



# **HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA**

April 18, 2018

To: David D. Porter  
Program Analyst, Western Branch  
Grant Programs Directorate  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
500 C. Street, S.W., Techworld Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20472-3615

Thru: Abelino Reyna  
United States Border Patrol  
Rio Grande Valley Sector  
Program Manager, Operation Stonegarden

RE: Budget Amendment/Reallocation of 2016 OPSG Funds Hidalgo County

Dear Mr. Porter,

The 2016 Operation Stonegarden performance grant period is underway. Total funding awarded to Hidalgo County was \$3,500,000.00. These funds were shared with seventeen (17) local law enforcement agencies which were invited to participate in 2016 Operation Stonegarden.

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office currently has a remaining equipment balance of \$128,634.08. Of this amount the HCSO respectfully requests approval to use \$70,000.00 for the purchase of 16 Skywatch Tower Cameras.

Additionally, the HCSO wishes to move the remaining \$58,634.08 equipment funds, \$39,606.69 of Personnel ( M&A) funds and \$55,799.36 of Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (Maintenance) funds to Personnel Overtime for Law Enforcement (\$118,349.03 for OT and \$35,691.10 for Fringe).



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<b><u>HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRANSFER REQUESTS</u></b>			
<b>From Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b><u>EQUIPMENT:</u></b> - Other Authorized Equipment (Equipment) - Two SkyCop Surveillance Systems	\$70,000.00	<b><u>EQUIPMENT:</u></b> - Purchase of 16 Cameras to upgrade existing Skytowers	\$70,000.00
<b><u>EQUIPMENT:</u></b> - Other Authorized Equipment (Equipment) - Two SkyCop Surveillance Systems  03OE-02-BNOC Binoculars/Scopes - Fourteen (14) Night Vision binoculars  04MD-01-VCAM Camera, Video - Two (2) Pole Surveillance Cameras  Other Authorized Equipment (Equipment) - Twenty Camo paks	\$5,500.00  \$51,000.00  \$1,933.88  \$200.20	<b><u>PERSONNEL:</u></b> - Overtime for Law Enforcement (Organization) - Enhanced patrol Overtime for LEOs  Fringe for LEO	\$118,349.03  \$35,691.10
<b><u>PERSONNEL:</u></b> - Overtime Costs for M&A Staff (M&A)	\$39,606.69		
<b><u>SUPPLIES AND DIRECT OPERATING EXPENSES:</u></b> - Vehicle Operating Cost (e.g., fuel, lubricants, maintenance, storage) (Organization)	\$55,799.36		



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The following friendly forces also wish to make adjustments within their line items:

The Alamo Police Department is requesting to transfer \$11,500.00 from their Equipment to their Personnel (\$9,565.80 for OT and \$1,934.20 for Fringe).

The Donna Police Department is requesting to transfer \$7,344.00 from their Maintenance to their Personnel (\$6,102.86 for OT and \$1,241.14 for Fringe).

The La Joya Police Department is requesting to transfer \$19,000.00 from their Equipment to their Personnel (\$16,435.99 for OT and \$2,564.01 for Fringe).

The Mercedes Police Department is requesting to reallocate \$944.43 from their Supplies and Direct Operating Expense (Maintenance) line item to Equipment for the remaining balance, of the previously approved purchase, of a fully equipped police patrol vehicle. The Mercedes Police Department is also requesting to transfer \$2,712.77 from their Direct Operating Expense (Maintenance) line item to their Personnel (\$1,892.70 for OT and \$820.07 for Fringe).

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office does concur with these requests. Please see individual requests attached.

Your immediate attention to this request will be greatly appreciated since time is of the essence in this request.

Sincerely,

J.E. "Eddie" Guerra  
Hidalgo County Sheriff

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Attachments



# Alamo Police Department

423 N. Tower Rd. Alamo, Texas 78516  
Phone (956) 787-1454 Fax (956) 787-8500

Baudelio Castillo  
Chief of Police

April 16, 2018

To: Abelino Reyna  
United States Border Patrol  
Rio Grande Valley Sector  
Program Manager, Operation Stonegarden

RE: Budget Adjustment

Dear Mr. Reyna,

The Alamo Police Department was awarded \$70,000.00 for 2016 Operation Stonegarden. Out of the awarded amount, \$18,000.00 was budgeted for ONE 2010-2013 specialty vehicle. The Alamo Police Department was able to purchase one DPS Tahoe for approximately \$6,500.00 and will equip it with the approved \$5,000.00 from this approved budget.

With the balance of \$11,500.00, the Alamo Police Department is respectfully requesting authorization to move monies to personnel overtime and fringe benefits. APD is requesting an extra 318.86 OT hours ( $318.86 * \$30.00 = \$9,565.80$  \* Fringe (20.22%) = \$1,934.20 for total of \$11,500.00)

Your attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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Baudelio Castillo  
Chief of Police, Alamo Police Department

Correct

corrected



# Donna Police Department

(956) 464-4481 • Fax (956) 464-6933 • 207 S. 10th • Donna, Texas 78537



February 27, 2018

To: Abelino Reyna  
United States Border Patrol  
Rio Grande Valley Sector  
Operation Stonegarden Program Manager

Re: Budget Amendment-Reallocation of OPSG 2016 Funds

Dear Agent Reyna,

The Donna Police Department was awarded \$70,000.00 for Operation Stonegarden 2016. Our current approved budget is as follows;

- a. Overtime/Fringe Benefits \$62,656.00
- b. Maintenance \$7,344.00

The Donna Police Department is submitting a frag order requesting a no cost reallocation of funds, transferring the Maintenance funds to the Overtime/Fringe benefit line item. Increasing the Overtime/Fringe benefit line item to a total of \$70,000.00. This reallocation will enable Donna Police Department to continue to work with our area Border Patrol and/or independently.

If any questions regarding our request, please contact us at [malvidres@cityofdonna.org](mailto:malvidres@cityofdonna.org).

Sincerely,

*Mario Alvidres*  
Mario Alvidres  
Detective Sergeant



# **LA JOYA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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*"PROMOTING SAFETY & A SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY"*

**Police Chief – Adolfo Arriaga**

January 24, 2018

Manuel Padilla Junlor  
Acting Chief Patrol Agent  
Rio Grande Valley Sector Headquarters

Abelino Reyna  
United States Border Patrol  
Rio Grande Valley Sector  
OPS Officer, Operation STONEGARDEN

Reference: Budget Amendment for 2016 Operation STONEGARDEN Grant

Dear Acting Chief Padilla;

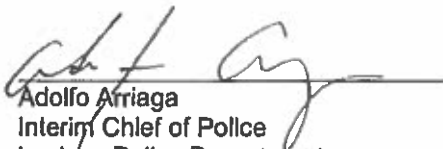
In support of Operation STONEGARDEN 2016, the La Joya Police Department is requesting to amend its awarded funding for the purchases of equipment. The La Joya Police Department was awarded \$19,000.00 for the purchase of two 2017 ATV's.

The Department is requesting to utilize all the equipment awarded money into the personnel expenses for as a total amount of \$46,001.37. La Joya Police Department will be utilizing \$16,435.99 for personal and \$2,564.01 for fringe.

Our participation in the Stonegarden Operation will be by maintaining high visibility, provide proactive law enforcement patrols, with our main intent to deter, detect and interdict human/narcotic smugglers and terrorists, all related to Border Security.

If there are further question, please feel free to contact me at (956) 585-4855.

Sincerely,

  
Adolfo Arriaga  
Interim Chief of Police  
La Joya Police Department



**MERCEDES POLICE DEPARTMENT**

316 S. OIHO STREET • MERCEDES, TEXAS 78570 • (956) 565-3102 • FAX (956) 565-2583

*Olga Maldonado  
Chief of Police*

*To: Ms. Sabrina Rodriguez, Program Manager HCSO – Financial Services Division  
From: Captain Eduardo Trevino  
Date: March 22, 2018  
Subject FRAG Request*

*Ms. Rodriguez,*

*The Mercedes Police Department was awarded a total of \$70,000 under the 2016 Operation Stonegarden Grant. The money was awarded to us to be used as follows:*

*\$30,879.07 for personnel (overtime and fringe), of which we have \$48.83 left.*

*\$35,463.73 for the purchase of a fully equipped police patrol vehicle (we were to absorb any costs above that amount). The amount we are responsible for comes out to \$944.43.*

*\$3,657.20 to be used towards vehicle maintenance costs. We have not used this money at all.*

*Since we have been able to pay maintenance costs from our department's budget, we would like to transfer \$944.43 from Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses to Equipment and then transfer the balance of \$2,712.77 to the Personnel line item so we can use it for overtime for our officers.*

*Respectfully,*

*Captain Eduardo Trevino  
Mercedes Police Department*