



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145411
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DATE: 7/1/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT APPLICATION FOR
THE TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VICTIM SERVICES
DIVISION**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant application for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Victim Services Division.

BACKGROUND

The DOJ Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant program is designed to support comprehensive, community-based strategies for preventing and responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking affecting youth and children ages 0-24. Funding will be used to expand TCSO's Victim Services Division by hiring a Youth-Focused Advocate.

Currently, TCSO employs 1 (one) victim services advocate who primarily serves adult victims. This grant would support 1 (one) new FTE to provide crisis intervention, follow-up services, and referrals tailored to the needs of youth impacted by violence and exploitation. Expanding the team will enhance TCSO's capacity to deliver trauma-informed, age-appropriate services and ensure timely support for young victims.

The addition of a Youth-Focused Advocate will strengthen victim advocacy efforts, improve community response, and lead to better outcomes for vulnerable youth.

If approved, TCSO will submit the full application package, including all certifications and assurances, to the DOJ Office on Violence Against Women for a total grant request of \$500,000.00. The grant period is for 36 months.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant request is for \$500,000.00. The grant period is for 36 months. No match is required for this grant, and no operating subsidy is needed. Indirect costs are allowed and have been added to the program budget.

SUBMITTED BY	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY:	Rand Otten
		APPROVED BY:	Travis Yarbrough



TARRANT COUNTY

June 17, 2025

Director
Office on Violence Against Women
145 N Street, NE
Washington, DC 20530

Tarrant County certifies that any funds received through the OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth Program will be used to supplement, not supplant, existing non-federal funds that otherwise would be available for activities under the award. Tarrant County understands that supplanting violations can result in a range of penalties, including suspension of future funds under this program, suspension or debarment from federal grants, recoupment of monies provided under this grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

Sincerely,

Tim O'Hare
County Judge
Tarrant County



TARRANT COUNTY

June 17, 2025

Director
Office on Violence Against Women
145 N Street, NE, Suite 10 W.
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Director:

This letter serves to certify that Tarrant County will not use grant funds for the following out-of-scope activities:

1. Promoting or facilitating the violation of federal immigration law.
2. Inculcating or promoting gender ideology as defined in Executive Order 14168, *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*.
3. Promoting or facilitating discriminatory programs or ideology, including illegal DEI and “diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility” programs that do not advance the policy of equal dignity and respect, as described in Executive Order 14173, *Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*. This prohibition is not intended to interfere with any of OVW’s statutory obligations, such as funding for HBCUs, culturally specific services, and disability programs.
4. Activities that frame domestic violence or sexual assault as systemic social justice issues rather than criminal offenses (e.g., prioritizing criminal justice reform or social justice theories over victim safety and offender accountability).
5. Generic community engagement or economic development without a clear link to violence prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability.
6. Programs that discourage collaboration with law enforcement or oppose or limit the role of police, prosecutors, or immigration enforcement in addressing violence against women.
7. Awareness campaigns or media that do not lead to tangible improvements in prevention, victim safety, or offender accountability.
8. Initiatives that prioritize illegal aliens over U.S. citizens and legal residents in receiving victim services and support.
9. Excessive funding for consulting fees, training, administrative costs, or other expenses not related to measurable violence prevention, victim support, and offender accountability.
10. Research projects.
11. Any activity or program that unlawfully violates an Executive Order.

Note: Nothing in this certification prohibits recipients from serving all eligible victims as required by statute, regulation, or award condition.

Sincerely,

Tim O’Hare
County Judge
Tarrant County

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C.1352

OMB Number: 4040-0013
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

1. * Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	2. * Status of Federal Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	3. * Report Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change
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4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:

Prime SubAwardee

* Name: Tarrant County

* Street 1: 100 E. Weatherford St. Street 2: _____

* City: Fort Worth State: TX: Texas Zip: 76196

Congressional District, if known: 12

5. If Reporting Entity in No.4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:

6. * Federal Department/Agency: U.S Department of Justice	7. * Federal Program Name/Description: Office on Violence Against Women CFDA Number, if applicable: _____
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8. Federal Action Number, if known: _____	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____
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10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant:

Prefix _____ * First Name: Kasey and Scott Middle Name: _____

* Last Name: Pipes and Corley Suffix: _____

* Street 1: Corley & Pipes Street 2: 420 Throckmorton St., Suite 1200

* City: Fort Worth State: TX: Texas Zip: 76102

b. Individual Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a)

Prefix _____ * First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

* Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____

* Street 1: _____ Street 2: _____

* City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when the transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

* Signature: _____

* Name: Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Tim Middle Name: _____
* Last Name: O'Hare Suffix: _____

Title: County Judge Telephone No.: 817-884-1040 Date: 06/17/2025



Acknowledgement of Notice of Statutory Requirement to Comply with the Confidentiality and Privacy Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, as Amended

Under section 40002(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women Act, as amended (34 U.S.C. 12291(b)(2)), grantees and subgrantees with funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) are required to meet the following terms with regard to nondisclosure of confidential or private information and to document their compliance. By signature on this form, applicants for grants from OVW are acknowledging that that they have notice that, if awarded funds, they will be required to comply with this provision, and will mandate that subgrantees, if any, comply with this provision, and will create and maintain documentation of compliance, such as policies and procedures for release of victim information, and will mandate that subgrantees, if any, will do so as well.

(A) In general

In order to ensure the safety of adult, youth, and child victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their families, grantees and subgrantees under this subchapter shall protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services.

(B) Nondisclosure

Subject to subparagraphs (C) and (D), grantees and subgrantees shall not—

- (i) disclose, reveal, or release any personally identifying information or individual information collected in connection with services requested, utilized, or denied through grantees' and subgrantees' programs, regardless of whether the information has been encoded, encrypted, hashed, or otherwise protected; or
- (ii) disclose, reveal, or release individual client information without the informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent of the person (or in the case of an unemancipated minor, the minor and the parent or guardian or in the case of legal incapacity, a court-appointed guardian) about whom information is sought, whether for this program or any other Federal, State, tribal, or territorial grant program, except that consent for release may not be given by the abuser of the minor, incapacitated person, or the abuser of the other parent of the minor.

If a minor or a person with a legally appointed guardian is permitted by law to receive services without the parent's or guardian's consent, the minor or person with a guardian may release information without additional consent.

(C) Release

If release of information described in subparagraph (B) is compelled by statutory or court mandate—

- (i) grantees and subgrantees shall make reasonable attempts to provide notice to victims affected by the disclosure of information; and
- (ii) grantees and subgrantees shall take steps necessary to protect the privacy and safety of the persons affected by the release of the information.

(D) Information sharing

(i) Grantees and subgrantees may share—

- (I) nonpersonally identifying data in the aggregate regarding services to their clients and nonpersonally identifying demographic information in order to comply with Federal, State, tribal, or territorial reporting, evaluation, or data collection requirements;
- (II) court-generated information and law enforcement-generated information contained in secure, governmental registries for protection order enforcement purposes; and
- (III) law enforcement-generated and prosecution-generated information necessary for law enforcement and prosecution purposes.

(ii) In no circumstances may—

- (I) an adult, youth, or child victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking be required to provide a consent to release his or her personally identifying information as a condition of eligibility for the services provided by the grantee or subgrantee;
- (II) any personally identifying information be shared in order to comply with Federal, tribal, or State reporting, evaluation, or data collection requirements, whether for this program or any other Federal, tribal, or State grant program.

(E) Statutorily mandated reports of abuse or neglect

Nothing in this section prohibits a grantee or subgrantee from reporting suspected abuse or neglect, as those terms are defined and specifically mandated by the State or tribe involved.

(F) Oversight

Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the Attorney General from disclosing grant activities authorized in this Act to the chairman and ranking members of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate exercising Congressional oversight authority. All disclosures shall protect confidentiality and omit personally identifying information, including location information about individuals.

(G) Confidentiality assessment and assurances

Grantees and subgrantees must document their compliance with the confidentiality and privacy provisions required under this section.

(H) Death of the party whose privacy had been protected

In the event of the death of any victim whose confidentiality and privacy is required to be protected under this subsection, grantees and subgrantees may share personally identifying

information or individual information that is collected about deceased victims being sought for a fatality review to the extent permitted by their jurisdiction's law and only if the following conditions are met:

- (i) The underlying objectives of the fatality review are to prevent future deaths, enhance victim safety, and increase offender accountability.
- (ii) The fatality review includes policies and protocols to protect identifying information, including identifying information about the victim's children, from further release outside the fatality review team.
- (iii) The grantee or subgrantee makes a reasonable effort to get a release from the victim's personal representative (if one has been appointed) and from any surviving minor children or the guardian of such children (but not if the guardian is the abuser of the deceased parent), if the children are not capable of knowingly consenting.
- (iv) The information released is limited to that which is necessary for the purposes of the fatality review.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby acknowledge that the applicant has received notice that if awarded funding they will comply with the above statutory requirements. This acknowledgement shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which the Department of Justice will rely if it determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

Tim O'Hare

County Judge

Typed Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Telephone Number 817-884-1040

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date Signed

Tarrant COunty

Agency Name