

Funding Opportunity: Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE)-Ready Facilities Program

Does your community need funding support for sexual assault forensic exams? Hospital facilities are eligible for state funding to create new SANE programs or help support existing ones.

The Governor's Public Safety Office released a competitive funding opportunity for a 12-month project for hospital facilities seeking to achieve or maintain a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE)-Ready designation, as defined in Chapter 323 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

Applications may be submitted by general and special hospitals licensed under Chapter 241 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, a general or special hospital owned by the State, or a freestanding emergency medical care facility licensed under Chapter 254 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. *Grants to a single facility* may not exceed \$50,000 in any fiscal year.* Current grantees are eligible to reapply.

Awarded grants will begin on 9/1/2020 and end on 9/30/2021. Interested and eligible applicants should fully review the funding announcement and must apply through [eGrants](#). **Applications are due by 5pm on August 6, 2020.**

Allowable costs under this funding announcement include, but are not limited to:

1. Basic Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Collection Training as defined in Sec. 323.0045 of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
2. Initial and continuing education of Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners as defined in Sec. 323.001 (4-a) of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
3. Equipment and supplies (e.g. exam table, colposcopes, swab box/dryers, refrigerators for temporary storage of evidence); and
4. Salary and overtime (limited to Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners while attending training or the backfilling of Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners whom are off-site attending training).

For eligibility requirements and additional information, please see the funding announcement which is attached to this email. Click [here](#) to review the eGrants User's Guide to Creating an Application.

** A "single facility" is defined as a facility within a hospital system. Multiple "single facilities" with the same hospital system are eligible to apply individually*