



RE: FY17 VCLG Grant Coversheet

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GCD contract number: 1772557

Grantee: Tom Green County Attorney's Office

Amount: \$42,000.00

Executed: 8/31/2016

Term: Sept. 1, 2016–Aug. 31, 2017

Budget coding:

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Narrative, as submitted by GRANTEE, is attached as Exhibit B. If any Special Conditions were imposed by the OAG, those provisions will be reflected on the attached Exhibit C.

The OAG, at its sole discretion, will establish the final project targets, outputs, and outcomes. In addition, the OAG, at its sole discretion, may adjust GRANTEE's budget, targets, outputs, outcomes, and/or any other items as deemed appropriate by the OAG, at any time, during the term of this contract.

SECTION 4. GRANTEE'S OBLIGATIONS AND REQUIRED REPORTS

4.1 General Matters

4.1.1 Required Reports; Form of Reports; Filings with the OAG. GRANTEE shall forward to the OAG the applicable reports on forms as specified by the OAG. GRANTEE shall ensure that it files each document or form required by the OAG in an accurate and timely manner. Unless filing dates are given herein, all other reports and other documents that GRANTEE is required to forward to the OAG shall be promptly forwarded. From time to time, the OAG may require additional information from GRANTEE.

4.1.2 Cooperation; Additional Information. GRANTEE shall cooperate fully with the OAG. In addition to the information contained in the required reports, other information may be required as requested by the OAG.

4.1.3 Notification of Changes in Organization, Changes in Authorized Official or Grant Contact. GRANTEE shall submit within ten (10) business days notice to the OAG of any change of the following: GRANTEE's name; contact information; key personnel, officer, director or partner; organizational structure; legal standing; or authority to do business in Texas. GRANTEE shall promptly notify the OAG, preferably in advance, of a change in address or main telephone number of GRANTEE. A change in GRANTEE's name requires an amendment to the contract. To change an Authorized Official, GRANTEE must submit a written request on GRANTEE's letterhead, with an original signature of someone with authority. To change Grant Contact, GRANTEE must submit a written request on GRANTEE's letterhead signed by the Authorized Official.

4.1.4 Standards for Financial and Programmatic Management. GRANTEE and its governing body shall bear full and sole responsibility for the integrity of the fiscal and programmatic management of the organization including financial and programmatic policies and procedures.

Such fiscal and programmatic management shall include: accountability for all funds and materials received from the OAG; compliance with OAG rules, policies and procedures, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations; and correction of fiscal and program deficiencies identified through self-evaluation and/or the OAG's monitoring processes.

GRANTEE shall submit service delivery reports required by the contract or self-evaluations of performance and other reports requested by the OAG in appropriate format and on a timely basis and make available at reasonable times and for reasonable periods client records and other programmatic or financial records, books, reports, and supporting documents for reviewing and copying by the OAG or its designees.

4.3 Financial Matters

4.3.1 Grant Budget. With regard to the use of funds pursuant to this contract, GRANTEE will immediately review the budget as established in this contract.

4.3.2 Monthly Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report. Grant funds are paid on a cost reimbursement basis. GRANTEE will submit, each month, a monthly request for reimbursement for the actual and allowable allocable costs incurred by GRANTEE for project costs to provide services under this contract. The payments made to GRANTEE shall not exceed its actual and allowable allocable costs to provide the services under this contract.

The request for reimbursement will be submitted to the OAG in the form and manner as approved by the OAG and will specify the detailed and total expenses for the month, in the following cost categories: (i) personnel and fringe benefits, reported separately, (ii) professional and consulting services, (iii) travel, (iv) equipment, (v) supplies, and (vi) other direct operating expenses. The request for reimbursement must be accompanied by supporting documentation as required by the OAG. The OAG may from time to time require different or additional supporting documentation.

A request for reimbursement and financial status report are required each month, whether GRANTEE has paid expenses, or is seeking reimbursement.

4.3.3 Fiscal Year End Required Reports. On or before October 15, 2017, GRANTEE will submit fiscal year end required reports.

- a. Record of Reimbursement.** GRANTEE will submit a reconciled record of its expenses for the prior fiscal year in the following cost categories: (i) personnel and fringe benefits, reported separately, (ii) professional and consulting services, (iii) travel, (iv) equipment, (v) supplies, and (vi) other direct operating expenses.
- b. Equipment Inventory Report.** GRANTEE will submit an Equipment Inventory Report which provides a record of the current inventory of items purchased, disposed of, replaced or transferred for any equipment that was purchased with grant funds.

4.3.4 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report. Unless otherwise noted on Exhibit C (Special Conditions), GRANTEE shall timely submit to the OAG a copy of its annual independent financial audit. The timely submission to the OAG is on or before nine (9) months after the end of GRANTEE's accounting year. Unless, otherwise noted on Exhibit C (Special

GRANTEE will maintain, repair, and protect all equipment purchased in whole or in part with grant funds under this contract so as to ensure the full availability and usefulness of such equipment. In the event GRANTEE is indemnified, reimbursed, or otherwise compensated for any loss of, destruction of, or damage to the equipment purchased under this contract, it shall use the proceeds to repair or replace said equipment.

4.3.9 Direct Deposit. GRANTEE may make a written request to the OAG to be placed on Direct Deposit status by completing and submitting to the OAG the State Comptroller's Direct Deposit Authorization Form. After the direct deposit request is approved by the OAG and the setup is completed on the Texas Identification Number System by the State Comptroller's Office, payment will be remitted by direct deposit and the OAG will discontinue providing GRANTEE with copies of reimbursement vouchers.

SECTION 5. OBLIGATIONS OF OAG

5.1 Monitoring. The OAG is responsible for closely monitoring GRANTEE to ensure the effective and efficient use of grant funds to accomplish the purposes of this contract.

5.2 Maximum Liability of OAG. The maximum liability of the OAG is contained in the attached Exhibit A. Any change to the maximum liability must be supported by a written amendment to this contract.

5.3 Reimbursement of Grantee Expenses. The OAG shall be obligated to reimburse GRANTEE for all actual and allowable allocable costs incurred by GRANTEE pursuant to this contract. The OAG is not obligated to pay unauthorized costs. Prior written approval from the OAG is required if GRANTEE anticipates altering the scope of the grant, adding funds to previously un-awarded budget categories, changing funds in any awarded budget category by more than 10% of the annual budget and/or adding new line items to any awarded budget category.

5.4 Contract Not Entitlement or Right. Reimbursement with contract funds is not an entitlement or right. Reimbursement depends, among other things, upon strict compliance with all terms, conditions and provisions of this contract. The OAG and GRANTEE agree that any act, action or representation by either party, their agents or employees that purports to increase the maximum liability of the OAG is void, unless a written amendment to this contract is first executed. GRANTEE agrees that nothing in this contract will be interpreted to create an obligation or liability of the OAG in excess of the funds delineated in this contract.

5.5 Funding Limitation. GRANTEE agrees that funding for this contract is subject to the actual receipt by the OAG of grant funds (state and/or federal) appropriated to the OAG. GRANTEE agrees that the grant funds, if any, received from the OAG are limited by the term of each state biennium and by specific appropriation authority to and the spending authority of the

limited to any daily activity reports and time distribution and attendance records, and other records that may show the basis of the charges made or performances delivered.

7.3 Audit Trails. GRANTEE shall maintain appropriate audit trails to provide accountability for all reporting measures and requests for reimbursement. Audit trails maintained by GRANTEE will, at a minimum, identify the supporting documentation prepared by GRANTEE to permit an audit of its systems. GRANTEE's automated systems, if any, must provide the means whereby authorized personnel have the ability to audit and to verify contractually required performances and to establish individual accountability for any action that can potentially cause access to, generation of, or modification of confidential information.

7.4 Access and Audit. At the request of the OAG, GRANTEE shall grant access to and make available all paper and electronic records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other items relevant to the performance of this contract, compliance with applicable state or federal laws and regulations, and the operation and management of GRANTEE to the OAG or its designees for the purposes of inspecting, auditing, or copying such items. GRANTEE will direct any other entity, person, or contractor receiving funds directly under this contract or through a subcontract under this contract to likewise permit access to, inspection of, and reproduction of all books, records, and other relevant information of the entity, person, or contractor(s) that pertain to this contract. All records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other items, in whatever form, relevant to the performance of this contract, shall be subject to examination or audit. Whenever practical as determined at the sole discretion of the OAG, the OAG shall provide GRANTEE with up to five (5) business days advance notice of any such examination or audit.

7.5 State Auditor. In addition to and without limitation on the other audit provisions of this contract, pursuant to Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code, the State Auditor's Office may conduct an audit or investigation of GRANTEE or any other entity or person receiving funds from the State directly under this contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this contract. The acceptance of funds by GRANTEE or any other entity or person directly under this contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, under the direction of the Legislative Audit Committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the Legislative Audit Committee, GRANTEE or another entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the State Auditor's Office must provide the State Auditor's Office with access to any information the State Auditor's Office considers relevant to the investigation or audit. GRANTEE further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. GRANTEE shall ensure that this paragraph concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through GRANTEE and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards. The State Auditor's Office shall at any time have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, and transcribe any pertinent books, documents, working papers, and records of GRANTEE related to this contract.

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The Annual Independent Financial Audit and related documents, as well as any other reports, if requested or approved by the OAG, may be submitted to:

OAG-Grants@texasattorneygeneral.gov

SECTION 9. CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS AND SANCTIONS

The Parties agree to make a good faith effort to identify, communicate and resolve problems found by either the OAG or GRANTEE.

9.1 Corrective Action Plans. If the OAG finds deficiencies in GRANTEE's performance under this contract, the OAG, at its sole discretion, may impose one or more of the following remedies as part of a corrective action plan: increase in monitoring visits; require that additional or more detailed financial and/or programmatic reports be submitted; require prior approval for expenditures; require additional technical or management assistance and/or make modifications in business practices; reduce the contract amount; and/or terminate this contract. The foregoing are not exclusive remedies, and the OAG may impose other requirements that the OAG determines will be in the best interest of the State.

9.2 Financial Hold. Failure to comply with submission deadlines for required reports, invoices, or other requested information may result in the OAG, at its sole discretion, placing GRANTEE on immediate financial hold without further notice to GRANTEE and without first requiring a corrective action plan. No reimbursements will be processed until the requested information is submitted. If GRANTEE is placed on financial hold, the OAG, at its sole discretion, may deny reimbursement requests associated with expenses incurred during the time GRANTEE was placed on financial hold.

9.3 Sanctions. In addition to financial hold, the OAG, at its sole discretion, may impose other sanctions without first requiring a corrective action plan. The OAG, at its sole discretion, may impose sanctions, including, but not limited to, withholding or suspending funding, offsetting previous reimbursements, requiring repayment, disallowing claims for reimbursement, reducing funding, terminating this contract and/or any other appropriate sanction.

9.4 No Waiver. Notwithstanding the imposition of corrective actions, financial hold and/or sanctions, GRANTEE remains responsible for complying with the contract terms and conditions. Corrective action plans, financial hold and/or sanctions do not excuse or operate as a waiver of prior failure to comply with this contract.

GRANTEE agrees to comply with all applicable licenses, legal certifications, inspections, and any other applicable local ordinance or state or federal laws.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

11.1 Independent Contractor Status; Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement.

GRANTEE expressly agrees that it is an independent contractor and under no circumstances shall any owner, incorporator, officer, director, employee, or volunteer of GRANTEE be considered a state employee, agent, servant, joint venturer, joint enterpriser or partner of the OAG or the State of Texas. GRANTEE agrees to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that each contractor of GRANTEE will be deemed to be an independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an agent, servant, joint venturer, joint enterpriser or partner of the OAG.

All persons furnished, used, retained, or hired by or on behalf of GRANTEE or any of GRANTEE's contractors shall be considered to be solely the employees or agents of GRANTEE or GRANTEE's contractors. GRANTEE or GRANTEE's contractors shall be responsible for ensuring that any and all appropriate payments are made, such as unemployment, workers compensation, social security, any benefit available to a state employee as a state employee, and other payroll taxes for such persons, including any related assessments or contributions required by law.

GRANTEE or GRANTEE's contractors are responsible for all types of claims whatsoever due to actions or performance under this contract, including, but not limited to, the use of automobiles or other transportation by its owners, incorporators, officers, directors, employees, volunteers or any third parties. To the extent allowed by law, GRANTEE and/or GRANTEE's contractors will indemnify and hold harmless the OAG and/or the State of Texas from and against any and all claims arising out of actions or performance of GRANTEE or GRANTEE's contractors under this contract. To the extent allowed by law, GRANTEE agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the OAG and/or the State of Texas from any and all liability, actions, claims, demands, or suits, and all related costs, attorney fees, and expenses, that arise from or are occasioned by the negligence, misconduct, or wrongful act or omission of GRANTEE, its employees, representatives, agents, or subcontractors in their performance under this contract.

11.2 Publicity. GRANTEE shall not use the OAG's name or refer to the OAG directly or indirectly in any media release, public service announcement or public service disclosure relating to this contract or any acquisition pursuant hereto, including in any promotional or marketing materials, without first obtaining written consent from the OAG. This section is not intended to and does not limit GRANTEE's ability to comply with its obligations and duties under the Texas Open Meetings Act and/or the Texas Public Information Act.

11.3 Intellectual Property. GRANTEE understands and agrees that where funds obtained under this contract may be used to produce original books, manuals, films, or other original

remaining OAG funding of the dissolving organization in addition to the standing organizations current funding.

If GRANTEE merges or is absorbed by a non-OAG-funded organization, GRANTEE's contract will be terminated. The non-OAG-funded organization cannot seek the funding of the dissolving organization for the current grant period.

11.10 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity. The Parties agree that no provision of this contract is in any way intended to constitute a waiver by the OAG or the State of Texas of any immunities from suit or from liability that the OAG or the State of Texas may have by operation of law.

11.11 Governing Law; Venue. This contract is made and entered into in the State of Texas. This contract and all disputes arising out of or relating thereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to any otherwise applicable conflict of law rules or requirements.

Except where state law establishes mandatory venue, GRANTEE agrees that any action, suit, litigation or other proceeding (collectively "litigation") arising out of or in any way relating to this contract shall be commenced exclusively in the Travis County District Court or the United States District Court in the Western District, Austin Division, and to the extent allowed by law, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of those courts for the purpose of prosecuting and/or defending such litigation. GRANTEE hereby waives and agrees not to assert by way of motion, as a defense, or otherwise, in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that GRANTEE is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts; the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum; and/or the venue is improper.

11.12 U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System. GRANTEE will ensure that it utilizes the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to determine the eligibility of any new employee hired after the effective date of this agreement who will be working on any matter covered by this agreement.

11.13 Limitation on Civil Legal Services Providers. If GRANTEE is a provider of civil legal services to victims of crime, and if the purpose of the grant funds is to provide legal services to victims of crime, GRANTEE shall comply with the following:

11.13.1 Services to Indigent Clients. GRANTEE shall provide victim-related civil legal services directly to indigent victims, indigent immediate family members of indigent victims, or indigent claimants. "Indigent" means an individual who earns not more than 187 ½% of the federal poverty guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Victims, immediate family members of victims and claimants are defined in Article 56.32 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

governmental agencies, and (e) other organizations that specifically provide victim related services.

11.13.6 Professional Conduct. In accepting and pursuing matters for clients, GRANTEE shall adhere to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and any other code or rules of professional responsibility adopted by this state for attorneys. GRANTEE should exercise reasonable prudent judgment and consider all relevant factors, including the legal merits and the economic and practical value of the matter.

11.13.7 Retainer Agreements and Private Referrals. Except for matters involving limited advice and brief services (e.g. clinics, hotlines, and similar services), GRANTEE shall execute a written retainer agreement, or letter of engagement, containing appropriate provisions for withdrawal of representation, with each client who receives legal services from GRANTEE. For cases that are referred by GRANTEE to a private attorney, GRANTEE shall make available to the accepting attorney a standard form retainer agreement which may be modified based on the agreement between the attorney and client.

The OAG, at its sole discretion, may further limit, authorize or define the scope of permitted legal services offered by the GRANTEE.

SECTION 12. CONSTRUCTION OF CONTRACT AND AMENDMENTS

12.1 Construction of Contract. The provisions of Section 1 are intended to be a general introduction to this contract. To the extent the terms and conditions of this contract do not address a particular circumstance or are otherwise unclear or ambiguous, such terms and conditions are to be construed consistent with the general objectives, expectations and purposes of this contract.

12.2 Entire Agreement, including All Exhibits. This contract, including all exhibits, reflects the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter therein described, and there are no other representations (verbal or written), directives, guidance, assistance, understandings or agreements between the Parties related to such subject matter. By executing this contract, GRANTEE agrees to strictly comply with the requirements and obligations of this contract, including all exhibits.

12.3 Amendment. This contract shall not be modified or amended except in writing, signed by both parties. Any properly executed amendment of this contract shall be binding upon the Parties and presumed to be supported by adequate consideration.

12.4 Partial Invalidity. If any term or provision of this contract is found to be illegal or unenforceable, such construction shall not affect the legality or validity of any of its other provisions. The illegal or invalid provision shall be deemed severable and stricken from the

OAG Contract No. 1772557**EXHIBIT A**

Maximum Liability of the OAG. The OAG and GRANTEE agree the total liability of the OAG to GRANTEE, directly or indirectly, arising out of this contract and for reimbursement of all expenses, shall not exceed the following:

\$42,000.00

Budget. Subject to the limitations within this contract, the OAG will reimburse GRANTEE for actual allowable and allocable costs paid according to the following amounts and budget categories:

Budget Category	State Fiscal Year 2017
Personnel	\$33,460.00
Fringe Benefits	\$7,538.00
Professional & Consultant Services	\$-
Travel	\$477.00
Equipment	\$-
Supplies	\$250.00
Other Direct Operating Expenses	\$275.00
Total	\$42,000.00

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EXHIBIT C

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Special Conditions are imposed by the OAG, at its sole discretion. In addition to the ones identified in this exhibit to this contract, the OAG may, at its sole discretion, impose additional special conditions, with or without notice, without amending this contract.

The OAG is placing GRANTEE on immediate financial hold, without further notice, until all Special Conditions, if any, listed in this Exhibit are met.

The following Special Conditions apply to this contract:

None