

December 10, 2018

Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Grant Program Directorate
800 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20472

RE: Price Act Waiver for OPSG OO TX Hidalgo Co. 2018 Operation Stonegarden

Dear Grants Program Directorate,

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office requests a waiver of the 50 percent (50%) personnel cap overtime limit on the 2018 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.

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and its friendly forces would like to expend up to 71.39% (\$3,212,454.40) of the total \$4,500,000.00 2018 OPSG funds on law enforcement personnel overtime cost (\$2,568,300.32), fringe (\$556,068.71) and Management and Administration Costs (\$88,085.37). A waiver of the overtime limit will provide the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and its friendly forces 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

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