



HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA

October 3, 2018

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

RE: 2016 OPSG Funds Supplemental Request

Dear Grant Program Directorate,

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) respectfully requests consideration on the reallocation of 2016 OPSG available funds. The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office intent is to use the additional 2016 Supplemental OPSG available funds to take the lead in a project encompassing License Plate Readers (LPRs). The purchase and deployment of LPRs will enhance the collection of information and intelligence distribution to law enforcement agencies in South Texas. This initiative will include the purchase and deployment of LPRs along routes of ingress/egress affecting border security. The information collected will be analyzed in an effort to develop predictive analysis to enhance situational awareness and increase detection capabilities through the distribution of information.

Total Available Funds:
\$695,389.93

HCSO will utilize \$683,000.00 of supplemental funds for the purchase of 48 LPRs (\$576,000.00), a 1-year on-going subscription of the Vigilant - Commercial Package Software (\$47,000.00) and Vigilant Server (\$60,000.00) to enhance current capabilities to support this initiative. The LPR technology, coupled with the Vigilant - Commercial Package Software, will aid in collecting data, housed at the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center (T-TIC), and distributed amongst federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

This initiative will serve as a long-term enhancement in Situational Awareness along the U.S./Mexican border.

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office also intends to use \$12,389.93 of the 2016 OPSG available funds for personnel costs (to include overtime and fringe benefits).



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If awarded the additional 2016 OPSG funding, Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office will comply with the State administrative Agency's requirements and register or enter into an agreement with TXDPS regarding sharing data/information from LPRs with other law enforcement agencies.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to our request.

Sincerely,

J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Hidalgo County Sheriff