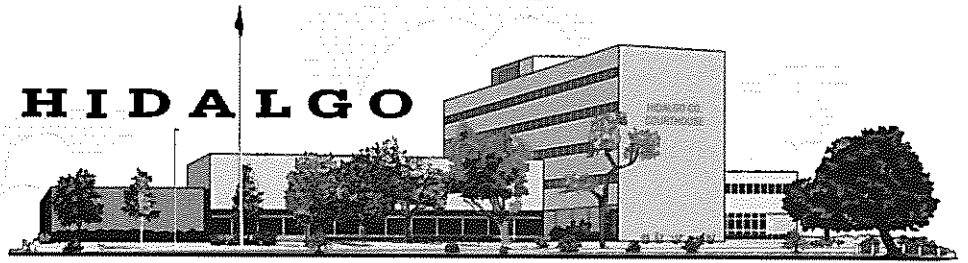


COUNTY of HIDALGO



EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539

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August 11, 2017

The Honorable Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County Judge
The Honorable David Fuentes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
The Honorable Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
The Honorable Jose M. Flores, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
The Honorable Joseph Palacios, 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 award from the Texas Office of the Governor - Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD). These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT	PURPOSE
\$32,000.00	Local Border Security Program (LBSP FY2018) Award No. 2997503 CPCT1

CERTIFIED BY:


Raymundo Eufrazio, CPA
Hidalgo County Auditor

8/18/17
Date

HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES

- LUIS N. SINGLETERRY
JUDGE, 92ND D.C.
- RODOLFO DELGADO
JUDGE, 92ND D.C.
- J. R. "BOBBY" FLORES
JUDGE, 131ST D.C.
- ROSE GUERRA REYNA
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- JUAN R. PARTIDA
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- MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR.
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- MOE GONZALEZ
JUDGE, 370TH D.C.
OVERSEER
- LETICIA LOPEZ
JUDGE, 389TH D.C.
- NEMO VASQUEZ
JUDGE, 389TH D.C.
- ISRAEL RAMON JR.
JUDGE, 430TH D.C.
- PEREZ R. MONTAUDRY
JUDGE, 449TH D.C.

AI-61075

Constable Pct. #1 13. A.

CC - REGULAR

Meeting Date: 08/22/2017

Submitted For: Constable Celestino Avila, Jr., CONSTABLE PCT. #1

Submitted By: Joe Espinoza, CONSTABLE PCT. #1

Department: CONSTABLE PCT. #1

Information

CAPTION

Constable Pct. 1 (1284):

1. Authorization to accept the Approval Notice in reference to the Local Border Security Program 2017-2018 (LBSP) for the amount of \$32,000.00.
2. Authorization and approval for County Judge, as authorized official, to Electronically accept grant award from and related document.
3. Authorization to pay Overtime reimbursable under the grant terms and conditions.
4. Approval of Certification of Revenues as certified by the County Auditor for the FY 2017-2018 Local Border Security Program (LBSP).
5. Approval to appropriate the budget for Constable Pct 1 Office portion of the FY 2017-2018 Local Border Security Program (LBSP) in the amount of \$32,000.00.

BACKGROUND

On 02/06/2017, Commissioner's Court Approved the Authorization to Apply for the FY 2017-2018 Local Border Security Program (LBSP) Grant from the Office of the Governor Department of Homeland Security, FEMA (AI-58258),

Grant No. 2997503

Grant Operation Date is from September 01, 2017 to August 31, 2018.

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2017

ACCT. #: 7-1284-421-00-291-080-8-XXX

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?: N

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Grant Fiscal Year 2018

Revenue Acct. 7-1284-334-10-291-080-8-000

No matching funds required. The LBSP grant will only cover Overtime, FICA, Retirement, Unemployment Compensation, and Worker's Compensation fringe benefits. All other fringe benefits will be reclassified to the Hidalgo County Constable Pct. 1 general fund account (7-1100-421-00-291-001-0-XXX)

Attachments

Award

Congrat Letter

appropriation

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Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Budget & Management	Veronica Ortiz	08/08/2017 12:36 PM
Ivan Cantu	Ivan Cantu	08/10/2017 02:06 PM
Final Approval		
Form Started By: Joe Espinoza		Started On: 08/08/2017 10:35 AM

Itsayana Vallejo

From: Joe Espinosa [joe.espinosa@co.hidalgo.tx.us]
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Itsayana Vallejo
Subject: Certification of revenues LBSP 2018
Attachments: 20170808101255484.pdf

Izy, can you please certify the revenue for LBSP 2018 for \$32,000.00. Thank You So Much

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Chief Deputy Joe F. EspinosaHidalgo County Constables Office Pct 1.Constable Celestino Avila1900
Joe Stephens Weslaco, Texas 78596(956) 447-3775 ext. 1106(956) 246-8152 cell

*** PREVIEW - Statement of Grant Award (SOGA) - PREVIEW ***

The Statement of Grant Award is the official notice of award from the Office of the Governor (OOG). This Grant Agreement and all terms, conditions, provisions and obligations set forth herein shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns and all other State of Texas agencies and any other agencies, departments, divisions, governmental entities, public corporations, and other entities which shall be successors to each of the Parties or which shall succeed to or become obligated to perform or become bound by any of the covenants, agreements or obligations hereunder of each of the Parties hereto.

The approved project narrative and budget for this award are reflected in eGrants on the 'Narrative' and 'Budget/Details' tabs. By accepting the Grant Award in eGrants, the Grantee agrees to strictly comply with the requirements and obligations of this Grant Agreement including any and all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements. In instances where conflicting requirements apply to a Grantee, the more restrictive requirement applies.

The Grant Agreement includes the Statement of Grant Award; the OOG Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities; the Grant Application in eGrants; and the other identified documents in the Grant Application and Grant Award, including but not limited to: 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 20, Subchapter 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, and the Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS) developed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts; the state Funding Announcement or Solicitation under which the grant application was made, and for federal funding, the Funding Announcement or Solicitation under which the OOG was awarded funds; and any applicable documents referenced in the documents listed above. For grants awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice, the current applicable version of the Department of Justice Grants Financial Guide and any applicable provisions in Title 28 of the CFR apply. For grants awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), all Information Bulletins and Policies published by the FEMA Grants Program Directorate apply. The OOG reserves the right to add additional responsibilities and requirements, with or without advance notice to the Grantee.

By clicking on the 'Accept' button within the 'Accept Award' tab, the Grantee accepts the responsibility for the grant project, agrees and certifies compliance with the requirements outlined in the Grant Agreement, including all provisions incorporated herein, and agrees with the following conditions of grant funding. The grantee's funds will not be released until the grantee has satisfied the requirements of the following Condition(s) of Funding and Other Fund-Specific Requirement(s), if any, cited below:

Grant Number:	2997503	Award Amount:	\$32,000.00
Date Awarded:	PREVIEW - AWARD NOT ACTIVE	Grantee Cash Match:	\$0.00
Grant Period:	09/01/2017 - 08/31/2018	Grantee In Kind Match:	\$0.00
Liquidation Date:	11/29/2018	Total Project Cost:	\$32,000.00
Program Fund:	BL-Local Border Security Program (LBSP)		
Grantee Name:	Hidalgo County		
Project Title:	Local Border Security Program-Constable PCT1		
Grant Manager:	Debbie Jacaman		
DUNS Number:	103110834		

CFDA:	N/A
Federal Awarding Agency:	N/A - State Funds
Federal Award Date:	N/A - State Funds
Federal/State Award ID Number:	2018-BL-ST-0016
Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:	\$5,100,000.00
Pass Thru Entity Name:	Texas Office of the Governor -- Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD)
Is the Award R&D:	No
Federal/State Award Description:	Grants for local law enforcement agencies to support Operation Border Star. The grant funds may also support the humane processing of remains of undocumented migrants, when specifically awarded for that purpose.



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

Dear Grantee:

Congratulations on your award! To activate your agency's grant, the Authorized Official must log on to eGrants at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> and go to the 'My Home' tab. In the 'Pending Applications' section, locate the application with a 'Current Status' of "Pending AO Acceptance of Award". Click on the grant number and proceed to the 'Accept Award' tab. From this tab, click on the 'Accept' button. Grants must be accepted within 45 calendar days of the date the award was issued.

Be sure to review the Subrecipient Responsibilities Memo for a quick overview of general items every grantee should be aware of. You can also find more detailed information on the eGrants website including helpful resources, links, and tools needed to properly administer HSGD grants. The Guide to Grants, also on the website, contains answers to questions frequently asked by grantees.

If you have any questions regarding this award, feel free to contact your grant manager, whose name is referenced in the Statement of Grant Award or you may always contact our office via the eGrants Help Desk at eGrants@gov.texas.gov.

We look forward to working with you to ensure the success of your program.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aimee Snoddy".

Aimee Snoddy
Director
Homeland Security Grants Division



Office of the Governor - Homeland Security Grants Division 2018 Local Border Security Program (LBSP) Request for Applications (RFA)

The Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) of the Governor's Office is soliciting grant applications for projects that support Operation Border Star during state fiscal year 2018.

Purpose: The purpose of the program is to sustain interagency law enforcement operations and enhance local law enforcement patrols to facilitate directed actions to deter and interdict criminal activity. Program participants shall assist in the execution of coordinated border security operations in an effort to:

- 1) Increase the effectiveness and impact of Steady State and Surge Operations.
- 2) Reduce border-related criminal activity in Texas.
- 3) Implement and increase the effectiveness of operational methods, measures, and techniques for outbound/southbound operations.
- 4) Decrease the supply of drugs smuggled into and through Texas from Mexico.
- 5) Disrupt and deter operations of gang and cartel criminal organizations.
- 6) Decrease specifically targeted tactics (such as conveyance methods) for drugs in the Texas border region.
- 7) Decrease use of specific areas for crime as targeted in directed action missions.
- 8) Increase the effectiveness of air operations mission planning and prioritization.
- 9) Increase the coordination and integration of air-ground team operations to include Texas Military Forces (TMF) aviation, United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) Air and Marine, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Aircraft Division, and United States Coast Guard (USCG) aviation support.
- 10) Increase the effectiveness of directed action missions based upon intelligence and analysis to ensure they target the most serious threats and are conducted in high pay-off areas.
- 11) Increase the number and quality of analytical intelligence products developed at the Unified Command and state levels.
- 12) Increase intelligence-based operations at the Unified Command level through integration of TxMap, sector specific information, and intelligence analysis.

Available Funding: State funds for these projects are authorized under the Texas General Appropriations Act, Article I, Rider 27 for Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Funding Levels:

Minimum: None

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

Standards: Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the State Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

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Prohibitions: Grant funds may **not** be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

- 1) inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytization;
- 2) lobbying;
- 3) regular time worked as part of the employee's normal duty period;
- 4) augmentees – law enforcement personnel who are not regular employees of a funded agency, but are brought on as needed to specifically cover border security operations so that there can be a force multiplier during a period of "Surge";
- 5) any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official;
- 6) time spent by certified peace officers on administrative duties;
- 7) backfill costs for personnel participating in operations;
- 8) transportation, lodging, per diem, training fees or any related costs associated with participants who attend a training event;
- 9) purchase of vehicles;
- 10) purchase of equipment for government agencies that are for general agency use;
- 11) weapons, ammunition, tasers, tracked armored vehicles, weaponized vehicles or explosives;
- 12) postage;
- 13) admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event;
- 14) promotional gifts;
- 15) food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments, except for eligible per diem associated with grant-related travel;
- 16) membership dues for individuals;
- 17) any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant project;
- 18) any use of grant funds to replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-grant sources;
- 19) fundraising;
- 20) construction;
- 21) medical services;
- 22) legal fees;
- 23) legal services for adult offenders; and
- 24) any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law.

Eligible Applicants:

- 1) Units of local government; and
- 2) Federally Recognized Native American tribes.
- 3) Eligible applicants must be located within a County within one of the six DPS Joint Operations and Intelligence Centers (JOIC) Regions including:
 - a) El Paso JOIC – El Paso County.
 - b) Coastal Bend JOIC – Aransas County, Bee County, Calhoun County, Dewitt County, Fayette County, Goliad County, Gonzales County, Guadalupe County, Jackson County,

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Jim Wells County, Karnes County, Kleberg County, Lavaca County, Live Oak County, Matagorda County, McMullen County, Nueces County, Refugio County, San Patricio County, Victoria County, and Wharton County.

- c) Marfa JOIC – Brewster County, Culberson County, Hudspeth County, Jeff Davis County, Pecos County, Presidio County, Reeves County, and Terrell County.
- d) Del Rio JOIC – Dimmit County, Edwards County, Kinney County, Maverick County, Real County, Uvalde County, Val Verde County, and Zavala County.
- e) Laredo JOIC – Duval County, Frio County, Jim Hogg County, La Salle County, Webb County, and Zapata County.
- f) Rio Grande Valley JOIC – Brooks County, Cameron County, Hidalgo County, Kenedy County, Starr County, and Willacy County.

Eligible Costs:

- 1) Overtime for increased patrol and investigative capacity for certified peace officers, along with limited support for other law enforcement support personnel (i.e., Communications Officers/Dispatchers and Jailers). Project Overtime (OT) shall be reimbursed following the grantee's overtime policy and the requirements as stated below:
 - a) OT is time actually worked that exceeds the required number of hours during an employee's designated work period.
 - b) OT must be worked to increase patrol and/or in an investigative capacity.
 - c) The project OT rate will be no more than one-and-one-half (1.5) times the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.
 - d) Exempt salaried employees may not be reimbursed for overtime unless the grantee's overtime policy specifically allows for this.
 - e) HSGD will only reimburse the grantee for OT that does not exceed a total of 16-hours (regular +OT) worked during any 24-hour period.
- 2) Law enforcement support personnel costs may be reimbursed up to 5% of the award or \$5,000, whichever is less. These costs include:
 - a) Communications Officers/Dispatcher costs necessary to maintain a safe Officer to Dispatcher ratio when supporting law enforcement personnel that are on patrol and participating in border operations.
 - b) Jailer costs for personnel necessary to support officers that are on patrol and participating in border operations.
- 3) Certain operational costs incurred as part of these overtime patrols and investigations may be reimbursed, such as vehicle operating costs, transportation, lodging, per diem, or additional costs for minor emergency repairs as described below:
 - a) The cost of fuel, lubricants, and minor emergency repairs or maintenance for vehicles, aircraft, boats, generators, and similar equipment used during the hours in which the OT is worked. Only actual expenses supported by invoiced gas, oil, and repair or maintenance receipts may be reimbursed under this grant. Fuel costs used during the hours officers are working on grant-paid OT are allowable. Maintenance costs must be prorated to show the usage of vehicles or equipment for regular law enforcement duties as compared to usage while officers are working grant-paid OT patrols.

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- b) The cost of minor emergency repairs, such as tire repair or fan belt replacement, to vehicles or equipment used in program operations is allowable.
- c) Transportation, lodging, fuel, and per diem costs may be reimbursed for personnel who work on program activities more than 50 miles from their program duty station.
- d) Costs for rentals of equipment or other services critical to success of the program, and that have been pre-approved by the HSGD, are also allowable.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Eligible applicants must agree to perform the following activities:
 - a) Conduct Steady State operations and respond to calls for service.
 - b) Conduct enhanced law enforcement patrolling activities.
 - c) Conduct surveillance, interdictions, investigations, and collect and disseminate information within its jurisdiction or cross-jurisdiction lines as required.
 - d) Recognize and react to information/intelligence to adjust times and locations of enhanced patrol activities.
 - e) Report significant border-related events that occur during each 24-hour period.
 - f) Identify significant border-related trends or areas of interest that may be developed into focus areas for future operations.
 - g) Integrate air, ground, marine, and remote operations.
 - h) Participate in operational planning and coordination meetings, information/intelligence sharing meetings, and After Action Reviews (AARs) established by the Texas Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Joint Operations and Intelligence Centers (JOIC).
 - i) Participate weekly on the JOIC Unified Command conference calls or meetings as required by the JOIC.
- 2) Eligible applicants must agree to submit the Daily Border Incident Assessment Report (BIAR). The BIAR is the primary incident and information-reporting tool for the grantee in local border security operations. The grantee shall ensure all BIARs conform to the respective standards outlined by the JOIC and are submitted within the timeframes established by the JOIC. The grantee shall report all activities that are considered Steady State activities in addition to Enhanced Operation activities to the JOIC. Steady State activities are defined as normal patrol or investigative duties that do not use grant funds, but directly impact the overall LBSP mission (organized crime arrests, terroristic activities, weapons trafficking arrests, kidnappings, home invasions with a border or organized crime nexus, illegal immigration, border-related murders, gang-related murders, or drug trafficking). Enhanced (Surge) Operations originate out of the use of LBSP funds when the local agency chooses to increase the hours of patrol or investigative bodies.
- 3) In order for an applicant to be eligible, the county (or counties) in which the applicant is located must have a 90% average on both adult and juvenile criminal history dispositions reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety for calendar years 2011 through 2015. This requirement must be met by August 1, 2017.
- 4) Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year.

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- 5) An application requirement pertaining to full compliance with Department of Homeland Security detainer requests applies to all municipal or county governments that operate a subdivision or department that detains individuals after arrest for a criminal violation. Full text of this certification can be found on the Narrative tab of each application or at http://gov.texas.gov/cid/dhs_detainerrequest. All applicants must select one of four options in their eGrants application to be considered for funding under this announcement.
- 6) Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>).
- 7) Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://www.sam.gov/>.
- 8) Failure to comply with program eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or suspension or termination of grant funds.

Project Period: Projects selected for funding must begin on or after September 1, 2017 and expire on or before August 31, 2018.

Application Process: Applicants must access HSGD's grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding. Additional requirements are included within the online application form.

NOTE: Applicants must upload the required [Direct Deposit forms](#), [New Payee Identification Form](#), and [W9 Form](#) for each application prior to submission. The eGrants system will not allow an application submission until these forms are attached to the application. These forms are available at <https://egrants.gov.texas.gov/updates.aspx> under the Financial Management Tools section or by clicking on the hyperlinks above.

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: All applications must be submitted and certified via HSGD's grant management website on or before Thursday, **March 30, 2017** by 5:00 PM CST.

Selection Process: Applications will be reviewed by HSGD staff members in consultation with DPS Regional JOIC representatives. HSGD will make all final funding decisions based on eligibility and operational content which includes but is not limited to the following:

- 1) Compliance - Past compliance with grant requirements, reporting, and information sharing.
- 2) Performance – Impact and effectiveness of the Applicant's participation in previous border security operations or activities and effectiveness in using grant funds awarded for border security.
- 3) Risk – The Applicant's need as indicated by data available on border-related criminal activity, population, number of officers, and other factors.
- 4) Other Funding – The Applicant's history of applying for, receiving, and/or effectively utilizing other sources of funding available to support border security activities (e.g. Operation Stonegarden).

Contact Information: For technical assistance or additional information, contact HSGD at eGrants@gov.texas.gov or (512) 463-8382.

DATE: August 8, 2017

2017

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Constable Celestino Avila Jr.

Appropriation



DEPARTMENT NAME: Constable Pct 1 (291)

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 7-1284-334-10-291-080-8-xxx

Contact Person: Joe F. Espinosa Ph# 956-447-3775


SUBJECT: **Appropriations of Funds** (increase (decrease)) in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, § 111.070, Item C (2).

Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County:

I would like to request the following Appropriations of Funds (increase (decrease)) in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, § 111.070, Item C (2).

INCREASE ACCOUNT NUMBER(S)	ACCOUNT (OBJECT) NAME		AMOUNT
7-1284-421-00-291-080-8-131	Const. Pct 1 -LBSP-	Overtime Pay	\$26,050.15
7-1284-421-00-291-080-8-220	Const. Pct 1 -LBSP-	FICA	1,992.84
7-1284-421-00-291-080-8-230	Const. Pct 1 -LBSP-	Retirement	2,987.95
7-1284-421-00-291-080-8-250	Const. Pct 1 -LBSP-	Unemplment/Comp	156.30
7-1284-421-00-291-080-8-260	Const. Pct 1 -LBSP-	Workers comp	812.76
7-1284-334-10-291-080-8-000	CONST.PCT NO. 1- LBSP	REVENUES	32,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE (DECREASE)			32,000.00

REASON: Appropriation of funds for the FY 2018 LBSP grant for Constable Pct 1. Grant period is from 9-01-17 to 08-31-18. Grant covers overtime and FICA only. Grant # 2997503. The other fringes associated with overtime expense are to be charged to the Constable Pct 1 G/F budget, acct #7-1100-421-00-291-001-0-xxx


 DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

APPROVED COMMISSIONERS' COURT

DATE

ATTEST COUNTY CLERK