

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-Criminal Justice Division. These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT	PURPOSE
\$100,000.00	Grant No. 4430802 Forensic Evidence Testing Grant

CERTIFIED BY:



Linda Fong, CPFO

09/27/2023
Date

HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES

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

AI-92670

District Attorney

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 10/03/2023

Submitted For: Ramiro Sendejo, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Submitted By: Ramiro Sendejo

Department: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CAPTION

DA - Forensic Evidence Testing Grant (FET) (1281):

1. Approval to accept grant award in relation to the FY 2024 Forensic Evidence Testing grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Office of the Governor-Criminal Justice Division (OOG-CJD) for the period of September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, with authority for County Judge, as authorized official, to accept award electronically.
2. Approval of certification of revenues, as certified by the County Auditor, for the FY 2024 Forensic Evidence Testing grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 and appropriation of same.

BACKGROUND

AI-89092, CC 1-17-2023, Approval to apply for the FY 2024 Forensic Evidence Testing Grant

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2023

ACCT. #: 3-1281-412-00-080-024-4-831

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?: N

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Appropriation of funds for FY2024 Forensic Evidence Testing Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00, pending COR by Co. Auditor. Grant term, FY 2024 9-1-2023 to 8-31-2024; no county cash match required.

Revenue acct #3-1281-334-10-080-024-4-000 CJD FET REVENUE

Attachments

Award Email

Statement of Grant Award

Appropriations

Budget

Form Review

Inbox

(Originator)

Form Started By: Ramiro Sendejo

Reviewed By

Ramiro Sendejo

Date

09/26/2023 03:17 PM

Started On: 09/26/2023 03:17 PM



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.

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

Agency Name: Hidalgo County	Grant/App: 4430802	Start Date: 9/1/2023	
Project Title: Forensic Evidence Testing Grant	Status: Pending AO Acceptance of Award	End Date: 8/31/2024	Fund Source: FC-District Attorney Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant Program
Current Grant Manager: Madeline De Amaral	Current Program Manager: Alyssa Smith	Liquidation Date:	
	Original Award: \$0.00		
Current Budget: \$100,000.00	Current Award: \$0.00	CFDA: NONE	OOG Solicitation: FY2024 District Attorney Forensic Testing Program Announcement

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Grant Award Documents

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Congratulatory Letter
Responsibilities Memo

[Print Statement of Grant Award](#)

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:

Grant Number:	4430802	Award Amount:	\$100,000.00
Date Awarded:	9/26/2023	Grantee Cash Match:	\$0.00
Grant Period:	09/01/2023 - 08/31/2024	Grantee In Kind Match:	\$0.00
Liquidation Date:	11/29/2024	Grantee GPI:	\$0.00
Program Fund:	FC-District Attorney Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant Program	Total Project Cost:	\$100,000.00
Grantee Name:	Hidalgo County		
Project Title:	Forensic Evidence Testing Grant		
Grant Manager:	Madeline De Amaral		
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-FC-ST-0004
Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:	\$1,000,000.00
Pass Thru Entity Name:	Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division (CJD)
Is the Award R&D:	No
Federal/State Award Description:	N/A - State Funds

List of Application Errors and Incomplete Information

Item(s) that Need to be Resolved	Tab Name
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List of Post-Award Conditions of Funding and Other Fund-Specific Requirements

Condition of Funding / Project Requirement	Date Created	Date Met	Hold Project Funds	Hold Line Item Funds
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FORENSIC EVIDENCE TESTING GRANT

COURT COST AND INVESTIGATION	100,000.00
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Javier Flores <javier.flores@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Certification of Revenues Request - Forensic Evidence Testing Grant FY2024

1 message

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

Tue, Sep 26, 2023 at 3:42 PM

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Good afternoon Javier,

Please process a Certification of Revenue in the total amount of \$100,00.00 for the Forensic Evidence Testing Grant effective 09/01/2023 through 08/31/2024. Attached is the Award Email and Statement of Grant Award.

Agenda Item #AI-92670 will be presented to Commissioners Court requesting acceptance of these funds on October 3,2023.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank You,

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Ramiro Sendejo

Accountant IV

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2 attachments

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 **SOGA.pdf**
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