

# COUNTY of HIDALGO



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September 27, 2023

The Honorable Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge  
The Honorable David Fuentes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1  
The Honorable Eduardo Cantu, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2  
The Honorable Everardo Villarreal, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3  
The Honorable Ellie Torres, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

## RE: Certification of Revenue

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

Pursuant to Local Government Code § 111.0706 SPECIAL BUDGET FOR GRANT OR AID MONEY:

The county auditor shall certify to the commissioners court the receipt of all public or private grant or aid money that is available for disbursement in a fiscal year but not included in the budget for that fiscal year. On certification, the court shall adopt a special budget for the limited purpose of spending the grant or aid money for its intended purpose.

I, Linda Fong, Interim County Auditor of Hidalgo County, certify to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court the receipt of an award from the Texas Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grants Division. These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT  
\$1,878,718.00

PURPOSE  
Award No. 2024-BP-ST-0018 Border Prosecution Unit

CERTIFIED BY:

Linda Fong, CPFO  
Interim County Auditor

09/27/2023

Date

### HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES

LUIS M. SINGLETERRY JUDGE, 92<sup>ND</sup> D.C.    FERNANDO MANCIAS JUDGE, 93<sup>RD</sup> D.C.    J. R. "BOBBY" FLORES JUDGE, 139<sup>TH</sup> D.C.    ROSE GUERRA REYNA JUDGE, 206<sup>TH</sup> D.C.    MARLA CUELLAR JUDGE, 275<sup>TH</sup> D.C.    MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUDGE, 332<sup>ND</sup> D.C.    NOE GONZALEZ JUDGE, 370<sup>TH</sup> D.C. OVERSEER    LETICIA LOPEZ JUDGE, 389<sup>TH</sup> D.C.    L. KENO VASQUEZ JUDGE, 398<sup>TH</sup> D.C.    ISRAEL RAMON, JR. JUDGE, 430<sup>TH</sup> D.C.    RENEE R. BETANCOURT JUDGE, 449<sup>TH</sup> D.C.    JOSE "JOE" RAMIREZ JUDGE, 464<sup>TH</sup> D.C.    YSMAEL FONSECA JUDGE, 476<sup>TH</sup> D.C.

AI-92669

District Attorney 9.0.

**CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG**

**Meeting Date:** 10/03/2023

**Submitted For:** Ramiro Sendejo, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**Submitted By:** Ramiro Sendejo

**Department:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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**CAPTION**

DA - Border Prosecution Unit Grant (BPU) (1281):

1. Approval to accept the Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit Grant in the amount of \$1,878,718.00, effective 09/01/2023 through 08/31/2025.
2. Approval of certification of revenues as certified by the County Auditor for the FY 2024 Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit grant funds in the amount of \$1,878,718.00 and appropriation of the same.

**BACKGROUND**

Funding is provided by the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grant Division.

Approval to apply was granted by Commissioners Court on February 2, 2023, Agenda Item #89401 CC Regular.

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**Fiscal Impact**

**CALENDAR YEAR:** 2023

**ACCT. #:** 3-1281-412-00-080-012-4-XXX

**FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?:** Y

**MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:** N

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Appropriation of funds for the FY 2024 HSGD-Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) grant award in the amount of \$1,878,718.00, pending COR by Co. Auditor.

FY 2024 grant period is from 9.1.2023 to 8.31.2025; no cash match required.  
Revenue acct. #3-1281-334-10-080-012-4-000 HSGD-BPU-REVENUES.

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**Attachments**

Award Email  
Statement of Grant Award  
Budget  
COR Request Email  
appropriation-revised

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**Form Review**

**Inbox**  
Budget & Management

**Reviewed By**  
Veronica Ortiz

**Date**  
09/26/2023 03:51 PM

Ivan Cantu

Final Approval

Form Started By: Ramiro Sendejo

Ivan Cantu

09/27/2023 09:40 AM

Started On: 09/26/2023 02:02 PM



Javier Flores <javier.flores@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

**Certification of Revenue Request - Border Prosecution Unit Grant FY24**

1 message

**Ramiro Sendejo** <ramiro.sendejo@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Tue, Sep 26, 2023 at 3:43 PM

To: Javier Flores <javier.flores@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Minerva Diaz <minerva.diaz@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

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Good afternoon Javier,

Please process a Certification of Revenue in the total amount of \$1,878,718.00 for the FY 24 Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) effective 09/01/2023 thru 08/31/2025. Attached is the Award EMail and Statement of Grant Award.

Agenda Item #AI-92669 will be presented to Commissioners Court on October 3, 2023, requesting acceptance of these funds .

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank You,

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**Ramiro Sendejo**  
Accountant IV  
Office of Criminal District Attorney  
Hidalgo County, Texas  
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**2 attachments**

**EMAIL.pdf**  
251K

**SOGA.pdf**  
114K



## BUDGET

Personnel	1,824,001.83	a
Contractual and Professional Services	8,000.00	b
Travel and Training	20,000.00	c
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	26,716.17	d
	1,878,718.00	

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GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

Dear Grantee:

Congratulations on your award! To activate your agency's grant, the Authorized Official must log on to eGrants at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> and go to the 'My Home' tab. In the 'Pending Applications' section, locate the application with a 'Current Status' of "Pending AO Acceptance of Award". Click on the grant number and proceed to the 'Accept Award' tab. From this tab, click on the 'Accept' button. Grants must be accepted within 45 calendar days of the date the award was issued.

Be sure to review the Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities Memo for a quick overview of general items every grantee should be aware of. You can also find more detailed information on the eGrants website including helpful resources, links, and tools needed to properly administer Public Safety Office grants. The Guide to Grants, also on the website, contains answers to questions frequently asked by grantees.

If you have any questions regarding this award, feel free to contact your grant manager, whose name is referenced in the Statement of Grant Award or you may always contact our office via the eGrants Help Desk at [eGrants@gov.texas.gov](mailto:eGrants@gov.texas.gov).

We look forward to working with you to ensure the success of your program.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aimee Snoddy".

Aimee Snoddy  
Executive Director  
Public Safety Office

**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 Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) 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:

<b>Grant Number:</b>	2537811	<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$1,878,718.00
<b>Date Awarded:</b>	9/26/2023	<b>Grantee Cash Match:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Grant Period:</b>	09/01/2023 - 08/31/2025	<b>Grantee In Kind Match:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Liquidation Date:</b>	11/29/2025	<b>Grantee GPI:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Program Fund:</b>	BP-Border Prosecution Unit	<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$1,878,718.00
<b>Grantee Name:</b>	Hidalgo County		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Region 3-Border Prosecution Unit		
<b>Grant Manager:</b>	James Ziehl		
<b>Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):</b>	LHACK1UL6NR3		

<b>CFDA:</b>	N/A
<b>Federal Awarding Agency:</b>	N/A - State Funds
<b>Federal Award Date:</b>	N/A - State Funds
<b>Federal/State Award ID Number:</b>	2024-BP-ST-0018
<b>Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:</b>	\$16,781,460.50
<b>Pass Thru Entity Name:</b>	Texas Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD)
<b>Is the Award R&amp;D:</b>	No
<b>Federal/State Award Description:</b>	To support members of the Border Prosecution Unit in prosecuting border crime.