



## **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FY 2026 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS, PROCESS, AND MATERIALS**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Texas Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) is soliciting applications for projects that support local and regional efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens. The PSO provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 32 core capabilities essential to achieving a secure and resilient state.

### **II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this solicitation is to support state, tribal and local preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities *where a nexus to terrorism exists*.

The PSO contracts with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) to manage the application prioritization process for the 13-county region. All final funding decisions are made by the Office of the Governor.

### **III. APPLICATION PROCESS AND IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

The shortened application period requires a different process for fiscal year 2026. SHSP applicants must complete the following two steps to be recommended for funding:

1. Submit an [eGrants](#) application certified by your agency's Authorized Official by 03/16/2026 at 5:00pm
2. Submit the H-GAC paper application to [justin.riley@h-gac.com](mailto:justin.riley@h-gac.com) by 03/19/2026 at 5:00pm

**Failure to complete either of these steps may result in your project not being recommended for funding.** Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) applicants should take care to not confuse the State Homeland Security Program process or application materials for the UASI program, materials, or process. UASI applicants should contact the City of Houston for all questions related to that program.

#### IV. APPLICATION TIMELINE

eGrants Applications Open	02/17/2026	eGrants Deadline	03/16/2026
Grant Application Workshop	02/19/2026	Paper Application Deadline	03/19/2026

#### V. GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOP

To assist applicants, H-GAC will host one grant application workshop on **February 19 at 1:00 PM**. Unlike previous years, due to the abbreviated application period attendance at the workshop will not be mandatory for fiscal year 2026.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

#### VI. NEW REQUIREMENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- **Resolutions** - Resolutions from the entity's Governing Body will now be required at the time of eGrants submission. Given the compressed timeline, applicants should begin coordinating immediately with their governing bodies to ensure timely approval and documentation. Resolutions [have a new template](#) and requirements from the PSO for FY 2026.
- **CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form** – This form, issued by the PSO, must be signed by both the Chief Executive Officer and the Head of the Law Enforcement Agency to certify compliance with U.S. Department of Homeland Security notification and detainer requirements, applicable federal immigration statutes, and Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

#### VII. APPLICATION MATERIALS

The link below provides access to all required and supplemental application materials, including the paper application, resources for completing the Narrative Tab, example project narratives, the eGrants walkthrough, and additional guidance documents to support a complete and competitive submission.

[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS](#)

#### VIII. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

If, after attending the grant application workshop, an agency requires additional assistance with its application(s), a request for support should be submitted to:

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[justin.riley@h-gac.com](mailto:justin.riley@h-gac.com)