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February 14, 2025

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 an award 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
\$547,067.00

PURPOSE
15PBJA-24-RR-05914-SCAA
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

CERTIFIED BY:



Letty Chavez
County Auditor

2/14/2025

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. JUAN R. ALVAREZ JUDGE, 332ND D.C. NOE GONZALEZ JUDGE, 370TH D.C. LETICIA LOPEZ JUDGE, 389TH D.C. L. KENO VASQUEZ JUDGE, 398TH D.C. ORLANDO ESQUIVEL JUDGE, 430TH D.C. RENEE R. BETANCOURT JUDGE, 449TH D.C. JOSE "JOE" RAMIREZ JUDGE, 464TH D.C. NEREIDA LOPEZ-SINGLETERRY JUDGE, 476TH D.C.

AI-98264

Sheriff's Office 18. B.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 02/18/2025

Submitted For: Rocky Serna, SHERIFF DEPT.

Submitted By: Jose Rodriguez

Department: SHERIFF DEPT.

CAPTION

Sheriff's Office - SCAAP FY24 Acceptance:

1. Authorization and approval to accept the FY 2024 (07-01-2022 to 12-31-2025) State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant award in the amount of \$547,067.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs (DOJ-OJP) with authority for Co. Judge as authorized official to sign required documents.
2. Approval of appropriation and certification of revenues, as certified by the County Auditor, for the FY 2024 SCAAP grant in the amount of \$547,067.00.

BACKGROUND

AI-95732 CC 06/20/2024 Authorization to Apply

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2025

ACCT. #: 5-1284-423-00-280-042-4-XXX

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?: N

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Revenue Acct# 5-1284-331-11-280-042-4-000 FY2024 SCAAP Revenues

Attachments

Award Package

COR Request

AI-98264 Appropriation

Form Review

Inbox

Budget & Management

Final Approval

Form Started By: Jose Rodriguez

Reviewed By

Veronica Ortiz

Date

02/03/2025 03:51 PM

Started On: 02/02/2025 11:22 AM

DATE: February 18, 2025

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Hidalgo County Sheriff J.E. Eddie Guerra

2025
Appropriation
AI-98264



DEPARTMENT NAME: Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 5-1284-423-00-280-042-4-XXX

Contact Person: Jose Rodriguez Ph# 956-393-6176

SUBJECT: Appropriations of Funds (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 Appropriations of Funds (increase (decrease)) in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, § 111.070, Item C (2).

INCREASE ACCOUNT NUMBER(S)	ACCOUNT (OBJECT) NAME	AMOUNT
5-1284-423-00-280-042-4-751	FY24 SCAAP - MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	\$547,067.00
5-1284-331-11-280-042-4-000	FY24 SCAAP REVENUES	\$547,067.00
TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE (DECREASE)		\$547,067.00

REASON: To appropriate funds for the SCAAP FY 2024 grant.

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

APPROVED COMMISSIONERS' COURT

DATE

ATTEST COUNTY CLERK



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 FY2025	Award Number: 15PBJA-24-RR-05914-SCAA
Solicitation Title: BJA FY24 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	
Federal Award Amount: \$547,067.00	Federal Award Date: 1/16/25
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: 7/1/22	Project Period End Date: 12/31/25
Budget Period Start Date: 7/1/22	Budget Period End Date: 12/31/25
Project Description:	

Award Letter

January 16, 2025

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 2024 BJA FY24 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. The approved payment amount is \$547,067.

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.

Brent J. Cohen
Acting 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

no value

Province

no value

Award Details

Payment Award Date

1/16/25

Award Type

Initial

Award Number

15PBJA-24-RR-05914-SCAA

Supplement Number

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Payment Award Amount

\$547,067.00

Funding Instrument Type

Reimbursement

Assistance Listing Number	Assistance Listings Program Title
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16.606	State Criminal Alien Assistance Program
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Statutory Authority

8 U.S.C. 1231(i) and 1365. Department of Justice Appropriations Act 2024 (Pub. L. No. 118-42, 138 Stat. 25, 147)

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.

Condition 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.

Condition 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 SCAAP application, 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 SCAAP application 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 solicitation under which this application is submitted for funding. 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 SCAAP application, I certify to OJP, under penalty of perjury, that the information on "eligible inmates" entered or uploaded as part of this online SCAAP application (1) was determined and is reported here using due diligence, and in accordance with the requirements, definitions, and instructions set out in the SCAAP solicitation under which this application is submitted for funding, 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 SCAAP application, 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 SCAAP application (1) was determined and is reported here using due diligence, and in accordance with the requirements, definitions, and instructions set out in the SCAAP solicitation under which this application is submitted for funding, 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."

[] *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."

no Salaries for corrections officers
value

no Overtime costs

value

no Corrections work force
value recruitment and retention

no Construction of corrections
value facilities

no Training/education for offenders
value

no Training for corrections officers
value related to offender population
management

no Consultants involved with
value offender population

no Medical and mental health
value services

no Vehicle rental/purchase for
value transport of offenders

no Prison industries
value

no Pre-release/reentry programs
value

no Technology involving offender
value management/inter-agency
information sharing

no Disaster preparedness
value continuity of operations for
corrections facility

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
Acting Assistant Attorney General	Brent J. Cohen	1/13/25 5:50 PM

Authorized Representative

[] no value

Entity Acceptance

Title of Authorized Entity Official

no value

Signed Date And Time

no value



Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgoso.org>

AI- SCAAP FY24 Certification of Revenues

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Sun, Feb 2, 2025 at 11:52 AM

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Can you please prepare the COR for the SCAAP FY24 grant in the amount of \$ \$547,067.00 ? The agenda item is on the CC meeting of 02/18/26 under AI-98264

Respectfully,
Jose L Rodriguez
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