



**FEMA**

**FY2012 OPSG Approval Texas – Hidalgo 14-MCAMCA-06-002 V0**

June 12, 2014

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 Operations Order is **approved**:

**Operations Order No:** 14-MCAMCA-06-002 V0

**Fiscal Year:** 2012

**Amount Approved:** \$1,015,824.82

**Operations Order Dates:** 6/1/2014 to 7/31/2014

**Recipient:** Hidalgo County, Texas

Expenditures from the Operations Order that were reviewed and approved by FEMA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection/Border Patrol (CBP) include: overtime and fringe costs, fuel and maintenance costs, and related expenses. 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 Nations' 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) 786-9668.

Sincerely,

*Corey Walz*

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Program Analyst

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Grant Programs Directorate

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

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.