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December, 2025

The Honorable Richard 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 commissioners' 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 Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division. These funds may now be made available by Creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT  
\$170,405.29

PURPOSE  
Award No. 3813407  
Hidalgo County Youthful Offender Court Program

CERTIFIED BY:

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Letty Chavez  
Hidalgo County Auditor

12/16/2025  
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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-101820

Adult Probation 30. A.

**CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG**

**Meeting Date:** 12/16/2025

**Submitted For:** Maria Castilleja, ADULT  
PROBATION

**Submitted By:** Maria Castilleja

**Department:** ADULT PROBATION

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**CAPTION**

DWI Court Grant (1289)

1. Approval to accept the FY2026 DWI Court grant from the Office of Governor (Criminal Justice Division) in the amount of \$160,264.07 for the grant period of 9/1/2025 thru 8/31/2026.
2. Approval of certification of revenues, as certified by the Co. Auditor, for the FY2026 DWI Court Grant in the amount of \$160,264.07 an appropriation of the same.

Veterans Court Grant (1289)

1. Approval to accept the FY2026 Veterans Court grant from the Office of Governor (Criminal Justice Division) in the amount of \$113,795.97 for the grant period of 9/1/2025 thru 8/31/2026.
2. Approval of certification of revenues as approved by the County Auditor's Office for the FY2026 Veterans Court Grant in the amount of \$113,795.97 and appropriation of the same.

MISD DWI Court Grant (1289)

1. Approval to accept the FY2026 Misdemeanor DWI Court grant from the Office of Governor (Criminal Justice Division) in the amount of \$173,571.19 for the grant period of 9/1/2025 thru 8/31/2026.
2. Approval of certification of revenues, as certified by the Co. Auditor, for the FY2026 MISD DWI Court Grant in the amount of \$173,571.19 and appropriation of the same.

Mental Health Court Grant (1289)

1. Approval to accept the FY2026 Mental Health Court grant from the Office of Governor (Criminal Justice Division) in the amount of \$176,548.16 for the grant period of 9/1/2025 thru 8/31/2026.
2. Approval of certification of revenues, as certified by the Co. Auditor, for the FY2026 Mental Health Court Grant in the amount of \$176,548.16 and appropriation of the same.

Youthful Offender Court Grant (1289)

1. Approval to accept the FY2026 Youthful Offender Court grant from the Office of Governor (Criminal Justice Division) in the amount of \$170,405.29 for the grant period of 9/1/2025 thru 8/31/2026.
2. Approval of certification of revenues, as certified by the Co. Auditor, for the FY2026 Youthful Offender Court Grant in the amount of \$170,405.29 and appropriation of the same.

Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Court Grant (1289)

1. Approval to accept the FY2026 Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Court grant from the Office of Governor (Criminal Justice Division) in the amount of \$126,997.51 for the grant period of 10/1/2025 thru 6/30/2026.
2. Approval of certification of revenues, as certified by the Co. Auditor, for the FY2026 Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Court Grant in the amount of \$126,997.51 and appropriation of the same

**BACKGROUND**

Agenda Item 98137 1/28/25 Approval to apply for FY26 CJD Adult Probation grant renewals and approval of resolution for each grant. DWI Court–Grant #2413916, Veterans Court–Grant #2431515, Misd DWI Court–Grant #3623208, Mental Health Court–Grant #3848407 Youthful Offender Court–Grant #3813407, Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Court – Grant #5088302

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Attachments**

DWI grant award  
DWI approved budget  
DWI appropriation  
Veterants award stmt  
Veterans approved budget  
Veterans appropriation  
MDWI award stmt  
Mental Health award stmt  
Mental Health approved budget  
Mental Health appropriation  
Youthful Offender award stmt  
Youthful Offender approved budget  
Youthful Offender appropriation  
Misd Domestic Violence award stmt  
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Misd Domestic Violence appropriation  
request to certify revenues  
MDWI appropriation  
MDWI approved budget

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**Form Review**

<b>Inbox</b>	<b>Reviewed By</b>	<b>Date</b>
Budget & Management	Veronica Ortiz	12/09/2025 05:20 PM
Final Approval		
Form Started By: Maria Castilleja		Started On: 12/09/2025 04:21 PM

## 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>	3813407	<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$170,405.29
<b>Date Awarded:</b>	11/7/2025	<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>	DC-Specialty Courts Program	<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$170,405.29
<b>Grantee Name:</b>	Hidalgo County		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Youthful Offender Court		
<b>Grant Manager:</b>	Jeni Morales		
<b>Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):</b>	LHACK1UL6NR3		

<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-DC-ST-0012
<b>Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:</b>	\$15,000,000.00

**Pass Thru Entity Name:** Texas Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division (CJD)

**Is the Award R&D:** No

**Federal/State Award Description:**

The purpose of the program is to support specialty courts as defined in Chapter 121 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporate the essential characteristics of: 1) Family Drug Court Programs from Chapter 122 of the Texas Government Code; 2) Drug Court Programs from Chapter 123 of the Texas Government Code; 3) Veterans Court Programs from Chapter 124 of the Texas Government Code; 4) Mental Health Court Programs from Chapter 125 of the Texas Government Code; 5) Commercially Sexually Exploited Persons Court Programs from Chapter 126 of the Texas Government Code; 6) Public Safety Employees Treatment Court Programs from Chapter 129 of the Texas Government Code; or 7) Juvenile Family Drug Court Programs from Chapter 130 of the Texas Government Code.

**Agency Name:** Hidalgo County  
**Grant/App:** 3813407 **Start Date:** 9/1/2025 **End Date:** 8/31/2026

**Project Title:** Youthful Offender Court  
**Status:** Active Grant

**Budget Details Information**  
**Budget Information by Budget Line Item:**

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Probation Officer	<p>Probation Officer #1 (Sandra Segundo): The ultimate responsibility for case management rests with the probation officer. Case management is defined as a collaboration between the probation officer and the treatment provider. The probation officer and the treatment provider work closely with the Youthful Offender Court team fully and holistically manage each case. Intensive substance abuse treatment services are provided through collaboration with the treatment provider. The probation officer oversees the referral to and provision of all other services. These referrals may include education, employment, and job training services; health services; housing assistance; family counseling; mental health assessment; and any other available collateral services that may be required. Initially, the participant has weekly contact with the probation officer and appears bi-monthly before the Youthful Offender Court Judge. The frequency of meetings and monitoring intensity decreases as the participant advances</p>	\$85,179.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,179.67	100

through the program. The participant will meet with the probation officer no less than once monthly in the office, with visits as deemed necessary during each program phase. The participant's progress, adjustment to treatment and supervision, and ability to comply with the court's requirements, reporting, and court appearances may be reduced as the participant progresses from one phase to the next. The probation officer will monitor participants between Youthful Offender Court sessions. Working closely with the treatment provider and program participant, the probation officer will identify and address problems as they arise. Non-compliance with court-ordered conditions will require the probation officer to notify the Judge immediately and require an additional court appearance or revocation of bond or probation. Upon issuing an order for arrest, local law enforcement personnel will be contacted by the probation officer or the court to have the participant arrested. The probation officer also provides cognitive-behavioral intervention services. Individuals participate and enroll in the Thinking For A Change curriculum or Decision Points curriculum instructed by the probation officer. The probation officer will utilize this integrated cognitive approach to change negative behavior. The curriculum identifies lecture topics and major points to be discussed and

		includes when appropriate, participants' homework assignments and role-play. The program focuses on cognitive restructuring and emphasizes critical social skills, which support the cognitive restructuring process. All cognitive interventions require a significant level of participation from those in attendance. The budget amount would cover a Salary of \$60,986.00, Health benefit of \$10,347.60, Life Benefit of \$26.64, FICA of \$4,665.43, Retirement Benefit of \$8,788.08, and Unemployment Benefit of \$365.92 totaling \$85,179.67.						
Personnel	Probation Officer	Probation Officer #2 (Jay Vela): The ultimate responsibility for case management rests with the probation officer. Case management is defined as a collaboration between the probation officer and the treatment provider. The probation officer and the treatment provider work closely with the Youthful Offender Court team to manage each case fully and holistically. Intensive substance abuse treatment services are provided through collaboration with the treatment provider. The probation officer oversees the referral to and provision of all other services. The referrals may include education, employment, and job training services; health services; housing assistance; family counseling; mental health assessment; and any other available collateral services that may be required. Initially, the	\$70,064.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70,064.25	100

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Personnel	Probation Officer	<p>Probation Officer #3 (Edith Cantu): The ultimate responsibility for case management rests with the probation officer. Case management is defined as a collaboration between the probation officer and the treatment provider. The probation officer and the treatment provider work closely with the Youthful Offender Court team to manage each case fully and holistically. Intensive substance abuse treatment services are provided through collaboration with the treatment provider. The probation officer oversees the referral to and provision of all other services. The referrals may include education,</p>	\$10,161.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,161.37	100

employment, and job training services; health services; housing assistance; family counseling; mental health assessment; and any other available collateral services that may be required. Initially, the participant has weekly contact with the probation officer and appears bi-monthly before the Youthful Offender Court Judge. The frequency of meetings and monitoring intensity decreases as the participant advances through the program. The participant will meet with the probation officer no less than once per month in the office, with visits as deemed necessary during each program phase. Based upon the participant's progress, adjustment to treatment and supervision, and ability to comply with the court's requirements, reporting and court appearances may be reduced as the participant progresses from one phase to the next. The probation officer will monitor participants between Youthful Offender Court sessions. Working closely with the treatment provider and program participant, the probation officer will identify and address problems as they arise. Non-compliance with court-ordered conditions will require the probation officer to notify the Judge immediately and require an additional court appearance or revocation of bond or probation. Upon issuing an order for arrest, local law enforcement personnel will be contacted by the probation

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Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Office Supplies (e.g., paper, postage, calculator)	<p>Purchase paper used to create Youthful Offender Court Program pamphlets, program booklets for participants to keep track of all program appointments, and status reports for the court during weekly staffing. Case files folders and office supplies will be purchased. Office supplies include, copy paper, staples, paperclips, pens,</p>	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0

		copy toners, and case folders.							
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Project Supplies (e.g., binocular, battery, flexicuff, drug testing kit)	Purchase 500 Alcohol and Drug Testing kits @ \$5.00 each. Drug and alcohol tests will be used to monitor drug and alcohol use by random urinalysis.	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0	

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DATE: December 5, 2025  
 DEPARTMENT HEAD: Faustino Lopez, Executive Director  
 DEPARTMENT NAME: Adult Probation  
 PROGRAM: Hidalgo County Youthful Offender Court  
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 5-1289-423-00-320-051-6-XXX

SUBJECT: Budget Amendments (decrease/increase) in Accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, Subchapter C

Honorable Bobby Flores, Community Supervision & Corrections Department Overseer

I would like to request the following amendments (increases) to my department budget in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, Subchapter C.

INCREASE OBJECT NUMBER(S)	ACCOUNT (OBJECT) NAME	AMOUNT
5-1289-423-00-320-051-6-113	Youthful Offender Court Full-Time Employees	122,875.06
5-1289-423-00-320-051-6-211	Youthful Offender Court Health Insurance	14,409.04
5-1289-423-00-320-051-6-212	Youthful Offender Court Life Insurance	44.24
5-1289-423-00-320-051-6-220	Youthful Offender Court FICA	9,399.94
5-1289-423-00-320-051-6-230	Youthful Offender Court Retirement	17,939.76
5-1289-423-00-320-051-6-250	Youthful Offender Court Unemployment Compensation	737.25
5-1289-423-00-320-051-6-339	HC Youthful Offender Court Other Professional Services	0.00
5-1289-423-00-320-051-6-583	HC Youthful Offender Court Out of County Employee Travel	0.00
5-1289-423-00-320-051-6-610	Youthful Offender Court General Supplies	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>170,405.29</b>
5-1289-334-10-320-051-6-000	Youthful Offender Crt- Revenue	170,405.29
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>170,405.29</b>

**REASON:**

To setup the FY2026 Hidalgo County Youthful Offender Court Grant #3813407 budget from 09/01/2025 to 8/31/2026.

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 Faustino Lopez, Director  
 Hidalgo County CSCD

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 Leticia Chavez  
 Hidalgo County Auditor

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 Date

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Karmina Martinez &lt;karmina.martinez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us&gt;

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**CJD FY26 grants**

1 message

**Rosario Ramirez-Castilleja** <rosario.castilleja@hidalgocountycscd.org>Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 5:14  
PMTo: Rossana Schettino <rossana.schettino@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Karmina Martinez  
<karmina.martinez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Please certify the revenues for our CJD grants. I have created agenda item 101820

DWI Court–Grant #2413916, Veterans Court–Grant #2431515, Misd DWI Court–Grant #3623208, Mental Health Court–Grant #3848407 Youthful Offender Court–Grant #3813407, Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Court – Grant #5088302

*Rosario Ramirez-Castilleja**Hidalgo County CSCD**Budget/ Fiscal Director**P.O. Box 970**Edinburg, TX 78540**956.587.6009**Fax 956.318.2488*

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