

Program Narrative

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) intends to utilize monetary awards from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Association Grant Year 2025 to address violent crime and enhance officer safety in the South Texas region, which is the HCSO's area of responsibility (AOR).

Hidalgo County continues to face persistent threats related to violent criminal activities, including encounters with exposed firearms, edged weapons, and other life-threatening hazards. These situations place officers at constant risk of serious injury or death while performing their duties.

In response to these ongoing threats, HCSO seeks to increase our officer safety by equipping our deputies with essential protective gear. The agency is requesting JAG FY2025 funds to replace expiring soft body armor for 26 deputies.

The HCSO will allocate \$44,701.00 to procure 46 soft body armor. The equipment will provide our deputies with critical protection for daily operations, as it provides coverage of essential organs when facing unpredictable and potentially life-threatening situations.

Hidalgo County Judge
Richard F. Cortez