

# COUNTY of HIDALGO

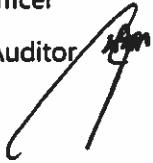


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## MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable J.E. "Eddie" Guerra, Sheriff  
Honorable Celestino Avila Jr., Constable Precinct 1  
Honorable Martin Cantu, Constable Precinct 2  
Honorable Lazaro Gallardo Jr., Constable Precinct 3  
Honorable Atanacio "J.R." Gaitan, Constable Precinct 4  
Honorable Norma G. Garcia, County Treasurer  
Mr. Valde Guerra, County Executive Officer

From: Raymundo Eufrazio, Hidalgo County Auditor 

Date: August 31, 2017

Subject: 16 Hour Rule for OPSG and LBSP

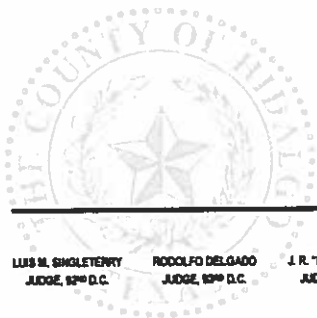
**Please ensure this memo is circulated to all individuals within your department that are responsible for grant management functions.**

We received notification on August 30, 2017, that the Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) posted an update to **General FAQs** on the eGrants website. The document covers topics such as the maximum number of overtime hours that will be reimbursed when worked in a 24-hour period (i.e. the 16-hour rule), Vehicle Operating Costs, and Equipment-related guidelines.

According to the new guidance, HSGD has determined that hours worked in excess of 16 (regular + overtime) are excessive and will only reimburse the grantee for OT that does not exceed a total of 16 hours (regular + overtime) during any 24 hour period. HSGD will process OPSG (Operation Stonegarden) and LBSP (Local Border Security Program) reimbursements within this limitation.

Please ensure that **effective immediately**, employees assigned to work overtime under the OPSG or LBSP grants are complying with the 16-hour rule. Any hours in excess of the 16 hours will not be paid out and will be banked.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact Deborah Fischer, Grants Accounting Supervisor, at (956) 318-2511 ext. 4670, Becky Luna, Director of Accounting, at ext. 4669, or me at ext. 4604.



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