



HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FY 2024 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.

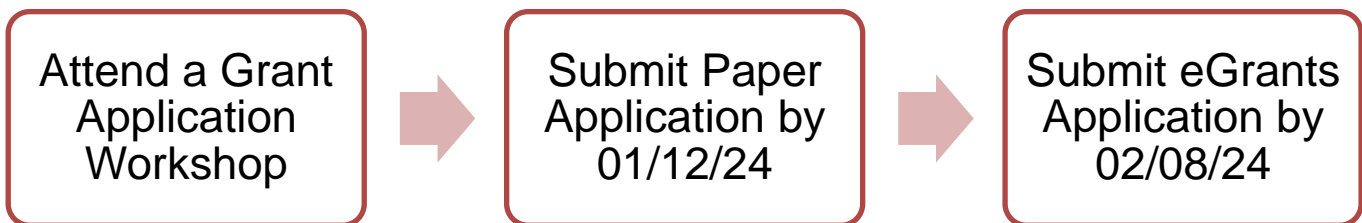
II. PURPOSE

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.

III. APPLICATION PROCESS AND **IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

Changes to H-GAC's contract with the PSO require a different process for fiscal year 2024. SHSP applicants must complete the following three steps to be eligible for funding:



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 will disqualify an applicant from being eligible 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	12/11/23, 12/13/23, 12/18/23, 01/03/24
eGrants Applications Open	12/11/23
Paper Applications Due to H-GAC	01/12/24
eGrants Deadline	02/08/24

V. GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

December 11, 2023, 10:00am – 11:30am CLICK FOR WEBINAR REGISTRATION	December 18, 2023, 10:00am – 11:30am CLICK FOR WEBINAR REGISTRATION
December 13, 2023, 3:00pm – 4:30pm CLICK FOR WEBINAR REGISTRATION	January 3, 2024, 10:00am- 11:30am CLICK FOR WEBINAR REGISTRATION

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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