



Elder and Vulnerable Adult Justice Program Project Scope

One-Year Grant of \$300,00 (will need to continue to re-apply each year).

- Staff Salaries.
- Computer Equipment.
- Possible Software Application.

Why the Project is Needed:

- Population aged 60+ is growing at a phenomenal rate.
- Elder Abuse awareness lags 20 years behind Child Abuse and Domestic Abuse.
- Gaps in the Reporting System.
- No Cohesive Tracking of Data.
- Inadequate Training of First Responders.

What are the Project Goals?

1. Develop a Uniform Data Collection Mechanism.
2. Conduct Needs Assessments.
3. Assist in Establishing Policies, Procedures, and Processes for better Case Management of Victims' Services.
4. Develop a Regional Board of Experts.
5. Conduct Education and Training for All Manner of Professionals.
6. Implement an Effective Outreach Program.

Who are the Major Players?

- First responders (police, fire, EMTs.)
- Adult Protective Services.

- Financial institutions, forensic accountants.
- Legal services.
- Social Services.
- Community organizations (churches, etc.)

Who will Benefit?

- First responders.
 - They will be better trained to identify and process both victims and perpetrators.
- Family members of all ages.
 - They will have access to caregiver training to avoid possible problems.
 - They will be able to identify problems before they escalate into abuse.
 - Victims will have access to resources to help them escape situations and cope with the aftermath.
 - They will be better able to spot financial fraud and scams before life savings are lost.
- The entire community.
 - Reduction in abuse.
 - Reduction in court cases and legal overload.
 - Reduction in financial fraud and the costly process of recovering lost funds.

Area of Impact (8-Year Plan):

- Years 1 and 2: Bell, Coryell, and Fort Hood.
- Years 3 and 4: Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, San Saba.
- Years 5 through 8: Total Saturation Across the Entire Region.