

# COUNTY of HIDALGO



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November 28, 2023

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

**RE: Certification of Revenue**

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

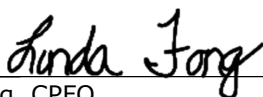
Pursuant to Local Government Code § 111.0706 SPECIAL BUDGET FOR GRANT OR AID MONEY:

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 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
\$ 98,313.56	Award No. 2431513 Hidalgo County Veterans Court

CERTIFIED BY:

  
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Linda Fong, CPFO  
Hidalgo County Auditor

11/21/2023  
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.



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## FY24 CJD grant revenue certification

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Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 4:04 PM

To: Rossana Schettino <rossana.schettino@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Dan Li <dan.li@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

I am hoping to submit agenda item #93279 for 11/28/23. Please certify the revenues for the following grants:

DWI Court - Grant #2413914

Veterans Court - Grant #2431513

Misd DWI Court - Grant #3623206

Mental Health Court - Grant #3848405

HC Youthful Offender Court - Grant #3813405

RSAT – Grant #2928009

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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 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>	2431513	<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$98,313.56
<b>Date Awarded:</b>	10/3/2023	<b>Grantee Cash Match:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Grant Period:</b>	09/01/2023 - 08/31/2024	<b>Grantee In Kind Match:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Liquidation Date:</b>	11/29/2024	<b>Grantee GPI:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Program Fund:</b>	DC-Specialty Courts Program	<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$98,313.56
<b>Grantee Name:</b>	Hidalgo County		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Veterans Court Program		
<b>Grant Manager:</b>	Nicole Caston		
<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-DC-ST-0012
<b>Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:</b>	\$2,000,000.00
<b>Pass Thru Entity Name:</b>	Texas Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division (CJD)
<b>Is the Award R&amp;D:</b>	No

**Federal/State  
Award  
Description:**

The purpose of the program is to support specialty courts as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporate the essential characteristics of: 1) Family Drug Court Programs from Chapter 122 of the Texas Government Code; 2) Drug Court Programs from Chapter 123 of the Texas Government Code; 3) Veterans Court Programs from Chapter 124 of the Texas Government Code; 4) Mental Health Court Programs from Chapter 125 of the Texas Government Code; or 5) Commercially Sexually Exploited Persons Court Programs from Chapter 126 of the Texas Government Code.

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**Agency Name:** Hidalgo County  
**Grant/App:** 2431513 **Start Date:** 9/1/2023 **End Date:** 8/31/2024

**Project Title:** Veterans Court Program  
**Status:** Active Grant

**Budget Details Information**  
**Budget Information by Budget Line Item:**

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Counselor and/or Therapist (licensed)	A Licensed Professional Counselor (Carina Leos) will provide intensive outpatient mental health treatment services for participants as supported by ASI (Addiction Severity Index) assessment and other mental health assessments. Services are individualized to the need of each participant, and intensity increases or decreases based on needs. Our current plan includes one counselor dedicated to providing these services to Veterans program participants. The department will look for the most suitable residential treatment	\$22,046.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,046.07	30

program when residential care is indicated. The treatment providers will work with the program participant to develop a treatment plan tailored to the participant's assets and needs. The participant will meet privately with the Licensed Professional Counselor, and the treatment plan will constantly be revisited based on the participant's progress. The Licensed Professional Counselor and the probation officer will provide ongoing progress reports to the Veterans Court program team, which will monitor the effectiveness of the treatment plan for each participant. The budget would cover 30% of the Employee's total Salary which would be \$16,377.00, Health Benefits - \$2,233.33, Life Benefit - \$8.04, FICA - \$1,252.84, Retirement Benefit - \$2,076.60, and

		<p>Unemployment Benefit -\$98.26, Totaling \$22,046.07. The total annual salary for the counselor is \$73,513.53 and includes Salary of \$54,590.00, Health Benefit of \$7,471.20, Life Benefit of \$26.64, FICA \$4,176.14, Retirement \$6,922.01, Unemployment \$327.54</p>						
Personnel	Probation Officer	<p>Probation Officer #1 (Esteban Del Bosque): The ultimate case management responsibility rests with the probation officer. The program case management is defined as a collaboration between the probation officer and the treatment provider. The probation officer and the treatment provider work closely with the Veterans Court team, meeting monthly to fully and holistically manage each case. Intensive mental health and substance abuse treatment services are provided through collaboration with the</p>	\$73,767.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$73,767.49	100

treatment provider. The probation officer oversees referral to all other services. Referral services may include education, employment, and job training services, health services, housing assistance, family counseling, mental health assessment, and any other available collateral services that may be required. Initially, the participant has weekly contact with the probation officer and appears weekly before the Judge in the Veterans Court. The frequency of meetings and monitoring intensity decreases as the participant advances through the program. The participant will meet with the probation officer no less than once monthly in the office, with visits as deemed necessary during each program phase. The participant's progress and adjustment to treatment,

supervision, and ability to comply with the court's requirements, reporting, and court appearances may be reduced as the participant progresses from one phase to the next. The probation officer will monitor participants between Veterans Court sessions. Working closely with the treatment provider and program participant, the probation officer will identify and address problems as they arise. Non-compliance with court-ordered conditions will require the probation officer to notify the Judge immediately and require an additional court appearance or revocation of bond or probation. Upon issuing an order for arrest, local law enforcement personnel will be contacted by the probation officer or the court to have the participant arrested. The budget amount would cover a

		employee's total annual salary of \$50,769.09, Health benefit of \$12,203.00, Life Benefit of \$22.20, FICA of \$3,883.84, Retirement Benefit of \$6,584.75, and Unemployment Benefit of \$304.61. Totaling \$73,767.49.							
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Project Supplies (e.g., binocular, battery, flexicuff, drug testing kit)	Purchase 500 Alcohol and Drug Testing kits @ \$5.00 each. Drug and alcohol tests will be used to monitor drug and alcohol use by random urinalysis.	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0	

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DATE: November 14, 2023  
 DEPARTMENT HEAD: Faustino Lopez, Executive Director  
 DEPARTMENT NAME: Adult Probation  
 PROGRAM: VETERANS COURT  
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 3-1289-423-00-320-033-4-XXX

SUBJECT: Budget Amendments (decrease/increase) in Accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, Subchapter C

Honorable Bobby Flores, Community Supervision & Corrections Department Overseer

I would like to request the following amendments (increases) to my department budget in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, Subchapter C.

INCREASE OBJECT NUMBER(S)	ACCOUNT (OBJECT) NAME	AMOUNT
3-1289-423-00-320-033-4-113	Veterans Court- Full-Time Employees	67,409.55
3-1289-423-00-320-033-4-211	Veterans Court- Health Insurance	14,070.80
3-1289-423-00-320-033-4-212	Veterans Court- Life Insurance	28.90
3-1289-423-00-320-033-4-220	Veterans Court- FICA	5,156.83
3-1289-423-00-320-033-4-230	Veterans Court- Retirement	8,743.02
3-1289-423-00-320-033-4-250	Veterans Court- Unemployment Compensation	404.46
3-1289-423-00-320-033-4-610	Veterans Court- General Supplies	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>98,313.56</b>
3-1289-334-10-320-033-4-000	Veterans Crt- Revenues	98,313.56
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>98,313.56</b>

**REASON:**

To setup the FY2024 Veterans Court Grant Budget #2431513 from 9/1/2023 to 8/31/2024.

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 Faustino Lopez, Director  
 Hidalgo County CSCD

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 Date

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 Linda Fong, CPFO  
 Interim County Auditor

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