



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Public Safety
AGENDA DATE: April 8, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Police Department
EXECUTIVE: Jon Fortune

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** application for and acceptance of funding for the BJA FY19 Gulf States Regional Law Enforcement Technology Assistance Initiative Grant (Grant No. 2020-RZ-BX-0017, CFDA No. 16.843) from the U.S Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$150,000.00 to enhance information and criminal intelligence sharing between local law enforcement agencies and their local fusion centers for the period of December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2021; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 in the BJA FY19 Gulf States Regional Law Enforcement Technology Assistance Initiative Grant Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 in the BJA FY19 Gulf States Regional Law Enforcement Technology Assistance Initiative Grant Fund; and **(4)** execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$150,000.00 - Financing: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

The BJA Gulf States Regional Law Enforcement Technology Assistance Initiative is an innovative new program designed to provide resources and technology to law enforcement jurisdictions within the five Gulf States (Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) to assist with information and intelligence sharing to reduce crime and illegal drug trafficking. The grants awarded under this initiative are expected to enhance information and criminal intelligence sharing between local law enforcement agencies and their local fusion centers.

The City of Dallas Police Department's Dallas Fusion Center (DFC) will use the 2019 Gulf States Regional Law Enforcement Technology Assistance Initiative funding to enhance DFC, and therefore, surrounding jurisdictions with which DFC shares information.

DFC will use the grant funds to purchase a social media mapping service that uses advanced technology to extrapolate data across multiple social media platforms. By allowing analysts to quickly discern the social media communication patterns among suspects, the social media mapping service will help DFC to quickly identify social circles and gather intelligence on criminal enterprises where there once may have been only limited information on one or two suspects or incidents.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

This item has no prior action.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY2020	FY2021	Future Years
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Funds	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00