



# HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

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10/14/2025

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, 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

PURPOSE

\$250,000.00

Grant Number: 5439701  
State Award ID: 2026-BD-ST-0001  
Operation Lone Star Program (OLS HCSO) FY26

CERTIFIED BY:

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LETTY CHAVEZ  
COUNTY AUDITOR

10/8/2025

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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-101082

Sheriff's Office 14. A.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 10/14/2025

Submitted For: Michael Ochoa, SHERIFF DEPT.

Submitted By: Jose Rodriguez

Department: SHERIFF DEPT.

**CAPTION**

**Sheriff's Office — Operation Lone Star FY26 Acceptance**

1. Authorization and approval to accept a grant award from the Office of the Governor — Homeland Security Grant Division in relation to the OLS FY 2026 grant (09/01/25 - 08/31/26) in the amount of \$250,000.00 with the authority of 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 Co. Auditor, for the OLS FY 2026 in the amount of \$250,000.00 and appropriation of same.
4. Approval and authorization for budget adjustment from Detention Officers to Investigators to be performed once the grant is fully accepted.

**BACKGROUND**

AI-98213 CC 02/04/25 Authorization and Approval to Apply for FY26 OLS



**Fiscal Impact**

**CALENDAR YEAR:** 2025

**ACCT. #:** 5-1284-421-00-280-110-6-XXX

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

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

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

No Cash Match

Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the OLS FY26 grant (09/01/2025–08/31/26)

Grant does not cover health and life insurance. Health and Life Insurance is to be charged to the Sheriff's Office G/F Account.

Rev. Account # 5-1284-334-10-280-110-6-000

**Attachments**

- Responsibility Memo
- SOGA
- Congratulatory Letter
- COR Request
- 2026 OLS Appropriation

**Form Review**

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Budget & Management	Melannie Rivera	10/03/2025 03:52 PM
Final Approval		
Form Started By: Jose Rodriguez		Started On: 10/02/2025 04:32 PM

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**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>	5439701 ✓	<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$250,000.00 ✓
<b>Date Awarded:</b>	9/29/2025	<b>Grantee Cash Match:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Grant Period:</b>	09/01/2025 - 08/31/2026 ✓	<b>Grantee In Kind Match:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Liquidation Date:</b>	11/29/2026	<b>Grantee GPI:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Program Fund:</b>	BD-Operation Lone Star Grant Program	<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$250,000.00
<b>Grantee Name:</b>	Hidalgo County		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Operation Lone Star - FY2026 Sheriff's Office		
<b>Grant Manager:</b>	Heinrich Kritzinger		
<b>Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):</b>	Q4RQHZQE2TK1		
<b>CFDA:</b>	N/A		
<b>Federal Awarding Agency:</b>	N/A - State Funds		
<b>Federal Award Date:</b>	N/A - State Funds		
<b>Federal/State Award ID Number:</b>	2026-BD-ST-0001		
<b>Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:</b>	\$55,100,000.00 ✓		
<b>Pass Thru Entity Name:</b>	Texas Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD)		
<b>Is the Award R&amp;D:</b>	No		

**Federal/State Award  
Description:**

The purpose of the program is to enhance interagency border security operations supporting Operation Lone Star including the facilitation of directed actions to deter and interdict criminal activity. Program participants shall assist in the execution of coordinated border security operations.



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

DATE: October 2, 2025

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

**2025**  
**Appropriation**  
**AI-101082**



DEPARTMENT NAME: Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 5-1284-421-00-280-110-6-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
5-1284-421-00-280-110-6-131	HCSO 2026 OLS -	Overtime Pay	\$203,456.00
5-1284-421-00-280-110-6-220	HCSO 2026 OLS -	FICA	15,564.38
5-1284-421-00-280-110-6-230	HCSO 2026 OLS -	Retirement	30,674.38
5-1284-421-00-280-110-6-250	HCSO 2026 OLS -	Unemploment/Comp	305.24
5-1284-334-10-280-110-6-000	HCSO 2026 OLS -	REVENUES	\$250,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE (DECREASE)</b>			<b>\$250,000.00</b>

**REASON:** Appropriation of funds for the FY 2026 OLS grant for Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office. Grant period is from 09/01/2025 - 08/31/2026. Grant does not cover Health & Life insurance. Grant 5439701 The other fringes associated with overtime expense are to be charged to the HCSO G/F budget, acct # 5-1100-421-00-280-001-0-XXX

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

APPROVED COMMISSIONERS' COURT

DATE

ATTEST COUNTY CLERK



Bryan Garcia <bryan.sgarcia@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

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**OLS FY26 COR**

1 message

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**Jose Rodriguez** <jose.rodriguez@hidalgo.org>

Mon, Oct 6, 2025 at 11:39 AM

To: Bryan Garcia <bryan.sgarcia@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Cc: Myra Montoya <myra.montoya@hidalgo.org>, Isabel Rodriguez <isabel.rodriguez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Rossana Schettino <rossana.schettino@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Good afternoon,



Can you please prepare a COR for OLS FY26 for a total of \$250,000.00?

AI-101082 CC meeting on 10/14/2025.

Respectfully,  
Jose L Rodriguez  
Program Manager I  
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office  
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