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September 29, 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 § 111.07076 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 Department of State Health Services, Office of Border Public Health. These funds may now be made available by creating a new special budget or amending a current budget for its intended purposes.

AMOUNT
\$ 9,500.00

PURPOSE
Purchase Order No. HHSTX-7-0000415445
Office of Border Public Health (OBPH) FY27

CERTIFIED BY:



Letty Chavez
Hidalgo County Auditor

9/28/2026

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.



Monica Valdez <monica.avaldez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Request for Certification of Revenue (\$9,500.00) - Project 54 FY 27

1 message

Carlos Oliva <carlos.oliva@hchd.org>

Thu, Sep 17, 2026 at 10:12 AM

To: Monica Valdez <monica.avaldez@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Cc: Minerva Diaz <minerva.diaz@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Maritza Guerra <maritza.guerra@hchd.org>

Good morning Monica,

Will you please help me with a certification of revenue in the amount of \$9,500.00 for the Office of Border Public Health FY 27 program?

✓ AI-104773 was created and will be presented to court on 9/29/2026.

Thank you,

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**Carlos Oliva****Division Manager II
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3 attachments**FY27 Hidalgo County COBINAS Project Proposal.pdf**
202K**AI-104773 - Accept Award and Appropriation.pdf**
79K**Appropriation - AI-104773.xlsx**
125K

AI-104773 ✓

Health & Human Services Dept. 18. B.

CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL MTG

Meeting Date: 09/29/2026 ✓

Submitted For: Dairen Sarmiento, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT.

Submitted By: Carlos Oliva

Department: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT.

CAPTION

- ✓ 1. Requesting approval to accept the Office of Border Public Health FY27 ✓ award in the amount of \$9,500.00
- ✓ 2. Requesting approval of the Certification of Revenue by the County Auditor in the amount of \$9,500.00 and appropriation of the same.

BACKGROUND

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2026 ✓

ACCT. #: 1293-41-340-000-0000-XXXXXX ✓

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

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Project: 3400005427 ✓

Attachments

Work Plan

Budget Appropriation

COR Request

Form Review

Inbox

Budget and Management

Final Approval

Form Started By: Carlos Oliva

Reviewed By

Veronica Ortiz

Date

09/21/2026 02:18 PM

Started On: 09/16/2026 03:42 PM

REVIEWED

By Maria A. Munoz at 3:27 pm, Sep 23, 2026

DATE: September 29, 2026 ✓

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dairen Sarmiento Rangel

DEPARTMENT NAME: Health & Human Services

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1293-41-340-000-0000-XXXXXX ✓

Contact Person: Carlos Oliva **Ph#:** (956) 383-6221

SUBJECT: **Budget Amendments** (increase (decrease)) in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, § 111.070, Item C (2).

Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County:

I would like to request the following Budget Amendments (increase (decrease)) in accordance with Local Government Code, Chapter 111, § 111.070, Item C (2).

INCREASE ACCOUNT NUMBER(S)	ACCOUNT (OBJECT) NAME	AMOUNT
	+ 500.00	
	+ 5,000.00	
	+ 800.00	
	+ 3,200.00	
✓ 3400005427-GRANT-SUPPLIES-TCHNCL SVC	OBPH-TECHNICAL SERVICES	500.00 ✓
✓ 3400005427-GRANT-SUPPLIES-GEN SUPPL	OBPH-GENERAL SUPPLIES	5,000.00 ✓
3400005427-GRANT-OTH OPER-PR&BINDING	OBPH-PRINTING & BINDING	800.00 ✓
3400005427-GRANT-OTH OPER-OTHER	OBPH-OTHER	3,200.00 ✓
	+ 4,750.00	
3400005427-ST GRANT .DSHS .	OBPH-STATE REVENUES ✓	4,750.00 ✓
3400005427-FED GRANT .DSHS .	OBPH-FEDERAL REVENUES ✓	4,750.00 ✓
	+ 9,500.00	
	TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE (DECREASE)	9,500.00 ✓

REASON:	Appropriation of funds for OBPH GRANT PROGRAM (3400005427) FY 27 that starts on 09/01/2026 and closes on 08/31/2027.
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DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

APPROVED COMMISSIONERS' COURT

DATE _____

ATTEST COUNTY CLERK

REVIEWED

By Maria A. Munoz at 3:23 pm, Sep 23, 2026



**Texas Department of State Health Services
Office of Border Public Health (OBPH)
Project Proposal**
✓ **FY 2027 (September 1, 2026 - August 31, 2027)** ✓

REQUESTING AGENCY/PROGRAM

Hidalgo County Health and Human Services
Hidalgo County-Reynosa Binational Health Council (COBINAS)

KEY PERSONNEL that must be invited:

- HIDAREY Hidalgo County-Reynosa Binational Health Council Members
- Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department – will provide representatives, participants, and staff.
- Secretariat of Health of Tamaulipas (entity)(Secretaría de Salud de Tamaulipas), Central Office (Cd. Victoria), and Health Jurisdiction No. IV - will provide participants and presenters.
- Department of State Health Services-Region 11 - Office of Border Public Health and other programs as needed.
- Other Health/Community stakeholders and organizations are optional and welcomed.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Background

Binational Health Councils (known commonly as the COBINAS) Binational Health Councils for U.S. - México border sister-cities were established during the XXI U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association meeting in Nogales, Arizona in 1963. The initial purpose of the councils was to provide a vehicle for the promotion of unity and friendship between the health officials of neighboring cities. As the councils have matured, their purpose has evolved to include examining health needs, problems, and available programs with particular attention and concern to the Council's geographical area, and to consider how its members can promote joint actions in common benefit for the population of both sides of the border.

Project Goals and Objectives

Goal

To provide a vehicle for the promotion of unity and friendship between the health officials of neighboring cities, examining health needs, **share epidemiological data**, assess current and emerging public health concerns, and share available programs with particular attention and concern to the council's geographical area, and to consider how its members can promote joint actions in common benefit of the population of both sides of the border.

Objectives

- Continue with the Border Epidemiological Surveillance Team (BEST Team) and share epidemiological data on both sides of the border
- Strengthen communication and binational border collaboration between the HIDAREY Binational Health Council members.
- Provide updated information to the COBINAS members about current and emerging diseases, vector surveillance, and emergency.

Border Epidemiological Surveillance Team (BEST) Project Overview

The purpose of the BEST workgroup is to develop a joint effort to strengthen the Epi/Surveillance capacity by identifying issues, interests, and challenges on the sister cities on both sides of the border. Activities that may be included in this project will be writing or aiding in disaster plans for regional responses for multiple communicable diseases. This project would review disease conditions, transmission and the potential for outbreaks and determine trigger points for response activity along the border and with sister cities. There is an immense need to integrate a binational component. This program can help to review binational outbreak guidelines and create reference guides for distribution to local stakeholders, regional local health departments, and local healthcare providers.

Mission

The mission of the BEST is to utilize a multi-agency partnership to assess, analyze and facilitate public health surveillance activities and interventions in a binational setting for the purpose of improving the health status of border communities through identification, communication, and response to issues of public health significance.

Goals of BEST

- To clarify the roles of each team member to optimize surveillance activity when an event occurs.
- To decrease fragmentation of existing surveillance systems and increase knowledge of present surveillance systems to maximize limited resources.
- To provide an opportunity for bilateral exchange and interaction in public health and science.
- To clarify the roles of each team member to optimize surveillance activity when an event occurs.
- Increase border surveillance along public health region 11
- Acquire accurate infectious disease incidence rates
- Create a strong network of reporting sites

Potential projects:

- Current and emerging diseases
- Covid-19
- Chikungunya / Dengue / West Nile / Zika Surveillance
- Vector surveillance
- ILI
- Share epidemiological data and case numbers of current and emerging diseases.

Proposed Work Plan

- Host four Hidalgo-Reynosa (HIDAREY) COBINAS official meetings during Fiscal Year 2027
- Host one binational health event during Fiscal Year 2027.
- Other events or meetings cannot substitute for official COBINAS meetings.

REVIEWED

By Maria A. Munoz at 3:24 pm, Sep 23, 2026

Meeting Criteria Requirements for reimbursement:

A meeting must meet the following criteria to be considered for reimbursement as one of the four COBINAS meetings:

- Must be in-person (preferred) or on a virtual face-to-face platform such as, but not limited to, Zoom, MS Teams, Skype, etc.
 - Conference calls are permitted if all entities mentioned below are invited, exceptions for reimbursement include:
 - One-on-one conference calls will not count as COBINAS meetings for reimbursement.
 - One-on-one calls between health entities will not count for reimbursement.
 - Key Personnel listed above **must** be invited to each meeting to meet minimum requirements for reimbursement.
 - Must provide a sign-in sheet and/or list of participants. Screenshots of the participant list on virtual platforms are valid and welcomed.
 - Must provide a copy of epidemiological updates from both sides of the border presented at each meeting.
 - Share epidemiological data and case numbers of current and emerging diseases.
 - Must provide meeting minutes or transcripts and/or share a link to the meeting recording on a virtual platform.
- * **Other events or meetings that are related but don't meet meeting criteria established above will not count as a COBINAS meetings and therefore will not be reimbursed.**

HIDAREY Binational Health Council provides a vehicle for the promotion of unity and friendship between the health officials of neighboring cities, examining health needs, sharing epidemiological data, assess current and emerging public health concerns, and share available programs with particular attention and concern to the Council's geographical area, and to consider how its members can promote joint actions in common benefit of the population of both sides of the border. During the meetings, members present updates on current and emerging issues and provide presentations from subject matter experts on public health topics affecting the population of both sides of the border.

Binational Health Event

The binational health event is a community engagement event to educate the public about any current and/or emerging diseases (e.g. Covid-19 virus, Zika virus, West Nile virus, influenza) The intention of the event can inform and educate the binational community about disease prevention behaviors, current and emerging diseases, provide trustworthy and accurate information about and offer the necessary tools and resources for taking action to prevent emerging diseases of the moment.

Binational Health Event Criteria and Benefits

- Promote joint actions to address the health needs of the population on both sides of the border.

- Increased knowledge and awareness on current and emerging border public health issues.
- Strengthen collaboration and networking among public health agencies and community partners from both sides of the border.

Anticipated Outcomes of COBINAS Meetings and Binational Health Events

- Increase knowledge –Persons attending the binational health event will receive information about public health issues that affect the border.
- Increase knowledge on current and emerging border public health issues – All binational health council members will be better informed about public health issues that affect the border.
- All binational health council members will promote joint actions to address public health needs of the population on both sides of the border.
- All binational health council members will work on solutions to address public health issues that might arise.
- Strengthen the collaboration and coordination between HIDAREY Binational Health Council and the OBPH Office through COBINAS meetings to monitor, assess, and evaluate binational health council needs.
- Increased knowledge and awareness about the border and global vector control virus situation.
- Get the most recent updates from vector control experts.
- Establish contacts with key local, state, federal, and international agencies involved in the efforts against ongoing transmission of diseases.

Expected Deliverables:

The HIDAREY Binational Health Council will:

- Meet all “Meeting Criteria Requirements” as listed in this project proposal.
- Submit a sign-in sheets, agendas, and minutes of all meetings, as well as pictures and flyers of the binational health event.
- An event or other non-COBINAS meeting cannot substitute an official COBINAS meeting for reimbursement.

FUNDING REQUEST

FY27 (September 1, 2026-August 31, 2027)	
Meetings – Agenda, Sign-In Sheets, and Minutes \$800.00 x 4	\$3,200.00
<i>Binational health event criteria mentioned above.</i>	\$6,000.00
Supplies, Copies, Printing, Incentives, Educational Material, & Media	
Office & Technical Supplies	\$300.00
Total for FY27	\$9,500.00

Vendor: TX ID# 74-6000717

Contact Information:

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Department of State Health Services

Purchase Order

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Payment Terms	Freight Terms	Ship Via	Purchase Order	HHSTX-7-0000415445
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HIDALGO COUNTY
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United States

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PO Box 149347
Austin TX 78756
United States

Fax: 512/458-7442
Email: invoices@dshs.texas.gov

Exempt Reason: INTERLOCAL CONTRACTS

Purchaser: Alvarez, Desiree C

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FY27 funding
EX/0: TGC 791 Interlocal
Requisition 0000349214Pricing per Quote (E-mail)

This purchase order is contingent upon the continued availability of lawful appropriations by the Texas Legislature and may be canceled at any time in whole or part without penalty. HHS or the agency does not commit to ordering specific quantities of goods/services or dollar amounts with respect to this purchase order. The agency shall be obligated to pay for only those goods and/or services ordered and received by the agency. Any funds not utilized by 08/31/2027 are automatically canceled.

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1-1	HIDAREY Hidalgo-Reynosa Binational Health Council- Project Proposal attached: 9/01/2026 -8/31/2027	962-58	1.00	EA	9500.00000	\$9,500.00	09/24/2026
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Schedule Total \$9,500.00

Item Total for Line 1 \$9,500.00

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By Maria A. Munoz at 8:46 am, Sep 28, 2026

Department of State Health Services

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Total PO Amount \$9,500.00 ✓

No substitutions or cancellations are permitted without prior approval by Health & Human Services Commission. If contractor fails to deliver by promised delivery date (or reasonable time thereafter) or fails to meet requirements, Health & Human Services Commission reserves the right to purchase elsewhere and charge an increased cost and handling to contractor.

Over shipments will not be accepted unless authorized by Buyer prior to shipment. The dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code must be used by the Health & Human Services Commission and Contractor to attempt to resolve all disputes arising under the contract.

Performance under this purchase order is acceptance of the attached affirmations and terms and conditions.

Authorized By

Desiree Alvarez CTCID, CTCM

09/24/2026 ✓

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