Hogg Foundation *for* Mental Health

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.

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.

Due Date	Required Reports
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:

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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:

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Valde Guerra
Chief Executive Officer, Hidalgo County

Date: ______________________________

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JoAnne Garcia
Judge, Hidalgo County

Date: ______________________________

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

Name of Applicant:	**HIDALGO COUNTY: PROBATE COURT NO. 1**
Enter Current Operating Budget in D4	**$ 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**