



HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA

November 22, 2019

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

Re: 2018 FRAG Order Request (OP ORDER RGVRGV-12-007)

Dear Grant Program Directorate,

The 2018 Operation Stonegarden performance grant period is underway. Total funding awarded to Hidalgo County was \$4,500,000.00. These funds were shared with 19 local law enforcement agencies which were invited to participate in 2018 Operation Stonegarden.

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) was previously approved to purchase 10 LPR systems for a total of \$137,050.68. The HCSO wishes to purchase 7 LPR systems instead of 10 for a total of \$95,725.00 and use the remaining \$41,325.68 for the purchase of a Vigilant Commercial Account Subscription for \$19,275.50 and a LPR Hardware Extended Warranty for \$22,050.18 (\$19,275.50 + \$22,050.18 = \$41,325.68). In addition, the HCSO requests to move \$81,215.68 from M&A (OT- \$67,337.44 ; Fringe- \$13,878.24) to Operational OT for LEO (OT- \$65,634.13 ; Fringe- \$15,581.55).

Hidalgo County Constables PCT # 1 wishes to transfer funds from vehicles to deputy overtime and fringes in the amounts of \$30,320.18 and \$7,179.82 respectively.

La Joya PD is requesting to transfer monies from Personnel in the amount of \$8,014.00 (\$6,835.91 from OT; \$1,178.09 from Fringe) to Fuel to increase the originally awarded amount of \$4,896.00 to a grand total of 12,910.00.

Mercedes PD was approved \$29,068.00 for the purchase of a Mobile Surveillance Tower. Mercedes PD is requesting to use the \$29,068.00 for the purchase of Kevlar Body Armor and other uniformed equipment instead of purchasing a Mobile Surveillance Tower.

Penitas PD is requesting to transfer \$41,633.12 from Overtime to their equipment line item for the purchase of One (1) 2020 Chevy Silverado Fully Equipped.

Weslaco PD is requesting to transfer \$39,296.00 from Operational Overtime for Law Enforcement (Organization), \$7,368.00 from Overtime for Dispatcher (Organization) and \$2456.00 from Overtime Cost for M&A (for a grant total of \$49,120.00) to equipment for the purchase of an ATS 5 Trailer equipped with a message board, speed alert and automatic LPR.

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Alamo PD was awarded a total of 55,200.00 for the purchase of two fully equipped DPS surplus vehicles. Alamo PD is requesting to purchase a 2020 Chevy Tahoe fully equipped for a total of \$49,528.00 instead of the previously approved two fully equipped DPS surplus vehicles. Alamo PD is also requesting to transfer the remaining funds in the amount of \$5,672.00 to Overtime.

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office does concur with this request. Please see individual request attached.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.E. Guerra", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Hidalgo County Sheriff

Attachment



MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC.

Prepared By: Carlos Craig
Phone: 210-488-1667

email: carlos.craig@motorolasolutions.com

Prepared For: Sabrina Solis

Company: Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
Phone:
Fax:

Bill To: Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
Address: 711 El Cibolo Road
Edinburg, TX 78541
Attn: Accounts Payable

Ship to: Hidalgo Co. Sheriff's Office
Address: 711 El Cibolo Road
Edinburg, TX 78541

Date: Nov. 15, 2019
Contract #: DIR-TSO-4101
Quote #: LIW-0023-03
Customer #: 1011986637

HCSO LPR Quote

Hidalgo County SO - Mobiles and IDP Project

Qty.	Model/Item	Description	List Price	Sale Price	Ext. Sale Price
7	Mobile LPR SYS-1	Mobile LPR 2-Camera Reaper High-Definition System (Expandable to 4 Cams)	\$ 13,350.00	\$ 9,520.02	\$ 66,640.13
		Hardware:			
		• Qty=1 12mm lens package			
		• Qty=1 16mm lens package			
		• Shield Digital Signal Processor - No moving parts			
		• Wiring harness w/ ignition control (Direct to Battery)			
		• Single point power connection			
		• Field installed GPS receiver for MDC (USB Connect)			
		Software:			
		• CarDetector Mobile LPR software application for MDC unit			
		• LPR vehicle license plate scanning / real time alerting			
		• Full suite of LPR tools including video tool set			
14	K-U-R-TAHOE-SET	LPR Camera Mounting Kit for 2015 Tahoe Roof	\$ 480.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,600.04
		• Roof Mount Single LPR Camera Mounting Bracket - One per camera			
1	VS-IDP-02	Investigative Data Platform - Annual Subscription for 101 to 200 Sworn - State and Local	\$ 23,100.00	\$ 19,250.15	\$ 19,250.15
		• Commercial LPR Data access - For 101 to 200 Sworn			
		o Access to all Vigilant commercially acquired national vehicle location data			
		o Unlimited use by authorized agency personnel to complete suite of LEARN data analytics			
		o Includes full use of hosted/managed LPR server account via LEARN			
		• FaceSearch with Vigilant Image Gallery Access For 101 to 200 Sworn			
		o Access to all agency/shared images and Vigilant Image Gallery			
		o Unlimited use by authorized agency personnel to all FaceSearch tools			
		o Image gallery of up to 20,000 images			

1	VSBSVC-03	Vigilant LPR Basic Service Package for Hosted/Managed LPR Deployments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed/Hosted server account services by Vigilant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes access to all LEARN or Client Portal and CarDetector software updates Priced per camera per year for 31-60 total camera units Requires new/existing Enterprise Service Agreement (ESA) 	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 4,000.42	\$ 4,000.42
1	VSPK1SVC-03	Vigilant LPR Standard Service Package for Hosted/Managed LPR Deployments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional Service Package Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended access to Vigilant 'Private Data' via CarDetector Mobile Hit Hunter Unlimited access to Vigilant's Mobile Companion LPR application for Smartphones Priced per camera per year for 31-60 total camera units Requires Basic Service Package 	\$ 2,772.00	\$ 1,650.01	\$ 1,650.01
7	SSUPSYS-COM	Vigilant System Start Up & Commissioning of 'In Field' LPR system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vigilant technician to visit customer site Includes system start up, configuration and commissioning of LPR system Applies to mobile (1 System) and fixed (1 Camera) LPR systems 	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 875.01	\$ 6,125.05
2	VSPTRVL-01	Vigilant Certified Partner Travel via Client Site Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vigilant certified technician to visit client site Includes all travel costs for onsite support services 	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,550.01	\$ 3,100.02
7	VS-SHP-01	Vigilant Shipping Charges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to each Mobile LPR System Shipping Method is FOB Shipping 	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 910.00
7	VS INSTALL	Vigilant Installation Services	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 7,700.00
7	CDMS23HWW	2-Camera Mobile LPR System - Extended Hardware Warranty - Years 2 through 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full mobile LPR hardware component replacement warranty Applies to 2-Camera hardware system kit Valid for 3 years from standard warranty expiration 	\$ 3,780.00	\$ 3,150.03	\$ 22,050.18
Quote Total:					\$ 137,026.00

Quote Notes:

- All prices are quoted in USD and will remain firm and in effect for 60 days.
- Returns or exchanges will incur a 15% restocking fee.
- Orders requiring immediate shipment may be subject to a 15% QuickShip fee.
- Please reference the DIR Contract number and the Quote number in the purchase order

From: "Joe Espinosa" <joe.espinosa@co.hidalgo.tx.us>
To: "Rodriguez, Sabrina" <sabrina.rodriguez@hidalgoso.org>, "rodriguez, jose"
<jose.rodriguez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>
Subject: Fwd: Frag Order OPSG Grant 314704
Date: 11/21/2019 10:22:38 AM

I am requesting to move the grant funds from Vehicles to Deputy overtime and fringes.

As follow:

30,320.18 to overtime

7,179.82 to fringe benefits.

Total of 37,500.00.

Please let me know if it possible. Thank You So Much.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Joe Espinosa** <joe.espinosa@co.hidalgo.tx.us>
Date: Thu, Nov 21, 2019 at 10:18 AM
Subject: Frag Order OPSG Grant 314704
To: Rodriguez, Sabrina <sabrina.rodriguez@hidalgoso.org>, rodriguez, jose
<jose.rodriguez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Good Morning Sabrina and Jose,



September 10, 2019

**Manuel Padilla Junior
Acting Chief Patrol Agent
Rio Grande Valley Sector Headquarters**

**Miguel Contreras
United States Border Patrol
Rio Grande Valley Sector
OPS Officer, Operation STONEGARDEN**

Reference: Budget Amendment for 2018 Operation STONEGARDEN Grant

Dear Acting Chief Padilla;

In support of Operation STONEGARDEN 2018, the La Joya Police Department is requesting to amend its awarded funding for Vehicle Operating Cost (e.g., fuel, lubricants, maintenance, storage). The La Joya Police Department was awarded \$90,000.00 for personal fringe and fuel.

The Department is requesting to utilize awarded money into the vehicle operating cost for as a total amount of \$ 12,910.00. La Joya Police Department will be utilizing \$65,000.00 for personal and \$ 12,090.00 for fringe, which totals to \$90,000.00.

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 Ariaga
Chief of Police
La Joya Police Department**



MERCEDES POLICE DEPARTMENT

316 S. Ohio St • Mercedes, Texas 78570 • (956) 565-3102 • Fax (956) 565-2583

Dagoberto Chavez, Jr.
Chief of Police

To: Laura West, U.S.B.P., Rio Grande Valley Sector, Program Manager

From: Dagoberto Chavez, Jr.

Re: Budget Amendment/Reallocation of 2018 OPSC Funds

De-Fragmentation Request

Please see below description as to needed request.

Narrative:

My name is Dagoberto Chavez, Jr. and I am the newly hired Chief of Police for the Mercedes Police Department. After accessing the department's needs, it has been revealed that many of my Mercedes Police Officers are utilizing expired ballistic body armor. Our current situation puts officers at risk and in danger, also placing our community in a huge liability. As the new Police Chief it is my responsibility and obligation to practice our departments mission, "The Mercedes Police Department strives to continue to meet the service needs of a fast-growing community with value driven, customer focused style of policing designed to improve the quality of the life in Mercedes. The activities of the department included traffic safety and regulation, uniformed patrol, community services and education, crime control, public safety dispatch".

The City of Mercedes is a small community on the Eastern Hidalgo County line. Our border community has an estimated population of 16,000 residents and critical infrastructure that moves east and west on interstate two and our railroad system. There are two existing corridors with heavy illegal activity that runs immediately south and along the border of our city. The department has 38 positions that is heavily expensed in salary and benefits. Therefore, limited funding is appropriated for equipment line-items

Therefore, we are in dire need of federal intervention to assist our small department with a limited budget. Our police department is respectfully requesting your assistance by allowing the department to utilize Stone Garden money already allocated for use by the department by utilizing Category/Line Item 3 and utilizing it for Line Item 4 (purchase that better suits the department's needs). I strongly believe the money would better serve this department in a different capacity that would ensure officer and public safety. The money would be utilized in the purchase of some much needed Kevlar body armor, to replace any and all outdated items. Your assistance would promote a strong moral department by investing on much needed equipment as per our request.

Your assistance with this matter would greatly be appreciated. You may contact me at 956-376-0073 or at the following email address Dchavez@cityofmercedes.com. Should you have any questions needing expedited attention, feel free to contact Sgt. Cooper at 956-532-6222 or at email address Jcooper@cityofmercedes.com. Thank you and have a great day!

Budget Details Information
Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	TOTAL
Personnel Item 1	Operational Overtime for Law Enforcement (Organization)	Border Security Operations City of Mercedes PD - Overtime according to local OT policy - estimate of 1328 hours at an average OT rate, including fringe benefits, of \$33.88/hr - up to a total of \$45,000.	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Equipment Item 2	12VE-00-MISS Vehicle, Specialized Mission	Surplus DPS Vehicle Fully Equipped	\$15,932.00	\$15,932.00
Equipment Item 3	14SW-01-V1DA Systems, Video Assessment, Security	Mobile Surveillance Tower	\$29,068.00	\$29,068.00
Equipment Item 4	Pending	Kevlar Body Armor and other uniformed equipment		\$29,068.00

Agency Name: Mercedes, City of
Grant/App: 3172804 Start Date: 4/1/2019 End Date: 2/29/2020
Project Title: Hidalgo-2018 OPSPG Status: Active Grant

Your attention to this request will greatly be appreciated.
Sincerely,

Dagoberto Chavez, Jr.
Chief of Police, City of Mercedes



PEÑITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

P.O. BOX 204 – PEÑITAS, TEXAS 78576
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Roel Bermea
Chief of Police

November 8, 2019

To: Frank Salazar
United States Border Patrol
Rio Grande Valley Sector
Program Manager, Operation Stonegarden

RE: Budget Amendment/ Reallocation of 2018 OPSG Funds

Dear Mr. Salazar,

The Penitas Police Department was awarded \$90,000 for 2018 Operation Stonegarden. \$65,540.00 was budgeted for overtime and \$24,460.00 was budgeted for equipment.

The Penitas Police Department is respectfully requesting authorization to transfer the funds allocated personnel to equipment

From Line Item	Amount	To Line Item	Amount
Overtime	\$65,540.00	Equipment	\$41,632.12
		*Transfer Total: \$41,632.12	

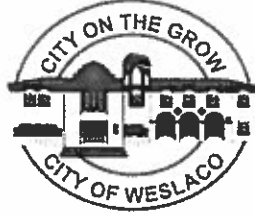
Your attention to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Roel Bermea
Chief of Police, Penitas Police Department

City of Weslaco

"The City on the Grow"



David Suarez, Mayor
Greg Kerr, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 2
Leo Muñoz, Commissioner, District 1
Jose "J.P." Rodriguez, Commissioner, District 3
Adrian Farias, Commissioner, District 4
Letty Lopez, Commissioner, District 5
Josh Pedraza, Commissioner, District 6

Mike R. Perez, City Manager

November 6, 2019

To: Abelino Reyna
United States Border Patrol
Operation Stonegarden Program Manager

Re: Budget Amendment – Reallocation of Hidalgo 2018 OPSG Funds

Dear Agent Reyna,

The Weslaco Police Department was awarded \$175,000.00 for Operation Stonegarden 2018. Our current approved budget is as follows:

- a. Overtime Costs for M&A Staff (M&A) - \$8,750.00
- b. Operational Overtime for Law Enforcement (Organization) - \$140,000.00
- c. Overtime for Dispatcher (Organization) - \$26,250.00

The Weslaco Police Department is submitting a frag order requesting a no cost reallocation of funds, transferring \$39,296.00 from Operational Overtime for Law Enforcement (Organization) budget line item, \$7,368.00 from Overtime for Dispatcher (Organization) budget line item and \$2,456.00 from Overtime Costs for M&A Staff (M&A) budget line item for a total of \$49,120.00. This amount will be used to purchase Equipment.

Weslaco Police Department is requesting authorization to purchase an ATS 5 Trailer equipped with a message board, speed alert and automatic license plate reader. This equipment will help gather Intel by collecting license plates in specific areas assigned as hot spots by our crime analyst. Intel gathered through the automatic license plate readers can be shared with other law enforcement agencies to monitor special interest vehicles; vehicles used for drug and human trafficking and/or vehicles used by criminal organizations and terrorist groups. The price of the trailer is \$49,120.00 with Texas Buy Board 524-17 (Ex. 03/31/2020).

The new Weslaco Police Department budget would be as follows:

- a. Overtime Costs for M&A Staff (M&A) - \$6,294.00
- b. Operational Overtime for Law Enforcement (Organization) - \$100,704.00
- c. Overtime for Dispatcher (Organization) - \$18,882.00

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

Assistant Chief

Robert Lopez



Alamo Police Department

423 N. Tower Rd. Alamo, Texas 78516

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Roy Alaniz
Interim Chief of Police

October 10, 2019

To: Manuel Padilla
Acting Chief Patrol Agent
Rio Grande Valley Sector Headquarters
Operation Stonegarden

RE: Clarification of awarded vehicles

Dear Chief Padilla,

The Alamo Police Department was awarded \$55,200.00 for the purchase of two fully equipped DPS Surplus vehicles through their 2018 Operation Stonegarden grant funds. Alamo PD has been working with DPS to identify proper surplus vehicles for APD, but the current inventory does not have vehicles meeting the needs of the police department and we are respectfully requesting a change in our award.

The Alamo Police Department would like to purchase a 2020 Chevy Tahoe, fully equipped for \$48,918.00 (see attached quote from Buy Board vendor), \$610.00 for graphics for a total of \$49,528.00.

The balance of \$5,672.00 we would like to move to overtime for our border initiative.

Grantee-Defined Line Item	Description	OOG Funds	Cash Match	In Kind Match	GPI	Total Project	Qty / % of Salary
12VE=00-MISS Vehicle, Specialized Mission	(2) DPS Surplus vehicles Fully equipped	\$55,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,200.00	2

Your attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Roy Alaniz
Interim Chief of Police, Alamo Police Department



HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA

November 22, 2019

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 FY18 19-rgvrgv-12-007

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 73.95% (3,328,134.62) of the total \$4,500,000.00. 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 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