North Central Texas Council of Governments
Criminal Justice Program

FY27 Scoring Factors

Applies to **new** and **renewal** projects being scored in these categories: Criminal Justice Program-Justice Assistance Grant, General Victim Assistance (including Commercially and Sexually Exploited Youth [CSEY] Residential and Community-Based Services), Juvenile Justice & Youth Diversion, and Violence Against Women

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 underlying problem in your service area that this proposed project aims to address. Focus on the root cause; a lack of resources alone does not define the problem.

   Supporting Data section (Addendum): Provide a narrative explaining what the data indicates and its negative impact on the target population. Include relevant tables, charts and/or graphs that present at least three years of local, comparable data demonstrating the existence, size, and scope of the problem. Ensure all sources are cited.

   > NOTE: The evaluation of Supporting Data is based on Supporting Data provided in NCTCOG Addendum. Applicants are strongly 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 that will be served by the proposed project.*
   - *Include the size, basic demographics, challenges faced, and any other relevant information about the population served.*
   - *Demonstrate a clear understanding of the target group to show the capacity to effectively implement the project.*

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

   Project Approach & Activities section (eGrants):

   - *Provide detailed information on the methodologies, approaches, frequency, and duration of services, as well as the activities to be implemented by the project. Ensure these clearly relate to the Problem Statement.*
   - *Explain the role of grant-funded staff, including contractors and volunteers where applicable, in implementing the project.*
   - *Explain the rationale for selecting this specific model or approach.*
   - *Describe relevant timelines for project implementation.*
   - *For any therapy or licensed counseling, describe the modality or framework that will be used.*

   Evidence-Based Practices section (eGrants):

   - *Describe the research or evidence used to select the methods, approach, and activities described in your project narrative. Whenever possible, cite specific studies, research, evidence, or published best/promising-practices models that support the project's design.*
   - *For equipment or technology projects, describe evidence or reference best/promising-practices models to justify the proposed purchase.*
   - *If the project approach and activities are not based on existing evidence, explain why the method is considered promising and how it is expected to achieve the desired outcomes.*

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

    Capacity & Capabilities section (eGrants):

    - *Describe your agency's background, organizational capabilities, staff capabilities and performance history to carry out this specific project.*
    - *Describe the expected background and qualifications (including contractors) for grant-funded positions.*
    - *If a grant-funded position(s) requires licensure or certification (including contractors), describe required license or certification.*
    - *Briefly summarize collaborative partnerships necessary in carrying out **THIS** project (also complete Collaboration table in NCTCOG Addendum and submit applicable MOUs and/or Letters of Intent to NCTCOG).*

    Sustainability section (Addendum):

    - *Describe your agency's financial commitment to support **THIS** project **throughout the grant period**.*
    - *Describe your agency's strategy for sustaining **THIS** project **beyond the grant period**.*
    - *For equipment or technology projects, describe your agency's plan for maintaining the equipment after the grant ends, including routine maintenance, repairs, and upgrades.*

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 data necessary to assess whether the project is achieving its goals and objectives throughout the grant period.*
    - *Explain how the data will be analyzed. Applicants should demonstrate that collected data will be accurate, maintained, and analyzed in a way that allows the agency to adapt to evolving project needs and assess overall 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, VAW and YD projects: up to 10 points

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

    Budget items must be eligible, reasonable, and essential, and should directly support the project's goals and activities. Each budget line item must have sufficient detail to justify its inclusion in the project.

6. **LOCAL PRIORITIES:**

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

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

    Upon reviewing application, scorers will assess the extent to which the project addresses local priority(ies).

    See "FY27 Local Priorities" document located in Workshop Session Materials:
    https://www.nctcog.org/public-safety/criminal-justice/grant-application-workshop-information.