

Legislation passed by the 71st Texas Legislature in 1989 allows a court to require as a condition of probation that a defendant make one payment not to exceed \$50 to a local Crime Stoppers program. In addition, when a local Crime Stoppers program pays a cash reward for information which leads to the arrest, indictment, and subsequent felony conviction of a defendant, the judge may order the defendant to repay all or part of the reward. The funds generated by these state laws are statutorily restricted for use as rewards, with the exception of 20 percent usage for administration purposes. State law also requires that a local Crime Stoppers program become certified by the Texas Crime Stoppers Council prior to receiving and expending the court generated funds. Additionally, certified programs are eligible to receive grant funding from the Crime Stoppers Assistance Fund to enhance and assist the community's efforts in solving serious crimes.

It is the responsibility of each local program to request certification by completing this application and attaching a completed Conditions of Certification Form. **The Crime Stoppers Council will not certify a local program unless application is made.** The results of the certification process is forwarded to your program.

SECTION I - ELIGIBILITY; REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

A Crime Stoppers program within the State of Texas must meet the enumerated requirements to be eligible for certification by the Texas Crime Stoppers Council.

- a. **Texas Government Code 414.**
 - 414.010 Payment from Probationer
 - 414.011 Certification of Local Programs to Receive Reward Repayments
- b. **Code of Criminal Procedure**
 - Article 42.12, Sec. 11, subsec. (23) Probation Fees
- c. **Code of Criminal Procedure**
 - Article 37.073 Repayment of rewards

Based on review of this application, the Council has the right to deny certification. Programs not certified by the Council under the provisions of state law are not eligible to receive court fees. The Council reserves the right to amend the eligibility requirements for certification.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Please print or type--attach additional pages as needed.

Program Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Hotline Number: _____ Administrative Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Web Address: _____

Inception Date: _____ Population Service Area: _____

Geographic Service Area: _____

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INFORMATION:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Address:</u>	<u>Daytime Phone</u>	<u>Position</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

COORDINATOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Rank: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

PARTICIPATING AGENCY INFORMATION:

Law Enforcement Agency Affiliation: (please provide full address and telephone number if different from above.)

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Chief/Sheriff Name: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Chief/Sheriff Name: _____

ADDITIONAL STAFF INFORMATION:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Address:</u>	<u>Daytime Phone</u>	<u>Position</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CRIME STOPPERS TRAINING INFORMATION

<u>Training Attended</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

We certify that the information contained in this application and on the attachments is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We further certify that we understand and comply with the requirements of certification.

Chairman **Date**

Chief of Police/Sheriff **Date**

Coordinator **Date**