

Grants:

How to Find Them, Get Them, and Keep Them

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What is a grant?

A grant is a way the government or another organization funds your **ideas** and **projects** to provide public services.

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IDEAS



Hmmm, I need some more money for my operating budget or to pay my staff more.



I have an idea for a new service/way to help the community and I want funding.

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PROJECTS

proj·ect

 *noun*
/ˈprɑː jɛkt/

1. an individual or collaborative enterprise that is carefully planned and designed to achieve a particular aim
"a research project"

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PROJECTS



I want a grant to help with sex trafficking.



I want to create a curriculum that will raise awareness of sex trafficking and train a deputy to present the curriculum to LL/Tenant Associations, justice courts, and other entities involved with commercial evictions.

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Roadmap

- Your Experience with Grants
- Should You Even Apply?
- Things to think about when applying for grants

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Your Experience with Grants

- Name and Location
- Does your office have a grant?
- What new projects, if any, are you looking for funding for?

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Should you even apply?



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Texas County Constable



What is a Constable?

A constable is a licensed peace officer and performs various law enforcement functions. They also serve legal documents and perform other duties.

What does a Constable Do in Texas?

A county constable in Texas has the following duties:

- Serves as a licensed peace officer and performs various law enforcement functions, including issuing traffic citations
- Serves warrants and civil papers such as subpoenas and temporary restraining orders
- Serves as bailiff for Justice of the Peace Court

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Is there a community need?
Examples?

Traffic issues, Schools, Homelessness, Mental health, Parking violations, Domestic violence, Illegal dumping, Environmental

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Do you have the time and personnel?

- Applying, Monitoring, Reporting
- Actually doing the project

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What to think about when applying for a grant

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1. Consider the politics of applying for a grant

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#2. Do your research

- Do you have a chance at getting this grant? Are you a priority area? Do you have a clear vision?
- Has another office received this grant and they can give you some background?

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#3. Make sure you are eligible

- No sense in applying if you don't qualify!
- Do LE agencies qualify?
- Do you need to apply as a county? Different jurisdiction?
- Who can you include in the application?

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Body Armor Safety Initiative
Federal grant from OJP

Can I participate as a Law Enforcement Agency?

Simple Answer:
Yes, if you are a local governmental agency.

I am a county executive and within my county there are several smaller towns and villages. Do I coordinate the vest needs and the application process for all jurisdictions within my county's boundaries?

Simple Answer:
No. Multiple jurisdictions are not permitted to combine their vest needs into one application.

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#4. Connect with another
office that has this grant

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Equipment Grants: Texas LESO
Program
(Formerly 1033)

Who successfully uses this grant?
JPCA President Elect Matt Wylie
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Constable Office Grants

- Const. Carlos Lopez (Parking (Not a grant), Domestic Violence)
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- Const. Missy Bindseil (Illegal dumping)
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Problem Statement:

In Burnet County, the Constables Offices are currently responsible for the investigations of public nuisance offenses and illegal dumping along with their other duties. Constables are licensed peace officers and perform various law enforcement functions, including issuing traffic citations. They serve warrants and civil papers such as subpoenas and temporary restraining orders and Constables are the bailiff for Justice of the Peace Court in their precinct. With all of their necessary duties, there is little time to properly investigate and take appropriate action for the growing problem of illegal dumping and environmental crimes. A dedicated Environmental Crimes Deputy would not only free up the Constables to conduct their primary duties, but also allow the investigations of illegal dumping and environmental crimes to be more effective and strengthen the enforcement of state laws and local Burnet County rules could be evenly enforced across the county. Available funding for abatement and testing would assist indigent defendants found to be in violation of State and/or Federal law in cleaning up their property by the county. This would benefit the residents of Burnet County as well as those who are located in the Highland Lakes area who depend on the groundwater for their water for residential and agricultural use. With a known dedicated officer presence, the residents of Burnet County will be aware of the county's goal of keeping Burnet County clean as well of the consequences of failure to comply to the orders. Hopefully, this will deter future illegal dumping. The people of Burnet County will know that there is someone who will have the time to investigate complaints, be more confident that their complaints will be heard and acted upon and therefore be more likely to report illegal dumping.

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Constable Office Grants

- Const. Ryan Gable (Community education, Traffic)
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- Const. Chad Jordan (School resource)
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- Const. Mark Herman (Many grants)
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What is your vision?
