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The Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4 Office conducts a wide range of law enforcement operations with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety. Our office patrols the main corridor Interstate Highway 69 in Hidalgo County and Farm to Market Roads in the rural part of the county during border security operations.

Our office works with U.S. Customs and U.S. Border Patrol in apprehending and arresting individuals that attempt to smuggle illegal narcotics into our country. Our office assists federal agencies in conducting knock and talk operations, execute search warrants, and arrest warrants that have led to the disruption of criminal organization involved in human smuggling, human trafficking and narcotics smuggling. During these operations, deputies and their equipment are exposed to the possible threat of the COVID-19 virus. It is often difficult to achieve the proper chemical coverage necessary on all equipment, and surfaces inside of patrol units. In a desire to maintain the security and safety of our deputies and Hidalgo County property we are requesting a grant award modification to utilize the Justice Grant Funds to purchase MRSAU-Breeze UV Indirect 24/7 Air Sanitizers and Guardian Angel Red/Blue Uniform Safety Lights.

In addition, the Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 4 Office has also been tasked to assist safeguard the illegal immigrants that are COVID-19 positive that are being held at Anzalduas Park. Therefore, asking that the Justice Grant Funds also be used to purchase the uniform safety lights for the protection of our deputies during night time operations. This device provides emergency lighting when in distress, and also visible to the USCBP chopper when flying, through IR rays.

This equipment will allow us to perform our duties during this pandemic, and to allow our personnel to safely return home.

Thank You,

Honorable Ricardo F. Cortez

Hidalgo County Judge