

COUNTY of HIDALGO



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September 2, 2010

The Honorable Rene A. Ramirez, County Judge
The Honorable Arturo Cuellar, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
The Honorable Hector "Tito" Palacios, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
The Honorable Jose M. Flores, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
The Honorable Oscar L. Garza, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

RE: Certification of Revenue

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

Pursuant to Local Government Code § 111.0706 SPECIAL BUDGET FOR GRANT OR AID MONEY:

The county auditor shall certify to the commissioners court the receipt of all public or private grant or aid money that is available for disbursement in a fiscal year but not included in the budget for that fiscal year. On certification, the court shall adopt a special budget for the limited purpose of spending the grant or aid money for its intended purpose.

I, Ray Eufrazio, County Auditor of Hidalgo County, certify to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court the receipt of an additional grant award from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT	PURPOSE
\$150,134.83	2009-SS-T9-0064 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

CERTIFIED BY:

Raymundo Eufrazio, CPA
Hidalgo County Auditor

9/2/10

Date

HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES

- RICARDO P. RODRIGUEZ, JR. JUDGE, 92ND D.C.
- RODOLFO DELGADO JUDGE, 93RD D.C.
- J. R. "BOBBY" FLORES JUDGE, 139TH D.C.
- ROSE GUERRA REYNA JUDGE, 206TH D.C.
- JUAN R. PARTIDA JUDGE, 275TH D.C.
- MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUDGE, 332ND D.C.
- NOE GONZALEZ JUDGE, 370TH D.C. OVERSEER
- LETICIA LOPEZ JUDGE, 389TH D.C.
- AIDA SALINAS FLORES JUDGE, 398TH D.C.
- ISRAEL RAMON, JR. JUDGE, 430TH D.C.
- JESSE CONTRERAS JUDGE, 449TH D.C.

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**2009 Homeland Security Grant Increase in Award Amount
CC REGULAR**

Date: 09/07/2010
Submitted By: Rolando Garcia, BUDGET & MANAGEMENT
Submitted For: Belinda Alvarez, Emergency Management
Department: BUDGET & MANAGEMENT
Agenda Category: Emergency Services Division

Information

CAPTION

Authorization and approval to accept the 2009 Homeland Security Grant program (increase) from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) in the amount of \$150,134.83.

BACKGROUND

This is a reimbursement grant. No Local cash match is required.

Federal Grant Award Number 2009-SS-T9-0064
Performance Period: August 1, 2009 to April 15, 2012

Original acceptance of grant award was on 10/27/09 AI-17997 for \$843,860.48

A partial appropriation of monies was done on 08/24/10 AI-22609 for \$34,265.76 for the purchase of portable radios.

*Appropriation of the remaining monies will be submitted at a later date.

The new total award amount is \$993,995.31, an increase of \$150,134.83

Fiscal Impact

FISCAL YEAR: 2010 **ACCT. #:** 0-1283-429-10-300-027-2-XXX
FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: **MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:**
BUDGETARY IMPACT:
Current funding in account 0-1283-429-10-300-027-2-748 \$34,265.76

*remaining monies will be appropriated at a later time.

Attachments

Link: [Grant Increase Award Page](#)
Link: [Additional Breakdowns for the grant](#)

Form Routing/Status



Texas Department of Public Safety

July 9, 2010

2. Prepared by: Mendez, Arturo

3. SAA Award Number: 09-GA 48215-04

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Federal Grant Title: Homeland Security Grant Program
Federal Grant Award Number: 2009-SS-T9-0064
Date Federal Grant Awarded to TxDPS: August 1, 2009
Federal Granting Agency: Department of Homeland Security
FEMA
Grant Programs Directorate

Total Award Amount
\$993,995.31

Note: Additional Budget Sheets (Attachment A): Yes No

SHSP 97.073	SHSP-LEAP 97.073	UASI 97.008	UASI	UASI-LEAP 97.008	CCP 97.053	MMRS 97.071
\$676,739.38	\$317,255.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

This award supersedes all previous awards. Performance Period: Aug 1, 2009 to Apr 15, 2012

6. Statutory Authority for Grant: This project is supported under Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act. 2009 Public Law No. 110-329.

7. Method of Payment: Primary method is reimbursement. See the enclosed instructions for the process to follow in the submission of invoices.

8. Debarment/Suspension Certification: The Sub-Recipient certifies that the subgrantee and its' contractors/vendors are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency and do not appear in the Excluded Parties List System at <http://www.epis.gov>.

Approving TxDPS Official:

Janice E. Bruno, Administrator
State Administrative Agency
Texas Department of Public Safety

Signature of TxDPS Official:

I have read and understand the attached Terms and Conditions.

Type name and title of Authorized Sub-Recipient official:

Rene A. Ramirez
Hidalgo County Judge

Signature of Sub-Recipient Official:

11. Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) / Federal Tax Identification Number:

12. Date Signed :

13. DUE DATE: August 15, 2010

Signed award and Direct Deposit Form (If applicable) must be returned to TxDPS on or before the above due date.

2009 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

FY 2009 HSGP is comprised of four separate grant programs:

- State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
- Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)
- Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)
- Citizen Corps Program (CCP)

Parties to Sub-recipient Agreement

This Sub-recipient agreement is made and entered into by and between the Texas Division of Emergency Management/State Administrative Agency, an agency of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as "TDEM," and the funds recipient, hereinafter referred to as the "Sub-recipient." Furthermore, TDEM and the Sub-recipient are collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Parties." By this Sub-recipient agreement's execution, the Parties have severally and collectively agreed to be bound to the mutual obligations and to the performance and accomplishment of the tasks described in this Sub-recipient agreement. The Sub-recipient Agreement is only an offer until the Sub-recipient returns the signed copy of the 2009 Sub-recipient Agreement in accordance with the date provided in the transmittal letter and in the agreement. The Sub-recipient must also certify to the statements provided in Exhibits B and C by signing and returning a copy of these documents with the Sub-recipient Agreement.

Overview, Special Conditions and Performance Standards

A. Overview.

State Homeland Security Grant (SHSP)

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) is a core assistance program that provides funds to build capabilities at the State and local levels and to implement the goals and objectives included in State Homeland Security Strategies and initiatives in the State Preparedness Report. SHSP supports the implementation of State Homeland Security Strategies to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs for acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. In addition, SHSP supports the implementation of the National Preparedness Guidelines, the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and the National Response Framework (NRF).

Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)

Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program funds address the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas, and assist them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)

The MMRS program supports the integration of emergency management, health, and medical systems into a coordinated response to mass casualty incidents caused by any hazard. MMRS Grantees will reduce the consequences of a mass casualty incident during the initial period of a response by having augmented existing local operational response systems before the incident occurs.

Citizen Corps Program (CCP)

The Citizen Corps mission is to bring community and government leaders together to coordinate the involvement of community members and organizations in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery.

B. Special Conditions

SHSP

Activities implemented under SHSP must support terrorism preparedness by building or enhancing capabilities that relate to the prevention of, protection from, or response to, and recovery from terrorism in order to be considered eligible. However, many capabilities which support terrorism preparedness simultaneously support preparedness for other hazards. Grantees must demonstrate this dual-use quality for any activities implemented under this program that are not explicitly focused on terrorism preparedness.

The recipient may only fund projects that were included in the FY 2009 State Investment Justifications which were submitted and approved by DHS/FEMA. Use of SHSP funds must be consistent with and supportive of implementation of the State Homeland Security Strategy and State Preparedness Report. Linkages between specific projects undertaken with SHSP funds and strategic goals and objectives will be highlighted through regular mechanisms, including the Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR)

As defined in the FY 2009 grant guidance, the FY 2009 SHSP will focus on two objectives as the highest priorities. These two objectives are:

1. National Priority: Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities – Maximizing Information Sharing via the National Network of Fusion Centers;
2. National Priority: Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis – Developing and Enhancing Health and Medical Readiness and Preparedness Capabilities. These two priorities are in addition to the priorities for all programs under the Homeland Security Grant Program and, if applicable, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Priorities.

A personnel cap of up to 50% of total program funds may be used for personnel and personnel-related activities as directed by the Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement (PRICE) of Homeland Security Act (Public Law 110-412). In general, the use of Homeland Security Grant Program grant funding to pay for staff and/or contractor regular time or overtime/backfill is considered a personnel cost.

Since a separate LETPP grant program for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities was not created for FY 2009, the State is required to ensure that local and state sub-grantees expend at least 25 percent of their SHSP award funds towards law enforcement terrorism prevention-oriented planning, organization, training, exercise, and equipment activities.

UASI

Allocations and use of grant funding must support and be coordinated with the goals and objectives included in the State and/or Urban Area Homeland Security Strategies. The recipient may only fund projects that were included in the FY 2009 Urban Area Investment Justifications which were submitted and approved by DHS/FEMA. The recipient agrees that funds utilized to establish or enhance designated state and Urban Area fusion centers must support the development of a statewide fusion process that corresponds with the Global Justice/Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) Fusion Center Guidelines and the National Strategy for Information Sharing, and achievement of a baseline level of capability as defined by Global's Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers, a supplement to the Fusion Center Guidelines, located at <http://www.it.ojp.gov/documents/baselinecapabilitiesa.pdf>. The recipient agrees to fund any multi-state or multi-urban area investments that were included in the FY2009 Investment Justification that was submitted to GPD and received a bonus in the effectiveness analysis.

A personnel cap of up to 50% of total program funds may be used for personnel and personnel-related activities as directed by the Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement (PRICE) of Homeland Security Act (Public Law 110-412). In general, the use of Homeland Security Grant Program grant funding to pay for staff and/or contractor regular time or overtime/backfill is considered a personnel cost.

MMRS

MMRS is a local grant which will require each MMRS Jurisdiction establish a single Point of Contact (POC) who will serve as the responsible contact for MMRS implementation, activities, and procurement for the jurisdiction as lead and in coordination with a Jurisdictional MMRS Steering Committee. The POC and MMRS Steering Committee will integrate local emergency management, health and medical systems with their Federal and State counterparts through a locally established multi-agency, collaborative planning framework; promote regional coordination of mutual aid with neighboring localities; regularly validate the jurisdictions local emergency response capability to a mass casualty incident by means of an exercise or other validation means; collaborate with local, regional, and State health and medical partners, such as Medical Reserve Corps Units and Citizen Corps Councils, as well as leverage other

Federal programs, such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (DHHS-ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program and Emergency Systems for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP), Center for Disease Control and Prevention Cities Readiness Initiative and Strategic National Stockpile, to coordinate and support plans, processes and strategies related to, but limited to: Continuity of Government; Continuity of Operations; Equipment and Supplies Procurement; Fatality Management; Forward Movement of Patients; Hospital Evacuation; Interoperable Communications; Patient Tracking; Pharmaceutical and Medical Supply Management and Distribution; Public Education; Outreach and Information; Recruiting Volunteers; and Training; ensure the "MMRS Leadership" is fully represented on the Urban Area Working Group in cases where a MMRS grant is awarded and a UASI program exists; ensure all neighboring MMRS subgrantees actively and demonstratively collaborate to develop a regional plan that supports the MMRS mission in that region in cases where MMRS subgrantees are located adjacent to one another and implement an Investment Justification that clearly identifies the size of the populations included in the planning and operational areas supported by the MMRS grant. The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) provides funds to build capabilities at the State and local levels to implement the goals and objectives included in State Homeland Security Strategies and initiatives in the State Preparedness Report. MMRS supports the implementation of State Homeland Security Strategies to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs for acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. In addition, MMRS supports the implementation of the National Preparedness Guidelines, the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and the National Response Framework (NRF).

Activities implemented under MMRS must support terrorism preparedness by building or enhancing capabilities that relate to the prevention of, protection from, or response to, and recovery from terrorism in order to be considered eligible. However, many capabilities which support terrorism preparedness simultaneously support preparedness for other hazards. Grantees must demonstrate this dual-use quality for any activities implemented under this program that are not explicitly focused on terrorism preparedness.

Use of MMRS funds must be consistent with and supportive of implementation of the State Homeland Security Strategy and State Preparedness Report. Linkages between specific projects undertaken with MMRS funds and strategic goals and objectives will be highlighted through regular mechanisms, including the Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR)

As defined in the FY 2009 grant guidance, the FY 2009 MMRS will focus on two objectives as the highest priorities. These two objectives are:

1. National Priority: Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities – Maximizing Information Sharing via the National Network of Fusion Centers;
2. National Priority: Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis – Developing and Enhancing Health and Medical Readiness and Preparedness Capabilities. These two priorities are in addition to the priorities for all programs under the Homeland Security Grant Program and, if applicable, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Priorities.

CCP

The sub-recipient must register their Citizen Corps Council on the Citizen Corps website <http://www.citizencorps.gov> and manage their program and information on the site. Citizen Corps Councils must include representatives of emergency management, homeland security, law enforcement, fire service, medical services/public health or their designee, elected officials, the private sector, private non-profits, non-governmental organizations and advocacy groups for special needs populations. In addition, representatives from existing Citizen Corps programs, such as Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Neighborhood Watch, and Fire Corps should be included on the Citizen Corps Council. Where applicable, a Metropolitan Medical Response System representative should also be included on the Citizen Corps Council.

All allocations and use of funds under this grant must be in accordance with the FY 2009 HSGP Guidelines and Application Kit found at - <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm>. All award Sub-recipients are required to have read, understood and accepted the FY 2009 HSGP Guidance and Application Kit as binding.

C. **Standard of Performance.** The Sub-recipient shall perform all activities and projects entered into the SAA web-based grants management system approved by its Council of Governments (COG) and by the State Administrative Agency (SAA). The Sub-recipient shall perform all activities in accordance with all terms, provisions and requirements set forth in this Sub-recipient agreement and the:

1. Applicable Laws and Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit A";
2. Certifications, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit B"; and