



HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA

February 23, 2018

United States Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Grants Program Directorate, Grants
800 K Street, NW Suite 5035
Washington, DC 20531

RE: 2015 Operation Stonegarden Program Overtime Waiver Request – Hidalgo County, TX

Dear Grants Program Directorate,

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office requests a waiver by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator of the 50 percent (50%) personnel cap overtime limit on the 2015 OPSG Grant. The intent of this request is to continue our coordinated efforts with Federal, State, and Local law enforcement agencies and make the greatest impact in the joint mission to secure the United States International southern boundaries. Due to increasing act of violence within the U.S./Mexican border areas, the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division has allocated 2015 OPSG grant funds to the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and its sub-recipients to increase law enforcement presence within identified active areas and at Port of Entries.

The purpose of this letter is to request waiver of the 50 percent (50%) personnel cap and allow the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and its sub-recipients to expend up to 69.54% (\$2,294,862.95) of the total \$3,300,000.00 2015 OPSG funds on law enforcement personnel overtime cost and Management and Administration Costs. A waiver of the overtime limit will provide the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office with the flexibility to allocate resources to enhance collaboration between Federal, State, and Local law enforcement agencies on the border and to increase our capabilities to prevent, protect, and respond to border security threats and issues.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to our request.

Sincerely,

J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Hidalgo County Sheriff

s.r.