



Public Safety Report System API Integration
Request for Grant Applications (RFGA)

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Invitation

The Office of Court Administration (OCA) invites eligible Texas counties and municipalities to submit applications for funding through the Public Safety Report System (PSRS) API Integration Grant. This grant program provides reimbursement for eligible costs associated with integrating local jail management systems (JMS) and/or case management systems (CMS) with the PSRS via Application Programming Interfaces (APIs).

Grant awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and will be made in accordance with the eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria contained in this Request for Grant Applications (RFGA). If, in OCA's judgment, grant applications are forecast to exceed available funds, OCA may offer partial awards or implement ranking in evaluation applications.

Questions regarding this RFGA should be sent to OCA Grant Specialist Antonia Casarez, Antonia.Casarez@txcourts.gov. To ensure fairness to all applicants, OCA will distribute responses to questions that affect all applicants via the OCA PSRS API website: <https://www.txcourts.gov/bail/psrs-api/>.

Questions regarding PSRS and PSRS API generally should be sent to bail@txcourts.gov.

Background

Rules for setting bail amounts in Texas are set in the Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 17. The 87th Texas Legislature established PSRS as part of that chapter. Magistrates must use PSRS when setting bail for defendants charged with felonies and Class A or B misdemeanors. OCA is assigned responsibility for developing and maintaining PSRS.

Without APIs, PSRS users will manually enter data that is already available and be forced to enter the same data into multiple systems. This duplicate data entry potentially delays the availability of critical information, unnecessarily increases administrative workload and invites data errors.

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 17.021(h) requires the PSRS to be configured to allow integration with county or municipality JMS and CMS software.

OCA and the PSRS vendor have done so via authorized APIs as an efficient and secure method. The 89th Texas Legislature funded grants for OCA to reimburse counties and municipalities for these costs, creating this grant program in recognition of the local investment required.

OCA and the PSRS vendor provide PSRS and PSRS API access at no charge to county and municipality users.

Article 17.021(h-1), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure

The office may provide grants to reimburse counties and municipalities for costs related to integrating the systems described by Subsection (h). The office is not required to provide a grant under this subsection unless the office is appropriated money for that purpose. This subsection expires August 31, 2027.

Purpose

The purpose of the PSRS API Integration Grant is to assist counties and municipalities in implementing secure system-to-system connectivity between their local jail management or case management systems and the Public Safety Report System. By reducing duplicate manual entry and facilitating the automated exchange of approved information, API integration supports more efficient workflows, improves data quality, enhances the timeliness of information available within PSRS, and promotes greater statewide consistency. Through this grant opportunity, OCA seeks to encourage adoption of API connectivity with the PSRS while helping local jurisdictions offset eligible costs.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are Texas counties and municipalities, including their departments, offices, or divisions, that use the PSRS and maintain a CMS or JMS. Applicants must be the entity with a contractual relationship with CMS or JMS vendor, the entity holding a maintenance or support contract for their CMS or JMS, or must be otherwise authorized to approve API work for their CMS or JMS. Applicants must upload supporting documentation to that effect or affirm they qualify.

Examples of eligible applicants include:

- Court administration offices
- County governments
- Justice of the Peace Courts
- Magistrate courts
- Municipal governments
- Sheriff's offices

Eligible Expenses

Grant funds may be used only to reimburse reasonable and necessary costs to integrate jail management systems and case management systems with PSRS.

OCA has established a single deadline for reimbursable expenses and requests for reimbursement of June 30, 2029. No expenses incurred after this date will be eligible for reimbursement. OCA will issue all grant awards by August 31, 2027.

Eligible expenses may include:

- Configuring/developing an existing API-capable CMS/JMS to integrate specifically with PSRS.
- Hourly software development and API integration costs
- Deliverable-based software development and API integration costs
- Vendor implementation and configuration services
- Information technology consulting services
- Data mapping and migration required for integration
- System testing and validation
- Staff training directly related to the integrated solution
- Project management costs directly attributable to the implementation

Ineligible Expenses

Grant funds may not be used for:

- Costs unrelated to integrating PSRS and the CMS or JMS
- Ongoing costs, including licensing costs
- Any expense outside the approved grant budget
- Expenses incurred after June 30, 2029

Technical Requirements

Applicants shall provide, to the best of their ability, all relevant information regarding their CMS or JMS, including vendor and product name and version. Applicants must comply with OCA's PSRS API specifications, testing, security standards and acceptance criteria. API access must be coordinated with OCA and the PSRS vendor. Instructions on requesting API access may be found at the OCA PSRS website, including requests for the PSRS Interface Specification and PSRS API Technical Documentation:

<https://www.txcourts.gov/bail/psrs-api/>

Applicants may use the following model language when requesting quotes or work orders for PSRS API integration to their CMS or JMS, replacing the highlighted fields as appropriate:

Applicant seeks to implement API integration between the Public Safety Report System (PSRS) and our **case management and/or jail management system** to enable secure data exchange and render unnecessary duplicate data entry or manual transfer of information.

Applicant requests a quote for the one-time costs to develop, configure, test, and implement the API integration. The quote should be provided using one of the following approaches:

- Fixed-price deliverable: One total amount that includes all costs necessary for the API integration, whether as a single deliverable or divided into milestones; or
- Time with a not-to-exceed amount: A specified number of hours, applicable hourly rate(s), and a total not-to-exceed amount for the API integration.

The quote shall represent the vendor's expected total cost to complete the API implementation and must exclude ongoing or recurring costs, such as maintenance, support, licensing, subscriptions, transaction fees, or other operational expenses.

More information on technical requirements and PSRS more broadly may be requested by email to bail@txcourts.gov. OCA will coordinate work among CMS/JMS vendors, applicants and the PSRS vendor.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted online through OCA's grant application portal at <https://txcourts-tidc.fluxx.io>. No paper applications will be accepted. Applications must be complete at the time of submission. Incomplete or nonresponsive applications may be rejected without further consideration.

A complete application consists of the online application and an uploaded copy of the PSRS API Integration Grant Terms. The PSRS API Integration Grant Terms must be signed by an authority eligible to contract on the applicant's behalf.

Project Narrative

Applications must include a project narrative describing the following, not to exceed 500 words:

- Description of current system limitations
- Description of existing JMS and/or CMS
- Project implementation approach
- Project timeline with anticipated milestones

Project Budget

Applications must include a project budget and a narrative including the following, not to exceed 500 words:

- Total project budget with description, showing that the whole budget is eligible and no ineligible expenses are included
- Procurement plan (i.e., demonstration that the planned expenditure complies with applicable purchasing rules)
- Plan for maintaining the integration after the end of grant funding

Applications must include a vendor quote or work order with pricing in support of the project budget.

JMS/CMS Contract Information

Applications must include supporting documentation showing their authority to undertake work contemplated by the grant. This may take the form of a contract with their CMS or JMS vendor, a maintenance or support contract for their CMS or JMS software, or failing either of those, a signed statement they are authorized to undertake API work on their CMS or JMS.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Narrative

Current business processes and system limitations to be addressed by PSRS API integration.

Project Readiness

- Implementation timeline
- Description of technical readiness
- Organizational commitment
- Plan to manage and complete the project within the grant period

Budget

- Clearly support project objectives
- Adequate justification for requested expenses
- Demonstration of responsible stewardship of grant funds

Sustainability

Plans for PSRS API integration maintenance after grant funding has ended.

For responsive applications, funding decisions will be based on available appropriations, applicant eligibility, completeness of the application, and the selection criteria described above.

OCA reserves the right to request additional information or clarification during the review process.

Award

Applicants selected for funding will receive a Notice of Grant Award from OCA. The Notice of Grant Award will function in tandem with the submitted application to form an interlocal agreement between the grantee and OCA. OCA will issue all awards by August 31, 2027.

Grant recipients agree to comply with all applicable grant requirements, complete the approved project within the grant period, maintain proper documentation, and submit all required reports and reimbursement requests.

Expense Reimbursement and Reporting

By statute, grant funds under this program can only reimburse expenses. Advance payment to grantees is not available.

Reimbursement requests shall be submitted via the OCA grant portal. They must include an itemized, detailed invoice and proof of payment. Grantees must file at least one report per year, even if no reimbursement is sought.

OCA may require electronic payment to grantees by direct deposit. All applicants must fill out an Application for Texas Identification Number form AP-152. OCA will furnish required forms for payment to grantees.

Grant funding under this program expires August 31, 2029. OCA has established a final deadline of June 30, 2029 for reimbursement requests from grantees. Grantees must communicate requests for extensions beyond that date before the deadline.

Final reimbursement requests must include supporting documentation demonstrating that the vendor completed the work, the grantee accepted the work and API integration has been successfully implemented in the CMS or JMS.

Reimbursements shall not exceed the approved grant award amount or actual incurred costs, whichever is less.

OCA reserves the right to verify completion of the integration or request additional supporting documentation before approving reimbursement.

Grant Award Modifications

OCA will open grant awards modifications (GAM) should they become necessary. Inquiries regarding GAMs should be communicated to OCA's grant specialist Antonia Casarez at Antonia.Casarez@txcourts.gov before submission.

After preclearance by OCA, GAMs must be submitted through the grant portal. Grantees must provide sufficient detail to justify the GAM along with an explanation of why it is necessary. GAM acceptance is conditional on available funding and OCA discretion.

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted through Friday, July 16, 2027. OCA may close the application period early if awarded grants meet the overall grant budget.