

# COUNTY of HIDALGO



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March 6, 2020

The Honorable Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge  
The Honorable David Fuentes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1  
The Honorable Eduardo Cantu, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2  
The Honorable Jose M. Flores, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3  
The Honorable Ellie Torres, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

**RE: Certification of Revenue**

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

Pursuant to Local Government Code § 111.0706 SPECIAL BUDGET FOR GRANT OR AID MONEY:

The county auditor shall certify to the commissioners court the receipt of all public or private grant or aid money that is available for disbursement in a fiscal year but not included in the budget for that fiscal year. On certification, the court shall adopt a special budget for the limited purpose of spending the grant or aid money for its intended purpose.

I, Maria Arcilia Duran, County Auditor of Hidalgo County, certify to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court the receipt of an award from the Texas Office of the Governor-Criminal Justice Division. These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT	PURPOSE
\$100,000.00	Grant No. 3932801 FC-District Attorney Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant Program

CERTIFIED BY:

Maria Arcilia Duran  
Maria Arcilia Duran, CPA

3-9-2020  
Date

**HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES**

LUIS M. SINGLETERRY JUDGE, 92 <sup>ND</sup> D.C.	FERNANDO MANCIAS JUDGE, 93 <sup>RD</sup> D.C.	J. R. "BOBBY" FLORES JUDGE, 138 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	ROSE GUERRA REYNA JUDGE, 206 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	MARLA CUELLAR JUDGE, 275 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUDGE, 322 <sup>ND</sup> D.C.	NOE GONZALEZ JUDGE, 370 <sup>TH</sup> D.C. OVERSEER	LETICIA LOPEZ JUDGE, 388 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	L. KENO VASQUEZ JUDGE, 388 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	ISRAEL RAMON, JR. JUDGE, 438 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	RENEE R. BETANCOURT JUDGE, 445 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	YSHMAEL D. FONSECA JUDGE, 451 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.
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AI-74666

District Attorney 6. C.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 03/10/2020  
 Submitted For: Ramiro Sendejo, DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
 Submitted By: Ramiro Sendejo, DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
 Department: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Information

CAPTION

DA-Forensic Evidence Testing Grant (FET) (1281):

1. Approval to accept the Forensic Evidence Testing Grant #3932801 in the amount of \$100,000.00 effective 01/01/2020 through 08/31/2020.
2. Approval of certification of revenues as certified by the County Auditor for the FY 2020 Forensic Evidence Testing Grant funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 and appropriation of the same.

BACKGROUND

Funding is provided by the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division. No Cash Match is required.

Approval to apply was granted by Commissioners Court on November 19, 2019, Agenda Item #73180 CC Regular.

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR:	2020	ACCT. #:	0-1281-412-00-080-024-0-831
FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?:	Y	MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:	N

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Appropriation of funds for the FY 2020 Forensic Evidence Testing Grant; grant period is from 9-1-2019 to 8-31-2020. Funding awarded for the period of 1-1-2020 to 8-31-2020 (8 months) as per the Statement of Grant Award (SOG), pending certification of revenues by Co. Auditor. No cash match required.

Revenue acct #0-1281-334-10-080-024-0-000 CJD-FTE Revenues

Attachments

Congratulatory Letter

Statement of Grant Award

General Responsibilities

budget

appropriation-revised

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Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Budget & Management	Veronica Ortiz	03/03/2020 09:13 AM
Ivan Cantu	Ivan Cantu	03/04/2020 03:48 PM
Final Approval		
Form Started By: Ramiro Sendejo		Started On: 03/02/2020 03:25 PM



Minerva Diaz &lt;minerva.diaz@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;

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**Certification of Revenues Request - Forensic Evidence Testing Grant FY2020**

1 message

**Ramiro Sendejo** <ramiro.sendejo@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Mon, Mar 2, 2020 at 3:43 PM

To: Minerva Diaz &lt;minerva.diaz@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;, Deborah Fischer &lt;deborah.fischer@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;

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Good afternoon Minerva,

Please process a Certification of Revenue in the amount total amount of \$100,00.00 for the Forensic Evidence Testing Grant effective 01/01/2020 through 08/31/2020. Attached is the Award Letter and Statement of Grant Award.

Agenda Item #AI-74666 will be presented to Commissioners Court requesting acceptance of these funds on March 10, 2020.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank You,

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**Ramiro Sendejo**  
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**2 attachments** **CONGRATULATORY LETTER.pdf**  
273K **STATEMENT OF GRANT AWARD.pdf**  
65K





GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

Dear Grantee:

Congratulations on your award! To activate your agency's grant, the Authorized Official must log on to eGrants at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> and go to the 'My Home' tab. In the 'Pending Applications' section, locate the application with a 'Current Status' of "Pending AO Acceptance of Award". Click on the grant number and proceed to the 'Accept Award' tab. From this tab, click on the 'Accept' button. Grants must be accepted within 45 calendar days of the date the award was issued.

Be sure to review the Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities Memo for a quick overview of general items every grantee should be aware of. You can also find more detailed information on the eGrants website including helpful resources, links, and tools needed to properly administer CJD grants. The Guide to Grants, also on the website, contains answers to questions frequently asked by grantees.

If you have any questions regarding this award, feel free to contact your grant manager, whose name is referenced in the Statement of Grant Award or you may always contact our office via the eGrants Help Desk at [eGrants@gov.texas.gov](mailto:eGrants@gov.texas.gov).

We look forward to working with you to ensure the success of your program.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aimee Snoddy".

Aimee Snoddy  
Executive Director  
Public Safety Office  
*Criminal Justice Division*

**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> 3932801	<b>Award Amount:</b> \$100,000.00
<b>Date Awarded:</b> 2/28/2020	<b>Grantee Cash Match:</b> \$0.00
<b>Grant Period:</b> 01/01/2020 - 08/31/2020	<b>Grantee In Kind Match:</b> \$0.00
<b>Liquidation Date:</b> 11/29/2020	<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$100,000.00
<b>Program Fund:</b> FC-District Attorney Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant Program	
<b>Grantee Name:</b> Hidalgo County	
<b>Project Title:</b> Forensic Evidence Testing Grant	
<b>Grant Manager:</b> Madeline De Amaral	
<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-FC-ST-0004
<b>Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:</b>	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Pass Thru Entity Name:</b>	Texas Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division (CJD)
<b>Is the Award R&amp;D:</b>	No
<b>Federal/State Award Description:</b>	N/A - State Funds

**FORENSIC EVIDENCE TESTING GRANT**

**GRANT #3932801**

COURT COST AND INVESTIGATION	100,000.00
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