

A FEDERAL JRI GRANT PROPOSAL COLLABORATIVE

The Texas Rural Pretrial Operations & Mandate Relief Initiative

Relieving your county budget and local administrative strain at zero cost to your local taxpayers.

LEAD: HAYS COUNTY



RESEARCH: PPRI AT TEXAS A&M



SMES: Texas Association of Pretrial Services



The Burden of Unfunded Mandates

The State Requirements

Texas SB 6 & SB 9 Statutory Demands:

- ❗ Mandates instant, manual data entry into the statewide Public Safety Report System (PSRS).
- ❗ Requires elaborate cross-jurisdictional, out-of-county bond tracking and strict magistrate filings.
- ❗ Forces complex expanded reporting workflows for TCIC and TLETS databases.

The Rural Operational Reality

Local capacity limitations in Texas:

- ⚠️ No state funding provided to purchase advanced digital data pipelines or integrations.
- ⚠️ County clerks and sheriffs lack dedicated analytical or reporting compliance staff.
- ⚠️ Personnel are forced to execute manual workarounds, pulling them from vital public safety duties.

| How Mandates Strain County Staff



Personnel Strain

Existing local county staff must divide their working hours between core public safety operations and repetitive, manual data-entry compliance tasks.



Escalating Jail Costs

Inefficient or fragmented data routing delays critical magistrate decisions. This forces low-risk pretrial populations to swell local jail costs unnecessarily.



Information Silos

A complete lack of regional and localized analytics blocks commissioners and judges from pinpointing precisely where processing bottlenecks exist.

A Strategic, Fully Funded Solution

The Collaborative Grant Solution:

Hays County, in direct lockstep with **TAPS** and **PPRI at Texas A&M**, is pursuing up to **\$4,000,000** in federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant funding over three years.

This regional initiative delivers fully funded personnel, automated software interfaces, and peer analytics to fifteen mid-sized and rural Texas counties.

✓ **Crucially: It requires \$0 in local county taxpayer matching funds.**



| The Regional Support Pods

Distributed Support Infrastructure

To optimize localized support and deployment, participating partner counties will belong to one of three highly integrated geographic regional pods:

 **The Panhandle Pod • The Central Texas Pod • The South Texas Pod**

Each regional pod features a designated local host county site to serve as a physical command base for regional systems and training events.

Hays County Support Core

As the prime applicant, Hays County assumes all complex administrative burdens:

- ✓ Handles rigorous federal grant monitoring, compliance, and fiscal management.
- ✓ Assures secure, standard data privacy frameworks built strictly on Texas privacy laws.
- ✓ Insulates your local budget teams from complex federal audit structures.

| Fully Funded Resources For You



Embedded Regional Data Analyst (100% Grant-Funded)

One analyst assigned directly to each pod. They handle the hard work of collecting, cleansing, and formatting jail lists, bond status, and magistration timelines on your behalf.



Customized Local PPRI Dashboards (Zero County Cost)

The Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M builds and updates secure, local dashboards for your sheriff, judges, and commissioners to monitor processing speeds and jail bed capacity.



Fully Funded Liaison Continuing Education (Accredited CLEs)

The grant covers registration and travel costs for two local stakeholders from your county to attend professional, accredited development programs run annually by TAPS.

| Proven Financial Protections

23%

Pretrial Detention Cost Drop

Preserving Local Taxpayer Dollars

Pretrial detention eats away at limited local funds. Practical, data-driven system refinements derived from PPRI's regional analyses have historically lowered detention metrics by an average of **23%**.

In parallel, optimizing data flows and magistration routing can drop total pretrial operational costs by up to **30%**.

 **This program does not alter local judicial philosophy—it simply funds the data infrastructure to achieve local compliance efficiently.**

| What We Ask of Partner Counties

Three Direct Steps

We recognize the immense strain on rural budgets and administrative bandwidth. The operational steps required are kept simple:

1. **Execute a Non-Binding MOU**
2. **Share Pretrial & Court Data Pipelines**
3. **Nominate Two Local System Liaisons**

Complete Transparency

No Matching Funds: This initiative relies strictly on federal funds; zero local county dollars are required.

Strict Autonomy: No third-party guidelines are imposed. Your elected judges, sheriffs, and commissioners maintain 100% policy control.

Secure Storage: All shared data will be kept on secure systems managed by PPRI under strict analytical guidelines.

| Preserving Local Judicial Autonomy

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"This initiative does not dictate local judicial policy. Instead, it equips rural county leaders with the fully funded personnel, regional data systems, and expert training needed to optimize judicial operations and satisfy state mandates."

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TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PRETRIAL SERVICES

Secure Your County's Partnership

The 2026 Bureau of Justice Assistance grant application window is opening soon. Let us build a highly competitive regional coalition to ease your administrative and financial burdens.

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