

Program Narrative

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) intends to utilize monetary awards from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Association Grant Year 2023 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 \$6,197.40 to purchase 11 Ballistic Helmets, \$46,888.90 to purchase 1 ALERT Level 1 Training Kit, and \$5,895.00 to purchase 1 Negotiator Kit totaling \$58,981.30 .00

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 will be another layer of personal protective equipment to prevent serious injury or death. The ALERT training equipment and the Negotiator Kit will be vital tools to use to train our officers. The training will show our officers how to handle various dangerous situations, including Active Shootings and hostage negotiations.

Hidalgo County Judge
Richard F. Cortez