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March 03, 2026

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 additional 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	PURPOSE
\$22,804.00	Grant# 3174709 Federal/State Award ID: EMW-2023-SS-00025 Operation Stone Garden Program (FRAGO) FY23

CERTIFIED BY:



LETTY CHAVEZ
COUNTY AUDITOR

3/2/2026

DATE

HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES

AI-102497

Constable Pct. #1 18.0.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 03/03/2026

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

Submitted By: Joe Espinoza

Department: CONSTABLE PCT. #1



CAPTION

Constable Pct.1 OPSG FY23 Additional Funding Appropriation:

1. Authorization and approval to accept additional funds for OPSG FY23 grant # 3174709 in the amount of \$22,804.00. Additional funds are provided through a FRAG Order and are allowed up to 4/30/2026.
2. Approval of Certification of Revenues, as certified by the Co. Auditor, for the FY23 OPSG in the amount of \$22,804.00 and appropriation of the same.

BACKGROUND

Grant #3174709 OPSG FY23

End Date: 04/30/2026

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2026

ACCT. #: 1284-21-291-000-0000-507510

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?: N

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$22,804.00 for the FY 2023 Constable Pct 1 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG), pending COR by Co. Auditor. No cash match required.

GL Expense account #1284-21-291-000-0000-507510

Project string 2910004700 - GRANT - EQUIPMENT - MACH&EQUIP

Attachments

- Budget Information
- OPSG FRAGO
- Operations Order
- Operations Order Report

Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Budget & Management	Melannie Rivera	02/12/2026 09:05 AM
Final Approval		
Form Started By: Joe Espinoza		Started On: 02/11/2026 05:06 PM

ICR

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Agency Name: Hidalgo County
Grant/App: 3174709 **Start Date:** 3/1/2024 **End Date:** 2/28/2025

Project Title: Hidalgo-2023 OPSG-Constable PCT1
Status: Pending Grantee Certification

Budget Details Information
Budget Information by Budget Line Item:

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Operational Overtime for Law Enforcement (Organization)	Enhanced Border Security Operations – Law Enforcement Agency (12 officers at 156.65 hrs. each) - Overtime according to local OT policy - with an estimated fringe rate of 22% up to a total of \$98,705.00. (Per FRAGO V1 reallocating reallocate \$37,170.45 from LEO overtime and fringe to patrol vehicle)	\$61,532.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,532.81	100
Equipment	06CP-03-PRAC Accessories, Portable Radio	Hidalgo County PCT1: 06CP-03-PRAC Handheld Radios (3 @ \$7,601.33), up to a total of \$22,804.	\$22,804.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,804.00	✓ 3
Equipment	12VE-00-MISS Vehicle, Specialized Mission	12VE-00-MISS Fully Equipped Vehicle (1 @ \$51,295) up to \$51,295.00. (Reallocate \$37,170.45 from LEO overtime and fringe to patrol vehicle)	\$80,643.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,643.05	1

		up to a total of \$88,465.45.						
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You are logged in as **User Name:** jfespinosa

Date received from the Sector: **Date** **10/22/25**
 Date the Operations Order processed by LEOD OPS: **10/22/25**

Order Number: **OPSG FRAGO TX Hidalgo FY23 24-RGVRGV-10-007 V3**
 Operation start/end date: **Date** **9/1/2023** **8/31/2026**

Sub recipient: **Hidalgo** **Grant Year: FY23**
 State: **TX**

Sector: **RGV** **FY Award Amount/Balance: \$5,681,283.37**

Does the OpOrder OT Request Exceed 50% of the award? (Letter is attached if OT is over 50% for Price Act Waiver): PRICE Act Waiver Request Attached: Equip Justification Letter? Entered in HSIN Entered in BPETS Rejected by LEOD OPS Date forwarded to FEMA:	Yes	Overtime:	\$2,844,557.29
	Yes	Fringe:	\$588,072.34
	No	Equipment:	\$1,877,375.90
	Yes	Fuel:	\$5,741.00
	Yes	Maintenance	\$160,050.60
	Yes	Mileage:	\$0.00
	Yes	Travel:	\$0.00
	No	County M&A:	\$65,686.08
	10/22/2025	State M&A:	\$139,800.16
		Indirect Costs	\$0.00
	Total	\$5,681,283.37	
	Unallocated	\$0.00	

SIGNATURE: **DUSTIN E TAULBEE**
 Reviewed by: *Dustin Taulbee* Digitally signed by DUSTIN E TAULBEE
 Date: 2025.10.22 12:24:38 -07'00'

Kicked Back?: **No**
 Date of Kick Back: _____
 Reason for Kick Back: _____
 Date Returned from the Field: _____
 Kicked Back a Second Time?: _____



FEMA

January 27, 2025

Heather Barefield
Office of the Governor
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Ms. Barefield:

Please be advised that, based on the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) guidelines and special conditions associated with this program, the below referenced Fragmentary Operations Order (FRAGO) is approved:

Operations Order No: 24-RGVRGV-10-007 V3

Fiscal Year: 2023

Amount Approved: \$5,681,283.37

Operations Order Dates: 9/1/2023 to 8/31/2026

Sub-Recipient: Hidalgo County, TX

Expenditures from the FRAGO that were reviewed and approved by FEMA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection/Border Patrol (CBP) are outlined below. These expenses will assist the County in conducting border centric, intelligence driven operations with the goal of reduction or elimination of threat, risk and vulnerability along our Nation's borders. Please see below for all approved costs for this FRAGO, and refer to the FRAGO for specific items.

Category	Amount
Overtime:	\$2,844,557.29
Fringe:	\$588,072.34
Equipment:	\$1,877,375.90
Fuel:	\$5,741.00
Maintenance:	\$160,050.60
Mileage:	\$0.00
Travel:	\$0.00
County M&A:	\$65,686.08
State M&A:	\$139,800.16
Total	\$5,681,283.37

Please find the below special conditions associated with OPSG and retain this letter for your grant files. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 957-2960.

Sincerely,

**MEREDITH P
SAVARY**

Digitally signed by MEREDITH P
SAVARY
Date: 2026.01.27 10:09:44
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Meredith Savary
Preparedness Officer
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Grant Programs Directorate

Cc: U.S. Customs and Border Protection/ Border Patrol

The following Special Conditions are associated with this Operation Stonegarden award:

1. Construction and construction-type activities are prohibited.
2. Lethal or less than lethal forces including, but not limited to: weapons, firearms, ammunition and tasers are prohibited.
3. Per the *Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement (PRICE) of Homeland Security Act* (Public Law 110-412), the sum of all personnel related expenses shall not exceed 50% of the recipient's allocation without first obtaining a waiver from the FEMA Administrator.
4. All participating agencies shall monitor, review and track expenditures of OPSG funds under individual Operations Orders issued. Participating agencies shall not obligate, and/or encumber OPSG grant funds beyond the total of their allocation issued by FEMA.
5. The Operations Order has been reviewed and approved under the Environmental and Historic Preservation Program (EHP) guidelines as being categorically excluded from further EHP review.
6. Recipients must submit a letter of justification for all proposed vehicles or equipment items in excess of \$100,000. This justification will be reviewed by CBP and FEMA.

Agency Name: Hidalgo County Grant/App: 3174709 ✓ Start Date: 3/1/2024
 Project Title: Hidalgo-2023 OPSG-Constable PCT1 Status: Pending Grantee Certification End Date: 2/28/2025 Fund Source: HS-Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
 Current Grant Manager: Darryl Sanders Current Program Manager: Jason Haun Liquidation Date: 5/29/2025
 Current Budget: \$164,979.86 Original Award: \$150,000.00 CFDA: 97.067 OOG Solicitation: FY23 Operation Stonegarden Solicitation
 Current Award: \$142,175.86

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General Information and Instructions

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Grant Financial Status

Current Award Amount: \$142,175.86

Total Reimbursement(s) and Advance Payment Request(s) Paid to Date: \$142,175.86

Total Unexpended Balance to Date: \$0.00

Total Expenditures Reported to Date: \$142,175.86

Total Cash On Hand to Date: \$0.00

Budget Summary Totals

OOG Funds:	Cash Match:	In Kind Match:	GPI:	Total Project:
\$164,979.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164,979.86

Grant Adjustment History

Adjustment Status	Date Created	Date Certified	Date Approved	Grant End Date	Award Amount	Description
Approved	10/21/2024	11/4/2024	11/04/2024	02/28/2025	\$150,000.00	PSO Initiated: per FY23 24-RGVRGV-010-007 V1 reallocating \$37,170.45 from LEO overtime and fringe to patrol vehicle.
Approved	3/10/2025	3/10/2025	03/10/2025	02/28/2025	\$150,000.00	The grantee's Financial Officer, Leticia Chavez has submitted a request to update the SAM Expiration Date to 03/04/2026 for Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) - LHACK1UL6NR3.
Approved	5/29/2025		05/29/2025	02/28/2025	\$142,175.86	Final Adjustment
Submitted	1/29/2026			04/30/2026 ✓	\$164,979.86	PSO Initiated: Per OPSG FRAGO TX Hidalgo FY23 24-RGVRGV-10-007 V3, reallocating funds to create a new equipment line item. New budget total: \$\$164,979.86.

Grant Adjustment Information

Date Grant Adjustment Created: 1/29/2026 10:48:33 AM

Status of Grant Adjustment:

Description of Grant Adjustment:

PSO Initiated: Per OPSG FRAGO TX Hidalgo FY23 24-RGVRGV-10-007 V3, reallocating funds to create a new equipment line item. New budget total: \$\$164,979.86.

View Grant Adjustment Detail

Category	GrantFinancialDescription - New and Previous Text	OOG Funds - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts	Cash Match - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts	InKind Match - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts	GPI Match - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts	Unit - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts
[NEW] Equipment	06CP-03-PRAC Accessories, Portable Radio Hidalgo County PCT1: 06CP-03-PRAC Handheld Radios (3 @ \$7,601.33), up to a total of \$22,804.	\$22,804.00 ✓ \$0.00 \$22,804.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	3 0 3
Equipment	12VE-00-MISS Vehicle, Specialized Mission 12VE-00-MISS Fully Equipped Vehicle (1 @ \$51,295) up to \$51,295.00. (Reallocate \$37,170.45 from LEO overtime and fringe to patrol vehicle) up to a total of \$88,465.45.	\$80,643.05 \$80,643.05 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	1 1 0
Personnel	Operational Overtime for Law Enforcement (Organization) Enhanced Border Security Operations - Law Enforcement Agency (12 officers at 156.65 hrs. each) - Overtime according to local OT policy - with an estimated fringe rate of 22% up to a total of	\$61,532.81 \$61,532.81 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	100 100 0

\$98,705.00. (Per FRAGO V1 reallocating reallocate \$37,170.45 from LEO overtime and fringe to patrol vehicle)

Operational Overtime for Law Enforcement (Organization) Enhanced Border Security Operations - Law Enforcement Agency (12 officers at 156.65 hrs. each) - Overtime according to local OT policy - with an estimated fringe rate of 22% up to a total of \$98,705.00. (Per FRAGO V1 reallocating reallocate \$37,170.45 from LEO overtime and fringe to patrol vehicle)

View Grant Adjustment By Budget Category

Category	OOG Funds - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts	Cash Match - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts	InKind Match - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts	GPI Match - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts
Equipment	\$103,447.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$80,643.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$22,804.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Personnel	\$61,532.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$61,532.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

View Grant Adjustment Total

OOG Funds - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts	Cash Match - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts	InKind Match - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts	GPI Match - New, Previous, and Changed Amounts
\$164,979.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$142,175.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$22,804.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



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

Request for Certification of Revenues / AI-102497

1 message

Roberto Alvarez <roberto.alvarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Thu, Feb 12, 2026 at 3:18 PM

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

Cc: Rossana Schettino <rossana.schettino@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Julio Gonzales <julio.gonzales@co.hidalgo.tx.us> ✓

Good afternoon Bryan, can you please certify the certification of revenues for AI-102497 in the amount of \$22,804.00 for OPSG FY23 FRAGO, authorization to use money for equipment (portable radios). Grant # 3174709. Thank you.

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Roberto Alvarez
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