

# COUNTY of HIDALGO



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December 07, 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, Letty Chavez, 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
\$1,314,333.03	Grant No. 2924306 Hidalgo County DA's Office-Victim Assistance Program

CERTIFIED BY:

  
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Letty Chavez,  
County Auditor

12/11/2023  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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-93532

District Attorney 9.0.

**CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG**

**Meeting Date:** 12/12/2023

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

**Submitted By:** Ramiro Sendejo

**Department:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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**CAPTION**

DA -Victim Assistance Program Grant (VAP) (1281):

1. Approval to accept the award for the FY 22 Hidalgo County DA's Office-Victim Assistance Program (VAP) grant #2924306 in the amount of \$1,314,333.03 from the Office of the Governor-Criminal Justice Division (OOG-CJD) for the period of 10-1-2023 through 9-30-2024 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 22 VAP grant in the amount of \$1,314,333.03 and appropriation of same.

**BACKGROUND**

Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime. Pass thru entity is the Office of the Governor-Criminal Justice Division.

AI-89088, CC 1-17-2023, Approval to apply

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**Fiscal Impact**

**CALENDAR YEAR:** 2023

**ACCT. #:** 3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-XXX

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

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

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

REVENUE ACCT #3-1281-331-12-080-017-2-000 CJB VAP REVENUES

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**Attachments**

STATEMENT OF GRANT AWARD  
CONGRATULATORY LETTER  
APPROPRIATION  
BUDGET

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**Form Review**

**Inbox**

Budget & Management  
Ivan Cantu

**Reviewed By**

Veronica Ortiz

**Date**

12/07/2023 01:54 PM

Final Approval

Form Started By: Ramiro Sendejo

Started On: 12/07/2023 11:57 AM

**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>	2924306	<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$1,314,333.03
<b>Date Awarded:</b>	12/7/2023	<b>Grantee Cash Match:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Grant Period:</b>	10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024	<b>Grantee In Kind Match:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Liquidation Date:</b>	12/29/2024	<b>Grantee GPI:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Program Fund:</b>	VA-Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program	<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$1,314,333.03
<b>Grantee Name:</b>	Hidalgo County		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Hidalgo County DA's Office-Victim Assistance Program		
<b>Grant Manager:</b>	Brandi Barba		
<b>Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):</b>	LHACK1UL6NR3		

<b>CFDA:</b>	16.575 - Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program
<b>Federal Awarding Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime
<b>Federal Award Date:</b>	8/25/2022
<b>Federal/State Award ID Number:</b>	15POVC-22-GG-00807-ASSI
<b>Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:</b>	\$124,379,369.00
<b>Pass Thru Entity Name:</b>	Texas Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division (CJD)
<b>Is the Award R&amp;D:</b>	No
<b>Federal/State Award Description:</b>	This grant award provides funds from the Crime Victims Fund to enhance crime victim services in the State. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance funds are typically competitively awarded by the State to local community-based organizations that provide direct services to crime victims

DATE: December 7, 2023

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Toribio Palacios, Criminal District Attorney

DEPARTMENT NAME: District Attorney's Office

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-XXX VAP

Contact Person: Ramiro Sendejo Ph# 292-7604



**SUBJECT:** Budget Amendments (increase (decrease)) in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, § 111.070, Item C (2).

Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County:

I would like to request the following Budget Amendments (increase (decrease)) in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, § 111.070, Item C (2).

INCREASE ACCOUNT NUMBER(S)	ACCOUNT (OBJECT) NAME		AMOUNT
		893,117.97	
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-113	CJD-VAP Regular F/T Employees		\$893,117.97
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-115	CJD-VAP Longevity Pay		\$1,500.00
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-117	CJD-VAP Supplemental Pay		\$1,228.69
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-118	CJD-VAP Auto Allowance	+ 1,500.00	\$900.00
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-211	CJD-VAP Health Insurance	+ 1,228.69	\$209,232.19
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-212	CJD-VAP Life Insurance	+ 900.00	\$1,483.06
		+ 209,232.19	
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-220	CJD-VAP FICA		\$68,606.56
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-230	CJD-VAP Retirement		\$118,883.65
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-250	CJD-VAP Unemployment Compensation	+ 1,483.06	\$5,380.91
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-336	CJD-VAP Computer Service	+ 68,606.56	\$6,000.00
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-583	CJD-VAP Travel Out of County	+ 118,883.65	\$3,000.00
3-1281-412-00-080-017-2-610	CJD-VAP General Supplies	+ 5,380.91	\$5,000.00
		+ 3,000.00	
		+ 6,000.00	
		+ 5,000.00	
3-1281-331-12-080-017-2-000	CJD-VAP Revenue	1,314,333.03	\$1,314,333.03
<b>TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE (DECREASE)</b>			<b>\$1,314,333.03</b>

**REASON:** To appropriate the Fiscal Year 22 Victim Assistance Program (VAP). Funding provided by the Office of the Governor (OOG) from October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024.

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

APPROVED COMMISSIONERS' COURT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST COUNTY CLERK



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

**VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**  
**GRANT #2924306**

	<b>BUDGET</b>
Salaries & Fringes	1,300,333.03
Supplies and Operating Expenses	11,000.00
Travel & Training	3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,314,333.03</b>

113	893,117.97
115	1,500.00
117	1,228.69
118	900.00
211	209,232.19
212	1,483.06
220	68,606.56
230	118,883.65
250	5,380.91
	<u>1,300,333.03</u>
583	3,000.00
	<u>3,000.00</u>
336	6,000.00
610	5,000.00
	<u>11,000.00</u>



Javier Flores &lt;javier.flores@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;

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**Request for Certification of Revenues - Victim Assistance Program Grant**

1 message

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

Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 1:52 PM

To: Javier Flores &lt;javier.flores@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;, Minerva Diaz &lt;minerva.diaz@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;, Rosalinda Cantu &lt;rosalinda.cantu@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;, Obdett Calzada-Aguillon &lt;obdett.calzada@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;, Sylvia Solis &lt;sylvia.solis@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;, "cantu, ivan" &lt;ivan.cantu@co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;

Good afternoon Javier,

Please process a Certification of Revenue in the total amount of \$1,314,333.03 for the Hidalgo County DA's Office-Victim Assistance Program (VAP) Grant effective 10/01/2023 thru 09/30/2024. Attached is the Award Letter and Statement of Grant Award.

Currently Item #AI-93532 has been placed on the Commissioners' Court agenda for acceptance of these funds on December 19, 2022.

However, an email has been sent to the Executive Office requesting that this item be moved to the December 12th meeting. (Please see attached)

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank You,

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**Ramiro Sendejo**

Accountant IV

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**3 attachments****PSO-SOGA\_CongratulatoryLetter\_2021-09-01 (6).pdf**

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**SOGA.pdf**

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**December 12th meeting.pdf**

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