



**City of San Marcos**  
**HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING APPLICATION**  
**Fiscal Year 2022**

Name of Agency/Organization: The Family Justice Center

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Program Title: Therapeutic Educational Library (TEL)

Amount of Funds Requested: \$5,000

Status: (check one)  Existing Program  Program Expansion  New Program

**Briefly describe the program proposed for funding and the services it provides:**

This program is intended to enhance our existing Client Safe Network Terminal (CSNT) program by providing a free therapeutic and educational library. (TEL) This library will provide materials in English and Spanish for all ages. The types of material provided will be physical books and workbooks, electronic-books, audiobooks, and access to other pertinent material such as podcasts, language learning programs and other resources. The materials chosen for the TEL program have been extensively researched and vetted by mental health and other accredited professionals from our community. The library is intended to nurture and educate all people in our community recovering from the trauma of family violence and other violent crimes.

**Describe who will benefit from this program and how:**

Our direct clients and their families will benefit by having access to enhanced services to ensure the success of the victim informed programs already offered at the FJC. TEL will provide a safe place in which victims can process and heal from PTSD and other trauma related conditions at their own pace, and with guidance from our team of professionals. Materials provided will help victims learn healthy emotional coping skills, unlearn self-destructive behaviors, recognize the early signs of dating and mental abuse...to name a few. There will be an excellent selection of accredited children's literature available as well. We at the FJC believe literally everyone in the San Marcos and the Hays County area will benefit from this program. Family violence and other violent crimes exist at a great cost to our community. It is to everyone's benefit to break the cycle.

**If requested funds are to be used as matching funds, identify source and amount of primary grants:**

Source: Texas Council on Family – DVHRT Coordinator Amount: \$47,000

Source: Hays County – Human Services Grant Amount: \$10,000

**Client Information Specific to This Program:**

**1) Describe the direct clients for this program.**

The FJC provides direct client services to victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes that include victim advocacy, case management, counseling and coordinating services with both our on-site and off-site partners. We collaborate with 22 local partners to provide all necessary services and support to maintain the health and safety of our clients.

**2) How is the program marketed to direct clients? How do you find these clients?**

The FJC will provide the necessary material to inform our clients of the TEL program. Many of our clients are referred to us by victim services from at least 4 local law enforcement agencies, the Hays County DA's office, and from other Family Justice Centers around the country. We also have social media platforms to promote directly to the community, a plan for press releases, and a comprehensive website anyone can access to learn more. We will make sure all our agency partners are informed and provided with informational material.

**3) Describe the indirect clients for this program, if any.**

Violence does not happen in a vacuum. It causes harm not just to the victim, but to the immediate family members, children, loved ones and friends. All of those involved often carry this trauma with them as they parent, interact with friends and family, try to develop new interpersonal relationships, maintain a job, and live productively in our community.

**4a) Expected total annual unduplicated direct clients for this program: 175**

**4b) Expected annual unduplicated direct clients who are City of San Marcos residents: 300**

**5) Does program participation depend upon income or any other determination of eligibility?**

No: X

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, please attach a copy of the eligibility guidelines.

Submitted and Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Board President

09/02/2021  
Date

Cynthia Fowler  
Printed Name of Board President



## HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING QUESTIONNAIRE FY 2022

The Board strongly requests that all answers be typed.  
Responses should not exceed 75 words per question.

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS.**

**1. What is the agency's or organization's mission?**

The Family Justice Center's mission is to empower victims of domestic violence and other violent crimes to live free from abuse and hold the offenders accountable by providing easily accessible, coordinated, and comprehensive services in a single location where no batterers or offenders are allowed.

**2. Regarding the program for which funding is being requested, what evidence suggests this program is needed in San Marcos or nearby?**

Domestic violence is a public health crisis. 1 in 4 women have been victims of violence, 1 in 5 have been raped, and 1 in 15 children have witnessed these events. 19.3 million women are stalked. 72% of murder-suicides have a history of intimate partner violence. When a gun is in a violent home, the risk of domestic homicide goes up 500%. The TEL program will provide preventative and therapeutic education.

**3. What specific, measurable outcomes or results do you hope to achieve with this program?**

We hope to decrease the number of victims that return to violent situations by providing them with every resource and pertinent information as possible to educate and inspire them to break free from the cycle of violence and live productively in our community.

**4. How will you measure results throughout the year?**

We plan to track usage of the library, and quarterly provide surveys to clients to measure, and how we can improve our service. TEL is intended to be an interactive program providing clients with a voice.

**5. Please answer the following questions if funding is requested for staff:**

a. List the title of each position for which funding is requested, how many hours per week will be spent on this program vs other programs, and the activities associated with each position.

b. If staff funding requests can only be partially funded, how will you supplement the funding to cover the remainder needed?

c. Staff pay may only be funded for one year. What will you do to provide for this position next year?

**6. Funding Questions:**

- a. What has your organization done in the past two years to raise different funding for this program?  
The Family Justice Center Board has held online, social media platform-based fundraising campaigns.
- b. What do you plan to do this year to find different funding for this program?  
The funds requested will fully support the proposed program. Additional literature and technology updates will be supported by unrestricted agency funds.

**7. What additional funding is your agency requesting for this program ?**

Funding Source	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Pending (Y/N)
N/A			

**8. Describe any differences between the way you had proposed spending last year’s allocation and they way you actually spent it.**

-NA-

**9. How many volunteers does your agency or organization have and how many hours do they spend on the program requesting funding?**

Although we worked remotely by appointment for the majority of last year, we had 4 volunteers (not including time spent by board members) and one intern from Texas State University. They helped with compiling data, typing documents, marketing, and technology consultation. We re-opened and began working onsite July 21, 2021. The hours for the TEL program are yet to be determined. A member(s) of our professional team will be available to run the program.

**10. Board of Directors Questions:**

**a. How is the agency’s or organization’s Board of Directors selected?**

Community leaders/colleagues/partners recommend candidates that are approved by majority vote.

**b. How often does the Board meet?**

The board meets every month, more if necessary.

**c. What actions do Board members take to support the programs of the agency or organization?**

The FJC board, Friends of the Family Justice Center (FFJC) is active in many ways from fundraising activities to researching and implementing new policies and programs. It is active in recruiting volunteers, vetting and recruiting new board members, and promoting the FJC within the community, and continually strives to make improvements. The board meets monthly and has several subcommittees with specific tasks to support the operations and its staff.