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Grant/App: 2537811 **Start Date:** 9/1/2022 **End Date:** 8/31/2024

Project Title: Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit
Status: Application Pending Submission

Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: Hidalgo County
Project Title: Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office
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Start Date: 9/1/2022
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Headquarter County: Hidalgo
Counties within Project's Impact Area: Brooks,Cameron,Duval,Hidalgo,Jim Hogg,Jim Wells,Kenedy,Kleberg,Starr,Willacy

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Salutation: Mr.

Position: Criminal District Attorney

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Grant Vendor Information

Organization Type: County

Organization Option: applying to provide homeland security services

Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID): 17460007176041

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): LHACK1UL6NR3

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Narrative Information

Introduction

The Texas Legislature appropriated funds to support programs that provide prosecution resources for District and County Attorneys along the Texas-Mexico border and for counties that are significantly affected by border crime.

The funding announcement, located on the [eGrants Calendar](#) page, describes the organization types, activities, and costs that are eligible under the announcement. The PSO's [eGrants User Guide to Creating an Application](#) guides applicants through the process of creating and submitting an application in eGrants. Information and guidance related to the management and use of grant funds can be found in the PSO's Guide to Grants, located on the [PSO Resource for Applicants and Grantees webpage](#).

Certifications

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

Cybersecurity Training Requirement

Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Governments. A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training page.

Criminal History Reporting

Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66*. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

Counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90% of convictions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.

Entities That Collect Sexual Assault/Sex Offense Evidence or Investigate/Prosecute Sexual Assault or Other Sex Offenses

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 420.034, any facility or entity that collects evidence for sexual assault or other sex offenses or investigates or prosecutes a sexual assault or other sex offense for which evidence has been collected, must participate in the statewide electronic tracking system developed and implemented by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Visit [DPS's Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program website](#) for more information or to set up an account to begin participating.

Program Income

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income through a formal grant adjustment and to secure PSO approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after PSO's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless PSO authorizes otherwise. Program income which the grantee did not anticipate at the time of the award shall be used to reduce the PSO award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to PSO and is active until August 31, 2023 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the PSO Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

I certify to all of the application content and requirements.

Project Summary :

Briefly summarize the project, including proposed activities and intended impact.

This project will permit the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to further improve the quality of prosecution of criminal activities that have a nexus to the jurisdiction's border with Mexico. Our Team, which consists of three Prosecutors, an Investigator and an Administrative Assistant, will continue to work together with local law enforcement agencies, especially the Texas Department of Public Safety, to target emerging trends and nuances of border-based transnational criminal enterprises. This will facilitate the transfer of information/intelligence from the street to the courtroom, thus providing a more efficient and effective administration of justice through use of the limited resources. Also our in-house Region 3 Counsel and prosecutors will continue to provide cross-training and support to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and other District Attorney's Offices, both locally and throughout Texas. In addition, they have been, and will continue, to be available to the area's law enforcement officers 24 hours a day. Having these prosecutorial assets at their disposal will immensely increase the ability of police officers to investigate criminal enterprises operating in the border region of the Rio Grande Valley.

Problem Statement :

Provide a detailed account of the issues, threats or hazards that your project will target. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or state *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)*, as applicable.

Hidalgo County continues to be impacted by criminal activity as a result of its location along the US/Mexico border. Many of the crimes that have a nexus to Hidalgo County can be tied to Transnational Criminal Organizations that have formed alliances with local street gangs. The best way to address this threat is to have prosecutors work in day to day cooperation with law enforcement organizations, thereby joining together their investigation and prosecution resources in a seamless joint venture. Prosecutors continue to handle criminal cases involving drug and human smuggling, labor and sex trafficking, money laundering operations, car theft rings, illegal weapons transactions, and large scale gambling (8-liner) operations. Area law enforcement continue to collaborate with each other and their federal counterparts with the increased law enforcement presence. Therefore, there is a need to provide enhanced prosecution services to both state and local law enforcement entities. The ability for prosecutors to coordinate with their federal prosecutorial brethren facilitates an efficient state criminal justice system. Also due to a large part of the geographic area of Region 3 consisting of wide-open country that is sparsely settled, rural areas are especially vulnerable for criminal organizations to set up and conduct their smuggling operations. Many of the local law enforcement agencies do not have the resources to provide training for their personnel. A poorly trained law enforcement officer's

mistakes may be the difference between a successful administration of justice and an acquittal. The Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office recognizes the need for more quality training for law enforcement. There exists in Hidalgo County a continued need for specialized prosecution assets to effectively and efficiently handle the myriad of crimes attributed to criminal enterprises operating on both sides of the Texas/Mexico Border, including utilization of judicially-approved specialized investigative techniques like wire intercepts.

Existing Capability Levels :

Describe the existing capability levels, including resources that are currently in place to support this project prior to the use of grant funds.

Prior to the creation of the Border Prosecution Unit Grant Program by the Texas Legislature and the Office of the Governor, the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office did not have the capability to implement, create and/or maintain the current BPU footprint. The Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) grant has allowed the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to continue to employ three full-time prosecutors, one investigator and one administrative assistant working solely on border crimes. One of the prosecutors is the BPU Regional Counsel Attorney for Region 3 of the BPU and housed at the Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Headquarters in Weslaco. This attorney travels extensively within Region 3, and the BPU, and provides thousands of hours of free continuing education to local police officers. One BPU Attorney is assigned to the Rio Grande Valley Texas Anti-Gang Group (RGV-TAG) housed at the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center (TTIC) in McAllen. This attorney is embedded with federal, state and local law enforcement officers and agents, thus allowing for daily and direct assistance in criminal case investigations involving local, regional, state, national and international organized criminal enterprises. Additionally, this attorney has worked closely over the past four years in utilizing as investigative tools, four state wire intercepts. The third prosecutor, along with the Investigator and Administrative Assistant, are located at the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office in Edinburg, Texas. Also, the Hidalgo County BPU attorneys provided assistance to hundreds of local, state and federal law enforcement officers both within Hidalgo County and throughout the border region, and Texas. Furthermore, they have fielded hundreds of questions from local, regional and state law enforcement officials on a variety of legal topics, from search and seizure to confession to statutory interpretation. Also our prosecutors have provided thousands of hours of continuing education to police officers, probation officers, attorneys, judges and others, all at no charge.

Capability Gaps:

Describe the capability gaps which will be addressed by the project. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or statewide State Preparedness Report (SPR).

This project will allow the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to continue to provide a level of prosecutorial service to the citizens of Hidalgo County and the Rio Grande Valley that was unattainable prior to the BPU Grants being implemented by the Office of the Governor and the Texas Legislature some 10 years ago. The direct, face-to-face communication with all levels of area law enforcement (from the part-time deputy constable to the Texas Ranger Lieutenant to the Border Patrol Sector Chief) allows for unprecedented collaboration. This grant will enhance the prosecutorial abilities of the County and continue to recognize that many criminal acts are of an international nature.

Impact Statement :

Describe the project goals/objectives and how this project will maintain capabilities or reduce capability gaps. This project will continue to enhance the capabilities of the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to effectively handle the prosecution of criminal caseloads attributable to border crime in the Rio Grande Valley, through collaboration and coordination with other law enforcement agencies, particularly the Texas Department of Public Safety. Additionally, it will continue to work closely with area law enforcement to increase and improve the investigation of complex organized crime and criminal enterprises which are facilitating illegal activity in the Rio Grande Valley and Region 3 of the Border Prosecution Unit.

Homeland Security Priority Actions:

Identify the Texas Homeland Security Priority Action most closely aligned with this project. Each Priority Action is linked with an *Objective from the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan (HSSP)*. List the Priority Action by number and text (e.g. *1.2.3 Expand and enhance the network of human sources that can provide detailed and relevant information on known or suspected terrorist and criminal enterprises.*)

1.3.5 Expand the program to establish full-time border prosecutor positions focused on cases involving violent crime and criminal organizations, and enhance state-federal prosecution partnerships in the border region.

Target Group :

Identify the target group and population expected to benefit from this project.

The Border Prosecution Unit serves the community plan and region by enhancing border security through

increased intelligence gathering and collaboration between law enforcement and state prosecutors. The constituents of Hidalgo County & Region 3 of the BPU, as well as other counties, both in and outside the Border Region, benefit from the prosecution of criminals involved in border crimes. The estimated population of Hidalgo County and Region 3 is 1.46 million.

Long-Term Approach:

Describe how the applicant agency will maintain the capabilities supported by this project without additional federal or state funds. If sustainment is dependent upon federal or state grants, describe the ongoing need for future grants, as applicable.

Sustainment is fully dependent upon grant funding; the major challenge the County of Hidalgo faces is the lack of sufficient local resources. It is well known that this area is among the poorest, if not the poorest, not only in Texas, but in the United States. According to the United States Census Bureau website, the percentage of persons living in poverty in Hidalgo County is 22.9% as compared to the national average of 10.5%. The median household income in Hidalgo County is \$42,526, below the national average of \$62,843. If grant funds were not awarded, the burden will be placed on the constituents of the county or the BPU as it operates today would simply cease to exist.

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This section contains questions about your project. It is very important for applicants to review their funding announcement for guidance on how to fill out this section. Unless otherwise specified, answers should be about the EXPECTED activities to occur during the project period.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
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Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
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Source of Match Information

Detail Source of Match/GPI:

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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Summary Source of Match/GPI:

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
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Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a resolution that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update the PSO should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the approved resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** tab and following the instructions on *Uploading eGrants Files*.

Contract Compliance

Will PSO grant funds be used to support any contracts for professional services?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

Lobbying

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
 No
 N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Fiscal Year

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

Sources of Financial Support

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of Federal Grant Funds expended:

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of State Grant Funds expended:

Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a PSO grant. However, PSO may require a limited scope audit as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

Debarment

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Select the appropriate response:

- I Certify
- Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

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 Original Award: \$0.00
 Current Budget: \$0.00 Current Award: \$0.00 CFDA: NONE OOG Solicitation: FY24 Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) Program Announcement

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Current Condition(s) of Funding	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds-Project Level	Hold Funds-Line Item Level

View All Current Budget Line Item Hold(s) for this Project

Condition(s) of Funding for a Budget Line Item(s) Hold: To access and view the **Condition(s) of Funding for a Budget Line Item(s) Hold** click the **Show Budget Line Item Condition of Funding** button and the applicable Condition(s) of Funding for a Budget Line Item(s) will display. To view the specific budget line item that the condition of funding has a 'Hold Expense' on, click the **View** in the Details column. The budget line item detail will display below in the **View those Budget Line Item(s) with a Pending Hold** section.

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Required: Information regarding single audits.	Documents
Required: Information regarding debarment certification.	Documents
Required: Overall certification requirements.	Narrative
Invalid: The Dedicated Percentage column for the OOG and Grantee-Defined Project Activities under the Detailed Project Activity Area must total 100 % .	Activities
Required: Information regarding the Budget Details tab.	Budget Details

List of Post-Award Conditions of Funding and Other Fund-Specific Requirements

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Eligibility Information

Your organization's Texas Payee/Taxpayer ID Number:
17460007176041

Application Eligibility Certify:

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Profile Information

Applicant Agency Name: Hidalgo County
Project Title: Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit
Division or Unit to Administer the Project: Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office
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City/State/Zip: Edinburg Texas 78539-3563
Start Date: 9/1/2022
End Date: 8/31/2024

Regional Council of Governments(COG) within the Project's Impact Area: Lower Rio Grande Valley
Development Council
Headquarter County: Hidalgo
Counties within Project's Impact Area: Brooks,Cameron,Duval,Hidalgo,Jim Hogg,Jim
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Grant Vendor Information

Organization Type: County
Organization Option: applying to provide homeland security services
Applicant Agency's State Payee Identification Number (e.g., Federal Employer's Identification (FEI) Number or Vendor ID): 17460007176041
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): LHACK1UL6NR3

Narrative Information

Introduction

The Texas Legislature appropriated funds to support programs that provide prosecution resources for District and County Attorneys along the Texas-Mexico border and for counties that are significantly affected by border crime.

The funding announcement, located on the [eGrants Calendar](#) page, describes the organization types, activities, and costs that are eligible under the announcement. The PSO's [eGrants User Guide to Creating an Application](#) guides applicants through the process of creating and submitting an application in eGrants. Information and guidance related to the management and use of grant funds can be found in the PSO's Guide to Grants, located on the [PSO Resource for Applicants and Grantees webpage](#).

Certifications

In addition to the requirements found in existing statute, regulation, and the funding announcement, this program requires applicant organizations to certify compliance with the following:

Cybersecurity Training Requirement

Local units of governments must comply with the Cybersecurity Training requirements described in Section 772.012 and Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code. Local governments determined to not be in compliance with the cybersecurity requirements required by Section 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code are ineligible for OOG grant funds until the second anniversary of the date the local government is determined ineligible. Government entities must annually certify their compliance with the training requirements using the Cybersecurity Training Certification for State and Local Governments. A copy of the Training Certification must be uploaded to your eGrants application. For more information or to access available training programs, visit the Texas Department of Information Resources Statewide Cybersecurity Awareness Training page.

Criminal History Reporting

Entities receiving funds from PSO must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66*. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.

Counties applying for grant awards from the Office of the Governor must commit that the county will report at least 90% of convictions within five business days to the Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting complete UCR data and the Texas specific reporting mandated by 411.042 TGC, to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Crime in Texas (CIT) publication. To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year by the deadline(s) established by DPS. Due to the importance of timely reporting, applicants are required to submit complete and accurate UCR data, as well as the Texas-mandated reporting, on a no less than monthly basis and respond promptly to requests from DPS related to the data submitted.

Entities That Collect Sexual Assault/Sex Offense Evidence or Investigate/Prosecute Sexual Assault or Other Sex Offenses

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 420.034, any facility or entity that collects evidence for sexual assault or other sex offenses or investigates or prosecutes a sexual assault or other sex offense for which evidence has been collected, must participate in the statewide electronic tracking system developed and implemented by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Visit [DPS's Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program website](#) for more information or to set up an account to begin participating.

Program Income

Applicant agrees to comply with all federal and state rules and regulations for program income and agrees to report all program income that is generated as a result of the project's activities. Applicant agrees to report program income through a formal grant adjustment and to secure PSO approval prior to use of the program income. Applicant agrees to use program income for allowable costs and agrees to expend program income immediately after PSO's approval of a grant adjustment and prior to requesting reimbursement of funds.

Deduction Method - Program income shall be deducted from total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income shall be used for current costs unless PSO authorizes otherwise. Program income which the grantee did not anticipate at the time of the award shall be used to reduce the PSO award and grantee match rather than to increase the funds committed to the project.

Asset Seizures and Forfeitures - Program income from asset seizures and forfeitures is considered earned when the property has been adjudicated to the benefit of the plaintiff (e.g., law enforcement entity).

Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Programs and Procedures

Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency's custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to PSO and is active until August 31, 2023 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

Overall Certification

Each applicant agency must certify to the specific requirements detailed above as well as to comply with all requirements within the PSO Funding Announcement, the *Guide to Grants*, the *Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities*, any authorizing or applicable state and federal statutes and regulations to be eligible for this program.

I certify to all of the application content and requirements.

Project Summary :

Briefly summarize the project, including proposed activities and intended impact.

This project will permit the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to further improve the quality of prosecution of criminal activities that have a nexus to the jurisdiction's border with Mexico. Our Team, which consists of three Prosecutors, an Investigator and an Administrative Assistant, will continue to work together with local law enforcement agencies, especially the Texas Department of Public Safety, to target emerging trends and nuances of border-based transnational criminal enterprises. This will facilitate the transfer of information/intelligence from the street to the courtroom, thus providing a more efficient and effective administration of justice through use of the limited resources. Also our in-house Region 3 Counsel and prosecutors will continue to provide cross-training and support to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and other District Attorney's Offices, both locally and throughout Texas. In addition, they have been, and will continue, to be available to the area's law enforcement officers 24 hours a day. Having these prosecutorial assets at their disposal will immensely increase the ability of police officers to investigate criminal enterprises operating in the border region of the Rio Grande Valley.

Problem Statement :

Provide a detailed account of the issues, threats or hazards that your project will target. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or state *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)*, as applicable.

Hidalgo County continues to be impacted by criminal activity as a result of its location along the US/Mexico border. Many of the crimes that have a nexus to Hidalgo County can be tied to Transnational Criminal Organizations that have formed alliances with local street gangs. The best way to address this threat is to have prosecutors work in day to day cooperation with law enforcement organizations, thereby joining together their investigation and prosecution resources in a seamless joint venture. Prosecutors continue to handle criminal cases involving drug and human smuggling, labor and sex trafficking, money laundering operations, car theft rings, illegal weapons transactions, and large scale gambling (8-liner) operations. Area law enforcement continue to collaborate with each other and their federal counterparts with the increased law enforcement presence. Therefore, there is a need to provide enhanced prosecution services to both state and local law enforcement entities. The ability for prosecutors to coordinate with their federal prosecutorial brethren facilitates an efficient state criminal justice system. Also due to a large part of the geographic area of Region 3 consisting of wide-open country that is sparsely settled, rural areas are especially vulnerable for criminal organizations to set up and conduct their smuggling operations. Many of the local law enforcement agencies do not have the resources to provide training for their personnel. A poorly trained law enforcement officer's

mistakes may be the difference between a successful administration of justice and an acquittal. The Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office recognizes the need for more quality training for law enforcement. There exists in Hidalgo County a continued need for specialized prosecution assets to effectively and efficiently handle the myriad of crimes attributed to criminal enterprises operating on both sides of the Texas/Mexico Border, including utilization of judicially-approved specialized investigative techniques like wire intercepts.

Existing Capability Levels :

Describe the existing capability levels, including resources that are currently in place to support this project prior to the use of grant funds.

Prior to the creation of the Border Prosecution Unit Grant Program by the Texas Legislature and the Office of the Governor, the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office did not have the capability to implement, create and/or maintain the current BPU footprint. The Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) grant has allowed the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to continue to employ three full-time prosecutors, one investigator and one administrative assistant working solely on border crimes. One of the prosecutors is the BPU Regional Counsel Attorney for Region 3 of the BPU and housed at the Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Headquarters in Weslaco. This attorney travels extensively within Region 3, and the BPU, and provides thousands of hours of free continuing education to local police officers. One BPU Attorney is assigned to the Rio Grande Valley Texas Anti-Gang Group (RGV-TAG) housed at the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center (TTIC) in McAllen. This attorney is embedded with federal, state and local law enforcement officers and agents, thus allowing for daily and direct assistance in criminal case investigations involving local, regional, state, national and international organized criminal enterprises. Additionally, this attorney has worked closely over the past four years in utilizing as investigative tools, four state wire intercepts. The third prosecutor, along with the Investigator and Administrative Assistant, are located at the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office in Edinburg, Texas. Also, the Hidalgo County BPU attorneys provided assistance to hundreds of local, state and federal law enforcement officers both within Hidalgo County and throughout the border region, and Texas. Furthermore, they have fielded hundreds of questions from local, regional and state law enforcement officials on a variety of legal topics, from search and seizure to confession to statutory interpretation. Also our prosecutors have provided thousands of hours of continuing education to police officers, probation officers, attorneys, judges and others, all at no charge.

Capability Gaps:

Describe the capability gaps which will be addressed by the project. For federal Homeland Security Grants, include specific references to the regional or statewide State Preparedness Report (SPR).

This project will allow the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to continue to provide a level of prosecutorial service to the citizens of Hidalgo County and the Rio Grande Valley that was unattainable prior to the BPU Grants being implemented by the Office of the Governor and the Texas Legislature some 10 years ago. The direct, face-to-face communication with all levels of area law enforcement (from the part-time deputy constable to the Texas Ranger Lieutenant to the Border Patrol Sector Chief) allows for unprecedented collaboration. This grant will enhance the prosecutorial abilities of the County and continue to recognize that many criminal acts are of an international nature.

Impact Statement :

Describe the project goals/objectives and how this project will maintain capabilities or reduce capability gaps. This project will continue to enhance the capabilities of the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office to effectively handle the prosecution of criminal caseloads attributable to border crime in the Rio Grande Valley, through collaboration and coordination with other law enforcement agencies, particularly the Texas Department of Public Safety. Additionally, it will continue to work closely with area law enforcement to increase and improve the investigation of complex organized crime and criminal enterprises which are facilitating illegal activity in the Rio Grande Valley and Region 3 of the Border Prosecution Unit.

Homeland Security Priority Actions:

Identify the Texas Homeland Security Priority Action most closely aligned with this project. Each Priority Action is linked with an *Objective from the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan (HSSP)*. List the Priority Action by number and text (e.g. *1.2.3 Expand and enhance the network of human sources that can provide detailed and relevant information on known or suspected terrorist and criminal enterprises.*)

1.3.5 Expand the program to establish full-time border prosecutor positions focused on cases involving violent crime and criminal organizations, and enhance state-federal prosecution partnerships in the border region.

Target Group :

Identify the target group and population expected to benefit from this project.

The Border Prosecution Unit serves the community plan and region by enhancing border security through

increased intelligence gathering and collaboration between law enforcement and state prosecutors. The constituents of Hidalgo County & Region 3 of the BPU, as well as other counties, both in and outside the Border Region, benefit from the prosecution of criminals involved in border crimes. The estimated population of Hidalgo County and Region 3 is 1.46 million.

Long-Term Approach:

Describe how the applicant agency will maintain the capabilities supported by this project without additional federal or state funds. If sustainment is dependent upon federal or state grants, describe the ongoing need for future grants, as applicable.

Sustainment is fully dependent upon grant funding; the major challenge the County of Hidalgo faces is the lack of sufficient local resources. It is well known that this area is among the poorest, if not the poorest, not only in Texas, but in the United States. According to the United States Census Bureau website, the percentage of persons living in poverty in Hidalgo County is 22.9% as compared to the national average of 10.5%. The median household income in Hidalgo County is \$42,526, below the national average of \$62,843. If grant funds were not awarded, the burden will be placed on the constituents of the county or the BPU as it operates today would simply cease to exist.

Project Activities Information

Introduction

This section contains questions about your project. It is very important for applicants to review their funding announcement for guidance on how to fill out this section. Unless otherwise specified, answers should be about the EXPECTED activities to occur during the project period.

Selected Project Activities:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
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Measures Information

Objective Output Measures

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Objective Outcome Measures

OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Output Measures

CUSTOM OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Custom Outcome Measures

CUSTOM OUTCOME MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
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Resolution from Governing Body

Applications from nonprofit corporations, local units of governments, and other political subdivisions must include a resolution that contains the following:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to the Public Safety Office (PSO) that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update the PSO should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to PSO.

Upon approval from your agency's governing body, upload the approved resolution to eGrants by clicking on the **Upload Files** tab and following the instructions on *Uploading eGrants Files*.

Contract Compliance

Will PSO grant funds be used to support any contracts for professional services?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

For applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, describe how you will monitor the activities of the sub-contractor(s) for compliance with the contract provisions (including equipment purchases), deliverables, and all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines governing this project.

Enter a description for monitoring contract compliance:

Lobbying

For applicant agencies requesting grant funds in excess of \$100,000, have any federally appropriated funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

For applicant agencies that selected either **No** or **N/A** above, have any non-federal funds been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress in connection with this federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Fiscal Year

Provide the begin and end date for the applicant agency's fiscal year (e.g., 09/01/20xx to 08/31/20xx).

Enter the Begin Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

Enter the End Date [mm/dd/yyyy]:

Sources of Financial Support

Each applicant must provide the amount of grant funds expended during the most recently completed fiscal year for the following sources:

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of Federal Grant Funds expended:

Enter the amount (in Whole Dollars \$) of State Grant Funds expended:

Single Audit

Applicants who expend less than \$750,000 in federal grant funding or less than \$750,000 in state grant funding are exempt from the Single Audit Act and cannot charge audit costs to a PSO grant. However, PSO may require a limited scope audit as defined in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Has the applicant agency expended federal grant funding of \$750,000 or more, or state grant funding of \$750,000 or more during the most recently completed fiscal year?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Applicant agencies that selected **Yes** above, provide the date of your organization's last annual single audit, performed by an independent auditor in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular; or CFR Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements.

Enter the date of your last annual single audit:

Debarment

Each applicant agency will certify that it and its principals (as defined in 2 CFR Part 180.995):

- Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
- Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above bullet; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Select the appropriate response:

- I Certify
- Unable to Certify

If you selected **Unable to Certify** above, please provide an explanation as to why the applicant agency cannot certify the statements.

Fiscal Capability Information**Section 1: Organizational Information**

*** FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS ONLY ***

Enter the following values in order to submit the application

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded: 0

Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status: 01/01/1900

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS: 0

Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State: 0

Enter the Year in which the Corporation was Founded:

Enter the Date that the IRS Letter Granted 501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Status:

Enter the Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS:

Enter the Charter Number assigned by the Texas Secretary of State:

Section 2: Accounting System

The grantee organization must incorporate an accounting system that will track direct and indirect costs for the organization (general ledger) as well as direct and indirect costs by project (project ledger). The grantee must establish a time and effort system to track personnel costs by project. This should be reported on an hourly basis, or in increments of an hour.

Is there a list of your organization's accounts identified by a specific number (i.e., a general ledger of accounts)?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

Does the accounting system include a project ledger to record expenditures for each Program by required budget cost categories?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

Is there a timekeeping system that allows for grant personnel to identify activity and requires signatures by the employee and his or her supervisor?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

If you answered 'No' to any question above in the Accounting System section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 3: Financial Capability

Grant agencies should prepare annual financial statements. At a minimum, current internal balance sheet and income statements are required. A balance sheet is a statement of financial position for a grant agency disclosing assets, liabilities, and retained earnings at a given point in time. An income statement is a summary of revenue and expenses for a grant agency during a fiscal year.

Has the grant agency undergone an independent audit?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

Does the organization prepare financial statements at least annually?

Select the appropriate response:

Yes

No

According to the organization's most recent Audit or Balance Sheet, are the current total assets greater than the liabilities?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Financial Capability section, in the space provided below explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 4: Budgetary Controls

Grant agencies should establish a system to track expenditures against budget and / or funded amounts. Are there budgetary controls in effect (e.g., comparison of budget with actual expenditures on a monthly basis) to include drawing down grant funds in excess of:

a) Total funds authorized on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

b) Total funds available for any budget category as stipulated on the Statement of Grant Award?

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Budgetary Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Section 5: Internal Controls

Grant agencies must safeguard cash receipts, disbursements, and ensure a segregation of duties exist. For example, one person should not have authorization to sign checks and make deposits.

Are accounting entries supported by appropriate documentation (e.g., purchase orders, vouchers, receipts, invoices)?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

Is there separation of responsibility in the receipt, payment, and recording of costs?

Select the appropriate response:

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' to any question above under the Internal Controls section, in the space provided below please explain what action will be taken to ensure accountability.

Enter your explanation:

Budget Details Information

Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
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Source of Match Information

Detail Source of Match/GPI:

DESCRIPTION	MATCH TYPE	AMOUNT
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Summary Source of Match/GPI:

Total Report	Cash Match	In Kind	GPI Federal Share	GPI State Share
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Budget Summary Information**Budget Summary Information by Budget Category:**

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
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Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Condition Of Fundings Information

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
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You are logged in as **User Name:** HidalgoCoDA

Agency Name: Hidalgo County	Grant/App: 2537811	Start Date: 9/1/2022
Project Title: Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit	Status: Application Pending Submission	End Date: 8/31/2024
Current Grant Manager: James Ziehl	Current Program Manager: James Minze	Fund Source: BP-Border Prosecution Unit
Current Budget: \$0.00	Original Award: \$0.00	Liquidation Date:
	Current Award: \$0.00	CFDA: NONE
		OOG Solicitation: FY24 Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) Program <u>Announcement</u>

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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:

Grant Number:	2537811	Award Amount:	\$0.00
Date Awarded:	PREVIEW - AWARD NOT ACTIVE	Grantee Cash Match:	\$0.00
Grant Period:	09/01/2022 - 08/31/2024	Grantee In Kind Match:	\$0.00
Liquidation Date:	11/29/2024	Grantee GPI:	\$0.00
Program Fund:	BP-Border Prosecution Unit	Total Project Cost:	\$0.00
Grantee Name:	Hidalgo County		
Project Title:	Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit		
Grant Manager:	James Ziehl		
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	LHACK1UL6NR3		

CFDA:	N/A
Federal Awarding Agency:	N/A - State Funds
Federal Award Date:	N/A - State Funds
Federal/State Award ID Number:	2024-BP-ST-0018
Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:	\$16,781,460.50
Pass Thru Entity Name:	Texas Office of the Governor - Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD)

Is the Award R&D: No
Federal/State Award Description: To support members of the Border Prosecution Unit in prosecuting border crime.

List of Application Errors and Incomplete Information

Item(s) that Need to be Resolved	Tab Name
The project's Start Date cannot be before the funding period's Begin Date. Grantee Entered Start Date as: 09/01/2022; The Funding Period's Begin Date is: 09/01/2023.	Profile
Required: The Direct Deposit form must be uploaded before you can submit your application.	GrantVendor
Required: The W9 form must be uploaded before you can submit your application.	GrantVendor
Required: The Texas Payee ID form must be uploaded before you can submit your application.	GrantVendor
Required: Information regarding contract compliance .	Documents
Required: Information regarding lobbying assurances .	Documents
Required: Information regarding lobbying assurances .	Documents
Required: Information regarding the grantee's fiscal year .	Documents
Required: Information regarding the grantee's fiscal year .	Documents
Required: Information regarding Sources of Financial Support .	Documents
Required: Information regarding Sources of Financial Support .	Documents
Required: Information regarding single audits .	Documents
Required: Information regarding debarment certification .	Documents
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Invalid: The Dedicated Percentage column for the OOG and Grantee-Defined Project Activities under the Detailed Project Activity Area must total 100 % .	Activities
Required: Information regarding the Budget Details tab.	Budget Details