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September 15, 2026

The Honorable Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge
The Honorable David Fuentes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
The Honorable Eduardo Cantu, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
The Honorable Everardo 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, County Auditor of Hidalgo County, certify to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court the receipt of an award from the Texas 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
\$100,000.00

PURPOSE
Grant No. 4430805 Forensic Evidence Testing Grant

CERTIFIED BY:

Letty Chavez
County Auditor

SIGN HERE

9/14/2026

Date

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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-104535 ✓

District Attorney 11.0.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 09/15/2026

Submitted For: Ramiro Sendejo, DISTRICT
ATTORNEY

Submitted By: Ramiro Sendejo

Department: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CAPTION

DA - Forensic Evidence Testing Grant (FET) (1281): ✓ ✓

1. Approval to accept grant award in relation to the FY 2027 Forensic Evidence Testing grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Office of the Governor-Criminal Justice Division (OOG-CJD) for the period of September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027.
2. Approval of certification of revenues, as certified by the County Auditor, for the FY 2027 Forensic Evidence Testing grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 and appropriation of same.

BACKGROUND

AI-101907, CC 1-06-2026, Approval to apply for the FY 2027 Forensic Evidence Testing Grant

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2026 ✓

ACCT. #: 0800002427 ✓

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y ✓

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?: N ✓

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Appropriation of funds for FY2027 Forensic Evidence Testing Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. ✓
Grant term, FY 2027 9-1-2026 to 8-31-2027; No Cash Match Required. ✓

✓ Revenue Account #0800002427 FORENSIC EVIDENCE TESTING - REVENUES ✓

Attachments

Award Letter

Statement of Grant Award

Appropriations

BUDGET

Form Review

Inbox

Budget and Management

Final Approval

Form Started By: Ramiro Sendejo

Reviewed By

Veronica Ortiz

Date

08/25/2026 02:35 PM

Started On: 08/25/2026 02:06 PM

REVIEWED

By Maria A. Munoz at 11:47 am, Sep 08, 2026



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.

We look forward to working with you to ensure the success of your program.

Andrew Friedrichs

Andrew Friedrichs
Executive Director
Public Safety Office

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:

Grant Number:	4430805 ✓	Award Amount:	\$100,000.00 ✓
Date Awarded:	8/25/2026 ✓	Grantee Cash Match:	\$0.00
Grant Period:	09/01/2026 - 08/31/2027 ✓	Grantee In Kind Match:	\$0.00
Liquidation Date:	11/29/2027	Grantee GPI:	\$0.00
Program Fund:	FC-District Attorney Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant Program	Total Project Cost:	\$100,000.00 ✓
Grantee Name:	Hidalgo County		
Project Title:	Forensic Evidence Testing Grant		
Grant Manager:	Jeni Morales		
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	LHACK1UL6NR3		
✓ CFDA:	N/A		
Federal Awarding Agency:	N/A - State Funds		
Federal Award Date:	N/A - State Funds		
✓ Federal/State Award ID Number:	2027-FC-ST-0004		
Total Federal Award/State Funds Appropriated:	\$2,000,000.00		
Pass Thru Entity Name:	Texas Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division (CJD)		
Is the Award R&D:	No		
Federal/State Award Description:	N/A - State Funds		

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Journal Proof Report



Journal Number: 93961 Year: 2026 Period: 9

Description: AI-104535

Reference 1: Reference 2: Reference 3:

Source	Account	Account Description	Line Description	OB	Debit	Credit
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BUA	1281-12-080-000-0000-508310-	CRIM DA COURT CST&INVG	AI104535 CC 09.15.26 APPROP		\$100000.00	
	E-0800002427.GRANT .CONTRACT .CRT CO&INV					
BUA	1281-00-080-000-0000-434100-	CRIM DA ST GOV GRT OP-CTGRL	AI104535 CC 09.15.26 APPROP			\$100000.00
	F-0800002427.ST GRANT .OOG .					
			Journal 2026/9/93961	Total	\$100000.00	\$100000.00

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System Generated Lines

Account Display	Account Description		Debit	Credit
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Fund Summary

Fund		Account Description	Debit	Credit
1281	DES PURPOSE GRANTS LEVEL 1			
	1281-00-000-000-0000-331000-	GRANTS LVL 1-APPROPRIATIONS		\$100000.00
	1281-00-000-000-0000-335000-	GRANTS LVL 1-ESTIMTED REVENUES	\$100000.00	
Fund Total			100000.00	100000.00

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**FORENSIC EVIDENCE TESTING GRANT
GRANT #4430805**

COURT COST AND INVESTIGATION	100,000.00
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Certification of Revenues Request - Forensic Evidence Testing Grant FY2027 ✓

Ramiro Sendejo <ramiro.sendejo@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us>
To: Javier Flores <javier.flores@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Tue, Aug 25, 2026 at 2:22 PM

Good afternoon Javier,

Please process a Certification of Revenues in the total amount of \$100,000.00 for the Forensic Evidence Testing Grant effective 09/01/2026 through 08/31/2027. Attached is the Award Email and the Statement of Grant Award. ✓

Agenda item #AI-104535 will be presented to the Commissioners Court requesting acceptance of these funds on September 15, 2026.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,

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Ramiro Sendejo
Accountant IV
Office of Criminal District Attorney
Hidalgo County, Texas
100 E. Cano, Courthouse Annex III, 5th Floor
Edinburg, TX 78539
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2 attachments

 **AWARD LETTER.pdf**
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 **SOGA.pdf**
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