

Application: 0000000443

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Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction

Summary

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Application

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Application

Organization Information

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Organization Name:

DeKalb County Government

Address:

Street:	1300 Commerce Drive, 6th floor
City:	Decatur
State:	Georgia
Zip Code:	30030

Organization Website:

www.dekalbcountyga.gov

Application Contact Person:

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Organization Authorized Representative:

(person with authority to execute grant agreement)

Same as above	✖
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Organization's SAMS Number/ Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):

K8G5TL8B1CX7

SAM.gov expiration date:

Feb 17 2023

Please enter the Tax Identification Number (TIN)/ Employer Identification Number

586000814

How many years has the organization conducted the program for which it is requesting funding?

0

What percentage of the organization's budget is grant funded?

0

Project Information

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Which project type best describes your project?

Violent Crime Reduction Programs

Zip Code Location of project performance

Enter zip code of primary project location

30032

Zip codes for the target neighborhood/project boundaries, population of the target area. Please separate each zip code with a comma.

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Dollar amount of ARPA grant funds requested

\$ \$624,000.00

Is this project new or a continuation of an existing project?

New

How many program staff persons are dedicated to this project?

0

Does the organization have administrative staff (ie. Accountants, Executive Director, Grant Administration) dedicated to this grant?

Yes, we have a Grant Administrator, a Budget Officer, and a Chief Deputy

Has the organization secured funding for administrative staff for this project?

No

How does your organization intend to sustain this program/project after initial grant funds expire?

These dedicated positions will be added to the Sheriff's Personnel Budget

Proposal Narrative

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Proposal Title:

Please input the title of your project

Personal Care and Medical Transport Services Project

Project Start Date:

Apr 1 2023

Anticipated Completion Date: (Please note that projects that will extend beyond the program deadline will not be considered for funding)

Oct 31 2026

Proposal Summary

A proposal summary (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project including the purpose of the project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries. This summary should be written in the third person and will be made publicly available on the OPB website if the project is awarded.

The criminal justice system is disproportionately comprised of individuals with mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders, and serious medical conditions. Further, increased barriers to reentry are inherent in the demographic and predominate socioeconomic profile of this population, which overwhelmingly consists of ethnic minorities, under/uneducated, under/unemployed, poor, and homeless persons as well as those with fragile social and relational supports. Research by the Bureau of Justice Statistics as well as reports from the Georgia Department of Corrections demonstrates a correlation between mental health, substance use, and re-arrests⁷. The recidivism rate for individuals diagnosed with severe mental illness is 54% and for those with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders, the number increases to 68%. Findings from several reports specific to the State of Georgia, and DeKalb County in particular, on crime, substance use, mental illness, and offender reentry justify the need to expand and enhance existing services.

The DCJ sits at the epicenter of a county with high poverty and high crime rates and currently has approximately 2,500 detainees. With many inmates returning to the County post-release, a comprehensive reentry program serving individuals in DJC has the potential to significantly reduce recidivism rates, improve public safety, and create positive economic outcomes. While a tremendous amount of work has been implemented around the state to improve Georgia's recidivism rates, most of this work, including the Georgia-Prisoner Reentry Initiative (GA-PRI), has focused on inmates in state prisons. To date, no initiatives of significant size and scope have been implemented for those detained in local jail systems with a specific focus on individuals with mental health, co-occurring substance use, and serious medical challenges.

The proposed "Personal care and Medical Transport Project will allow for post-release services to include ongoing transition support and stabilization services through targeted case management, with connection to evidenced-based mental health and substance use services, vocational, employment, income, housing, and other entitlements to occur on the court-ordered or hospital appointment specified day, location, and time with no delays or request for extended time periods. This will allow these challenged members of our community to start receiving the care they need with no delays due to the lack of qualified personnel needed for transport.

Description of the Issue

Applicants must describe the project to be implemented with grant funding. This section must include responses to the following:

- State the problem that was caused or exacerbated by the pandemic based on the program category in which you are applying (e.g. gun crime decrease in law enforcement staffing).
- Provide statistics to support the problem statement above;
- Applicants should use January 27, 2020 as the ARPA recognized start of the pandemic.
- Applicant data should demonstrate that the problem began during the pandemic or was exacerbated by it.

Problem/Focus Area:

This program aims to reduce recidivism and increase opportunities for successful community reintegration post-incarceration for individuals with mental health and co-occurring substance use disorders. Exacerbated by the Pandemic beginning January 27, 2020, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office Mental Health and Medical Transport Unit has experienced over 1500 mental health and medical transports a year utilizing as few as three officers and our county government has limited resources to COMPETITIVELY fill much-needed law enforcement positions. Gun violence and gang violence associated with drug use and trafficking have led to aggravated charges for many impacted by mental health, substance use disorders, and serious medical issues. Data from 2018 indicates recidivism rates in the United States are higher than 75% with most of those incarcerated being minorities, primarily Black or African American males, and from low-income, high-crime areas. In addition, these individuals often experience psychological problems leading to poverty, homelessness, substance misuse, recidivism, overdose, and even suicide. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for DeKalb County end of the year 2021 for the period beginning at approximately January 27, 2020: Population (767,898), Murder (151), Rape (325), Robbery (1,021), Aggravated Assault (3,907), Burglary (2,634), Larceny / Theft (15,978), Motor Vehicle Theft (3,576), and Firearm Homicides (135)

Project Design and Implementation

Provide a description of the proposed activities and how the activities will engage with the community and any community partners that will be involved, if applicable. Applicants should identify the program objectives and describe the vision for the target population, specifically how this vision will address the problems identified in the Description of the Issue section and the broader impact to communities or jurisdictions. Ensure each objective is measurable and identify strategies to achieve the objectives. State if the proposed approach is evidence-based and, if so, provide supporting research references.

Proposed Solution:

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office will propose a project entitled "Personal Care and Medical Transport Services. The project will consist of 2 contracted Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained authorized personnel units that will ONLY be assigned to provide court-ordered and medical appointment transports to personal care facilities and hospitals. Upon release, individuals will be transported and connected with a Targeted Case Manager to provide ongoing community case management services including continued needs identification, resource and entitlement linkage, skills education, psychiatric and nursing care, individual and group therapy, and development of community supports. The target population for the In-Reach and Community-Based Reentry Program is uninsured or underinsured individuals with mental health and/or co-occurring substance use issues transitioning from DeKalb County Jail into the community. Eligibility requirements include having been diagnosed with a mental health and/or co-occurring substance use diagnosis, complex/serious medical issues transitioning from detainment at DeKalb County Jail, and being uninsured or underinsured. These facilities will include but are not limited to the following:

1. Sober Living/Halfway Houses-for individuals seeking substance use recovery (examples are Breakthru House, Sober Living America, One Step at a time Recovery, Stepping Stones, Perimeter Recovery Residence, Hope Homes, STAND Inc., Creekside Recovery, Atlanta Recovery Place); can include treatment for substance use and mental health services, often have a case manager or support person who ensures they're also connected to community providers for counseling, ongoing case management, and psychiatric and physical health services.
2. Transitional Housing/Supportive Housing-for individuals seeking mental health recovery (examples are DeKalb CSB Residential, Viewpoint Health Residential, CaringWorks Inc., Safe Haven Transitional, Decatur Cooperative Ministries, Interfaith Outreach Homes, Project Take Charge); generally always includes connection to counseling, psych services and case management through CSB programs, or connects to community providers if the organization doesn't offer those services themselves.
3. Personal Care Homes (licensed by the Healthcare Facilities Regulation division of the GA Department of Community Health, have 24/7 staff and can hold/administer medication, are often very expensive) Link to find a licensed facility: <https://forms.dch.georgia.gov/HFRD/>
4. Boarding Homes (essentially this is a home that rents out multiple rooms to different people, not licensed/regulated, not staffed 24/7, usually have a 'house parent' someone who lives there and gets reduced rent

in exchange for monitoring the environment, cannot hold/monitor medications for those who live there)

5. Grady Health Systems

6. DeKalb Community Service Board

7. Emory Hospital

8. Piedmont Hospital

The "Personal Care and Medical Services Project" is evidence-based and will build upon the current DeKalb CSB In-Reach program and expand community-based, post-release services to include ongoing transition support and stabilization services through targeted case management, with connection to evidenced-based mental health and substance use services, vocational, employment, income, housing, and other entitlements.

DeKalb County Jail In-Reach Program Data (as of 7/31/22):

In-Reach Begin Date 4/1/2022

Number of Referrals 34

Number of Enrolled 24 *4 individuals have released since program start, dispositions are noted below

Number of Declined 1

Number of Ineligible 9 *Due to no MH diagnosis; charges of murder/rape/etc.; release prior to enrollment

Disposition of Individuals Released:

Individual #1 Transferred to Fulton County Jail

Individual #2 Homeless, refused shelter options, kept outpatient appointment upon release, assigned to community case manager

Individual #3 Staying with family, attended outpatient appointment, receiving substance use disorder treatment, assigned to community case manager

Individual #4 Residing in housing through Viewpoint Health, receiving behavioral health services through Grady

Research References:

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<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/dekalbcountygeorgia>

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Georgia Fact Sheet, Drug Enforcement Administrator, 2011

Report of the Criminal Justice Reform Council, January 2014

MHS Assessments; LS/CMI. Retrieved online at <https://mhs.com/info/lscmi/>

Capabilities and Competencies

Applicants should demonstrate their capabilities to implement the project and the competencies of the staff assigned to the project to include the financial management of funding. The applicant should detail the level of support for the project, as well as the expertise of the individual(s) who will be responsible for managing the project. Applicants should also demonstrate their experiencing managing projects with federal funding.

All grant funds are managed by DeKalb County grant managers, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office Budget manager, a DeKalb County Major and Captain responsible for managing transport units, a Jail Major and Captain responsible for scheduling medical appointments, the Manager of Health Services, and the Manager of Inmate Services. Presently, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office manages over \$2.2 million in federal grant funding as evidenced by the attached files.

Plan for Collecting the Data Required

Applicants should describe the process for measuring project performance, identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurement, and how the information will be used to guide and assess the program. Successful applicants will demonstrate understanding of [performance data to be collected and reported](#).

For each project goal, applicants should identify the criteria that will determine how and if the objectives have been successfully met and one or more specific measurable outcome(s) and the data sources that will be used to determine whether the outcome was accomplished.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office jail management system known as Odyssey which is managed by DeKalb County IT and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office IS Department will manage all data related to our inmate population. The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy request and reviews all reports in conjunction with all Command Staff for accurate reporting and appropriate decision making., and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office program data management system entitled Apricot populates all data associated with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office programs and special projects and is managed by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy and all command staff for accurate reporting and appropriate decision making. All goals and outcomes are measured by the accurate documentation and timely transports on all court ordered and medical appointment transports of our challenged population that are presently housed at the DeKalb County Jail. Utilizing the data populated in our Odyssey and Apricot data systems the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office will be able to effectively manage and accurately document all performance measures realized and achieved through the implementation of the " Personal Care and Medical Transport Project"

Budget: All budget items must be related to the purpose of addressing the negative impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

Applicants should submit a budget that is complete, reasonable, cost effective, and is an allowable use of the funding under the chosen category.

The budget must be based on quoted estimates and calculations, not rounded guestimates. (All budget totals will require validation based on the calculation provided in the uploaded version so please ensure that you retain the documentation for the basis of all calculations in the requested budget.

Budget Category	Amount
1. Personnel	\$X
2. Fringe	\$X
3. Travel	\$X
4. Equipment	\$X
5. Supplies	\$X
6. Contracts/Consultants/Subawards	\$X
7. Other	\$X
Total	\$X

Note: The application will also require a detailed budget breakdown using our detailed budget worksheet. Please download the detailed budget worksheet here and upload in the document section of the application. Instructions for the detailed budget worksheet can be found here: <https://opb.georgia.gov/document/document/budget-worksheet/download>.

Personnel

\$208,000.00

Fringe

0

Travel

0

Equipment

0

Supplies

0

Contracts/Consultants/Subawards

0

Other

0

Budget Total

0.0

Budget Narrative

A Budget narrative that explains the estimated costs by line item or category in the budget. Budget narratives should explain how the costs associated with each line item or category relate to the implementation of the project as outlined in the proposal being submitted. Budget narratives must explain how the costs associated with each line item or category relate to the implementation of the project as outlined in the proposal being submitted. If your proposal contains multiple projects or sub-awards, you can provide a breakdown per project as well in your budget narrative. Budget narratives must respond to the following: Provide a description of the position, equipment, supply, travel, etc. requested on each line and how it is related to carrying out the objectives and goals of the project. Your narrative must provide granular detail on what the proposal will fund and how it aligns to your project. (Minimum 250 words, Maximum 500 words)

There will be 2 Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained contracted authorized personnel transport units. Each unit/contracted personnel will work 4 hours per day, 5 days a week for a total of 40 hours per week for 52 weeks per year at a rate of \$100 per hour. The annual total cost per year for these units will be \$208,000. In over 2,700 communities nationwide, CIT programs create connections between law enforcement, mental health providers, hospital emergency services, and individuals with mental illness and their families. Through collaborative community partnerships and intensive training, CIT improves communication, identifies mental health resources for those in crisis, and ensures officer and community safety. Not only can CIT programs bring community leaders together, but they can also help keep people with mental illness out of jail and in treatment, on the road to recovery. That's because diversion programs like CIT reduce arrests of people with mental illness while simultaneously increasing the likelihood that individuals will receive mental health services. Many detainees require hospital medical care and must be transported to and from the jail facility 5 days a week. This is why it's so important that these contracted personnel be properly trained and paid a competitive wage of \$100 per hour for minimum of 20 hours per week per unit that will keep them on the job. With well over 1500 annual transports by the Dekalb County Sheriff's coupled with the lack of qualified staff to perform these services, the Dekalb County Sheriff's Office must look outside the agency for qualified personnel to perform these life-saving transports.

Breaking down the cost of the service that will be provided by the "Personal Care and Medical Services Transport Project":

- 1) 2 properly trained personnel units
- 2) each unit working 4 hours a day, Monday thru Friday for a total of 40 hours per week
(4 hours x 5 days x 2 personnel units)
- 3) at a rate of \$100 per hour
- 4) weekly cost of the project totaling \$4,000 per week
- 5) Annual weeks totaling 52 weeks per year
- 6) Total annual/yearly project cost \$208,000

Match Funds

Applicants plan for leveraging funds, if any, from other sources to maximize impact. Please include details regarding the total project costs if match is a part of the proposal, the amount of match, and how match funds will be used and a breakdown of grant funds to be used versus total project costs. ***If no match is provided, please enter \$0.***

Example:

OPB Grant Request: \$2,000,000

Local Match: \$1,000,000

Total Project Costs: \$3,000,000

Explanation: Local match will be made up of \$1,000,000 funds from the city's general fund.

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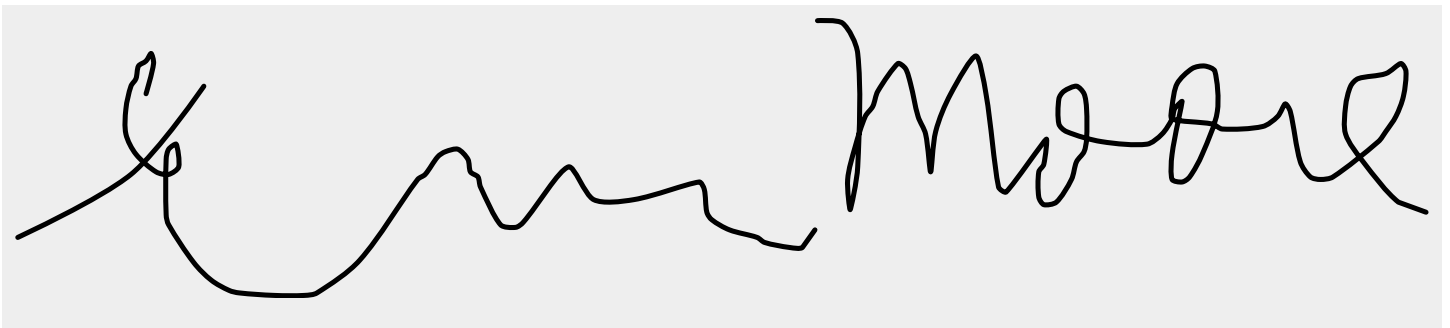
Signature

General expectations include but are not limited to understanding and following the rules and regulations outlined for CSFRF in:

- [Department of US Treasury Final Rule](#);
- Department of US Treasury Final Rule FAQs;
- [Policy Requirements including 2CFR 200](#) ;
- OPB's Program, Reporting, and Compliance Requirements as well as the Terms & Conditions Agreement for the respective grant award; and
- The grantee's own organizational policies and procedures.
- Additionally, as a grantee, you are required to:
 - Fulfill the project expectations of your award;
 - Ensure financial and performance benchmarks are met; and
 - Strictly adhere to your project's objective, budget, and timeline.

By submitting this application, I understand that I am submitting a proposal for a grant that is structured as a reimbursement method of payment for all projects with the exception of water sewer infrastructure and broadband infrastructure. Additionally, I attest that I understand the responsibility to comply with applicable state, local, and federal policy requirements including 2 CFR 200 subpart D competitive procurement requirements.

Please click below to sign.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "E. Moore".

After signing above, please submit your application.