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**Subject:** 2016 HSGP (Notice of Funding Opportunity) Grant Guidance and OPSG Application  
**Attachments:** FY 2016 Op Order Application Template.docx; FY\_2016\_HSGP\_NOFO\_FINAL.pdf

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The 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), which includes the Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG), was recently released by FEMA/DHS. A copy the NOFO and OPSG Operations (Op) Order Template are attached.

OPSG provides funding to designated counties/localities to enhance cooperation and coordination between federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the U.S. borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with International water borders.

As part of the FY 2016 OPSG application process, each eligible local unit of government at the county or Federally-recognized Tribal government level must develop their Operations Order in coordination with state and Federal law enforcement agencies, to include, but not limited to CBP/USBP. Operations Orders that are developed at the county level should be inclusive of city, county, Tribal, and other local law enforcement agencies that are eligible to participate in OPSG operational activities. The Operations Order should address this in the Executive Summary. Operations Order details should include the names of the agencies, points of contact, and individual funding requests.

All applications must be developed in collaboration with the local USBP sector office, the SAA and the local unit of government. The sector office will then forward the application to the SAA for final review before submission to DHS/FEMA.

The date of **March 25, 2016** has been set as the deadline when all 2016 OPSG Op Orders (Initial Applications), must be submitted to the US Customs and Border Patrol OPSG Sector Headquarters with geographic responsibility for applicants location.

**Note:** It is imperative that eligible counties begin the process of preparing Operation Orders with detailed Annual Budget.

The Operations Order Detailed Budget must:

- Include operative spending plans in one-year increments for (Year 1, and Year 2).
- Explain how costs and expenses were estimated, and
- Provide a narrative justification for cost and expenses.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 512-936-2238 or by email at [arturo.mendez@gov.texas.gov](mailto:arturo.mendez@gov.texas.gov)

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