

Subject:

Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2023 Local Border Security Program (FY23 LBSP) grant award of \$18,000, from the office of Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) as developed, written, and submitted by and for the Webb County Constable Office Pct.3 for its peace officer's overtime and applicable fringe benefits to provide enhanced border security in the Laredo/ Webb County area and entering into the grant agreement; authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant does not require any match; and, thus shall have no impact to the general funds. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. [Requested by Adrian Cortez, Webb County Constable Pct. 3]

Issue: The State of Texas recognizes that border communities face urgent security challenges caused by increased activity from transnational organized criminal syndicates and their allies that are intensified by the fluidity of border crossings, heavy commercial activity, and interdependence of the international border communities' economies. These socio-economic pressures place increased demands on law enforcement services and intensify the need for augmented public safety resources.

Solution: Grant award to provide enhanced border security in Laredo/ Webb County and the area in order fulfill State of Texas Local Border Security Program objectives, including overtime (OT) resources to suppress, deter, and reduce border-related criminal activity in Texas.

Result: Enhanced/increased patrol for certified peace officers working at Webb County Constable Pct. 3.