HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
FY 2025 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCESS

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.
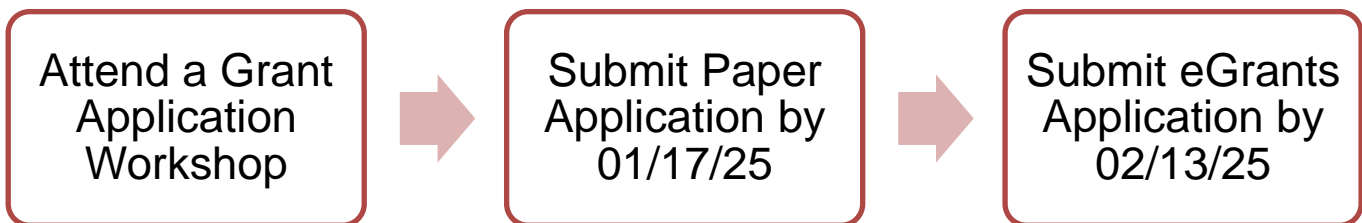
II. PURPOSE

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. All investments must be consistent with capability targets set during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process, and gaps identified in the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR).*

The PSO contracts with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) to manage the application 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 2025

Changes to H-GAC's contract with the PSO require a different process for fiscal year 2025. SHSP applicants must complete the following three steps to be recommended for funding:

Attend a Grant Application Workshop → Submit Paper Application by 01/17/25 → Submit eGrants Application by 02/13/25

The paper application and eGrants process will be reviewed at the grant application workshops. *All application materials, including the paper application forms, will be distributed to workshop attendees.* **Failure to complete any 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

Grant Application Workshops	12/16/24, 12/19/24, 01/06/25, 01/09/24
eGrants Applications Open	12/16/24
Paper Applications Due to H-GAC	**01/17/25**
eGrants Deadline	**02/13/25**

V. GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

December 16, 2024, 02:00pm – 03:30pm
CLICK FOR WEBINAR REGISTRATION

December 19, 2024, 10:00am – 11:30am
CLICK FOR WEBINAR REGISTRATION

January 06, 2025, 02:00pm – 03:30pm
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January 09, 2025, 10:00am – 11:30am
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VI. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

If after attending a grant application workshop an agency still requires additional assistance with their application(s), they should send a request to:

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