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**Grant/App:** 2537809 **Start Date:** 9/1/2019 **End Date:** 8/31/2020

**Project Title:** Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit  
**Status:** Application Pending Submission

**Profile Information**

**Applicant Agency Name:** Hidalgo County  
**Project Title:** Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit  
**Division or Unit to Administer the Project:** Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office  
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**Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area:** Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
**Headquarter County:** Hidalgo  
**Counties within Project's Impact Area:** Brooks,Cameron,Duval,Hidalgo,Jim Hogg,Jim Wells,Kenedy,Kleberg,Starr,Willacy

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**Grant Vendor Information**

**Organization Type:** County

**Organization Option:** applying to provide homeland security services

**Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID):** 17460007176041

**Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS):** 103110834

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## Narrative Information

### Introduction

The Texas Legislature appropriated funds to support programs that provide prosecution resources for District and County Attorneys along the Texas-Mexico border and for counties that are significantly affected by border crime.

### Funding Levels

The anticipated funding levels for these programs are as follows:

- Minimum Award - None
- Maximum Award - None
- The program does not require a grantee to provide matching funds.

For more information regarding grantee match, please click on the **Budget** tab, and then click on the **Source of Match** tab in eGrants.

*Note: If you voluntarily include matching funds that exceed the minimum match requirement, you will be held to that amount throughout the grant period.*

### Program Requirements

#### Eligible Activities

Prosecution - Prosecuting criminals charged with border crimes as defined by Texas Government Code 772.0071(a)(1).

Training \* - Training to members of the unit and to law enforcement agencies in the border region on specific issues and techniques relating to the investigation and prosecution of border crime.

\* Applicants must be in compliance with the Texas Administrative Code (37 TAC Chapters 221-225) and all rules established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) regarding the training of law enforcement in Texas; or, contract or reimburse for services with training providers who meet this requirement.

#### Program Income

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income to HSGD through a formal grant adjustment and to secure HSGD approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after HSGD's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of HSGD funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless HSGD authorizes otherwise. Program income shall be used to reduce the HSGD award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project. Exceptions to the deduction method must be approved by the HSGD Director.

*Note: Program income must be spent on project expenses before expending OOG grant funds. Program income is subject to the same statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines applicable to the use of the OOG-funded portion of the grant.*

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

#### DUNS

Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency.

#### System for Award Management

Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database and maintain an active registration throughout the grant application period.

#### Certifications

### **Uniform Crime Reports**

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.

**Note:** The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has established a goal set by the Texas Legislature for all local law enforcement agencies to implement and report crime statistics data by using the requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) no later than September 1, 2019. Additionally, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will collect required crime statistics solely through the NIBRS starting January 1, 2021. Due to these upcoming state and federal deadlines, grantees are advised that eligibility for future grant funding may be tied to compliance with NIBRS. Financial grant assistance for transitioning to NIBRS may be available for your jurisdiction from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

### **Criminal History Reporting**

Entities receiving funds from HSGD must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 60. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

### **Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures**

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2021 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

### **Overall Certification**

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as all requirements within the HSGD Funding Announcement, the eGrants application, the OOG's *Guide to Grants*, and the OOG's *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities* to be eligible for this program.

**\_ I certify to all of the application content and requirements.**

### **Project Summary :**

Briefly summarize the project, including proposed activities and intended impact.

-This project will permit the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to further improve the quality of prosecution of criminal activities that have a nexus to the jurisdiction's border with Mexico. -Our Team, which consist of three Border Prosecutors, an Investigator and an Administrative Assistant, will work together with local law enforcement agencies, especially the Texas Department of Public Safety, to target emerging trends and nuances of border based transnational criminal enterprises. This will facilitate the transfer of information and intelligence from the street to the courtroom thus providing a more efficient and effective administration of justice and use of the limited resources. -Also our in-house Region 3 Counsel and prosecutors will continue to provide cross training and support to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and other District Attorney's Offices both locally and throughout Texas. In addition they have been and will continue to be available to the area's law enforcement officers 24 hours a day. Having these prosecutorial assets at their disposal will immensely increase the ability of police officers to investigate criminal enterprises operating in the border region of the Rio Grande Valley.

### **Problem Statement :**

Provide a detailed account of the issues, threats or hazards that your project will target. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or state *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)*, as applicable.

Hidalgo County has seen an increase in crimes due to the fact that its southern boundary is also the US/Mexico border. Many of these crimes can be tied to Transnational Criminal Organizations that have formed alliances with local street gangs. Due to this, prosecutors have experienced an increase in caseloads involving, but not limited to, drug smuggling, labor and sex trafficking, money laundering operations, car theft rings, illegal weapons transactions, and large scale gambling (8-liner) operations. In addition caseloads have also increased due to enhanced presence in federal, state and local law enforcement along the border, particularly the surge of state troopers that were dispatched from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) implementing "Operation Secure Texas" initiative and the response effort to the tens of thousands of undocumented Central American immigrants entering Texas southern border. With the increased law enforcement presence, there is a need to provide better prosecution services to both state and local law enforcement entities. Increasingly, effective prosecutorial response to the threat of transnational criminal acts requires a high level of collaboration between and among prosecutor offices in the border region. Together with a high level of coordination and communication with law enforcement agencies at all levels of federal, state, and local. However, this has proven difficult due to the sporadic coverage of telephone, internet and wireless services. The best way to address this threat is to have prosecutors work in greater day to day cooperation with law enforcement organizations, thereby joining together their investigation and prosecution resources in a seamless joint venture. --Also due to a large part of the geographic area of Region 3 consisting of wide-open country that is sparsely settled, rural areas have become especially vulnerable for criminal organizations to set up and conduct their smuggling operations. Most of Hidalgo County's towns along the border are among the poorest in Texas and lack sufficient local resources to combat this situation. Criminal organizations are well aware of these limitations and specifically target these areas to expand their reach. Many of the local law enforcement agencies do not have the

resources to provide training for their personnel. A poorly trained law enforcement officer's mistakes may be the difference between a successful prosecution and an acquittal. Therefore our in-house Regional Counsel and prosecutors will provide training to these agencies in the region and throughout Texas. --Need for specialized prosecution assets to effectively and efficiently handle the myriad of crimes attributed to criminal enterprises operating on both sides of the Texas/Mexico Border.

### **Existing Capability Levels :**

Describe the existing capability levels, including resources that are currently in place to support this project prior to the use of grant funds. The Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) grant has allowed the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to continue to employ three full-time prosecutors, one investigator and one administrative assistant working solely on border crimes. One of the prosecutors is the BPU Regional Council Attorney for Region 3 of the BPU and housed at the Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Headquarters in Weslaco. One is BPU Attorney assigned to the Rio Grande Valley Texas Anti-Gang Group (RGV-TAG) housed at the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center (TTIC) in McAllen. The third prosecutor along with the Investigator and Administrative Assistant are located at the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office in Edinburg, Texas. From September 2016 to August 2017 the Hidalgo County BPU staff was involved in the prosecution of 750 felony criminal cases related to border crimes. Prosecutors worked closely with the Texas Rangers in the prosecution of assaults on federal Border Patrol agents. Also, the Hidalgo County BPU attorneys provided assistance to hundreds of local, state and federal law enforcement officers both within Hidalgo County and throughout the border region, and Texas. BPU Attorneys assisted the Kenedy County and Kleberg County District Attorney in the felony trial of a human smuggler who raped a young woman he was smuggling through Kenedy County. This was the first felony jury trial in Kenedy County in nearly 15 years. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced to 20 years. Furthermore, they have fielded hundreds of questions from local, regional and state law enforcement officials on a variety of legal topics, from search and seizure to confession to statutory interpretation. In addition, through the efforts of the Hidalgo County in-house BPU Attorney, one of the largest school districts in the Rio Grande Valley has implemented a training curriculum for all of its 2900+ employees on identifying and reporting possible incidents of child sex trafficking. Also our prosecutors have provided over 4000 hours of continuing education to police officers, judges and others.

### **Capability Gaps:**

Describe the capability gaps which will be addressed by the project. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or statewide State Preparedness Report (SPR).

Border Security and increased intelligence gathering and collaboration between law enforcement and state prosecutors.

### **Impact Statement :**

Describe the project goals/objectives and how this project will maintain capabilities or reduce capability gaps.

To continue to enhance the capabilities of the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to effectively handle the prosecution of criminal caseloads attributable to border crime in the Rio Grande Valley, through collaboration and coordination with other law enforcement agencies, particularly the Department of Public Safety. To continue to work closely with area law enforcement to increase and improve the investigation of complex organized crime and criminal enterprises which are facilitating illegal activity in the Rio Grande Valley and Region 3 of the Border Prosecution Unit.

### **Homeland Security Priority Actions:**

Identify the Texas Homeland Security Priority Action most closely aligned with this project. Each Priority Action is linked with an *Objective from the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan (HSSP)*. List the Priority Action by number and text (e.g. *1.2.3 Expand and enhance the network of human sources that can provide detailed and relevant information on known or suspected terrorist and criminal enterprises.*)

1.3.5 Expand the program to establish full-time border prosecutor positions focused on cases involving violent crime and criminal organizations, and enhance state-federal prosecution partnerships in the border region.

### **Target Group :**

Identify the target group and population expected to benefit from this project.

The Border Prosecution Unit serves the community plan and region by enhancing border security through increased intelligence gathering and collaboration between law enforcement and state prosecutors. The constituents of Hidalgo County & Region #3 as well as other counties both in and outside the Border Region benefit from the prosecution of criminals involved in border crimes.

### **Long-Term Approach:**

Describe how the applicant agency will maintain the capabilities supported by this project without additional federal or state funds. If sustainment is dependent upon federal or state grants, describe the ongoing need for future grants, as applicable.

Sustainment is fully dependent upon grant funding; the major challenge the County of Hidalgo faces is the lack of sufficient local resources. It is well known that this area is among the poorest, if not the poorest, not only in Texas, but in the United States. According to the United States Census Bureau website, the percentage of persons living in poverty in Hidalgo County is 31.1% as compared to the national average of 13.5%. The median household income in Hidalgo County is \$34,782, below the national average of \$53,889. If grant funds were not awarded, the burden will be placed on the constituents of the county and the BPU as it operates today would simply cease to exist.

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**Project Activities Information**

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**Selected Project Activities:**

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
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**Measures Information**

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

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**Budget Details Information**

**Budget Information by Budget Line Item:**

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
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**Source of Match Information**

**Detail Source of Match/GPI:**

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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**Summary Source of Match/GPI:**

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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**Budget Summary Information**

**Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:**

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
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**Budget Grand Total Information:**

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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### **Resolution from Governing Body**

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a resolution that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to OOG that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must notify OOG should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to OOG.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the approved resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** tab and following the instructions on *Uploading eGrants Files*.

### **Contract Compliance**

Will grant funds be used to support any contractual or professional services?

- Yes
- No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

### **Lobbying**

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

***Note:** Pursuant to Texas Government Code §556.005, a political subdivision or private entity that receives state funds may not use the funds to pay a person required to register as a lobbyist or for lobbying expenses. A political subdivision or private entity that violates this provision is not eligible to receive additional state funds.*

- Yes
- No
- N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

### **Fiscal Year**

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

### **Sources of Financial Support**

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (\$) of Federal Grant Funds:

Enter the amount (\$) of State Grant Funds:

### **Single Audit**

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a HSGD grant. However, HSGD may require a limited scope audit as defined in CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

- Yes
- No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

### **Debarment**

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

- I Certify
- Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

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 Current Grant Manager: Debbie Jacaman Current Program Manager: Arturo Mendez Liquidation Date:  
 Original Award: \$0.00  
 Current Budget: \$0.00 Current Award: \$0.00 CFDA: NONE OOG Solicitation: BP20 Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) Program Announcement

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General Information and Instructions

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Statement of Grant Award (SOGA)

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 E, Division 4 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:

<b>Grant Number:</b>	2537809	<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Date Awarded:</b>	PREVIEW - AWARD NOT ACTIVE	<b>Grantee Cash Match:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Grant Period:</b>	09/01/2019 - 08/31/2020	<b>Grantee In Kind Match:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Liquidation Date:</b>	11/29/2020	<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Program Fund:</b>	BP-Border Prosecution Unit		
<b>Grantee Name:</b>	Hidalgo County		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit		
<b>Grant Manager:</b>	Debbie Jacaman		
<b>DUNS Number:</b>	103110834		

<b>CFDA:</b>	N/A
<b>Federal Awarding Agency:</b>	N/A - State Funds
<b>Federal Award Date:</b>	N/A - State Funds
<b>Federal/State Award ID Number:</b>	2020-BP-ST-0018
<b>Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:</b>	\$10.00

<b>Pass Thru Entity Name:</b>	Texas Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD)
<b>Is the Award R&amp;D:</b>	No
<b>Federal/State Award Description:</b>	To support members of the Border Prosecution Unit in prosecuting border crime.

List of Application Errors and Incomplete Information

Item(s) that Need to be Resolved	Tab Name
Required: The Direct Deposit form must be uploaded before you can submit your application.	<u>GrantVendor</u>
Required: The W9 form must be uploaded before you can submit your application.	<u>GrantVendor</u>
Required: The Texas Payee ID form must be uploaded before you can submit your application.	<u>GrantVendor</u>
Required: Information regarding contract compliance.	<u>Documents</u>
Required: Information regarding lobbying assurances.	<u>Documents</u>
Required: Information regarding lobbying assurances.	<u>Documents</u>
Required: Information regarding the grantee's fiscal year.	<u>Documents</u>
Required: Information regarding the grantee's fiscal year.	<u>Documents</u>
Required: Information regarding Sources of Financial Support.	<u>Documents</u>
Required: Information regarding Sources of Financial Support.	<u>Documents</u>
Required: Information regarding single audits.	<u>Documents</u>
Required: Information regarding debarment certification.	<u>Documents</u>
Required: Overall certification requirements.	<u>Narrative</u>
Invalid: The <b>Dedicated Percentage</b> column for the <b>OOG and Grantee-Defined Project Activities</b> under the <b>Detailed Project Activity Area</b> must total <b>100 %</b> .	<u>Activities</u>
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**Agency Name:** Hidalgo County  
**Grant/App:** 2537809 **Start Date:** 9/1/2019 **End Date:** 8/31/2020

**Project Title:** Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit  
**Status:** Application Pending Submission

**Eligibility Information**

**Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:**  
17460007176041

**Application Eligibility Certify:**

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**Profile Information**

**Applicant Agency Name:** Hidalgo County  
**Project Title:** Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit  
**Division or Unit to Administer the Project:** Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office  
**Address Line 1:** Hidalgo County Courthouse Annex III  
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**City/State/Zip:** Edinburg Texas 78539-3563  
**Start Date:** 9/1/2019  
**End Date:** 8/31/2020

**Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area:** Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
**Headquarter County:** Hidalgo  
**Counties within Project's Impact Area:** Brooks,Cameron,Duval,Hidalgo,Jim Hogg,Jim Wells,Kenedy,Kleberg,Starr,Willacy

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## Grant Vendor Information

**Organization Type:** County  
**Organization Option:** applying to provide homeland security services  
**Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID):** 17460007176041  
**Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS):** 103110834

## Narrative Information

### Introduction

The Texas Legislature appropriated funds to support programs that provide prosecution resources for District and County Attorneys along the Texas-Mexico border and for counties that are significantly affected by border crime.

### Funding Levels

The anticipated funding levels for these programs are as follows:

- Minimum Award - None
- Maximum Award - None
- The program does not require a grantee to provide matching funds.

For more information regarding grantee match, please click on the **Budget** tab, and then click on the **Source of Match** tab in eGrants.

**Note:** *If you voluntarily include matching funds that exceed the minimum match requirement, you will be held to that amount throughout the grant period.*

## Program Requirements

### Eligible Activities

**Prosecution** - Prosecuting criminals charged with border crimes as defined by Texas Government Code 772.0071(a)(1).

**Training \*** - Training to members of the unit and to law enforcement agencies in the border region on specific issues and techniques relating to the investigation and prosecution of border crime.

\* Applicants must be in compliance with the Texas Administrative Code (37 TAC Chapters 221-225) and all rules established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) regarding the training of law enforcement in Texas; or, contract or reimburse for services with training providers who meet this requirement.

### Program Income

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income to HSGD through a formal grant adjustment and to secure HSGD approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after HSGD's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of HSGD funds.

**Deduction Method** - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless HSGD authorizes otherwise. Program income shall be used to reduce the HSGD award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project. Exceptions to the deduction method must be approved by the HSGD Director.

**Note:** *Program income must be spent on project expenses before expending OOG grant funds. Program income is subject to the same statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines applicable to the use of the OOG-funded portion of the grant.*

**Asset Seizures and Forfeitures** - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

### DUNS

Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency.

### System for Award Management

Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database and maintain an active registration throughout the grant application period.

## Certifications

## Uniform Crime Reports

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.

**Note:** The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has established a goal set by the Texas Legislature for all local law enforcement agencies to implement and report crime statistics data by using the requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) no later than September 1, 2019. Additionally, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will collect required crime statistics solely through the NIBRS starting January 1, 2021. Due to these upcoming state and federal deadlines, grantees are advised that eligibility for future grant funding may be tied to compliance with NIBRS. Financial grant assistance for transitioning to NIBRS may be available for your jurisdiction from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

## Criminal History Reporting

Entities receiving funds from HSGD must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 60. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

## Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2021 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

## Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as all requirements within the HSGD Funding Announcement, the eGrants application, the OOG's *Guide to Grants*, and the OOG's *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities* to be eligible for this program.

**I certify to all of the application content and requirements.**

## Project Summary :

Briefly summarize the project, including proposed activities and intended impact.

-This project will permit the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to further improve the quality of prosecution of criminal activities that have a nexus to the jurisdiction's border with Mexico. -Our Team, which consist of three Border Prosecutors, an Investigator and an Administrative Assistant, will work together with local law enforcement agencies, especially the Texas Department of Public Safety, to target emerging trends and nuances of border based transnational criminal enterprises. This will facilitate the transfer of information and intelligence from the street to the courtroom thus providing a more efficient and effective administration of justice and use of the limited resources. -Also our in-house Region 3 Counsel and prosecutors will continue to provide cross training and support to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and other District Attorney's Offices both locally and throughout Texas. In addition they have been and will continue to be available to the area's law enforcement officers 24 hours a day. Having these prosecutorial assets at their disposal will immensely increase the ability of police officers to investigate criminal enterprises operating in the border region of the Rio Grande Valley.

## Problem Statement :

Provide a detailed account of the issues, threats or hazards that your project will target. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or state *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)*, as applicable.

Hidalgo County has seen an increase in crimes due to the fact that its southern boundary is also the US/Mexico border. Many of these crimes can be tied to Transnational Criminal Organizations that have formed alliances with local street gangs. Due to this, prosecutors have experienced an increase in caseloads involving, but not limited to, drug smuggling, labor and sex trafficking, money laundering operations, car theft rings, illegal weapons transactions, and large scale gambling (8-liner) operations. In addition caseloads have also increased due to enhanced presence in federal, state and local law enforcement along the border, particularly the surge of state troopers that were dispatched from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) implementing "Operation Secure Texas" initiative and the response effort to the tens of thousands of undocumented Central American immigrants entering Texas southern border. With the increased law enforcement presence, there is a need to provide better prosecution services to both state and local law enforcement entities. Increasingly, effective prosecutorial response to the threat of transnational criminal acts requires a high level of collaboration between and among prosecutor offices in the border region. Together with a high level of coordination and communication with law enforcement agencies at all levels of federal, state, and local. However, this has proven difficult due to the sporadic coverage of telephone, internet and wireless services. The best way to address this threat is to have prosecutors work in greater day to day cooperation with law enforcement organizations, thereby joining together their investigation and prosecution resources in a seamless joint venture. --Also due to a large part of the geographic area of Region 3 consisting of wide-open country that is sparsely settled, rural areas have become especially vulnerable for criminal organizations to set up and conduct their smuggling operations. Most of Hidalgo County's towns along the border are among the poorest in Texas and lack sufficient local resources to combat this situation. Criminal organizations are well aware of these limitations and specifically target these areas to expand their reach. Many of the local law enforcement agencies do not have the

resources to provide training for their personnel. A poorly trained law enforcement officer's mistakes may be the difference between a successful prosecution and an acquittal. Therefore our in-house Regional Counsel and prosecutors will provide training to these agencies in the region and throughout Texas. --Need for specialized prosecution assets to effectively and efficiently handle the myriad of crimes attributed to criminal enterprises operating on both sides of the Texas/Mexico Border.

**Existing Capability Levels :**

Describe the existing capability levels, including resources that are currently in place to support this project prior to the use of grant funds. The Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) grant has allowed the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to continue to employ three full-time prosecutors, one investigator and one administrative assistant working solely on border crimes. One of the prosecutors is the BPU Regional Council Attorney for Region 3 of the BPU and housed at the Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Headquarters in Weslaco. One is BPU Attorney assigned to the Rio Grande Valley Texas Anti-Gang Group (RGV-TAG) housed at the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center (TTIC) in McAllen. The third prosecutor along with the Investigator and Administrative Assistant are located at the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office in Edinburg, Texas. From September 2016 to August 2017 the Hidalgo County BPU staff was involved in the prosecution of 750 felony criminal cases related to border crimes. Prosecutors worked closely with the Texas Rangers in the prosecution of assaults on federal Border Patrol agents. Also, the Hidalgo County BPU attorneys provided assistance to hundreds of local, state and federal law enforcement officers both within Hidalgo County and throughout the border region, and Texas. BPU Attorneys assisted the Kenedy County and Kleberg County District Attorney in the felony trial of a human smuggler who raped a young woman he was smuggling through Kenedy County. This was the first felony jury trial in Kenedy County in nearly 15 years. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced to 20 years. Furthermore, they have fielded hundreds of questions from local, regional and state law enforcement officials on a variety of legal topics, from search and seizure to confession to statutory interpretation. In addition, through the efforts of the Hidalgo County in-house BPU Attorney, one of the largest school districts in the Rio Grande Valley has implemented a training curriculum for all of its 2900+ employees on identifying and reporting possible incidents of child sex trafficking. Also our prosecutors have provided over 4000 hours of continuing education to police officers, judges and others.

**Capability Gaps:**

Describe the capability gaps which will be addressed by the project. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or statewide State Preparedness Report (SPR).  
 Border Security and increased intelligence gathering and collaboration between law enforcement and state prosecutors.

**Impact Statement :**

Describe the project goals/objectives and how this project will maintain capabilities or reduce capability gaps. To continue to enhance the capabilities of the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to effectively handle the prosecution of criminal caseloads attributable to border crime in the Rio Grande Valley, through collaboration and coordination with other law enforcement agencies, particularly the Department of Public Safety. To continue to work closely with area law enforcement to increase and improve the investigation of complex organized crime and criminal enterprises which are facilitating illegal activity in the Rio Grande Valley and Region 3 of the Border Prosecution Unit.

**Homeland Security Priority Actions:**

Identify the Texas Homeland Security Priority Action most closely aligned with this project. Each Priority Action is linked with an *Objective from the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan (HSSP)*. List the Priority Action by number and text (e.g. *1.2.3 Expand and enhance the network of human sources that can provide detailed and relevant information on known or suspected terrorist and criminal enterprises.*)  
 1.3.5 Expand the program to establish full-time border prosecutor positions focused on cases involving violent crime and criminal organizations, and enhance state-federal prosecution partnerships in the border region.

**Target Group :**

Identify the target group and population expected to benefit from this project. The Border Prosecution Unit serves the community plan and region by enhancing border security through increased intelligence gathering and collaboration between law enforcement and state prosecutors. The constituents of Hidalgo County & Region #3 as well as other counties both in and outside the Border Region benefit from the prosecution of criminals involved in border crimes.

**Long-Term Approach:**

Describe how the applicant agency will maintain the capabilities supported by this project without additional federal or state funds. If sustainment is dependent upon federal or state grants, describe the ongoing need for future grants, as applicable. Sustainment is fully dependent upon grant funding; the major challenge the County of Hidalgo faces is the lack of sufficient local resources. It is well known that this area is among the poorest, if not the poorest, not only in Texas, but in the United States. According to the United States Census Bureau website, the percentage of persons living in poverty in Hidalgo County is 31.1% as compared to the national average of 13.5%. The median household income in Hidalgo County is \$34,782, below the national average of \$53,889. If grant funds were not awarded, the burden will be placed on the constituents of the county and the BPU as it operates today would simply cease to exist.

**Project Activities Information**

**Reserved**

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**Selected Project Activities:**

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
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**Measures Information**

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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**Resolution from Governing Body**

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a resolution that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to OOG that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must notify OOG should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to OOG.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the approved resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** tab and following the instructions on *Uploading eGrants Files*.

**Contract Compliance**

Will grant funds be used to support any contractual or professional services?

Yes

No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

### **Lobbying**

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

**Note:** Pursuant to Texas Government Code §556.005, a political subdivision or private entity that receives state funds may not use the funds to pay a person required to register as a lobbyist or for lobbying expenses. A political subdivision or private entity that violates this provision is not eligible to receive additional state funds.

- Yes
- No
- N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

### **Fiscal Year**

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

### **Sources of Financial Support**

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (\$) of Federal Grant Funds:

Enter the amount (\$) of State Grant Funds:

### **Single Audit**

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a HSGD grant. However, HSGD may require a limited scope audit as defined in CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

- Yes
- No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

### **Debarment**

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

- I Certify
- Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

## **Fiscal Capability Information**

### **Section 1: Organizational Information**

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded:  
Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status:  
Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS:  
Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State:

## Section 2: Accounting System

The grantee organization must incorporate an accounting system that will track direct and indirect costs for the organization (general ledger) as well as direct and indirect costs by project (project ledger). The grantee must establish a time and effort system to track personnel costs by project. This should be reported on an hourly basis, or in increments of an hour.

Is there a list of your organization's accounts identified by a specific number (i.e., a general ledger of accounts).

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Does the accounting system include a project ledger to record expenditures for each Program by required budget cost categories?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there a timekeeping system that allows for grant personnel to identify activity and requires signatures by the employee and his or her supervisor?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you answered 'No' to any question above in the Accounting System section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

## Section 3: Financial Capability

Grant agencies should prepare annual financial statements. At a minimum, current internal balance sheet and income statements are required. A balance sheet is a statement of financial position for a grant agency disclosing assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at a given point in time. An income statement is a summary of revenue and expenses for a grant agency during a fiscal year.

Has the grant agency undergone an independent audit?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Does the organization prepare financial statements at least annually?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

According to the organization's most recent Audit or Balance Sheet, are the current total assets greater than the liabilities?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Financial Capability section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

## Section 4: Budgetary Controls

Grant agencies should establish a system to track expenditures against budget and / or funded amounts.

Are there budgetary controls in effect (e.g., comparison of budget with actual expenditures on a monthly basis) to include drawing down grant funds in excess of:

a) Total funds authorized on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

b) Total funds available for any budget category as stipulated on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Budgetary Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

## Section 5: Internal Controls

Grant agencies must safeguard cash receipts, disbursements, and ensure a segregation of duties exist. For example, one person should not have authorization to sign checks and make deposits.

Are accounting entries supported by appropriate documentation (e.g., purchase orders, vouchers, receipts, invoices)?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there separation of responsibility in the receipt, payment, and recording of costs?  
 Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Internal Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.  
 Enter your explanation:

**Budget Details Information**

**Budget Information by Budget Line Item:**

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
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**Source of Match Information**

**Detail Source of Match/GPI:**

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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**Summary Source of Match/GPI:**

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Budget Summary Information**

**Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:**

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
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**Budget Grand Total Information:**

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Condition Of Fundings Information**

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Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
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Project Title: Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit      Status: Application Pending Submission      End Date: 8/31/2020      Fund Source: BP-Border Prosecution Unit  
Current Grant Manager: Debbie Jacaman      Current Program Manager: Arturo Mendez      Liquidation Date:  
Current Budget: \$0.00      Original Award: \$0.00      Current Award: \$0.00      CFDA: NONE      OOG Solicitation: BP20 Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) Program Announcement

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