



FEMA

October 31, 2017

Mr. Arturo Mendez
Office of the Governor
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Mendez:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has reviewed the request submitted by Hidalgo County, TX to waive the 50 percent Personnel Cap imposed by Section 2008 of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, Public Law 107-296, as amended (6 U.S.C. § 609).

Hidalgo County has requested to expend \$441,745.48 or 74 percent of its total Fiscal Year 2015 Operation Stonegarden supplemental allocation of \$601,245.48 on operational overtime and related personnel costs under Operations Order # 17-RGVRGV-08-005 V0 (Supplemental).

This request is consistent with the terms and conditions of the grant award and is necessary for the continued success of border security operations. This request is therefore approved pursuant to the waiver authority provided by 6 U.S.C § 609(b)(2)(B).

As a reminder, future personnel waiver requests must also be submitted to FEMA Grant Programs Directorate for prior approval. Please contact your Program Analyst, David Porter, at (202) 786-0871 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas DiNanno".

Thomas DiNanno
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs

CC: Tony Robinson, Regional Administrator, Region VI
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