

## **Local Priorities for Grant Year FY22**

### **Victim Services**

- 24-hour crisis intervention, legal advocacy, and counseling (staff counselor) to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence, and also provide shelter services and case management to the victims as necessary.
- Provide a safe child-friendly atmosphere for child abuse victims, while fostering collaborative working relationships with investigative agencies, thus reducing the trauma experienced by child victims and their non-offending family member when interviewed and provide follow up services.
- Legal Advocacy and/or assistance with protective order processing, as well as assistance with Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) and Texas Victim Information & Notification Everyday (VINE), in relation to violent crime victims.
- Short-term housing assistance for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as other types of victims.
- Educational programs, public awareness, school programs, and community involvement to increase awareness regarding child abuse, neglect, domestic violence, sexual assault, bullying, and dating violence.

### **Juvenile Services**

- Resources for sex offender treatment, psychological/psycho-sexual evaluations, and other mental health and substance abuse services for at-risk youth, including psychiatric evaluations, counseling, and treatment.
- Programs to divert at-risk youth from entering the juvenile justice system, such as pre-prevention services and mentoring programs for children under age 10.
- School Resource Officers and Juvenile Case Managers to lead pre-preventative intervention services and classes such as awareness and prevention programs, peer support groups, and combat school violence, delinquency, and truancy.
- Programs/services to assist youth in their development of cognitive behavioral skills including positive decision making and thought processes, and also independent living skills for ages 16 and older.
- Resources for victims of child and youth sex trafficking.

### **Law Enforcement Services**

- Required, mandated and operational training for law enforcement.
- Advanced equipment and technology for law enforcement purposes.
- Updated communications systems, allowing for agency and interagency communication and cooperation.
- Resources to address the excessive crime and mental illness.