

[Print This Page](#)**Agency Name:** Hidalgo County**Grant/App:** 2332101 **Start Date:** 4/1/2010 **End Date:** 3/31/2011**Project Title:** Local Border Security Program**Status:** Pending AO Acceptance of Award

Narrative Information

Introduction


The **Narrative** section is the description of your project. It is important that the information you provide about your project is clear and as concise as possible. Note: All applicants must certify to the eligibility requirements specific to the fund source. The minimum requirements to complete this page are the **Program Requirements, Problem Statement, Supporting Data, Goal Statement, and Project Summary** sections. We recommend that you complete any sections applicable to your project to assist in the application review process.

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Primary Mission and Purpose

The purpose of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Formula Grant (JAG) Program is to prevent and control crime, and make improvements to the criminal justice system.

Funding Levels

The anticipated funding levels for the JAG Recovery Act program are as follows:

- Minimum Award - \$10,000
- Maximum Award - Units of local government are limited to no more than the total amount of local funds expended on criminal justice services in the entity's previous fiscal year. Criminal justice services are defined as the total amount the unit of government spent on law enforcement, corrections and judicial services.
- The JAG Recovery Act program does not require a grantee to provide matching funds.

For more information regarding grantee match, please click on the **Budget** tab, and then click on the **Source of Match** tab in eGrants.

Note: *If you voluntarily include matching funds that exceed the minimum match requirement, you will be held to that amount throughout the grant period.*

Program Requirements

Note: *The requirements for this fund source are subject to change pursuant to actions of the U.S. Congress and federal guidance on implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.*

Preferences – Preference will be given to projects that perform the following activities:

1. Target statistically supported areas of violent crime.
2. Promote the use of inter-local agreements (*Texas Government Code, Chapter 791*) to target statistically supported crime threats to a specified geographical area.
3. Promote intelligence sharing, crime reporting and communication.
4. Promote comprehensive solutions to local criminal justice priorities.
5. Projects that demonstrate sustainability of grant-funded personnel positions.

Sustainability - Does your proposal include grant-funded personnel?

Yes

No

If you selected **Yes** above, describe your plans for sustaining funding for the personnel.

Enter the sustainability description:

overtime only

Criminal Justice Expenditures - Applicant assures that the amount of the application is no more than the amount it expended on local criminal justice services in the previous year.

Purpose Areas

Applicant assures that its proposed project meets at least one of the following Purpose Areas to be eligible for funding:

Law Enforcement - Supports state and local law enforcement agencies that address violent crime or statistically supported major crime initiatives at the local level.

Prosecution and Court - Programs that improve the prosecution of serious and violent crimes, including those that reduce the time from arrest to disposition.

Technology - Programs that implement or expand a law enforcement agency's ability to report and analyze crime. Applicant assures that any criminal intelligence databases developed under this program will comply with 28 CFR Part 23.

Prevention and Education - Programs that defer at-risk youth and juveniles from participating in gangs and criminal activity.

Corrections and Community Corrections - Programs that reintegrate adults and juveniles into the community.

Crime Victim and Witness - Programs that deliver direct services to victims and witnesses of violent crime.

Drug Treatment - Programs that target substance abuse treatment for juveniles or adults who have been court ordered to participate, including drug courts and projects that serve as alternatives to incarceration.

Program Emphasis

The applicant agrees to implement comprehensive strategies that reduce violent crime and its affect on communities through a balanced approach to prevention, enforcement and restoration.

Note: Although each area under the **Program Emphasis** section may not be applicable to all applicants, a numeric value **must** be entered in each box and total no more than 100%. Applicants should enter a zero ('0') in the boxes below even if the area is not applicable to this project.

Indicate the percentage (%) of your project that benefits:

Prevention – includes diversion and crime prevention services.

0

Enforcement – includes law enforcement and other criminal justice services.

100

Restoration – includes victim services and reentry services.

0

Program Income

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income to CJD through a formal grant adjustment and to secure CJD approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after CJD's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of CJD funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless CJD authorizes otherwise. Program income which the grantee did not anticipate at the time of the award shall be used to reduce the CJD award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

Uniform Crime Reporting

Applicant assures that it is current and has been current in reporting required Part I violent crime data for the three previous years to the Texas Department of Public Safety, and will continue timely reporting of required crime data throughout the grant period.

Criminal History Reporting

Applicant assures that they are currently reporting and will maintain timely reporting of all information required under the *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 60*.

Constitutional Compliance

Applicant assures that they will engage in no activity that violates Constitutional law including profiling based upon race.

Information Systems

Applicant assures that any new criminal justice information systems will comply with data sharing standards for the Global Justice XML Data Model and the National Information Exchange Model.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Applicant assures that if its agency was eligible to apply, it did apply for a direct award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for JAG funds under the Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Formula Grant Program: Local Solicitation.

Was your agency eligible for a [direct award](#)?

Yes
 No

Did your agency apply for these funds?

Yes
 No

If you selected **Yes** above, provide the amount you are eligible to receive, or have already received.

Enter the amount (\$) of Recovery Act Funds:

519453

If you selected **Yes** above, describe how you plan to use the funds.

Central Contractor Registry (CCR)

Applicant assures that it is currently registered or will register in the federal Central Contractor Registration database. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at <http://www.ccr.gov>.

Enter the CCR Expiration Date:

5/14/2010

Is your agency registered in the CCR?

Yes
 No

If you selected **Yes**, provide the name of your E-Business Point of Contact:

Valde Guerra

Civil Rights Liaison

A civil rights liaison who will serve as the grantee's civil rights point of contact and who will be responsible for ensuring that the grantee meets all applicable civil rights requirements must be designated. The designee will act as the grantee's liaison in civil rights matters with CJD and with the federal Office of Justice Programs.

Enter the Name of the Civil Rights Liaison:

Steve Crain

Enter the Address for the Civil Rights Liaison:

818 Pecan Avenue McAllen, Texas 78501

Enter the Phone Number for the Civil Rights Liaison [(999) 999-9999]:

9566825501

Certification

Each applicant agency will certify to the specific criteria detailed above under **Program Requirements** to be eligible for funding user the Justice Assistance Grant Program Solicitation.

X I certify to all of the above eligibility requirements.

Problem Statement:

Please provide a detailed account in the Problem Statement section of the existing issues your project will target.

Enter your problem statement:

The trafficking of illegal drugs, contraband, and human beings; increased criminal activity associated with this trafficking; and criminal gang activity is a continuing problem in our community. The threat created increases the burden on the community's public safety establishment beyond what is called for based on our population size and available financial resources, making us unable to address the criminal activities within our own capacity.

Supporting Data:

Provide as much supporting data, to include baseline statistics and the sources of your data, which are pertinent to where the grant project is located and/or targeted. Do not use statewide data for a local problem or national data for a statewide problem.

Enter your supporting data:

As a county bordering the Texas/Mexico border, Hidalgo County has experienced a large influx of illegal immigrants. A portion of these illegal immigrants are responsible for committing felony crimes within the jurisdictional boundaries of Hidalgo County. The HCSO Criminal Investigation data base indicates a noticeable increase of illegal immigrants involved in committing felony crimes within Hidalgo County jurisdiction. Statistics indicate that illegal immigrants are committing these specific crimes: FY Murder Robberies Kidnappings Burglaries Sexual Assaults Auto Theft 2007 9 11 3 30 29 1 2008 17 13 2 13 15 5 2009 4 14 3 39 13 5

Community Plan:

For projects that have a local or regional impact target area, provide information regarding the community plan need(s) that your project will address.

Enter your community planning needs:

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, Hidalgo County Constable Precincts 2 & 3 in support of the Local Border Security Initiative seek to acquire funding which will enable participating law enforcement agencies to increase manpower to conduct high patrol enforcement in high crime areas, the detection and apprehension of drug trafficking and criminal minded organizations operating within the jurisdiction of Hidalgo County. Serving and protecting the citizens of Hidalgo County and assisting to secure the borders of the United States to improve the quality way of life. Local Border Security operations will be conducted in support of the Hidalgo County Community plans Section 3 Drug related crime, Section 4 Violent Crime/Family Violence, Section 7 Crime and Drug Prevention, and Section 9 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

Goal Statement:

Provide a brief description of the overall goals and objectives for this project.

Enter a description for the overall goals and objectives:

The goal is to serve as a primary line of defense in protecting the citizens of Hidalgo County from criminal activity by strengthening law enforcement resources and collaborating with appropriate federal law enforcement agencies. Objective: Identify and stop individuals who have crossed the Texas/Mexico border to engage in illegal trafficking of drugs, humans and contraband. These criminals may include terrorists who have crossed the border to inflict harm on American citizens or to transport weapons of mass destruction.

Cooperative Working Agreement (CWA):

When a grantee intends to carry out a grant project through cooperating or participating with one or more outside organizations, the grantee must obtain authorized approval signatures on the cooperative working agreement (CWA) from each participating organization. Grantees must maintain on file a signed copy of all cooperative working agreements, and they must submit to CJD a list of each participating organization and a description of the purpose of each **CWA**. Cooperative working agreements do not involve an exchange of funds.

For this project, provide the name of the participating organization(s) and a brief description of the purpose(s) for the **CWA(s)**. You should only provide information here that this project's successful operation is contingent on for the named service or participation from the outside organization.

Note: A **Sample CWA** is available [here](#) for your convenience.

Enter your cooperating working agreement(s):

Continuation Projects:

For continuation projects only, if your current or previous year's project is NOT on schedule in accomplishing the stated objectives, briefly describe the major obstacles preventing your organization from successfully reaching the project objectives as stated within your previous grant application. (Data may be calculated on a pro-rated basis depending on how long the current or previous year's project has been

operating.)

Enter your current grant's progress:

Project Summary:

Briefly summarize the entire application, including the project's problem statement, supporting data, goal, target group, activities, and objectives. Be sure that the summary is easy to understand by a person not familiar with your project and that you are confident and comfortable with the information if it were to be released under a public information request.

Enter your summary statement for this project:

Operation Border Star is a border security initiative of the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition. It's primary goal will be to serve as a second line of defense in supporting U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers as they manage and protect the border between Texas and Mexico. The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the safety and protection of the citizens of Hidalgo County against any criminal attempt originated from within or aboard. Hidalgo County is experiencing a large influx of illegal immigrants gaining illegal entry into U.S. soil with the sole purpose of engaging in criminal activities violating both state and federal laws. These criminal activities poses specific problems that effect the citizens of Hidalgo County. These specific criminal organizations/individuals are committing crimes such as murders, kidnappings, extortions, sexual assaults, burglaries, robberies and auto thefts. Such criminal activities have escalated and given birth to home invasion crimes. Through investigations the HCSO has identified and confirmed that a large portion of the illegal criminal immigrants are responsible for the violent crimes being committed in Hidalgo County. In just about all home invasions and kidnappings investigations where the identity of the suspects has been revealed, illegal immigrants have been linked. Through DHS Enforcement System report the statistics indicate a rise within the last three years of illegal immigrants being detained for the criminal activities and placed on the Border Patrol Criminal Alien Program (BORCAP). HCSO has address these problems by being proactive, aggressive investigations techniques, creating and maintaining an intelligence files, conducting bi-lateral investigation with the federal agencies when investigating any felony crime involving a illegal immigrant.

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