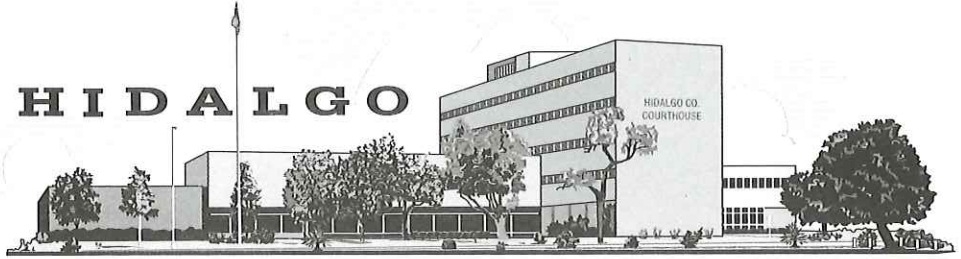


# COUNTY of HIDALGO



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October 2, 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 commissioner's 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 Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEF). These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT \$19,180.25	PURPOSE SW-TXS-1207 Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force HIDTA TASK FORCE Overtime FY21
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CERTIFIED BY:

Maria Arcilia Duran  
Maria Arcilia Duran, CPA  
Hidalgo County Auditor

10-5-20  
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, 131 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	ROSE GUERRA REYNA JUDGE, 205 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	MARLA CUELLAR JUDGE, 276 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUDGE, 332 <sup>ND</sup> D.C.	JOE GONZALEZ JUDGE, 370 <sup>TH</sup> D.C. OVERSEER	LETICIA LOPEZ JUDGE, 389 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	L. KENO VASQUEZ JUDGE, 398 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	ISRAEL RAMON, JR. JUDGE, 430 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	RENEE R. BETANCOURT JUDGE, 448 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.	YSMAEL D. FONSECA JUDGE, 464 <sup>TH</sup> D.C.
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Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

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**COR OCDETF OT FY21**

1 message

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**Rosie Gonzalez** <rgonzalez@hidtaskforce.us> Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 10:35 AM  
To: Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>  
Cc: Deborah Fischer <deborah.fischer@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, "Juan Sifuentes, Commander" <jsifuentes2@hidtaskforce.us>

Good morning Jose,

Would you please prepare a certification of revenues for the OCDETF FY21 OT Grant Acct. # 0-1291-421-00-270-019-1-XXX.

The Agenda item is #77629.

Thank you,

*Rosie Gonzalez*

Accountant

Hidalgo County

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AI-77629

HIDTA - Task Force 8.  
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CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 10/06/2020  
Submitted For: Maria Del Rosario Gonzalez, HIDTA  
Submitted By: Maria Del Rosario Gonzalez, HIDTA  
Department: HIDTA

Information

CAPTION

HIDTA OCDETF (1291):

1. Approval of the FY 2021 Overtime Agreement (Investigation Number SW-TXS-1207) between the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) and the Hidalgo County DA HIDTA Task Force in the amount of \$19,180.25.
2. Authorization to pay overtime reimbursable under the grant terms and conditions.
3. Approval of certification of revenues as certified by the County Auditor for the FY 2021 OCDETF agreement in the amount of \$19,180.25 and appropriation of same.

BACKGROUND

Funding is for the period of 10/01/2020 to 9/30/2021 for FY 2021

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR:	2020	ACCT. #:	0-1291-421-00-270-019-1-131
FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?:	Y	MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:	N

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Appropriation of funds for FY2021, pending certification of revenues by Co. Auditor. Fringes associated with overtime agreement will be paid from DA FED SHRG-DOJ acct # 0-1256-412-00-270-016-0-XXX

Attachments

BA OT FY21

FY21 OCDETF OT Agreement

Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Budget & Management	Veronica Ortiz	10/01/2020 02:57 PM
Ivan Cantu	Ivan Cantu	10/01/2020 04:52 PM
Final Approval		
Form Started By: Maria Del Rosario Gonzalez		Started On: 09/30/2020 04:19 PM

DATE: 10/1/2020  
 DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ricardo Rodriguez, Criminal District Attorney  
 DEPARTMENT NAME: HIDTA Task Force / OCDETF OVERTIME FY2021  
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: Expenditure - 1291-421-00-270-019-1-131  
 SUBJECT: Budget Amendments (Increases) in Accordance with V.A.C.S., Articles 689a-11, 1666a and 1666b



Honorable Commissioner's Court of Hidalgo County:

I would like to request the following amendments (increases) to my departmental budget in accordance with V.A.C.S., Pursuant to Article 689a-11, 1666a, 1666b:

INCREASE OBJECT NUMBER(S)	ACCOUNT (OBJECT) NAME	INCREASE (DECREASE)
0-1291-421-00-270-019-1-131	OVERTIME	\$ 19,180.25
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>\$ 19,180.25</b>
0-1291-331-11-270-019-1-000	Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF)	\$ 19,180.25
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 19,180.25</b>

Reason: To appropriate budget for the overtime hours for investigator assigned to OCDETF investigation number SW-TXS-1207.

Funding period is October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Note: Expenses relating to fringe benefits for the overtime hours are to be charge to the HIDTA US Justice E-Sharing Budget (Account#0-1256-412-00-270-014-0-xxx)

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 APPROVED BY DATE DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE  
 COMMISSIONER'S COURT  
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 ATTEST BY COUNTY CLERK

**ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCES  
 FY 2021 Agreement  
 FOR THE USE OF THE STATE OR LOCAL  
 OVERTIME AND AUTHORIZED EXPENSE/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

DUNS #: 103110834  
 Federal Tax Identification #: 74-6000717

Rural\* Y  N   
 DC#: X-32-

Amount Requested:  
*Amount requested should match the amount calculated on the Initial Funding Form, Page 2*

\$ 19,180.25

Number of Officers Listed: 1

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From: October 1, 2020  
Beginning Date of Agreement

To: September 30, 2021  
Ending Date of Agreement

OCDETF Investigation / Strategic Initiative Number: SW-SW-TXS-1207

Operation Name: "Operation Ice River"

Operation Zip Code(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Agency Investigations:  
 Number: M5-20-0085

State or Local Organization

Narcotics Supervisor: Commander Juan Sifuentes

Telephone Number: (956) 381-0444

E-mail Address: jsifuentes2@hidtaskforce.us

State or Local Organization Name:  
Hidalgo County DA HIDTA Task Force

Address to receive OCDETF paperwork (no PO Boxes):  
 Attention: Juan Sifuentes  
3100 S. Closner Foxtrot Building  
Edinburg, TX 78539

Sponsoring Federal Agency(ies):  
DEA

Sponsoring Federal Agency Group/Squad Supervisor: Christopher V. Johnson, GS

Telephone Number: (956) 365-7555

E-mail Address: christopher.v.johnson@usdoj.gov

Please provide the name, telephone number, and email address for the **financial staff person at the State or Local Organization, who is directly responsible for the billing on the Reimbursement Request:**

Name: Jose Rodriguez, Grant Accountant

Telephone Number: (956) 318-2511

E-mail Address: jose.rodriguez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us

Agreement (FY21), Page 1

*This agreement can be classified as rural if the state & local agency's operating address or the location of the investigation produces a "Yes" response to both the CMS and FORHP Programs on the following website - <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural>*

**\*\*Include the name of the person the form should be mailed to.**



This Agreement is between the above named State or Local Law Enforcement Organization and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) Program. This Agreement shall be effective when signed by an authorized State or Local Organization official, the sponsoring Federal Agency Special Agent-In-Charge, the sponsoring Agency Regional OCDETF Coordinator, the Assistant United States Attorney Regional OCDETF Director, and the OCDETF Executive Office.

1. It is agreed that the State or Local Law Enforcement officers named on this Agreement will assist in OCDETF Investigations, Strategic Initiatives and prosecutions as set forth in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces State or Local Overtime and Authorized Expense/Strategic Initiative Programs, Policies and Procedures Manual, Fiscal Year 2021.
2. No individual Agreement with a State or Local organization may exceed \$25,000, and the cumulative amount of OCDETF State and Local overtime monies that may be expended on a single OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative in a single fiscal year may not exceed \$50,000 without express prior approval from the OCDETF Executive Office. The OCDETF Executive Office will entertain requests to exceed these funding levels in particular cases. Please submit a written request including justification approved by the AUSA Regional Director to the OCDETF Budget Officer/Deputy Budget Officer when seeking to exceed the above stated funding levels.
3. Each Reimbursable Agreement will be allowed no more than six (6) modifications per year. In addition, if the funds for a particular Agreement are completely deobligated with the intention of closing that Agreement, it will not count as a modification for purposes of this policy. These amendments must be transmitted by a memorandum approved and signed by the AUSA Regional OCDETF Director or designee for the region and sent to the OCDETF Executive Office.
4. If an Agreement does not have any activity during the last ninety (90) days, the funds shall automatically be deobligated. The OCDETF Executive Office will assist with the monitoring of the aging Agreements. Further, if a State or Local Organization indicates that it is no longer performing work under a particular Agreement, the State or Local Overtime and Authorized Expense/Strategic Initiative Programs, Policies and Procedures Manual requires that a modification memorandum identifying the amount to be deobligated be submitted to the OCDETF Executive Office as soon as possible after determining that no work is being performed.
5. The State or Local Law Enforcement Organization agrees to provide experienced drug Law Enforcement officers who are identified in this Agreement to work on the specified OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative. Any change in Law Enforcement officers assigned must be agreed to by all approving officials.

6. Officers who are not deputized shall possess no Law Enforcement authority other than that conferred by virtue of their position as a commissioned officer of their parent Agency.
7. Officers who are deputized may possess Federal Law Enforcement authority as specified by the Agency affording the deputation.
8. Any State or Local officers assigned to an OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative in accordance with this Agreement are not considered Federal employees and do not take on the benefits of Federal employment by virtue of their participation in the Investigation or Strategic Initiative.
9. OCDETF and the sponsoring Federal Law Enforcement Agency(ies) for the approved OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative will provide to the assigned State or Local officers the clerical, operational and administrative support that is mutually agreed to by the parties in this Agreement.
10. Officers assigned to OCDETF Investigations or Strategic Initiatives should work full-time on the Investigation(s) or Strategic Initiative(s) in order to be paid overtime. In order to satisfy the "full-time" expectation, a Law Enforcement officer should work forty (40) hours per week or eight (8) hours per day on a single or multiple OCDETF Investigation(s) or Strategic Initiative(s). Any established exceptions or waivers to this definition shall be requested by the Regional Coordination Group and attached as Addendum A to the Agreement. [The parent State or Local Organization must pay the base salary of its officers. In the event officers must work overtime on an OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative, the OCDETF Program will reimburse the parent State or Local Law Enforcement Organization for a limited amount of those overtime costs.] The Organization is responsible for paying its Law Enforcement officer(s) for their overtime, travel and per diem expenses. To ensure proper and complete utilization of OCDETF overtime and expense allocations, reimbursement claims must be submitted monthly on the OCDETF Reimbursement Request Form. The OCDETF Executive Office may refuse payment on any reimbursement request that is not submitted to the OCDETF Regional Coordination Group within thirty (30) days of the close of the month in which the overtime was worked.
11. It is the responsibility of the State or Local Organization to retain and have available for inspection sufficient supporting documentation for all regular hours and overtime hours worked towards a specific OCDETF case. Officers' timesheets must reflect work towards a specific OCDETF case and must be reviewed and signed by an authorized State or Local official.
12. Analysis of reimbursement claims by the Regional Coordination Group may result in a modification of the obligation of funds contained within this Agreement as well as the time period covered. The Organization affected by any such modification will receive a memo notifying them of the changes.

13. Overtime payments, including all other non-OCDETF Federal sources (such as Safe Streets, HIDTA, IRS, ICE, FEMA, etc.) may not, on an annual, per person basis, exceed 25% of the current approved Federal salary rate in effect at the time the overtime is performed. The State or Local Organization is responsible for ensuring that this annual payment is not exceeded. The Executive Assistant/OCDETF Program Specialist will monitor these payments via MIS and communicate to the Federal Agency Regional OCDETF Coordinators who provide status updates to any officer approaching the threshold.
14. The overtime log must be attached to the reimbursement request when submitting the monthly invoices. The Sponsoring Federal Agency Supervisory Special Agent and the State or Local official authorized to approve the Reimbursement Request must certify that only authorized expenses are claimed, the regular hours requirement is satisfied, and that overtime has not exceeded 25% of the current Federal salary rate in effect at the time the overtime was worked.
15. Under no circumstances will the State or Local Organization charge any indirect costs for the administration or implementation of this Agreement.
16. The State or Local Organization shall maintain complete and accurate records and accounts of all obligations and expenditures of funds under this Agreement for a period of six (6) years and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles to facilitate inspection and auditing of such records and accounts.
17. The State or Local Organization shall permit examination and auditing by representatives of the OCDETF Program, the sponsoring Federal Agency(ies), the U.S. Department of Justice, the Comptroller General of the United States, and/or any of their duly-authorized agents and representatives, of any and all records, documents, accounts, invoices, receipts, or expenditures relating to this Agreement. Failure to provide proper documentation will limit State or Local Law Enforcement Organizations from receiving OCDETF funding in the future.
18. The State or Local Organization will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all requirements applicable to OCDETF Agreements pursuant to the regulations of the Department of Justice (see, e.g., 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subparts C and G; 28 C.F.R. 50.3 (1991)) relating to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, national origin or handicap.
19. This Agreement may be terminated by any of the parties by written notice to the other parties ten (10) business days prior to termination. Billing for outstanding obligations shall be received by OCDETF within thirty (30) days of the notice of termination.

20. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that most payments made by the Federal government, including vendor payments, must be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). In accordance with the act, all OCDETF reimbursement payments will be issued via EFT. Participants are required to register in SAM.gov to receive reimbursements; registration information will be provided upon request. In certain circumstances the OCDETF Executive Office may make exceptions for Organizations that are unable to accept this form of payment, however, such Organizations must include written justification in the addendum of each new Agreement.
21. All changes made to the original Agreement must be approved by the OCDETF Executive Office and initialed by the Executive Assistant/OCDETF Program Specialist of the Regional Coordination Group making the revision. The AUSA Regional OCDETF Director or designee must initial all funding changes.
22. The Regional Coordination Group is responsible for identifying and implementing any additional policy requirements, as needed, for its specific region. Those regional policies will be documented in the Addendum B and attached to the approved Agreement. The Organizations are agreeing to adhere to these additional requirements and must have written approval by the Regional Coordination Group for any exceptions to the regional policies.
23. Restrictions: Fringe benefits (such as retirement, FICA, or other expenses) are NOT to be included in overtime payment. Auxiliary educational benefits are also NOT to be included in overtime payment. Payment of overtime payment is based solely on the authorized overtime rate of each participating officer listed in the Agreement. Under no circumstances may a State or Local agency include any administrative fees for the processing of overtime. Additionally, officers are not eligible for reimbursement of compensation time earned in lieu of overtime payment. OCDETF will only reimburse an actual \$ amount paid to the officer for overtime worked, any additional benefit (including compensation time) will NOT be reimbursed.

This Agreement is not a contract or obligation to commit Federal funds in the maximum amounts projected. Funding allocations for the time period set forth and agreed to herein represent projections only and are based upon consultation between the sponsoring Federal Agency and the State or Local Law Enforcement Organization. They are, therefore, subject to modification by OCDETF based upon the progress and needs of the OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative. Additionally, resources are contingent upon the availability of funds per the approval and signature of the OCDETF Executive Office obligating authority. The OCDETF Executive Office will approve and certify that all the terms and conditions of the Agreement have been met.

Each Agreement must be approved and signed by a State or Local Law Enforcement Organization official who has supervisory authority over, and is authorized to assign, the participating Law Enforcement officers to the OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative.



**ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCES**

**STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
ASSIGNED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE AND  
LOCAL OVERTIME AND AUTHORIZED EXPENSE/STRATEGIC  
INITIATIVE PROGRAMS**

State or Local Organization: Hidalgo County DA HIDTA Task Force

OCDETF Investigation / Strategic Initiative Number: SW-TXS-1207

The Law Enforcement officers listed below will assist with the above identified OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative. Any modification of the list of Law Enforcement officers must be agreed to in writing by all of the parties to this Agreement, made a part of the Agreement, and forwarded to the OCDETF Executive Office.

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE/RANK</u>	<u>DOB</u>
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**OCDETF Officer Form Continued**

State or Local Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

OCDETF Investigation / Strategic Initiative Number: SW-\_\_\_\_\_

The Law Enforcement officers listed below will assist with the above identified OCDETF Investigation or Strategic Initiative. Any modification of the list of Law Enforcement officers must be agreed to in writing by all of the parties to this Agreement, made a part of the Agreement, and forwarded to the OCDETF Executive Office.

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Definition of "Full-Time Participation" Exemption

**The Southwest Region Coordination Group State and Local OVERTIME POLICY For purposes of reimbursing OCDEF overtime claims, the following applies:**

**1. Work 40 hours per week on a single OCDEF investigation or multiple OCDEF investigations; or**

**2. If the officer/agent is not assigned full time to a task force working exclusively OCDEF investigations, then the officer/agent is required to work 8 hours regular time in a given day toward the OCDEF investigation before claiming any overtime;**

**or**

**3. To accommodate exigent unforeseen circumstances when effective management of dedicated resources cannot handle a particular enforcement action, overtime hours incurred may be reimbursed without the officer/agent having worked an 8 hour shift dedicated to the investigation, provided that the officer/agent is diverted from normal shift work to accommodate the need at the request of a supervisor of a federal agency.**

**Reimbursement under such circumstances will be limited to the overtime incurred in response to the unforeseen exigent circumstances, that is, when the enforcement action is complete, no additional overtime will be reimbursed without compliance with 1 or 2 above. Under no circumstances will more than 24 overtime hours be reimbursed under this provision. The federal agency supervising the enforcement action should notify the appropriate Regional Coordinator of the enforcement action and overtime hours incurred by the State and Local Department(s) promptly.**

**Exemptions will be considered on a case by case basis per individual incident. All approvals are subjected to the availability of funds.**

**Any Other Exceptions or Justifications Agreement – This form should not be altered. Any changes/additions must be submitted in writing and pre-approved by OCDEF Regional Coordinator.**

ADDENDUM B  
TO STATE AND LOCAL OVERTIME AGREEMENT  
STRATEGIC INITIATIVE FUNDING REQUEST

**Note: The following ONLY pertains to Strategic Initiative Funding Requests**

State and Local agencies acknowledge that all proposed expenditures requested under State and Local Overtime funds are conditioned upon the Southwest Regional Coordination Group (RCG) approval concurrent with any pre-approval process by the OCDETF Executive Office before funding is initiated.

Furthermore, the requesting State and Local agencies acknowledge that any approval process from the State and Local Overtime funds are considered reimbursable expenditures.

Any State and Local agency seeking Strategic Initiative Funding should initially contact the federal agency point of contact. The federal agency point of contact will coordinate further responses with the RCG.