

Program Narrative

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) intends to utilize monetary awards from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Association Grant Year 2021 to address violent crime and enhance officer safety in the South Texas region, which is the HCSO's area of responsibility (AOR).

The United States as a whole has seen an increase in civil unrest and disturbances and there has been an increase in officers injured or killed in the line of duty. As such, the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office plans to better equip its deputies to reduce or completely prevent serious injuries or death by purchasing safety equipment. The HCSO partners with many municipal, state, and federal agencies providing training and tactical response and assistance to critical incidents, by having a readily available force in the field at any given time.

The HCSO will spend the \$28,500 to purchase 95 Ballistic Helmets, \$7,480 to purchase 2 ballistic shields, \$962 to purchase 10 Decibel meters, and \$2,000 to purchase 10 window tint meters.

The HCSO will utilize all above mentioned items to better equip the Patrol Division which is the backbone of any police department. Due to a nationwide increase of civil unrest the ballistic helmets and shields will be another layer of personal protective equipment to prevent serious injury or death. The decibel meters and window tint meter will be used to enforce offenses of the Texas Penal Code and Transportation Code.

Hidalgo County Judge
Richard F. Cortez