



U. S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
COPS Universal Hiring Award

Application Organization's Name: **Hidalgo County**

Grant #: 2004ULWX0008

ORI #: TX10800

Vendor #: 746000717

Law Enforcement Executive Name: Sheriff Enrique H. Escalon

Address: 711 El Cibolo Road

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Government Executive Name: County Judge Ramon Garcia

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Award Start Date: 8/1/2004

Award End Date: 7/31/2007

Award Amount: \$ 1,125,000

Number of Officers: Full Time: 15
Part Time: 0

AUG 19 2004

Carl R. Peed
Director

Date

By signing this award, the signatory officials are agreeing to abide by the Conditions of Grant Award found on the reverse side of this document:

Signature of Law Enforcement Executive with the authority to accept this grant award.

ENRIQUE ESCALON, SHERIFF

Typed Name and Title of Law Enforcement Executive.

10/22/04

Date

Signature of Government Executive with the authority to accept this grant award.

RAMON GARCIA, COUNTY JUDGE

Typed Name and Title of Government Executive.

10/20/04

Date

APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

ON: OCT 19 2004



5. RETENTION

At the time of application, your agency committed to retaining each additional UHP officer position awarded for at least one full local budget cycle at the conclusion of the thirty-six (36) month grant funding period for that position, over and above the number of State or locally-funded positions that would otherwise exist. You cannot satisfy the retention requirement by using UHP positions to fill vacancies from attrition. Please be aware that the legal grantee is ultimately responsible for the retention of any officer position(s), even if that grantee contracts for law enforcement services from another agency.

Why This Condition:

The Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994 envisioned that the additional sworn officer positions should be maintained by localities beyond the COPS funding period.

What You Should Do:

At the time of application, your agency submitted a signed retention plan or Retention Plan Certification that outlined your agency's commitment to plan to retain all additional COPS-funded positions for one full local budget cycle following the 36-month grant period. The COPS-funded position(s) must be retained using state, local, tribal, or other non-COPS funding. You must maintain records that document when the 36-month grant period expired for each position, demonstrating that each position was retained above and beyond the number of officer positions that your agency would have otherwise funded, and showing that the position was not retained by attrition.

Please note that UHP grant funding corresponds to the officer position(s) awarded and not the individuals actually filling the grant position(s). Therefore, if for any reason the officer filling a position funded by the UHP grant leaves your department during the retention period, your agency must take active and timely steps to backfill (replace) that position with a newly hired officer until the retention period is completed. If your agency finds itself in circumstances that do not allow for retention, you should contact your Grant Program Specialist immediately for further review.

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Award Dates: 08/01/04 to 07/31/07

On 07/17/07, CC approved granted request to extend the termination date to 01/31/09.

Key Dates:

10/19/2004 COPS Universal Hiring Grant accepted by CC.
12/31/2004 COPS Universal Hiring Grant budget appropriated.
9/1/2005 Officers start working.

Expenditure Reports:

Sept. 2005 View the first expenses relating to grant.
Aug. 2008 - View that the salary expense is reducing due to officers
Dec. 2008 transferring out of grant and going under the retention
phase.
Oct. 2009 Most recent monthly expenditure report. Includes
the remaining salary available balance of \$1,197.41
(**matches amount noted on legal size worksheet that
documents the salary expense for each position**).

Emilia Uriegas
H.C.S.O.

12/4/2009