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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 amount of \$70,000.00 of grant money from the Hogg Foundation for the Rio Grande Valley Policy Initiative. These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT
\$ 70,000.00

PROJECT NO. VPI-030
Hogg Foundation for the Rio Grande Valley Policy Initiative
FY27

CERTIFIED BY:

Letty Chavez
County Auditor

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9/14/2026

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.



Elizabeth Meza <elizabeth.meza@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Request to Certify Revenues

1 message

Jo Anne Garcia <joanne.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Mon, Aug 24, 2026 at 3:03 PM

To: Letty Chavez <letty.chavez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Merlen Munoz <merlen.munoz@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Reynaldo Cantu <reynaldo.cantu@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Maria Munoz <maria.munoz@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Minerva Diaz <minerva.diaz@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Elizabeth Meza <elizabeth.meza@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Good Afternoon,

Please let this email serve as a request for Certification of Revenues in the amount of \$210,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2029 in relation to the grant award from the Hogg Foundation for the Rio Grande Valley Policy Initiative.

✓ Receipt of the grant will occur in 3 equal installments of \$70,000. ✓

Period 1 - 10/1/26-9/30/27

Period 2 - 10/1/27-9/30/28

Period 3 - 10/1/28-9/30/29

Please be advised that the following agenda item has been placed on the next available Commissioners Court agenda for September 1, 2026, in relation to this matter: AI - 104406.

Thank you for your attention regarding this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions.
Sincerely,

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**REVIEWED***By Maria A. Munoz at 3:35 pm, Sep 11, 2026*

JoAnne Garcia, Presiding Judge
Probate Court No. 1
Hidalgo County Courthouse
[100 N. Closner](#)
[Edinburg, Texas 78539](#)
956-318-2385 Office

AI-104590 ✓

Probate Court #1 9. A.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 09/15/2026 ✓

Submitted By: Monica Salinas

Department: EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CAPTION

1. Requesting approval to accept grant award from the Hogg Foundation for the Rio Grande Valley Policy Initiative, Project# VPI-030 FY27 in the amount of \$210,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2029
- ✓ 2. Approval of certification of revenues by County Auditor in the amount of \$70,000.00 and appropriation of same
- ✓ 3. Requesting approval for Judge JoAnne Garcia, Presiding Judge for Probate Court No.1, as the authorized official to accept the award electronically and e-sign all related documents.

BACKGROUND

Ratify approval of grant submittal AI#104252 - CC 8/18/26

- ✓ Grant Period 1 \$ 70,000 October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027 ✓
Grant Period 2 \$ 70,000 October 1, 2027 - September 30, 2028
Grant Period 3 \$ 70,000 October 1, 2028 - September 30, 2029

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2026 ✓

ACCT. #: 1286-12-023-000-0000-XXXXX0- ✓

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

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$70,000.00 will occur over three annual grant periods from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029, to support Project #VPI-030 - "Navigating Hope: Building Community Understanding of Mental Health Systems in Hidalgo County". No county cash match required.

Attachments

- ✓ award
✓ COR request
✓ appropriation - revised
✓ journal entry

Form Review

Inbox

Budget and Management
Final Approval
Form Started By: Monica Salinas

Reviewed By

Veronica Ortiz
Monica Salinas

Date

09/03/2026 09:04 AM
09/09/2026 04:34 PM
Started On: 09/02/2026 04:51 PM

REVIEWED

By Maria A. Munoz at 4:09 pm, Sep 11, 2026

Final Approval Date: 09/09/2026

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By Maria A. Munoz at 4:09 pm, Sep 11, 2026

Journal Proof Report



Journal Number: 97675 Year: 2026 Period: 9 ✓

Description: AI-104590 ✓

Reference 1: Reference 2: Reference 3:

Source	Account	Account Description	Line Description	OB	Debit	Credit
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BUA	1286-00-023-000-0000-464000- ✓ F-0230000527.OTHER REV .HOGG .	PROB CT HOGG-OTHER REVENUES	✓ CC 09/15/26 AI-104590 HOGG			\$70000.00 ✓
Journal 2026/9/97675				Total	\$70000.00	\$70000.00

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By Maria A. Munoz at 3:34 pm, Sep 11, 2026

Journal Proof Report



Journal Number: 97675 Year: 2026 Period: 9

Description: AI-104590

Reference 1: Reference 2: Reference 3:

System Generated Lines

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Journal Number: 97675 Year: 2026 Period: 9 Description: AI-104590 Reference 1: Reference 2: Reference 3:

Fund Summary

Fund	Account Description	Debit	Credit
1286	DES PURPOSE GRANTS LEVEL 6		
	1286-00-000-000-0000-331000-		\$70000.00
	1286-00-000-000-0000-335000-	\$70000.00	
Fund Total		70000.00	70000.00

REVIEWED
By Maria A. Munoz at 3:35 pm, Sep 11, 2026



August 13, 2026

Project Number: VPI-030 ✓

Valde Guerra
Chief Executive Officer
Hidalgo County Courthouse
100 E. Cano, Suite 201
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Dear Mr. Guerra:

Congratulations, your organization has been selected by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health to receive a three-year grant in the amount of \$210,000 to support your proposal, “Navigating Hope: Building Community Understanding of Mental Health Systems in Hidalgo County.” The grant begins October 01, 2026 and ends September 30, 2029.

Funding will be distributed as follows, subject to foundation approval of required reports:

✓ Grant Period 1	\$ 70,000	October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027
Grant Period 2	\$ 70,000	October 1, 2027 - September 30, 2028
Grant Period 3	\$ 70,000	October 1, 2028 - September 30, 2029

Please carefully review the program and reporting requirements identified in the enclosed statement of agreement. If you agree to accept the grant and comply with these requirements, please follow the instructions in the Execution of Agreement section. The University of Texas at Austin’s Office of Accounting will mail the first check to your organization in the amount of \$70,000 within thirty days of our office receiving the signed statement of agreement.

Please provide a copy of the signed statement of agreement to the person who will manage this project. Also note that the fiscal and narrative reports for this grant will be due by October 31 of each grant period.

We plan to publicize this grant award after all signed statements of agreement are received for this initiative. If you have any questions or would like to coordinate communication efforts, please contact our communications department at Hogg-Communications@austin.utexas.edu or (512) 471-5041.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

3001 Lake Austin Blvd., Austin, TX 78703 | 512-471-5041 | hogg.utexas.edu | @hoggfoundation

If you have any questions about the grant or need further assistance, please contact Policy Specialist Jason Castillo by email at jason.castillo@austin.utexas.edu or by phone at (512) 471-7627. We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

Octavio N. Martinez, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., D.L.F.A.P.A.
Executive Director, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
Associate Chair of Faculty Development, Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Professor of Psychiatry, Dell Medical School
Clinical Professor, School of Social Work

Enclosures: Statement of agreement with approved budget summary

cc: JoAnne Garcia, Honorable, Hidalgo County

Statement of Agreement
between
the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
and
Hidalgo County

Reference number: VPI-030
Project director: JoAnne Garcia, Honorable
Organization: Hidalgo County
Hogg Foundation contact: Jason Castillo, Policy Specialist

Award of Funds

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health agrees to award a multiple-year grant of \$210,000 over three years to Hidalgo County (the grantee) to complete the proposed “Navigating Hope: Building Community Understanding of Mental Health Systems in Hidalgo County” project.

The grant term begins October 1, 2026 and ends September 30, 2029:

Grant Period 1	\$70,000	October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027
Grant Period 2	\$70,000	October 1, 2027 - September 30, 2028
Grant Period 3	\$70,000	October 1, 2028 - September 30, 2029

The foundation must receive a countersigned copy of this agreement prior to the release of funds for the first grant period. Required reports must be received and approved prior to release of all funds for subsequent grant periods.

Grant Requirements

By accepting this grant funding, the grantee agrees to complete the project as described in the foundation’s request for proposals and in the grantee’s proposal and to comply with the grant requirements in this statement of agreement. If the grantee does not comply with all grant requirements, the foundation may initiate a corrective action plan or terminate the grant and recoup grant funds.

- **Communications with Foundation:** The grantee’s primary point of contact at the foundation is listed at the top of this statement of agreement. The grantee should include the assigned reference number VPI-030 in all email and regular mail correspondence regarding this grant.
- **Public Charity Status:** The grantee certifies that it is currently a public charity as defined in Section 501(c)(3) or a governmental unit described in Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The grantee must immediately notify the foundation if the organization’s status or name changes. Change in the grantee’s status may result in the termination of this grant and the return of grant funds to the foundation.

- **Nondiscrimination:** In the application of its resources to serve the public interest, the foundation gives high priority to the realization of equal opportunity for all members of society. Accordingly, the foundation expects that, in implementing this grant, the grantee will not discriminate with respect to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, mental or physical disability, age, citizenship status, veteran status, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.
- **Project Changes:** The grantee must submit a written request to the foundation before making any significant changes that affect implementation of the grant project and differ from the approved proposal. Requested changes are subject to approval by the foundation.

The grantee must report in a timely manner any unforeseen circumstances that impact the grantee's ability to carry out the grant or meet the project's timeline or deliverables. The grantee must also report any changes in key staff associated with this grant. In this situation, the foundation may require the submission and approval of a revised proposal and a status report of activities to date.

- **Budget Changes:** The grantee must expend grant funds awarded by the foundation as designated in the approved budget.

Budget Amendments: A budget amendment is required when there is a proposed change of 10 percent or more in the total approved budget for that year. The grantee must notify the foundation contact in advance and submit a proposed amended budget and a written request describing the proposed change. All proposed budget amendments must be approved by the foundation in advance.

For this grant, 10 percent of the total budget is: \$7,000 of \$70,000 for grant period 1; \$7,000 of \$70,000 for grant period 2; \$7,000 of \$70,000 for grant period 3.

Budget Variances: The foundation generally allows grantees to reallocate grant funds of less than 10 percent of the total approved budget without prior approval. This is called a budget variance and allows the grantee to move grant funds without prior approval from existing budget categories to any other existing budget categories except the overhead category. All budget variances must be identified in the fiscal report submitted at the end of the grant period.

If a budget variance is likely to result in a significant change to the grant project, the grantee must receive advance written approval from the foundation, even if the amount is less than 10 percent of the total budget.

- **Reporting Requirements and Due Dates:** The grantee must submit the following reports by the designated due dates. Required reports must be received and approved prior to release of all grant funds for subsequent funding periods.

To receive a due date extension, the grantee must submit a written request to the foundation prior to the due date. Requested due date extensions are subject to approval by the foundation.

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Required Reports</u>
October 31, 2027	Narrative and fiscal reports for grant period 1
October 31, 2028	Narrative and fiscal reports for grant period 2
October 31, 2029	Final narrative and fiscal reports for grant period 3

Narrative Report: The narrative report includes a description of project activities and outcomes and a project evaluation if specified in the proposal. The narrative report for the final year also should include a project summary and any plans for continued work related to the project.

Fiscal Report: The fiscal report is submitted on a template provided by the foundation and includes a financial summary of grant expenditures and justification of any variances from the approved budget.

- **Unexpended Funds**: The foundation encourages grantees to spend the full amount of the grant funding within each grant period. In the event that there are unexpended funds, the grantee must explain in the fiscal report why the funds were not spent. The foundation will determine if unspent grantee funds must be returned to the foundation, deducted from the grantee's funding for the next grant period, or carried over for specific expenses in the next grant period. Any requests to carry over funds will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If there are unexpended funds of \$25 or more at the end of the final grant period, the grantee may either return the unspent funds to the foundation or submit a request at least 30 days in advance for a no-cost extension to complete the project.

- **Execution of Agreement**: The University of Texas at Austin has approved DocuSign (<http://docusign.com>) for use in obtaining electronic signatures for official documents. If the terms and conditions of this statement of agreement are acceptable, the grantee representatives named below should complete the DocuSign process initiated by the foundation. The grantee representatives may also physically sign this agreement and then scan and email the signed document to hogg-grants@austin.utexas.edu.

Approved by:

Octavio N. Martinez, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., D.L.F.A.P.A.
Executive Director, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

Date: _____

Accepted and agreed to by:

Valde Guerra

Chief Executive Officer, Hidalgo County

Date: _____

JoAnne Garcia

Judge, Hidalgo County

Date: _____

BUDGET SUMMARY
Valley Policy Initiative
10/1/2026-9/31/2029

Name of Applicant:
Enter Current Operating Budget in D4

HIDALGO COUNTY: PROBATE COURT NO. 1
\$ 1,312,543

Total Funding Request \$ 210,000

Budget Grant Period 1 ✓ 10/1/2026-9/31/2027		
Valley Policy Initiative		
Item	Purpose	Cost
Compensation/fee/labor	Compensation of Jessica Gomez, MPP who will serve as	\$ 6,500
Compensation/wages	Compensation of Project Coordinator	\$ 35,000
Contractual labor/fee	videography and digital marketing firm contract	\$ 27,000
Equipment -DJI Osmosis	Vlogging camera to be used to record additional content	\$ 500
Equipment-HP Laptop	Laptop for coordinator to complete duties	\$ 500
Printing Costs	Printing and Distribution of Bilingual Educational Materials	\$ 500
Overhead		
GP1 Total		\$ 70,000
Budget Grant Period 2 10/1/2027-9/31/2028		
Valley Policy Initiative		
Item	Purpose	Cost
Compensation/fee/labor	Compensation of Jessica Gomez, MPP who will serve as	\$ 5,000
Compensation/wages	Compensation of Project Coordinator	\$ 35,000
Contractual labor/fee	videography and digital marketing firm contract	\$ 28,800
Printing Costs	Printing and Distribution of Bilingual Educational Materials	\$ 1,200
Overhead		
GP2 Total		\$ 70,000
Budget Grant Period 3 10/1/2028-9/31/2029		
Valley Policy Initiative		
Item	Purpose	Cost
Compensation/fee/labor	Compensation of Jessica Gomez, MPP who will serve as	\$ 5,000
Compensation/wages	Compensation of Project Coordinator	\$ 35,000
Contractual labor/fee	videography and digital marketing firm contract	\$ 28,800
Printing Costs	Printing and Distribution of Bilingual Educational Materials	\$ 1,200
Overhead		
GP3 Total		\$ 70,000

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By Maria A. Munoz at 4:10 pm, Sep 11, 2026