



County of El Paso Agenda Item Details

Item Title:	DA-BPU/Supplemental Grant #5222801
Submitted By:	Bill D. Hicks, District Attorney
Department:	District Attorney's Office
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Subject:	<p>GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Texas Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grants Division, Statement of Grant Award #522281, for the Region 1 -Border Prosecution Unit Supplemental Funding, El Paso District Attorney's Office, in the amount of \$1,170,000.00, from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025. There is no County match required. (Contract No. 2024-0621)</p>
Background:	<p>This project, an integral part of the Texas Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) will equip the 34th Judicial District Attorney's Office, composed of El Paso, Culberson and Hudspeth Counties, (and one of 23 prosecutor offices comprising the BPU) with enhanced prosecution capabilities by providing the funding to hire additional prosecutors whose efforts will be focused and targeted to border crimes.</p> <p>On a broader scale, the project also contains funding that will equip the entire Border Prosecution Unit project to meet the duties and responsibilities enumerated in the BPU enabling statute (Sec. 772.056, Texas Government Code) primarily by facilitating: (a) cross-training for both prosecutors and law enforcement personnel, with a primary focus on the numerous small local police and sheriffs' departments throughout the 54 counties in the BPU service area; (b) frequent meetings and coordination sessions among all BPU member jurisdictions, including the eight (8) district attorney offices housing Texas Anti-Gang Center BPU attorneys; and (c) joint intelligence briefings with Department of Public Safety regional command structure, including specifically the Criminal Investigations Division.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	<p>Fiscal Impact Historical FISCAL IMPACT: The Region 1 - Border Prosecution Unit</p>

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Fiscal Impact Projected

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Budget or Unbudgeted Match: N/A

Recommendation: GRANT AWARD: Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Texas Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grants Division, Statement of Grant Award #522281, for the Region 1 -Border Prosecution Unit Supplemental Funding, El Paso District Attorney's Office, in the amount of \$1,170,000.00, from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025. There is no County match required. (Contract #2024-0621).

Prior Action: PRIOR COURT ACTION: FY23-25 Region 1 BPU Supplemental grant application and Resolution approved by Commissioners Court on April 22, 2024, item #4AA, Contract No 2024-0331.

Strategic Plan: Goal:

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Objective:

Strategic Plan Information:

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**