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September 23, 2025

The Honorable Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge
The Honorable David 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, County Auditor of Hidalgo County, certify to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court the receipt of an award from the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT
\$19,372.00

PURPOSE
DEA TASK FORCE OFFICER-OVERTIME FY26

CERTIFIED BY:



Letty Chavez

SIGN HERE

9/22/2025

Date

HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES



Javier Flores <javier.flores@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Fwd: FY26 HIDTA DEA COR Request

Ashley Escalante <ashley.escalante@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>
To: Javier Flores <javier.flores@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 8:24 AM

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By Maria.Munoz at 2:03 pm, Sep 22, 2025

Please see below.

Thank you,

Ashley Escalante
Accountant II
Hidalgo County Auditor's Office
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Edinburg, Texas 78539
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From: **Rosie Gonzalez** <rgonzalez@hidtaskforce.us>
Date: Tue, Sep 16, 2025 at 11:11 AM
Subject: FY26 HIDTA DEA COR Request
To: Ashley Escalante <ashley.escalante@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>
Cc: Minerva Diaz <minerva.diaz@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Good morning Ashley,

Can you please certify revenues for FY26 HIDTA-DEA in the amount of \$19,372.00. ✓

AI-100858 on CC meeting on 09/23/2025.

Respectfully,

Rosie Gonzalez

Division Manager II
Hidalgo County
H.I.D.T.A. Task Force
P.O. Box 5719
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AI-100858 ✓

HIDTA - Task Force 7. A.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 09/23/2025 ✓

Submitted For: Maria Del Rosario Gonzalez, HIDTA

Submitted By: Maria Del Rosario Gonzalez

Department: HIDTA

CAPTION

DEA Task Force Officer (1281): ✓

- ✓ 1. Authorization to pay overtime reimbursable under the DEA and Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office agreement terms and conditions.
- ✓ 2. Approval of certification of revenues as certified by the County Auditor for the FY 2026 DEA and Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office agreement in the amount of \$19,372.00 and appropriation of same.
- ✓ 3. Authorization and approval to pay straight time instead of banking extra duty hours from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 to DEA TFO assigned from Hidalgo County DA's Office, Employee # 208485 from DA's Chp 59 Fund 1223.

BACKGROUND

Funding is for the period of 10/01/2025 to 9/30/2026 ✓ for FY 2026 ✓

DEA and Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office agreement as approved by CC on 11/28/2023; AI-93335. ✓

Auditors Office to complete and attach Certification of Revenues.

Expenses relating to fringe benefits for the overtime hours are to be charged to the Crim DA Budget (Account#5-1100-412-00-080-002-0-XXX)

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2026 ✓

ACCT. #: 5-1281-421-00-080-027-6-131 ✓✓

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y ✓

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?: N ✓

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Funds to be available 10/1/25-9/30/26.

Attachments

COR request

Appropriation

FY26 DEA TFO - revised ✓

Form Review

Inbox

Budget & Management

Final Approval

Form Started By: Maria Del Rosario Gonzalez

Final Approval Date: 09/17/2025

Reviewed By

Veronica Ortiz

Monica Salinas

Date

09/16/2025 01:37 PM

09/17/2025 04:33 PM

Started On: 09/16/2025 10:31 AM

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By Maria.Munoz at 1:24 pm, Sep 22, 2025

DATE: #####

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Toribio "Terry" Palacios, Criminal District Attorney

DEPARTMENT NAME: District Attorney's Office / HIDTA DEA OVERTIME FY2024

ACCOUNT NUMBER: Expenditure - 1281-421-00-080-027-6-131 AI-100858

SUBJECT: Budget Amendments (Increases) in Accordance with V.A.C.S., Articles 689a-11, 1666a and 1666b



Honorable Commissioner's Court of Hidalgo County:

I would like to request the following amendments (increases) to my departmental budget in accordance with V.A.C.S., Pursuant to Article 689a-11, 1666a, 1666b:

INCREASE OBJECT NUMBER(S)	ACCOUNT (OBJECT) NAME	INCREASE (DECREASE)
5-1281-421-00-080-027-6- [✓] _✓	131 DEA Task Force Officer-Overtime	\$ 19,372.00 ✓
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 19,372.00 ✓
5-1281-331-12-080-027-6- [✓] _✓	000 DEA Task Force Officer-Federal Revenues	\$ 19,372.00 ✓
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 19,372.00 ✓

Reason: To appropriate budget for the overtime hours for investigator assigned to DEA. ✓

Funding period is October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. ✓

Note: Expenses relating to fringe benefits for the overtime hours are to be charged to the Crim DA Budget (Account#5-1100-412-00-080-002-0-XXX) ✓

Straight time to be paid from DA's Chp 59 Acct (Acct# 5-1223-412-00-080-007-0-113) ✓

APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONER'S COURT

____/____/____
DATE

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

ATTEST BY COUNTY CLERK

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HIDTA STATE AND LOCAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENT

This agreement is made this 1st day of November 2023, between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter "DEA"), and the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office (hereinafter "parent agency"), ORI Number TX108015A. The DEA is authorized to enter into this cooperative agreement concerning the use and abuse of controlled substances under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 873.

Whereas there is evidence that trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs exists in the McAllen, Texas area and that such illegal activity has a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the people of Texas, the parties hereto agree to the following:

1. The McAllen Task Force will perform the activities and duties described below:
 - a. disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the McAllen, Texas area by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations;
 - b. gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs; and
 - c. conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigation in order that the Task Force's activities will result in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the State of Texas.
2. To accomplish the objectives of the McAllen Task Force, the parent agency agrees to detail one experienced officer(s) to the McAllen Task Force for a period of not less than two years. During this period of assignment, the assigned parent agency officer(s) will be under the direct supervision and control of DEA supervisory personnel assigned to the Task Force.
3. The parent agency officer(s) assigned to the Task Force shall adhere to all DEA policies and procedures. Failure to adhere to DEA policies and procedures shall be grounds for dismissal from the Task Force.
4. The parent agency officer(s) assigned to the Task Force shall be deputized as Task Force Officer(s) of DEA pursuant to 21 USC 878.
5. To accomplish the objectives of the McAllen Task Force, DEA will assign 32 Special Agents to the Task Force. The parties to this agreement understand that financial reimbursement to participating organizations is subject to the budgeting, administrative and managerial decisions of the HIDTA Executive Board as well as the availability of HIDTA funding (from whatever source). Subject to this planning and budgeting guidance, HIDTA will provide funding to support the activities of DEA Special Agents, parent agency officer(s), and other specified employees (if any). This support will include: office space, office supplies, travel funds, funds for the purchase of evidence and information, investigative equipment, training and other support items.

6. During the period of assignment to the McAllen Task Force, the parent agency will remain responsible for establishing the salary and benefits, including overtime, of the officers assigned to the Task Force, and for making all payments due them. HIDTA will, subject to availability of annually appropriated funds, may reimburse the parent agency for overtime payments. Annual overtime for each parent agency officer is capped at the equivalent to 25% of the salary of a GS-12, step 1, of the general pay scale for the rest of the United States. Reimbursement for all types of qualified expenses shall be contingent upon availability of funds and submission of a proper request for reimbursement which shall be submitted monthly or quarterly on a fiscal year basis, and which provides the names of the parent agency officer(s) who incurred overtime for DEA during invoiced period, the number of overtime hours incurred, the hourly regular and overtime rates in effect for each parent agency officer(s), and the total cost for the invoiced period. The parent agency will bill overtime as it is performed and no later than 60 days after the end of each quarter in which the overtime is performed. *Note: Task Force Officer's overtime "shall not include any costs for benefits, such as retirement, FICA, and other expenses."*

7. In no event will the parent agency charge any indirect cost rate to DEA for the administration or implementation of this agreement.

8. The parent agency shall maintain on a current basis complete and accurate records and accounts of all obligations and expenditures of funds under this agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and instructions provided by DEA to facilitate on-site inspection and auditing of such records and accounts.

9. The parent agency shall permit and have readily available for examination and auditing by DEA, the United States Department of Justice, the Comptroller General of the United States and any of their duly authorized agents and representatives, any and all records, documents, accounts, invoices, receipts or expenditures relating to this agreement. The parent agency shall maintain all such reports and records until all litigation, claim, audits and examinations are completed and resolved or for a period of six (6) years after termination of this agreement, whichever is later.

10. The parent agency shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the regulations of the United States Department of Justice implementing those laws, 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subparts C, F, G, H and I.

11. The parent agency agrees that an authorized officer(s) or employee will execute and return to DEA the attached OJP Form 4061/6, Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements. The parent agency acknowledges that this agreement will not take effect and no federal funds will be awarded to the parent agency by DEA until the completed certification is received.

12. When issuing statements, press releases requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing programs or projects funded in whole or part with federal money, the parent agency shall clearly state: (1) percentage of the total cost of the program or project which will be financed with federal money and (2) the dollar amount of federal funds for the program or project.



e19 - Request for Goods and Services

Form Title: OVERTIME HIDTA TFO [REDACTED]

Requested Funding: HIDTA

Contracting Officer's Representative:

Acquisition Forecast Tool:

ITJA Number:

SCRM:

UFMS Document Number: DNO D-26-HO-0016

Conference Code:

Case Number:

GDEP:

DOJ Reporting Category: Law Enforcement purchases supporting mission operations and core functions

Requestor Information

Requestor: BERNARDO X ANZALDUA JR.

Phone: 571-387-2052

Organization: HIDTA TASK FORCE GROUP 1 (MC ALLEN)

Alternate POC: NILSA A ESCOBAR

Phone: 571-387-2016

Organization: MC ALLEN, TX DISTRICT OFFICE

Justification/Summary Description

Justification

OVERTIME HIDTA TFO [REDACTED] FY-2025-FY-2026 - McAllen HIDTA has not gone up. The current amount is \$19,372.00
OVERTIME FOR TFO [REDACTED] OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Summary Description

OVERTIME HIDTA TFO [REDACTED] FY-2025-FY-2026 - McAllen HIDTA has not gone up. The current amount is \$19,372.00
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Funding

Funding Group Name: HOUSTON DIVISION (HO)

Will this be incrementally funded? Yes No

Reference Contract BPA

Will this request reference an existing Contract or BPA? Yes No

Important Date

Delivery Date:

Period of Performance Start Date: 10/01/2025

End Date: 09/30/2026

Delivery Address

Name: LYDIA E MARTINEZ

GroupName: HOUSTON DIVISION (HO)

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By Maria.Munoz at 1:43 pm, Sep 22, 2025

HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE													Total:		\$19,372.00	\$19,372.00
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Funding

UFMS Title: FY 2026 SLOT HIDALGO COUNTY DA, MCALLEN,

The System determined document type to be created in UFMS is: DNC The Fiscal changed document type to be created in UFMS is: DNO

Default Document Prefix: D-25-HO Fiscal Updated Document Prefix: D-26-HO

User Selected or System Defaulted Vendor:

Vendor Code	Address Code	Cage Code	UEI	Vendor Name
746000717	103110834	48X93	LHACK1UL6NR3	COUNTY OF HIDALGO

SOC	BBFY	EBFY	FUND	ORG2	ORG4	PROG	PROJ	ACTY	SSOC	UD3	UD4	ORG5	POP Start Date	POP End Date	AGREE#	LINE#	TOTAL
25205	2025	2026	S2H	OM	6460901	DOM-G2	HOFM	FLS	OT	OM019	RURR	6460901	10/01/2025	09/30/2026			\$19,372.00

Attachments	
File Name	
Hidalgo County District Attorney OFFICE FY-2026.pdf	
DEA481 [REDACTED]-2026.pdf	

Funded Amount	\$19,372.00
Requested Amount	\$19,372.00

Approval History				
Name	Action	Stop	Date	Comment
UFMS	Processed	UFMS	08/21/2025 09:35 AM	
MIGUEL A MADRIGAL	Approved	Authorizer	08/21/2025 09:35 AM	
MARCOS CARDOZA	Approved	Fiscal	08/20/2025 10:05 AM	
ROBERT E CASTANEDA	Approved	Supervisor	08/07/2025 11:38 AM	
BERNARDO X ANZALDUA JR.	Submitted	Requestor	08/07/2025 11:12 AM	
LYDIA E MARTINEZ	Submitted	Initiator	08/07/2025 09:38 AM	
MARCOS CARDOZA	Rejected	Fiscal	08/07/2025 09:26 AM	1. Using the drop-down list, select the DOJ Reporting Category. 2. Enter a Justification that supports both the chosen category and the necessity of the purchase.
ROBERT E CASTANEDA	Approved	Supervisor	07/28/2025 11:49 AM	

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