

COUNTY of HIDALGO



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December 11, 2023

The Honorable Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge
The Honorable David L. 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 commissioner's 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, Letty Chavez, Hidalgo County Auditor, certify to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court the receipt of a partial appropriation from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT
\$250,000.00

PURPOSE
12PBJA-22RR-05191-SCAAP
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

CERTIFIED BY:



Letty Chavez
County Auditor

12/11/2023

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-93447

Sheriff's Office 9. B.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 12/12/2023

Submitted For: Steven Cortez, SHERIFF DEPT. **Submitted By:** Jose Rodriguez

Department: SHERIFF DEPT.

CAPTION

Sheriff's Office - FY 2022 SCAAP Grant (1284):

Approval of partial appropriation and certification of revenues, as certified by the County Auditor, for the FY 2022 SCAAP grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 from total award in the amount of \$911,208.00 for the purchase of 3 Fully Equipped Transport Vans for the Hidalgo County Jail.

BACKGROUND

AI-89898 CC 03/07/2023 Authorization to Apply for FY2022 SCAAP

AI-92374 CC 09/19/2023 Authorization to Accept FY2022 SCAAP

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2023

ACCT. #: 3-1284-423-00-280-042-2-XXX

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?: N

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Appropriation of funds (partial) for the Sheriff's Office FY 2022 SCAAP grant, pending certification of revenues by Co. Auditor. No cash match required.

Revenue Acct# *3-1284-331-11-280-042-2-000 FY2022 SCAAP Revenues*

Attachments

Appropriation
award package
COR Request Email

Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Budget & Management	Veronica Ortiz	12/05/2023 02:35 PM
Ivan Cantu	Ivan Cantu	12/07/2023 11:31 AM
Final Approval		
Form Started By: Jose Rodriguez		Started On: 12/04/2023 11:34 AM

APPROVED COMMISSIONERS' COURT

/ /
DATE

ATTEST COUNTY CLERK



Celeste Garza <celeste.garza@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Re: Certification of Revenues for AI-93447 CC 12/12/23

4 messages

Abraham Salazar Martinez <abraham.smartinez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>
To: Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgoso.org>
Cc: Celeste Garza <celeste.garza@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 10:53 AM

Good morning Mr. Rodriguez,

I noticed on the Agenda Item that such program belongs to Fund 1284, audited by Ms. Celeste Garza; she may be able to assist you in the processing of the Certification of Revenues.

Thank you and kind regards,

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Abraham Salazar Martinez
Accountant II - Grant Accounting Section
Hidalgo County Auditor's Office
[2808 S. Business HWY 281](#)
[Edinburg, TX 78539](#)
Phone (956) 318-2511 Ext. 4695
abraham.smartinez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.usOn Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 10:46 AM Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgoso.org> wrote:

Good morning Abraham,

Can you certify revenues for the FY22 SCAAP in the amount of \$250,000.00?

AI-93447 on CC meeting 12/12/23.

Respectfully,
Jose L Rodriguez
Program Manager I
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
jose.rodriguez@hidalgoso.org
956-393-6176

Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgoso.org>
To: Abraham Salazar Martinez <abraham.smartinez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>
Cc: Celeste Garza <celeste.garza@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 11:00 AM

I am so sorry. I forgot you are incharge of JAG not SCAAP.

Celeste, can you provide the COR for the email below?

Respectfully,
Jose L Rodriguez
Program Manager I
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
jose.rodriguez@hidalgoso.org
956-393-6176

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Rossana Schettino <rossana.schettino@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>
To: Celeste Garza <celeste.garza@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>
Cc: Isabel Rodriguez <isabel.rodriguez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Myra Montoya <myra.montoya@hidalgoso.org>, Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgoso.org>, Abraham Salazar Martinez <abraham.smartinez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 11:14 AM

Good Morning Celeste,

Can you please review the request below for AI-93447 CC 12/12/23 is for the FY22 SCAAP grant.

Thank you,

Rossana Schettino

Accountant IV

Hidalgo County Auditor's Office

2808 S. Business Hwy. 281

Edinburg, TX 78539

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Celeste Garza <celeste.garza@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 11:18 AM

To: Rossana Schettino <rossana.schettino@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Cc: Isabel Rodriguez <isabel.rodriguez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Myra Montoya <myra.montoya@hidalgoso.org>, Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgoso.org>, Abraham Salazar Martinez <abraham.smartinez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Good Morning,

I will review and provide the COR for AI-93447 FY22 SCAAP grant on 12/12.

[Quoted text hidden]

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Celeste Garza

Accountant II

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Department of Justice (DOJ)

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Washington, D.C. 20531

Name and Address of Recipient:	COUNTY OF HIDALGO 505 S. MCCOLL RD. SUITE G
City, State and Zip:	EDINBURG, TX 78539
Recipient UEI:	LHACK1UL6NR3
Project Title: Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office SCAAP FY2022	Award Number: 15PBJA-22-RR-05191-SCAA
Solicitation Title: BJA FY 2022 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	
Federal Award Amount: \$911,208.00	Federal Award Date: 8/30/23
Awarding Agency:	Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance
Funding Instrument Type:	Reimbursement
Opportunity Category: O	
Assistance Listing: 16.606 - State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	
Project Period Start Date: 7/1/20	Project Period End Date: 9/30/24
Budget Period Start Date: 7/1/20	Budget Period End Date: 9/30/24
Project Description:	

Award Letter

August 30, 2023

Dear Ricardo Cortez,

On behalf of Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has approved the application submitted by COUNTY OF HIDALGO for a Payment Award (non-grant) under the funding opportunity entitled 2022 BJA FY 2022 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. The approved payment amount is \$911,208.

Review the award instrument below carefully and familiarize yourself with all requirements before accepting your payment award. The award instrument includes the payment award offer and award acceptance. In connection with this payment award, references to the term "award" should be understood as this payment award.

Prior to accepting the award, your Entity Administrator must assign a Financial Manager, Grant Award Administrator, and Authorized Representative(s) in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants). The Entity Administrator will need to ensure the assigned Authorized Representative(s) is current and has the legal authority to accept awards and bind the entity to the award terms and conditions. To accept the award, the Authorized Representative(s) must accept all parts of the award offer in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants), including by executing the required declaration and certification, within 45 days from the award date.

To access your funds, you will need to enroll in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system, if you haven't already completed the enrollment process in ASAP. The Entity Administrator should have already received an email from ASAP to initiate this process.

Congratulations on your payment award.

Maureen Henneberg
Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Award Information

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the award instrument.

Recipient Information

Recipient Name

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

UEI

LHACK1UL6NR3

Street 1

505 S. MCCOLL RD.

Street 2

SUITE G

City

EDINBURG

State/U.S. Territory

Texas

Zip/Postal Code

78539

Country

United States

County/Parish

Province

Award Details

Payment Award Date

8/30/23

Award Type

Initial

Award Number

15PBJA-22-RR-05191-SCAA

Supplement Number

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Payment Award Amount

\$911,208.00

Funding Instrument Type

Reimbursement

Assistance Listing Number

16.606

Assistance Listings Program Title

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program

Statutory Authority

8 U.S.C. 1231(i); Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-103, 136 Stat. 49, 125)

I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the award instrument.

Award Conditions

This award is offered subject to the conditions or limitations set forth in the award instrument.

1

In accepting this award, the recipient declares and certifies, among other things, that it has current information in the System for Award Management, as indicated in 2 C.F.R. Part 25.

2

In accepting this award, the recipient declares and certifies, among other things, that any payment made will be used only for "correctional purposes," as required by 8 U.S.C. § 1231(i)(6).

I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the award instrument.

SCAAP Certifications

Applicant Government and Submitting Government Official

On behalf of myself and the applicant government, and in support of this application to the SCAAP program, I certify to OJP, under penalty of perjury, that the information on the applicant government and the submitting government official entered above as part of this online application to the SCAAP program is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, based upon diligent inquiry and review, and is provided in accordance with the requirements, definitions, and instructions set out in the "SCAAP Program Requirements and Application Instructions." I further certify that I have the legal authority to make this certification to OJP, including from the chief executive of the

applicant government.

I understand and acknowledge that OJP will rely upon this and all other certifications in this online application as material representations in any decision to make a SCAAP payment to the applicant government in response to this application.

I understand and acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the applicant "State" or "unit of local government" to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and §§ 3801-3812). I also understand and acknowledge that payments under OJP programs such as SCAAP, including certifications provided in connections with such payments, are subject to review by DOJ, including by OJP and the DOJ's Office of the Inspector General.

Information on "Eligible Inmates"

On behalf of myself and the applicant government, and in support of this application to the SCAAP program, I certify to OJP, under penalty of perjury, that the information on "eligible inmates" entered or uploaded as part of this online application to the SCAAP program (1) was determined and is reported here using due diligence, and in accordance with the requirements, definitions, and instructions set out in the SCAAP Program Requirements and Application Instructions," and (2) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, based upon diligent inquiry and review. I further certify that I have the legal authority to make this certification to OJP, including from the chief executive of the applicant government.

I understand and acknowledge that OJP will rely upon this certification as a material representation in making any SCAAP payment to the applicant government in response to this application and that this certification is subject to review by DOJ. I also understand that, if this certification is false or otherwise inaccurate or misleading (including because of omission of a material fact), both I and the applicant government may be subject to criminal prosecution, civil penalties, and/or administrative remedies, including as described in the certification in this online application as to the "Applicant Government and Submitting Government Official."

Information on "Correctional Officers" and "Facilities"

On behalf of myself and the applicant government, and in support of this application to the SCAAP program, I certify to OJP, under penalty of perjury, that the information on "correctional officers" and "correctional facilities" entered or uploaded as part of this online application to the SCAAP program (1) was determined and is reported here using due diligence, and in accordance with the requirements, definitions, and instructions set out in the "SCAAP Program Requirements and Application Instructions" and (2) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, based upon diligent inquiry and review. I further certify that I have the legal authority to make this certification to OJP, including from the chief executive of the applicant government.

I understand and acknowledge that OJP will rely upon this certification as a material representation in making any SCAAP payment to the applicant government in response to this application, and that this certification is subject to review by DOJ. I also understand that, if this certification is false or otherwise inaccurate or misleading (including because of omission of a material fact), both I and the applicant government may be subject to criminal prosecution, civil penalties, and/or administrative remedies, including as described in the certification in this online application as to the "Applicant Government and Submitting Government Official."

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the award instrument.

SCAAP Use Of Funds

In accepting this award, the recipient declares and certifies, among other things, that any payment made will be used only for "correctional purposes," as required by 8 U.S.C. § 1231(i)(6). Please select at least one of the options below to

indicate that payment will be used for one of the following allowable "correctional purposes."

Salaries for corrections officers

Overtime costs

Corrections work force

recruitment and retention

Construction of corrections

facilities

Training/education for offenders

Training for corrections officers

related to offender population

management

Consultants involved with

offender population

Medical and mental health

services

Vehicle rental/purchase for

transport of offenders

Prison industries

Pre-release/reentry programs

Technology involving offender

management/inter-agency

information sharing

Disaster preparedness

continuity of operations for

corrections facility

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I have read and understand the information presented in this section of the award instrument.

Award Acceptance

Declaration and Certification to the U.S. Department of Justice as to Acceptance

By checking the declaration and certification box below, I--

A. Declare to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), under penalty of perjury, that I have authority to make this declaration and certification on behalf of the applicant.

B. Certify to DOJ, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the following are true as of the date of this award acceptance: (1) I have conducted or there was conducted (including by applicant's legal counsel as appropriate and made available to me) a diligent review of all terms and conditions of, and all supporting materials submitted in connection with, this award, including any assurances and certifications (including anything submitted in connection therewith by a person on behalf of the applicant before, after, or at the time of the application submission and any materials that accompany this acceptance and certification); and

(2) I have the legal authority to accept this award on behalf of the applicant.

C. Accept this award on behalf of the applicant.

D. Declare the following to DOJ, under penalty of perjury, on behalf of myself and the applicant: (1) I understand that, in taking (or not taking) any action pursuant to this declaration and certification, DOJ will rely upon this declaration and certification as a material representation; and (2) I understand that any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent information or statement in this declaration and certification (or concealment or omission of a material fact as to either) may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies under the federal False Claims Act (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and/or §§ 3801-3812) or otherwise.

Agency Approval

Title of Approving Official	Name of Approving Official	Signed Date And Time
Deputy Assistant Attorney General	Maureen Henneberg	8/28/23 11:44 AM

Authorized Representative

Entity Acceptance

Title of Authorized Entity Official
Judge

Signed Date And Time

