HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF GUADALUPE "LUPE" TREVIÑO

December 3, 2012

To: Mark Silveira
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Grants Programs Directorate, Grants

Thru: Andres Caballero
Unites States Border patrol
Rio Grande Valley Sector
Program Manager, Operation Stonegarden

RE: Budget Amendment/Reallocation of 2010 OPSG Funds

Dear Chief Silveira:

The 2010 Operation Stonegarden performance grant period ended on October 31st of 2012. Total funding awarded to Hidalgo County was $963,209.00. These funds were shared with eighteen (18) local law enforcement agencies which were invited to participate in 2010 Operation Stonegarden.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office exhausted all the funds received, however some of the participating agencies had some difficulties exhausting their awarded funds. These outstanding uncommitted funds total **$111,559.33** as of November 29, 2012. We have attached an excel document listed as **Exhibit 1** providing the name of the agency and the respective unspent funds. The purpose of this request is to de-obligate and reallocate these uncommitted funds to the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and two Precinct Constable Offices for the continuation and support of achieving, sustaining the goals and objectives described in the collaborative Stonegarden Operation Plan.

We have submitted a NO COST one hundred twenty (120) day grant extension with the Texas Homeland Security Administrative Agency. If granted this extension will enable

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Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office to de-obligate the uncommitted funds from the participating law enforcement agencies and re-allocate the funds to Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and Precinct Constable Offices.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office spending plan to exhaust these remaining funds is as follows (making reference to attached proposed budget listed as **Exhibit 2**):

Uncommitted combined funds categories:
Overtime and Fringe benefits is $68,837.59
Hidalgo County will deploy a total of six deputies daily working 10 hours shifts to conduct enhanced patrol in indentified problematic areas within the county.

Uncommitted funds:
Equipment $28,275.00
HCSO will purchase several equipment items which will be utilized during overt and covert operations. Five (5) 800/700 Digital Dual band radios @ $ 5,655 each - $28, 275.

This equipment will provide our patrol deputies an advantage to conduct overt and covert operations, utilizing the surveillance platform to record criminal activities within problematic areas and/or deter crime. The portable communication will provide adequate communication between federal and state partners and the ability to conduct night time operations and observe the criminal element movement while engaged in ground operations.

Hidalgo County Precinct Constable Offices spending plan to exhaust these remaining funds is as follows (making reference to proposed budgets listed as **Exhibit 3 & 4**):

Uncommitted funds:
Overtime and Fringe Benefits is $7,000.00
Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 3-- $2,000.00 (**Exhibit 3**)
Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4-- $5,000.00 (**Exhibit 4**)

Your immediate attention to this request will be greatly appreciated since time is of the essence in this request.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Rafael Garza
Financial Services Bureau

EQUIPMENT (5-800/700 Digital Dual Band Radios [exhibit 2])	$28,275.00
MILEAGE (exhibit 2)	$7,492.50
TOTAL RE-ALLOCATED 2010 OPSG FUNDS	$111,504.52
TOTAL UNSPENT/UNCOMMITED	$55.81

This re-allocation of funds will supplement the line items needed for Hidalgo County to continue to support the McAllen and Weslaco Border Patrol Stations, as a force multiplier during Operation Stonegarden.

The Texas SAA has been advised and concurs with the proposed amendment to Hidalgo County's OPSG 2010 grant.

Attachments

2010 STONEGARDEN UNCOMMITTED FUNDS
AS OF 11/29/12 **EXHIBIT 1**

Hidalgo County

Grant No. 2010-SS-T0-0008

AGENCY	OVERTIME	FRINGE	EQUIPMENT	FUEL/MILEAGE	GRAND TOTAL
SHERIFF	0	2,980.69	404.07	0	3,384.76
DONNA	7,379.38	902.73	6,801.16	1078.83	16,162.10
HIDALGO	2,300.10	51.98	456.64	2,265.94	5,074.66
LA JOYA	0	0	0	0	-
PALMVIEW	6,743.02	0	0	0	6,743.02
ALTON	4,701.14	761.15	9,047.23		14,509.52
PHARR	315.72	2,169.41	2,892.50		5,377.63
MISSION	1,587.67	1,291.72	284.59	0	3,163.98
ALAMO	201.67	0		4.99	206.66
MERCEDES	2,840.01	249.43	319.3	97.97	3,506.71
PALMHURST	0	0	0	0	-
PENITAS	0	0	120.59	0	120.59
SAN JUAN	0	798.12	3,199.03	0	3,997.15
SULLIVAN CITY	0	0	7,812.82	0	7,812.82
WESLACO	25,875.68	6,666.91	0	0	32,542.59
CONST. PRT. 2	3,711.07	654.83			4,365.90
CONST. PRT. 3	1,745.60	766.65		1593.77	4,106.02
CONST. PRT. 4	0	485.22			485.22
TOTAL	57401.06	17,778.84	31337.93	5041.5	111,559.33

FINANCIAL COST ESTIMATE

1. NAME OF PROGRAM / ASSISTANCE: Stonegarden 10 -CLOSEOUT PROJECTED BUDGET

2. APPLICANT NAME: HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

3. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES: December 15, 2012 - February 8, 2013

a. Personnel Estimate

Position	Number of Personnel	Hourly Rate	Overtime Rate (Time and 1/2)	Number of Off Hours per Person per Day	Number of Days	Salary	Total Fringe Benefits 19.26%	Health Ins.	Life Insurance 9.86%	Total Salary & Fringe
Patrol Deputy	5	$22.95	$34.43	10	27	$46,673.75	$8,959.84	$0.00	$0.00	$55,424.59
Supervisor	1	$27.77	$41.66	10	27	$11,248.65	$2,166.14	$0.00	$0.00	$13,412.99
									Total Personnel Estimates	$68,837.58

b. Travel & Per Diem Estimate

Position	Number of Personnel	Commercial Travel Costs	Mileage from / to County	Estimated Ave Daily Miles	Number of Days	Total Mileage Cost	Hotel Rate $85 Maximum	Hotel Tax Rate	Meals $36 Maximum	Travel Totals
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
									Total Travel & Per Diem Estimate	$0.00

c. Operational Cost Estimate

	Number of Cars	Number of Miles per Car	Number of Days	Rate per Mile	Subtotal
Mileage	5	160	27	$0.555	$7,492.50
Equipment	5 portable radios w/accessories @ $5655 each				$28,275.00
Other Costs					
				Total Operational Cost Estimate	$35,767.50

*NOTE: Estimate either for fuel or mileage, not both.

FILL IN SHADED FIELDS ONLY

4. NUMBER OF MONTHS IN THE GRANT PERIOD: 2

5. TOTAL AMOUNT OF APPLICATION

	Total Grant
a. Personnel Estimate	$68,837.58
b. Travel & Per Diem Estimate	$0.00
c. Operational Cost Estimate	$35,767.50
Total Expenses	$104,605.08

Form A-4
(01/08) EXHIBIT 2

FINANCIAL COST ESTIMATE

1. NAME OF PROGRAM / ASSISTANCE: Stonegarden 10 -CLOSEOUT PROJECTED BUDGET

2. APPLICANT NAME: HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3

3. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES: **December 15, 2012 - February 8, 2013**

a. Personnel Estimate

Position	Number of Personnel	Hourly Rate	Overtime Rate (Time and 1/2)	Number of O/T Hours per Person per Day	Number of Days	Salary	Total Fringe Benefits 19.38%	Health Ins.	Life Insurance 0.00%	Total Salary & Fringe
Patrol Deputy	2	$22.90	$34.43	4	4	$1,101.59	$212.17	$0.00	$0.00	$1,313.77
Supervisor	1	$27.77	$41.66	4	3	$499.98	$96.27	$0.00	$0.00	$596.13
								Total Personnel Estimates		$1,909.90

b. Travel & Per Diem Estimate

Position	Number of Personnel	Commercial Travel Costs	Mileage from / to County	Estimated Area Daily Miles	Number of Days	Total Mileage Cost	Hotel Rate $85 Maximum	Hotel Tax Rate	Meals $36 Maximum	Travel Totals
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
									Total Travel & Per Diem Estimate	$0.00

c. Operational Cost Estimate

	Number of Cars	Number of Miles per Car	Number of Days	Rate per Mile	Subtotal
Mileage					$0.00
Equipment					
Other Costs					
				Total Operational Cost Estimate	

*NOTE: Estimate either for fuel or mileage, not both.

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4. NUMBER OF MONTHS IN THE GRANT PERIOD: 2

5. TOTAL AMOUNT OF APPLICATION

	Total Grant
a. Personnel Estimate	$1,909.90
b. Travel & Per Diem Estimate	$0.00
c. Operational Cost Estimate	$0.00
Total Expenses	$1,909.90

Form A-4 EXHIBIT 3
(01/02)

FINANCIAL COST ESTIMATE

1. NAME OF PROGRAM / ASSISTANCE: Stonegarden 10 -CLOSEOUT PROJECTED BUDGET

2. APPLICANT NAME: HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4

3. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES: **December 15, 2012 - February 8, 2013**

a. Personnel Estimate

Position	Number of Personnel	Hourly Rate	Overtime Rate (Time and 1/2)	Number of O/T Hours per Person per Day	Number of Days	Salary	Total Fringe Benefits 18.26%	Health Ins.	Life Insurance 0.00%	Total Salary & Fringe
Patrol Deputy	1	$21.53	$32.30	4	15	$1,937.70	$373.29	$0.00	$0.00	$2,310.99
Supervisor	1	$24.29	$36.44	4	15	$2,186.10	$421.04	$0.00	$0.00	$2,607.14
									Total Personnel Estimates	$4,918.04

b. Travel & Per Diem Estimate

Position	Number of Personnel	Commercial Travel Costs	Mileage from / to County	Estimated Avg Daily Miles	Number of Days	Total Mileage Cost	Hotel Rate $85 Maximum	Hotel Tax Rate	Meals $36 Maximum	Travel Totals
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
						$0.00		$0.00		$0.00
									Total Travel & Per Diem Estimate	$0.00

c. Operational Cost Estimate

	Number of Cars	Number of Miles per Car	Number of Days	Rate per Mile	Subtotal
Mileage					
Equipment					
Other Costs					
				Total Operational Cost Estimate	

*NOTE: Estimate either for fuel or mileage, not both.

FILL IN SHADED FIELDS ONLY

4. NUMBER OF MONTHS IN THE GRANT PERIOD: 2

5. TOTAL AMOUNT OF APPLICATION

	Total Grant
a. Personnel Estimate	$4,918.04
b. Travel & Per Diem Estimate	$0.00
c. Operational Cost Estimate	$0.00
Total Expenses	$4,918.04

Form A-4 EXHIBIT 4
(01/08)

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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December 10, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR: Thomas W. Rudd
Patrol Agent in Charge
RGV Office of Intelligence

FROM: Andres Caballero
Supervisory Border Patrol Agent
RGV Office of Intelligence

SUBJECT: Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) 2010 Grant
Hidalgo County, Texas

Attached for your review and consideration is a letter from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office requesting a re-allocation of 2010 OPSG funds.

The Texas State Agency Administrator (SAA) has granted Hidalgo County an extension until February 28, 2013 to close out their 2010 OPSG grant. The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office has exhausted their awarded funds, but some of the grant sub-recipients have not. Therefore, Hidalgo County will de-obligate and re-allocate the sub-recipient's unspent funds to the Sheriff and Constable Precinct 3 and 4 offices, in order to close out the 2010 grant.

Hidalgo County will de-obligate the funds from the categories listed below: (exhibit 1)

OVERTIME (from 11 recipients)	$57,401.06
FRINGE BENFITS (from 12 recipients)	$17,778.84
EQUIPMENT (from 10 recipients)	$31,337.03
FUEL/ MILEAGE (from 5 recipients)	$5,041.50
TOTAL UNSPENT 2010 OPSG FUNDS	$111,559.33

Hidalgo County will re-allocate the unspent funds into the following categories:

OVERTIME/ FRINGE BENEFITS	$75,737.02
Hidalgo County Sheriff (exhibit 2)	$68,837.59
Constable Precinct 3 (exhibit 3)	$1,981.39
Constable Precinct 4 (exhibit 4)	$4,918.04

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December 10, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR: Rosendo Hinojosa
Chief Patrol Agent
Rio Grande Valley Sector

FROM: Thomas W. Rudd
Patrol Agent in Charge
RGV Office of Intelligence

SUBJECT: Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) 2010 Grant
Hidalgo County, Texas

Forwarded for your review and consideration is a request for the re-allocation of Operation Stonegarden funds submitted by the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office.

The re-allocation of funds falls within the guidelines of allowable costs as defined in the Homeland Security Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit.

Attachments

The following Special Conditions are associated with this Operation Stonegarden award:

1. Construction and construction-type activities are prohibited.
2. Lethal or less than lethal forces including, but not limited to: weapons, firearms, ammunition and tasers are prohibited.
3. Per the *Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement (PRICE) of Homeland Security Act* (Public Law 110-412), the sum of all personnel related expenses shall not exceed 50% of the recipient's allocation without first obtaining a waiver from the FEMA Administrator.
4. All participating agencies shall monitor, review and track expenditures of OPSG funds under individual Operations Orders issued. Participating agencies shall not obligate, and/or encumber OPSG grant funds beyond the total of their allocation issued by FEMA.
5. The Operations Order has been reviewed and approved under the Environmental and Historic Preservation Program (EHP) guidelines as being categorically excluded from further EHP review.
6. Recipients must submit a letter of justification for all proposed vehicles or equipment items in excess of $100,000. This justification will be reviewed by CBP and FEMA.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20472

January 28, 2013

Arturo Mendez
Texas Homeland Security State Administrative Agency
PO Box 4087
Austin, TX 78773

Dear Mr. Mendez:

Please be advised that, based on the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) guidelines and special conditions associated with this program, the below referenced FRAG Operations Order is approved:

Operations Order No: 11-MCAMCA-07-001 Version 2
Fiscal Year: 2010
Amount Approved: $111,504.52
Operations Order Dates: 8/1/2010 to 7/31/2013
Recipient: Hidalgo County

Expenditures from the FRAG Operations Order that were reviewed and approved by FEMA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection/Border Patrol (CBP) include: overtime and fringe costs, mileage and equipment costs. These expenses will assist the County in conducting border centric, intelligence driven operations with the goal of reduction or elimination of threat, risk and vulnerability along our Nation's borders.

Please find the below special conditions associated with OPSG and retain this letter for your grant files. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 786-9989.

Sincerely,

Aimee Mautone
Program Analyst
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Grant Programs Directorate

Cc: U.S. Customs and Border Protection/ Border Patrol