentation (e.g., purchase orders, vouchers, receipts, invoices)?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there separation of responsibility in the receipt, payment, and recording of costs?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Internal Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

### **Budget Details Information**

#### **Budget Information by Budget Line Item:**

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/ %
Personnel	Manager	Criminal Justice Coordinator (initials - p.h.) - responsible for preparation of contracts with counties, general correspondence, preparation of purchase invoices and other documentation for reimbursement, working with counties on submission of information for 6-month and year end reports, preparation of 6-month and year end reports to CJD, preparation of documents for annual juvenile probation officers' visit, set up and conduct visit; provide technical assistance to counties during the year, develop and submit grant application to CJD annually. (Approx. Juv. Grant Salary = \$11900, Approx. Juv. Grant Fringe Benefits = \$6271.30, Juv. Grant Projected Hrs Charged=370). (Total Salary w/ FY24 COLA- \$66,944 Total Fringe - \$35,279)	\$18,171.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,171.30	17
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Bowie County - Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Cass County - Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	0

Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Hopkins County (covers Hopkins, Delta, Franklin areas)- Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.	\$5,480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,480.00	0
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Lamar County - Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.	\$4,840.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,840.00	0
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Red River County - Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	0
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Titus County (covers Titus, Morris areas)- Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360.00	0

		parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.							
Contractual and Professional Services	Mental Health Assessment Services	Bowie County - Psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and mental health/behavioral assessment testing for juveniles who have been referred to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, or type of eval./assessment. The average expense for all counties is \$637 per eval.	\$9,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,240.00	0	
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Contractual and Professional Services	Mental Health Assessment Services	Hopkins County (covers Hopkins, Delta, Franklin areas)- Psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and mental health/behavioral assessment testing for juveniles who have been referred to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, or type of eval./assessment. The average expense for all counties is \$637 per eval. ATCOG may cover a portion of an eval if necessary.	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	0	
Contractual and Professional Services	Mental Health Assessment Services	Lamar County - Psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and mental health/behavioral assessment testing for juveniles who have been referred to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, or type of eval./assessment. The average expense for all counties is \$637 per eval. ATCOG may cover a portion of an eval if necessary.	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	0	
Contractual and Professional Services	Mental Health Assessment Services	Red River County - Psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and mental health/behavioral assessment testing for juveniles who have been referred to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region. Rates can vary depending on the type of services,	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0	



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Contractual and Professional Services	Mental Health Assessment Services	Titus County (covers Titus, Morris areas)- Psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and mental health/behavioral assessment testing for juveniles who have been referred to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, or type of eval./assessment. The average expense for all counties is \$637 per eval.	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	0
Travel and Training	In-State Incidentals and/or Mileage	Regional Mileage and/or Car rental/gas expense- approximately 134 miles for meetings with juvenile probation officers to discuss their juvenile(s) counseling needs, and also to monitor the county's juvenile justice department to ensure their documentation is complete related to the counseling services outlined in the contract, and to provide technical assistance related to the counseling services of this grant when necessary. All factors will be evaluated to determine if it is more efficient to rent a vehicle vs. paying mileage. Reimbursement might also be given based on the price of what the rental would be plus the formula of miles, avg. miles per gallon, and avg. price per gallon. Current mileage rate-0.67/mile.	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Office Supplies (e.g., paper, postage, calculator)	Office Supplies - general office supplies such as basic supplies used in the administrative functions of this project (examples: pens, pencils, AA/AAA batteries for keyboard/mouse, paper, printer cartridges)	\$135.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135.91	0
Indirect Costs	Indirect Costs - Approved Rate	ATCOG's Indirect allocation costs are determined by applying the rate of personnel costs, which are salaries plus benefits. Example: (\$18,171.30 Personnel costs for this grant) x (.2533 indirect rate) = \$4,602.79 Indirect costs for this grant. The .2533 FY24 indirect rate has been approved by ATCOG's Board of Directors and cognizant agency and the letter has been uploaded.	\$4,602.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,602.79	0

### Source of Match Information

**Detail Source of Match/GPI:**

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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**Summary Source of Match/GPI:**

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Budget Summary Information****Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:**

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Contractual and Professional Services	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00
Indirect Costs	\$4,602.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,602.79
Personnel	\$18,171.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,171.30
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$135.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135.91
Travel and Training	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00

**Budget Grand Total Information:**

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00

**Condition Of Fundings Information**

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
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**Funding Opportunity: Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention (JJTP)**

**Agency Name: Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

**Grant/App: 1426626 Start Date: 9/01/2024 End Date: 8/31/2025**

**Project Title: Juvenile Justice Services**

**CJD Requested Amount: \$55,000 (1-YEAR TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT)**

**Counties within Project's Impact Area (within ATCOG Region):**

Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, Titus

**Narrative Information**

**Project Abstract:**

The ATCOG Purchase of Juvenile Justice Services project addresses the number of juveniles referred to the county probation departments, the mental health services needed for these juveniles, and the limited amount of local funds to provide the necessary level of mental health services. This regional project covers the nine-county ATCOG region: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus, and provides reimbursement for juvenile justice services including psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, polygraph examinations, mental health/behavioral assessment testing, parent/family training and counseling/support services. As reported by the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention for the year 2020 (the most current report available), there was a total population of 31,017 juveniles (ages 10-17) in ATCOG's nine-county region. According to reports from the county juvenile probation departments, there were a total of 431 juvenile probation referrals across the ATCOG region for 2023 (56 more referrals than 2022) Many of these referrals require services such as psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, polygraph examinations, mental health/behavioral assessment testing, parent/family training and counseling/support services. To address the number of referrals in our region and the need for evaluations and counseling for many of these referrals, ATCOG will contract with the counties, and the juvenile probation departments in each county will subcontract with quality service providers/professionals to provide the services required. Following submission of required documentation, ATCOG will reimburse the counties for eligible expenses. Monitoring visits are conducted with contractors to assure correct documentation procedures are followed and subcontractors are monitored by probation officers to be sure that the services received are of high quality.

**Problem Statement:**

The majority of ATCOG's member counties are rural with limited budgets. This has a direct effect on the level of juvenile services, such as evaluations and counseling, purchased by these counties. These services are often expensive but very important in the assessment of the juveniles and providing them with the best treatment, if necessary. Due to these limited resources and, in some cases, decreased funding in local budgets, the level of evaluation and counseling services could be negatively affected, even though the need for these services is still increasing.

**Supporting Data:**

As reported by the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention for the year 2020 (the most current report available), there was a total population of 31,017 juveniles (ages 10-17) in ATCOG's nine-county region. According to reports from the county juvenile probation departments, there were a total of 431 juvenile probation referrals across the ATCOG region for 2023 (56 more referrals than 2022). Many of these referrals require services such as psychological/psychiatric evaluations, professional therapy and mental health counseling. We have also seen a need for anger management therapy/classes for juveniles who have been referred, as well as sex offender counseling/treatment, polygraph examinations, mental health/behavioral assessment testing, parent/family training and counseling/support services. The type of services requested for reimbursement seem to vary by county, but the greatest needs in FY23 were psychological/psychiatric evaluations & assessments (consumed approx. 52% of total contract funds), and sex offender counseling (consumed approx. 31% of total contract funds). General counseling consumed approximately 17% of the total contract funds. The FY23 average cost of psychological/psychiatric evaluations & assessments was \$617/hr, and the average expense of sex offender counseling was \$66/hr, which is dependent on the level and duration. For sex offender counseling/treatment a longer treatment period is often necessary for this type of treatment and counseling. Therefore, the counties that provided sex offender treatment/counseling saw that their allocated contract amount depleted quickly due to the longer treatment/counseling period for those juveniles. For some of the services previously mentioned, the cost to provide those services increased from FY22 to FY23 for some counties.

**Project Approach & Activities:**

According to a report by the National Conference of State Legislatures regarding the "Mental Health Needs of Juvenile Offenders", the prevalence of mental health problems among juveniles requires responses to identify and treat disorders. "Many of the two million children and adolescents arrested each year in the United States have a mental health disorder. As many as 70 percent of youth in the system are affected with a mental disorder, and one in five suffer from a mental illness so severe as to impair their ability to function as a young person and grow into a responsible adult. An absence of treatment may contribute to a path of behavior that includes continued delinquency and, eventually, adult criminality. Effective assessment and comprehensive responses to court-involved juveniles with mental health needs can help break this cycle and produce healthier young people who are less likely to act out and commit crimes." ATCOG staff is also involved in the strategic planning process, as well as facilitating the strategic plan updates. The strategic plan for the region recognizes the priority/need for funding resources for sex offender treatment, psychological/psycho-sexual evaluations, and other mental health and substance abuse services for at-risk youth, including psychiatric evaluations, counseling, and treatment. This local priority listed in the strategic plan reflects the importance of these juvenile mental health services.

**Capacity & Capabilities:**

The Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) was organized in 1968 and is one of 24 regional council of governments in Texas. ATCOG consists of the following departments/programs: Executive, Administration, Finance, Information Technology, Area Agency on Aging, Criminal Justice, Economic Development, Environmental, Housing, Transportation, 9-1-1 addressing, and Homeland Security. Each department providing services to the region operates, and is funded, separately. Most of the ATCOG departments, including the Criminal Justice Department, are funded solely by federal/state grant funds that those departments apply for each year (depending on the particular grant period or funding schedule). Patricia Haley, ATCOG's Criminal Justice Coordinator, has been an employee at ATCOG for over 20 years and has administered the programs of the ATCOG Criminal Justice Department for the past 18 years. ATCOG utilizes and has maintained successful coordinated collaboration using a multidisciplinary team of the following agencies/departments/individuals in order to carry out this program: Patricia Haley (ATCOG) - CJ Coordinator/Program Administrator Melissa Simpson (Bowie County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Bowie County Scott Dupree (Cass County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Cass County John Perry (Delta, Franklin, Hopkins County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Delta, Franklin, Hopkins Counties Darrell Bruce (Lamar County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Lamar County Sherry Edwards (Red River County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Red River County Brian Clayton (Morris & Titus County Probation Officer) - implementation coordinator for services in Morris & Titus Counties These implementation coordinators/planners/administrators are then responsible for subcontracting with support staff to carry out the services of the contract and ensuring that those staff meet the standards of providing those services. Their support staff of subcontractors might include LPC's, psychiatrists, sex offender counseling/treatment facilities, anger management counselors, etc. depending on the services needed for each county. These support staff/subcontractors also vary depending on the price, availability, and location of their services provided. However, the same level of quality service is still maintained and required.

**Performance Management:**

The goal of the project is to provide necessary funds to allow county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG nine-county region to purchase quality services for juveniles that have been referred to them. Services to be purchased include psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, polygraph examinations, mental health/behavioral assessment testing, parent/family training and counseling/support services. Throughout the grant year, ATCOG will assess the number of juveniles served by the funds of this grant project. Other measures that will be monitored include the number of juveniles receiving psychological/psychiatric evaluations and assessments. The financial objective of assisting the counties with funding to provide these contracted services is also monitored. ATCOG contracts with the counties, and the juvenile probation departments in the nine-county region subcontract with quality professionals/service providers to purchase the necessary services. By providing these necessary services to juveniles in our region, the objective is to enable them to remain or re-enter their family/home/school/work environment and be successful upstanding juveniles.

**Target Group:**

This project covers the 9-county ATCOG region which includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus counties. The ATCOG 9-county region covers a total of 5,740 square miles (U.S Census Bureau, The County Information Program 2020). The Purchase of Juvenile Services project will assist in providing mental health

services to referred juveniles, male and/or female, ages 10-17, including at-risk youth. As reported by the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention for the year 2020 (the most current report available), there was a total population of 31,017 juveniles (ages 10-17) in ATCOG's nine-county region.

**Evidence-Based Practices:**

In researching evidence-based practices for juvenile mental health services, we have found several documented practices for providing effective psychosocial treatments for conduct-disordered children and adolescents, and mental health disorders in children and adolescents. However, it hasn't been determined that the professional service providers (that our probation departments contract with) establish their practices (counseling, evaluations, treatments, etc.) by utilizing any specific evidence-based practices, other than practices they have used themselves and, based on their own professional experience, found to be successful. Even though it hasn't been determined that the professional service providers in our region are using the following evidence-based practice, we will include it in this section since the study supports many of the mental health services/treatments that are included and provided in this project. As stated and referenced by Burns/Hoagwood/Mrazek in the introduction to this study, "The need for effective treatment for children and adolescents is urgent because one fifth of the children in the United States have a diagnosable mental disorder (Angold & Costello, 1995; Roberts, Attkinsson, & Rosenblatt, 1998), and a smaller, but significant, subset of them (5-9% have severe emotional disorders with extreme functional impairment (Friedman, Katz-Leavy, Manderschied, & Sondheimer, 1996). Although the full 20% with a disorder will not seek professional help, at a minimum, providing treatment for the more severely impaired youth is critical." Burns, B.J., Hoagwood, K., & Mrazek, P.J. (1999) Effective treatment for mental disorders in children and adolescents. *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review*, 2(4), 199-253. As referenced in a report by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) regarding the "Mental Health Needs of Juvenile Offenders", the prevalence of mental health problems among juveniles requires responses to identify and treat disorders. "Many of the two million children and adolescents arrested each year in the United States have a mental health disorder. As many as 70 percent of youth in the system are affected with a mental disorder, and one in five suffer from a mental illness so severe as to impair their ability to function as a young person and grow into a responsible adult. An absence of treatment may contribute to a path of behavior that includes continued delinquency and, eventually, adult criminality. Effective assessment and comprehensive responses to court-involved juveniles with mental health needs can help break this cycle and produce healthier young people who are less likely to act out and commit crimes." This report was compiled by Sarah Hammond, program principal in NCSL's Criminal Justice Program, and other NCSL staff who contributed to this report and the project are Donna Lyons, group director for Criminal Justice, and Vicky R. McPherson, staff coordinator. <http://www.ncsl.org/print/cj/mentaljjneeds.pdf>

**Project Activities Information**

**Selected Project Activities:**

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Mental Health Services	100.00	This project will allow ATCOG to provide reimbursement to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG nine-county region to assist them in purchasing quality services for juveniles that have been referred to them. Services to be purchased include psychological and psychiatric evaluations, as well as professional therapy and mental health counseling services, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, polygraph examinations, mental health/behavioral assessment testing, parent/family training and counseling/support services. ATCOG contracts with the counties (juvenile probation departments) in our region and they subcontract with providers for the mental health services for the juveniles referred to them. ATCOG reimburses the county juvenile probation departments for mental health services that they purchase for the juveniles referred to them. As mentioned, the counties subcontract with specific service providers in order for the juveniles to receive these quality services. In order for the county's reimbursement to occur, ATCOG requires several forms of documentation, including a copy of their contract with the provider/subcontractor. Service providers, as well as prices, can change from year to year. Therefore, we do not know which provider the counties with subcontract with until after our grant award notification has been received, and the counties have then gone through their quote process.

**Measures Information**

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of hours of service completed by program youth.	350
Number of program youth served.	60

Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Number of program youth completing program requirements.	55
Number of program youth who offend or reoffend.	58

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 Information by Budget Line Item:**

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Contractual and	Non-Substance Abuse-Related	Bowie County - Professional therapy, mental health	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0

Professional Services	Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.							
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Cass County - Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	0	
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Hopkins County (covers Hopkins, Delta, Franklin areas)- Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.	\$5,480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,480.00	0	



Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Lamar County - Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.	\$4,840.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,840.00	0
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Red River County - Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day. Those charges range approx. \$68-\$200.	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	0
Contractual and Professional Services	Non-Substance Abuse-Related Case Management, Forensic Interviews, Counseling, Outpatient, and/or Treatment Services	Titus County (covers Titus, Morris areas)- Professional therapy, mental health counseling, anger management, sex offender counseling/treatment, and polygraph examinations for juveniles who have been referred to the county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region, and parent/family training and counseling support services for the parent(s)/family, when necessary. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, provider, etc. Some charge hourly and others charge per session or per day.	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360.00	0

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Contractual and Professional Services	Mental Health Assessment Services	Cass County - Psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and mental health/behavioral assessment testing for juveniles who have been referred to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, or type of eval./assessment. The average expense for all counties is \$637 per eval.	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0	
Contractual and Professional Services	Mental Health Assessment Services	Hopkins County (covers Hopkins, Delta, Franklin areas)- Psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and mental health/behavioral assessment testing for juveniles who have been referred to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, or type of eval./assessment. The average expense for all counties is \$637 per eval. ATCOG may cover a portion of an eval if necessary.	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	0	
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		services, or type of eval./assessment. The average expense for all counties is \$637 per eval. ATCOG may cover a portion of an eval if necessary.							
Contractual and Professional Services	Mental Health Assessment Services	Red River County - Psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and mental health/behavioral assessment testing for juveniles who have been referred to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, or type of eval./assessment. The average expense for all counties is \$637 per eval.	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0	
Contractual and Professional Services	Mental Health Assessment Services	Titus County (covers Titus, Morris areas)- Psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and mental health/behavioral assessment testing for juveniles who have been referred to county juvenile probation departments in the ATCOG region. Rates can vary depending on the type of services, or type of eval./assessment. The average expense for all counties is \$637 per eval.	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	0	
Travel and Training	In-State Incidentals and/or Mileage	Regional Mileage and/or Car rental/gas expense- approximately 134 miles for meetings with juvenile probation officers to discuss their juvenile(s) counseling needs, and also to monitor the county's juvenile justice department to ensure their documentation is complete related to the counseling services outlined in the contract, and to provide technical assistance related to the counseling services of this grant when necessary. All factors will be evaluated to determine if it is more efficient to rent a vehicle vs. paying mileage. Reimbursement might also be given based on the price of what the rental would be plus the formula of miles, avg.	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	0	

		miles per gallon, and avg. price per gallon. Current mileage rate-0.67/mile.							
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Office Supplies (e.g., paper, postage, calculator)	Office Supplies - general office supplies such as basic supplies used in the administrative functions of this project (examples: pens, pencils, AA/AAA batteries for keyboard/mouse, paper, printer cartridges)	\$135.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135.91	0	
Indirect Costs	Indirect Costs - Approved Rate	ATCOG's Indirect allocation costs are determined by applying the rate of personnel costs, which are salaries plus benefits. Example: (\$18,171.30 Personnel costs for this grant) x (.2533 indirect rate) = \$4,602.79 Indirect costs for this grant. The .2533 FY24 indirect rate has been approved by ATCOG's Board of Directors and cognizant agency and the letter has been uploaded.	\$4,602.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,602.79	0	

**Source of Match Information**

**Detail Source of Match/GPI:**

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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**Summary Source of Match/GPI:**

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Budget Summary Information**

**Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:**

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Contractual and Professional Services	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00
Indirect Costs	\$4,602.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,602.79
Personnel	\$18,171.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,171.30
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$135.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135.91
Travel and Training	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00

**Budget Grand Total Information:**

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00

# Office of Governor – PSO/CJD Applications

## RCJAC Scoring Instrument

### Truancy Prevention

#### ATCOG

Funding Opportunity: **Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention**

Applicant Agency: **Ark-Tex Council of Governments**

Project Title: **Juvenile Justice Services**

Application Number: **1426626**

Amount Requested: **\$55,000**

1. Name of RCJAC Member:
  2. Phone Number of RCJAC Member):
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#### Conflict of Interest:

The COG's governing body and RCJAC members must abstain from scoring, commenting, and voting on any application, other than a grant application submitted by the COG, during the prioritization process if they, or an individual related within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity, have one or more of the following conflicts of interest.

(Please answer each question)

3. Are you, or an individual related within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity, employed by the applicant agency and works for the unit or division that would administer the grant if awarded? **If answer is yes, RCJAC member cannot score this application and must abstain.**  
**Yes**  
**No**
4. Do you, or an individual related within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity, serve on any governing board that oversees the unit or division that would administer the grant if awarded? **If answer is yes, RCJAC member cannot score this application and must abstain.**  
**Yes**  
**No**
5. Do you, or an individual related within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity, own or control any interest in a business entity or other non-governmental organization that benefits, directly or indirectly, from activities with the applicant agency? **If answer is yes, RCJAC member cannot score this application and must abstain.**  
**Yes**  
**No**

6. Will you, or an individual related within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity, receive any funds, or a substantial amount of tangible goods or routine services, from the applicant agency as a result of the grant, if awarded? **If answer is yes, RCJAC member cannot score this application and must abstain.**

**Yes**

**No**

**Attendance:**

7. Was a knowledgeable representative from the applicant agency available at the CJAC scoring meeting to present their project and address potential questions?

(Maximum 15 Points) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Management & Fiscal Capability:**

8. If funded, would the applicant/agency be able to provide the necessary resources to manage and carry out the project in an effective and fiscally responsible manner?

(Maximum 15 Points) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Local Priorities:**

9. Does the project address at least one local priority for the ATCOG region from the following list?

(Maximum 10 Points) \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ Resources for sex offender treatment, psychological/psycho-sexual evaluations, and other mental health and substance abuse services for at-risk youth, including psychiatric evaluations, counseling, and treatment.
  - ❖ Programs to divert at-risk youth from entering the juvenile justice system, such as prevention services and mentoring programs for children under age 10.
  - ❖ School Resource Officers and Juvenile Case Managers to lead preventative intervention services and classes such as awareness and prevention programs, peer support groups, and combat school violence, delinquency, and truancy.
  - ❖ Programs/services to assist youth in their development of cognitive behavioral skills including positive decision making and thought processes, and also independent living skills for ages 16 and older.
  - ❖ Resources for child and youth victims of human/sex trafficking.
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**Documentation of Problem:**

10. Does this project avoid duplication or overlapping of existing resources or programs available within the project's proposed service area and target population?

(Maximum 10 Points) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Does the supporting data validate the problem within the proposed target area?

(Maximum 10 Points) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cost and Program Effectiveness:**

12. Are the activities to be conducted reasonable and will they adequately accomplish the goals of the project? (Maximum 10 Points) \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are the budget line items eligible and essential to meeting the goals of the project?

(Maximum 10 Points) \_\_\_\_\_

14. Does the organization have a clear plan to generate, collect, and assess output and outcome measures to support evaluation of results? (Maximum 10 Points) \_\_\_\_\_

15. Does the project document coordinated collaboration with other agencies and/or organizations? (Maximum 10 Points) \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Enter any comments you have regarding this application/project here:

Comments:

17. By entering your RCJAC member code below, you are certifying that the above scores are your own. \_\_\_\_\_

(Each RCJAC member should have received his/her confidential code in the scoring packet email.)