North Central Texas Council of Governments
Criminal Justice Program

FY25 Scoring Factors
(Applies to Criminal Justice Program – Justice Assistance Grant, General Victim Assistance, Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention, Violence Against Women **new** or **renewal** projects being scored)

Total Points = 100

1. **PROBLEM STATEMENT, SUPPORTING DATA and TARGET GROUP (up to 25 points):**

    Problem Statement section (eGrants): Describe the nature and scope of the problem in your service area that this proposed project will address. This must be a statement of the core, underlying problem. A lack of resources is not, in and of itself, a problem.

    Supporting Data section (Addendum): Provide at least three years of local, comparable data that demonstrates the problem exists, demonstrates the problem's size and scope, and demonstrates the problem's negative effects on the target population. All data sources must be cited.

    > NOTE: The evaluation of Supporting Data is based on Supporting Data provided in NCTCOG Addendum. Applicants are encouraged to make use of tables / charts / graphs in the Addendum's Supporting Data section. eGrants also has a Supporting Data section that all applicants must complete.

    Target Group section (eGrants):

    - *Describe the agencies, individuals, or other groups who will be served by the proposed project.*
    - *Include the size and basic demographics for the people served, challenges they face, and any other information relevant to the project.*
    - *Applicants should demonstrate that they understand their target group well enough to effectively carry out the project.*

2. **PROJECT APPROACH & ACTIVITIES and EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES (up to 25 points):**

    Project Approach & Activities section (eGrants):

    - *Provide core information needed to understand the methodologies, approaches, frequency/duration of services, and activities to be employed by the project.*
    - *Provide a rationale for choosing this particular model.*
    - *Include any relevant timelines.*
    - *Any therapy or licensed counseling provided should include a description of the modality/framework used.*
    - *The reader should be able to understand how the approach and activities tie to solving the stated problem.*

    Evidence-Based Practices section (eGrants):

    - *Describe the research or evidence used to select the methods, approach, and activities described in the other narrative sections. Where possible, cite specific research, evidence, or published best/promising-practices model used as the basis for the project's design.*
    - *In case of an equipment or technology project, describe evidence or best/promising practices model to support the purchase.*
    - *If the project approach and activities are not based on existing evidence, the applicant must describe why they believe the method to be promising.*

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3. **CAPACITY & CAPABILITIES and SUSTAINABILITY (up to 15 points):**

   Capacity & Capabilities section (eGrants):

   - *Describe your agency's background, organizational capabilities, staff capabilities and qualifications (including contractors), and performance history to carry out this specific project.*
   - *If licensed or certified staff (including contractors) will perform work, describe required license or certification. Empty positions requiring a license or certification should be noted.*
   - *Briefly summarize any collaborative partnerships created for the purpose of the proposed project (also complete Collaboration table in NCTCOG Addendum).*

   Sustainability section (Addendum):

   - *Describe agency's financial commitment to support THIS project during the grant period.*
   - *Describe agency's strategy to sustain this project beyond the grant period.*
   - *For equipment or technology projects, describe agency's plan to maintain equipment beyond the grant period (i.e., routine maintenance, repairs, upgrades, etc.).*

4. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – eGrants (up to 20 points): NOTE - This scoring factor is based on information provided in the eGrants Performance Management section AND eGrants Measures tab.**

   - *Describe project's goals and objectives.*
   - *Describe methods, mechanisms, or tools used to generate outcome and output measures.*
   - *Describe how your agency will collect, track, and maintain the relevant data needed to determine if the project is achieving its goals and objectives throughout grant period.*
   - *Describe how data is analyzed. Applicants should give confidence that the collected data will be accurate, maintained, and analyzed in a manner that enables agency to adapt to changing assessments of the problem or project performance, and to evaluate and document the project's effectiveness.*
   - *Describe what the baseline, or current state is, for output and outcome measures.*

5. **BUDGET – eGrants:**

   CJ-JAG staffing-based projects, all GVA, JJ, TP and VAW projects: up to 10 points

   CJ-JAG equipment-only projects: up to 5 points.

   Budget items should be eligible, reasonable, essential, and correlate to the goal and activities of the project. All budget line items must have sufficient detail to justify the item to be included in the project.

6. **LOCAL PRIORITIES:**

   CJ-JAG staffing-based projects, all GVA, JJ, TP and VAW projects: up to 5 points

   CJ-JAG equipment-only projects: up to 10 points

   Upon reviewing application, scorers will rate the degree to which the project addresses a local priority(ies).

   See "FY25 Local Priorities" document located in Workshop Session Materials:
   https://www.nctcog.org/public-safety/criminal-justice/grant-application-workshop-information.