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April 10, 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 Texas Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT
\$115,000.00

PURPOSE
Grant Number: 3174710
Federal/State Award ID: EMW-2024-SS-05096
Operation Stone Garden Program (OPSG CPCT1) FY24

CERTIFIED BY:



Letty Chavez
County Auditor

4/14/2025

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. RENE R. BETANCOURT JUDGE, 449TH D.C. JOSE "JOE" RAMIREZ JUDGE, 464TH D.C. NEREIDA LOPEZ-SINGLETERRY JUDGE, 476TH D.C.

AI-98964

Constable Pct. #1 19. A.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 04/15/2025

Submitted For: Constable Celestino Avila, Jr., CONSTABLE PCT. #1

Submitted By: Joe Espinoza

Department: CONSTABLE PCT. #1

CAPTION

Constable Pct. 1 - Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) (1284):

1. Authorization and approval to accept grant award from the Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grants Division (OOG-HSGD) in relation to the FY 2024 (3-1-2025 to 2-28-2026) Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) in the amount of \$115,000.00 with authority for County Judge, as authorized official, to accept award electronically.
2. Authorization to pay overtime reimbursable under the grant terms and conditions.
3. Approval of certification of revenues, as certified by the County Auditor, for the FY 2024 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) in the amount of \$115,000.00 and appropriation of the same.

BACKGROUND

AI-98247/CC 2-4-2025. Approval to apply for FY 2024 OPSG grant renewal. Grant period 3-1-2025 to 2-28-2026. Grant # 3174710

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2025

ACCT. #: 5-1284-421-00-291-047-4-XXX

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Appropriation of funds for the Constable Pct.1 FY24 OPSG in the amount of \$115,000.00, pending COR by Co. Auditor. No county cash match required.

Attachments

- Overtime Policy
- Award Letter
- SOGA
- Appropriation
- COR request

Form Review

Inbox

Budget & Management

Final Approval

Form Started By: Joe Espinoza

Reviewed By

Veronica Ortiz

Date

04/07/2025 09:48 AM

Started On: 04/01/2025 02:21 PM



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 blue ink 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:	3174710	Award Amount:	\$115,000.00
Date Awarded:	3/31/2025	Grantee Cash Match:	\$0.00
Grant Period:	03/01/2025 - 02/28/2026	Grantee In Kind Match:	\$0.00
Liquidation Date:	05/29/2026	Grantee GPI:	\$0.00
Program Fund:	HS-Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)	Total Project Cost:	\$115,000.00
Grantee Name:	Hidalgo County		
Project Title:	Hidalgo-2024 OPSG-Constable PCT1		
Grant Manager:	Darryl Sanders		
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	LHACK1UL6NR3		

CFDA:	97.067 - Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
Federal Awarding Agency:	U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Award Date:	9/19/2024
Federal/State Award ID Number:	EMW-2024-SS-05096

**Total Federal
Award/State
Funds**

\$92,871,592.00

Appropriated:

**Pass Thru Entity
Name:**

Texas Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD)

**Is the Award
R&D:**

No

**Federal/State
Award
Description:**

The purpose of the HSGP is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. The HSGP provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 31 core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. The building, sustainment, and delivery of these core capabilities are not exclusive to any single level of government, organization, or community, but rather, require the combined effort of the whole community.

DATE: April 7, 2025

2024
Appropriation



DEPARTMENT HEAD: Celestino Avila Jr

DEPARTMENT NAME: Hidalgo County Constable Pct. 1

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 5-1284-421--00-291-001-~~001~~-xxx ⁰⁴⁷⁻⁴ ICR

Contact Person: Joe F. Espinosa Ph#: 956-447-3775

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
5-1284-421-00-291-047-4-131	CONST PCT 1 2024 OPSG	Overtime Pay	\$64,364.09
5-1284-421-00-291-047-4-220	CONST PCT 1 2024 OPSG	FICA	\$4,923.85
5-1284-421-00-291-047-4-230	CONST PCT 1 2024 OPSG	RETIREMENT	\$9,918.51
5-1284-421-00-291-047-4-250	CONST PCT 1 2024 OPSG	UNEMPLOYMENT/COMP	\$96.55
5-1284-421-00-291-047-4-751	CONT PCT 1 2024 OPSG	MACHINERY & EQUIP	\$35,697.00
⁰⁰⁰ 5-1284-331-12-291-047-4-XXX	CONST PCT 1 2024 OPSG	REVENUES	\$115,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE (DECREASE)			

REASON: Appropriation of funds for the FY 2024 OPSG grant for CONST PCT 1. Grant period is from 03/01/2025 - 02/28/2026. Grant ~~covers overtime and FICA~~ only. Grant # 3174710.
Grant does not cover health and life fringes.

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

APPROVED COMMISSIONERS' COURT

DATE

ATTEST COUNTY CLERK