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October 02, 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, 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 (HSGD). These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT
\$73,000.00

PURPOSE
HC Constable Pct#4 Local Border Security Program (LBSP FY2024)
Award No. 2998409

CERTIFIED BY:

Linda Fong, CPFO
Interim County Auditor

10/02/2023

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-92733

Constable Pct. #4 12. B.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 10/03/2023

Submitted For: Atanacio Gaitan, CONSTABLE
PCT. #4

Submitted By: Christopher Barrera

Department: CONSTABLE PCT. #4

CAPTION

Constable Pct.4 - FY 2024 Local Border Security Program (LBSP)

1. Authorization and approval to accept grant award in relation to the FY 2024 Local Border Security Program (LBSP) in the amount of \$73,000.00 from the Office of the Governor -Homeland Security Grant Division (OOG-HSGD) for the period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023 with authority for County Judge, as authorized official, to accept award electronically. August 31, 2024
2. Authorization to pay overtime reimbursement under the grant terms and conditions.
3. Approval of certification of revenues, as certified by ht Auditors, for the FY2024 Local Border Security Program (LBSP) Grant in the amount of \$73,000.00 and appropriation of the same.

BACKGROUND

On 02/02/2023 through AI# 89274, the commissioner's court approved the acceptance to apply for the FY 2024 Local Border Security Program Grant. Grant No. 3002109
Grant Period from 09/1/2023 to 08/31/2024

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR:

ACCT. #:

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?:

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Appropriation of funds for Constable Pct.4, FY2024 (9.1.2023 to 8.31.2024) LBSP grant in the amount of \$73,000.00, pending COR by CO. Auditors. No county cash match required.

Revenue acct # 3-1284-334-10-294-080-4-000 CONST PCT4 2024 LBSP-REVENUES

Attachments

COR EMAIL REQUEST

Grantee Conditions and Responsibilities

SOGA LBSP

Award Letter

OT Policy

appropriation-revised

Form Review

Inbox

Reviewed By

Date

Final Approval

Monica Salinas

09/29/2023 05:08 PM

Form Started By: Christopher Barrera

Started On: 09/29/2023 04:11 PM

Final Approval Date: 09/29/2023



Christopher Barrera <christopher.rbarrera@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

FY24 Local Border Security Program Certification of Revenues

1 message

Christopher Barrera <christopher.rbarrera@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 9:26 AM

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

Cc: Horaldo Sanchez <horaldo.sanchez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Romeo Peña <romeo.pena@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Morning

I am respectfully requesting a certification of revenues for the Hidalgo County Constable Pct.4 portion of the Local Border security Grant in the amount of \$73,000.00. We are requesting approval to accept and appropriate grant funds under grant awarded.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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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.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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:

Grant Number:	2998409	Award Amount:	\$73,000.00
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:	BL-Local Border Security Program (LBSP)	Total Project Cost:	\$73,000.00
Grantee Name:	Hidalgo County		
Project Title:	Local Border Security Program-Constable PCT4		
Grant Manager:	Lynne Crow		
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-BL-ST-0016
Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:	\$5,100,000.00
Pass Thru Entity Name:	Texas Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD)
Is the Award R&D:	No
Federal/State Award Description:	Grants for local law enforcement agencies to support Operation Border Star. The grant funds may also support the humane processing of remains of undocumented migrants, when



Office of the Governor

Public Safety Office

Homeland Security Grants Division
Fund Specific Grant Conditions

Homeland Security Grant Program

FFY 2022 Award

September 2022

About This Document

In this document, grantees (also referred to as subrecipients) will find fund specific federal requirements and conditions applicable to the grant award administered by the Office of the Governor (OOG). These requirements and conditions are incorporated into the Grant Agreement accepted by a grant's Authorized Official.

These requirements are in addition to those that can be found on the eGrants system – including the Grant Application and Grant Award – or in documents identified there, to which grantees agreed when applying for and accepting the grant. Other state and federal requirements and conditions may apply to your grant, 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; 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; for federal funding, the Funding Announcement or Solicitation under which OOG was awarded funds; and any applicable documents referenced in the documents listed above. For grants awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), all Information Bulletins and Policies published by the FEMA Grants Program Directorate apply. OOG reserves the right to add additional responsibilities and requirements, with or without advance notice to the grantee.

Any rights or privileges reserved or attributed to the federal awarding agency are also reserved or attributed to OOG, which may exercise them at its discretion.

It is important for grantees to review all of these policies to successfully manage their grant, maintain eligibility for funding, and avoid violating the terms of the Grant Agreement, any of which could result in the revocation of funding or other actions.

For clarification or further information, please see the Guide to Grants and other support materials at <http://eGrants.Gov.Texas.Gov> or contact the grant manager assigned to the relevant grant. If no grant manager has been assigned, please contact the eGrants help desk via email at: eGrants@gov.texas.gov, or via telephone at: (512) 463-1919 or dial 7-1-1 for relay services.

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Article I. DHS Standard Terms and Conditions Generally

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions apply to all new federal financial assistance awards funded in FY 2022. These terms and conditions flow down to subrecipients unless an award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. The United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of these obligations. All legislation and digital resources are referenced with no digital links. The FY 2022 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions will be housed on dhs.gov at www.dhs.gov/publication/fy15-dhs-standard-terms-and-conditions.

Article II. General Acknowledgements and Assurances

All recipients, subrecipients, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

1. Recipients must cooperate with any DHS compliance reviews or compliance investigations conducted by DHS.
2. Recipients must give DHS access to, and the right to examine and copy, records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities or personnel.
3. Recipients must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.
4. Recipients must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

Article III. Acknowledgement of Federal Funding from DHS

Recipients and subrecipients must acknowledge their use of federal funding when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposal, bid invitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

Article IV. Activities Conducted Abroad

Recipients and subrecipients must ensure that project activities carried on outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

Article V. Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination

Section 5.01 Limited English Proficiency (Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI)

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.) prohibition against discrimination on the basis of national origin, which requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services. For additional assistance and information regarding language access obligations, please refer to the DHS Recipient Guidance <https://www.dhs.gov/guidance-published-help-department-supported-organizations-provide-meaningful-access-people-limited> and additional resources on <http://www.lep.gov>.

Section 5.02 *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Pub. L. No. 101-336 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101-12213), which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities.

Section 5.03 *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112 (1973) (codified as amended at 29 U.S.C. Section 794), as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Section 5.04 *Age Discrimination Act of 1975*

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 , Pub. L. No. 94-135 (1975) (codified as amended at Title 42 U.S. Code, Section 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Section 5.05 *Civil Rights Act of 1964 – Title VI*

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations for the Act are found at 6 C.F.R. Part 21 and 44 C.F.R. Part 7.

Section 5.06 *Civil Rights Act of 1968*

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Pub. L. No. 90-284, as amended through Pub. L. 113-4, which prohibits recipients from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (see 42 U.S.C. Section 3601 et seq.), as implemented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units-i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)-be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. (See 24 C.F.R. Section 100, Subpart D)

Section 5.07 *Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations*

It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other

applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

Section 5.08 *Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Opportunity in Education Act) – Title IX*

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Pub. L. No. 92-318 (1972) (codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. Section 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at 6 C.F.R. Part 17 and 44 C.F.R. Part 19.

Article VI. Best Practices for Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information

Recipients and subrecipients who collect personally identifiable information (PII) are required to have a publicly available privacy policy that describes standards on the usage and maintenance of PII they collect. DHS defines PII as any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual. Recipients may also find the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: Privacy Guidance and Privacy Templates as useful resources respectively.

Article VII. Copyrights

Recipients and subrecipients must affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. Sections 401 or 402 and an acknowledgement of U.S. Government sponsorship (including the award number) to any work first produced under federal financial assistance awards.

Article VIII. Debarment and Suspension

Recipients and subrecipients are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders (E.O.) 12549 and 12689, and 2 C.F.R. Part 180 as adopted by DHS at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000. These regulations restrict federal financial assistance awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs or activities.

Article IX. Duplication of Benefit

Any cost allocable to a particular federal financial assistance award provided for in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E may not be charged to other federal financial assistance awards to overcome fund deficiencies, to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or federal financial assistance award terms and conditions, or for other reasons. However, these prohibitions would not preclude recipients from shifting costs that are allowable under two or more awards in accordance with existing federal statutes, regulations, or the federal financial assistance award terms and conditions.

Article X. Energy Policy and Conservation Act

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Pub. L. No. 94-163 (1975) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Section 6201 et seq.) which contain

policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

Article XI. False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of The False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. Section 3729-3733) which prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the federal government. (See 31 U.S.C. Section 3801-3812 which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made.)

Article XII. Federal Debt

Recipients and subrecipients are required to be non-delinquent in their repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. (See OMB Circular A-129.)

Article XIII. Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving

All recipients and subrecipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in E.O. 13513, including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the federal government.

Article XIV. Fly America Act of 1974

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. Section 41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. Section 40118) and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981 amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

Article XV. Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990

Recipients and subrecipients must ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the fire prevention and control guidelines of the Section 6 of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990, 15 U.S.C. section 2225a.

Article XVI. John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act

Recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors and subcontractors are subject to the prohibitions described in section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and 2 C.F.R. sections 200.216, 200.327, 200.471, and Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Beginning August 13, 2020, the statute - as it applies to DHS recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors and subcontractors - prohibits obligating or expending federal award funds on certain telecommunications and video surveillance products and contracting with certain entities for national security reasons.

Article XVII. Lobbying Prohibition

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with 31 U.S.C. Section 1352, which provides that none of the funds provided under an federal financial assistance award may be expended by the recipient to pay any person to influence, or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any federal action related to a federal award or contract, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification.

Article XVIII. National Environmental Policy Act

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Pub. L. No. 91-190 (1970) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. section 4321 et seq.) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which requires recipients to use all practicable means within their authority, and consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to create and maintain conditions under which people and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.

Article XIX. Non-Supplanting Requirement

Recipients and subrecipients receiving federal financial assistance awards made under programs that prohibit supplanting by law must ensure that federal funds do not replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-federal sources.

Article XX. Notice of Funding Opportunity

All of the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions. All recipients and subrecipients must comply with any such requirements set forth in the federal program NOFO.

Article XXI. Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

Recipients and subrecipients are subject to the Bayh-Dole Act, 35 U.S.C. section 200, unless otherwise provided by law. Recipients are subject to the specific requirements governing the development, reporting, and disposition of rights to inventions and patents resulting from federal financial assistance awards located at 37 C.F.R. Part 401 and the standard patent rights clause located at 37 C.F.R. Section 401.14.

Article XXII. Procurement of Recovered Materials

States, political subdivisions of states, and their contractors (or subrecipients) must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. section 6962). The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.

Article XXIII. Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA), which was enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Sections 70901-70927, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (2021); and Executive Order 14005, Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers. See also Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Memorandum M-22-11, Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure.

Recipients and subrecipients of federal financial assistance programs for infrastructure are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

1. all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States--this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
2. all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States--this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
3. all construction materials are manufactured in the United States--this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project, but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

Waivers

When necessary, recipients may apply for, and the agency may grant, a waiver from these requirements.

When the federal agency has made a determination that one of the following exceptions applies, the awarding official may waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference in any case in which the agency determines that:

1. applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest;
2. the types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or
3. the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

A request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference must be in writing. The agency will provide instructions on the format, contents, and supporting materials required for any waiver request. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days and must be reviewed by the OMB Made in America Office. There may be instances where an award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing waiver described. For awards by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), existing waivers are available and the waiver process is described at ["Buy America" Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure | FEMA.gov](#). For awards by other DHS components, please contact the applicable DHS FAO.

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Article II. General Acknowledgements and Assurances

All recipients, subrecipients, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

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2. Recipients must give DHS access to, and the right to examine and copy, records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities or personnel.
3. Recipients must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.
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Article III. Acknowledgement of Federal Funding from DHS

Recipients and subrecipients must acknowledge their use of federal funding when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposal, bid invitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

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Recipients and subrecipients must ensure that project activities carried on outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

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Section 5.01 Limited English Proficiency (Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI)

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.) prohibition against discrimination on the basis of national origin, which requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services. For additional assistance and information regarding language access obligations, please refer to the DHS Recipient Guidance <https://www.dhs.gov/guidance-published-help-department-supported-organizations-provide-meaningful-access-people-limited> and additional resources on <http://www.lep.gov>.

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Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Pub. L. No. 101-336 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101-12213), which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities.

Section 5.03 *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112 (1973) (codified as amended at 29 U.S.C. Section 794), as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

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Section 5.07 *Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations*

It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other

applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

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Article VII. Copyrights

Recipients and subrecipients must affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. Sections 401 or 402 and an acknowledgement of U.S. Government sponsorship (including the award number) to any work first produced under federal financial assistance awards.

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Recipients and subrecipients are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders (E.O.) 12549 and 12689, and 2 C.F.R. Part 180 as adopted by DHS at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000. These regulations restrict federal financial assistance awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs or activities.

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Any cost allocable to a particular federal financial assistance award provided for in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E may not be charged to other federal financial assistance awards to overcome fund deficiencies, to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or federal financial assistance award terms and conditions, or for other reasons. However, these prohibitions would not preclude recipients from shifting costs that are allowable under two or more awards in accordance with existing federal statutes, regulations, or the federal financial assistance award terms and conditions.

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policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

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All of the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions. All recipients and subrecipients must comply with any such requirements set forth in the federal program NOFO.

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States, political subdivisions of states, and their contractors (or subrecipients) must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. section 6962). The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.

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Article XXXII. Disposition of Equipment

For purposes of original or replacement equipment acquired under this award by a non-state recipient or non-state subrecipients, when that equipment is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by a federal awarding agency, the state must request instructions from FEMA to make proper disposition of the equipment pursuant to 2 C.F.R. section 200.313. State recipients and state subrecipients must follow the disposition requirements in accordance with state laws and procedures. Subrecipients should contact PSO for instructions.

Article XXXIII. Homeland Security Grant Program Performance Goal

Recipients and subrecipients must demonstrate how the grant-funded project addressed the core capability gap associated with this project and identified in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis (THIRA) or Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) or sustains existing capabilities as applicable. The capability gap reduction must be addressed in the Project Description for each project.

Article XXXIV. Operation Stonegarden Program Hold

The subrecipient is prohibited from drawing down Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) funding provided through this award until each unique, specific or modified county level, tribal or equivalent Operations Order or Fragmentary Order (Frago) has been reviewed by FEMA/GPD and Customs and Border Protection/United State Border Patrol (CBP/USBP). PSO will receive the official notification of approval from FEMA/GPD and then notify the subrecipient.

Article XXXV. Operation Stonegarden Program Performance Goal

Recipients and subrecipients must demonstrate how the grant-funded project addressed the core capability gap associated with this project and identified in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis (THIRA) or Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) or sustains existing capabilities as applicable. The capability gap reduction or capability sustainment must be addressed in the Project Description for each project.

Article XXXVI. National Incident Management System (NIMS)

During the performance period of this Grant, the subrecipient must implement the NIMS in a manner consistent with the NIMS Implementation Objectives outlined by FEMA at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/nims/implementation-training>. As subrecipients of Federal preparedness (non-disaster) grant awards, jurisdictions and organizations must achieve or be actively working to achieve all of the NIMS Implementation Objectives.