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OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT OVERVIEW



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Operation Lone Star Grant Program



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To enhance border security operations supporting Operation Lone Star (OLS), Gov. Greg Abbott has announced that \$100 million in grant funding is available as part of appropriations passed under House Bill 9 during the second special session of the 87th Legislature



Operation Lone Star Grant

"The grant funding available through this program will strengthen our response to the crisis at the border and help keep our communities safe," said Governor Abbott. "I encourage local governments to apply for these funds to enhance our ongoing collaborative efforts to deter illegal immigration and prevent the smuggling of people, drugs, weapons, and other contraband into our state."

Funding Requirements

The Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) is responsible for administering the OLS Grant Program, which is accepting applications from June 9, 2023 through August 11, 2023. Minimum grants begin at \$5,000 with no maximum and no local match requirement.

Applicants must access the Office of the Governor's <u>eGrants grant management website</u> to apply for funding. Additional requirements are included within the online application.



- 1. Increase the effectiveness and impact of Operation Lone Star.
- 2. Reduce border-related criminal activity in San Jacinto County Task Force (TF) Region consisting of Montgomery, Harris, Liberty, Polk, Walker and Galveston Counties.
- 3. Implement and increase the effectiveness of operational methods, measures, and techniques for outbound/southbound operations.
- 4. Decrease the supply of drugs smuggled into and through TF Region from Rio Grand Valley Corridor.
- 5. Disrupt and deter operations of gang and cartel criminal organizations in TF area.
- 6. Decrease specifically targeted tactics (such as conveyance methods) for drugs in the TF Region.



Operation Lone Star Impacts Continued

- 7. Decrease use of specific areas for crime as targeted in directed action missions.
- 8. Increase the effectiveness of directed action missions based upon intelligence and analysis to ensure they target the most serious threats and are conducted in high payoff areas.
- 9. Increase the number and quality of analytical intelligence products developed at the Unified Command and state levels.
- 10. Increase coordination between local and state law enforcement agencies in planning, execution, and analysis of TF security operations.



Recent Issues In-County

- Recent mass shooting event in Trails End area, 05/2023. Five murder victims (4 from Honduras in US unlawfully). Murder suspect from Sinaloa Mexico, suspected Sinaloa Cartel hit man. Massive manhunt requiring assistance of 18 law enforcement agencies.
- Murder 03/2023 by Mexican National of American Citizen
- Several DEA tips on meth labs and marijuana grow houses in the Trails End area of San Jacinto County resulting in numerous seizures of cash and drugs. This area is populated by what is believed to be hundreds of aliens in the USA unlawfully.
- After the mass shooting described above a marijuana grow house was discovered and over 800 pounds of marijuana seized. The grow house was managed by 2 Cuban Nationals in the USA unlawfully.
- 2019 a Pakistani Air Force officer, who had entered the USA unlawfully and was on the terrorist watch list murdered an American Citizen and crippled another in an Aggravated Assault and murder case.



Recent Issues In-County

- A massive cock fighting operation/ drug smuggling was discovered on a random noise disturbance call by a Patrol Deputy resulting in a massive seizure case of automobiles, rosters, buildings and equipment used to further the enterprise. The operation was managed by Vietnamese Nationals and labor provided by Gulf Cartel members.
- 2015/2016 massive raids were conducted with the aid of several local, state and federal agencies to break up a gambling/drug network based in clubs and convenience store countywide.
- Plum Grove is a subdivision in Liberty County which is in very close proximity (less than 5 miles) to San Jacinto County Trail's End area. Plum Grove is alleged to be inhabited by approximately 90,000 illegal aliens. Organized criminal activity is rampant in the area with a law enforcement presence required constantly. This area feeds into San Jacinto County and the two high drug traffic areas of Trails End and Oak Forest.

Recent Issues In-County

- Oak Forest Rodeo Arena Capital Murder 2017
- Mexican National from Jalisco New Generation Cartel opened fire in rodeo arena
- Subject murdered victim and his horse while he was calf roping in front of 300 people
- Subject on US Marshall's wanted list and still at large



Proposed Grant Budget

	New Budget Item	Budget Category	OOG Funds	Cash Match	In Kind Match	GPI	Total Project
u		Personnel	\$583,863.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$583,863.56
		Contractual and Professional Services	50.00	50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	50.00
Ы		Travel and Training	\$48,656.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,656.00
		Equipment	\$961,701.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$961,701.00
H		Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$159,347.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0,00	5159,347.00
		Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Indirect Costs	\$0.00	50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	50.00

Budget Summary Totals

OOG Funds:	Cash Match:	In Kind Match:	GPI:	Total Project:
\$1,753,567.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,753,567.56



CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	00G	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - Sheriff's Office	OLS Task Force Commander	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	100
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant Investigator	\$57,801.85	\$0.00	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$57,801.85	100
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - Sheriff's Office	OLS Task Force Deputy - 1	\$55,390.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,390.30	100
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - Sheriff's Office	OLS Task Force Deputy - 2	\$55,390.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,390.30	100
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - Sheriff's Office	OLS Task Force Deputy - 3	\$55,390.30	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,390.30	100
Personnel	Certified Peace Officer - Sheriff's Office	OLS Task Force Deputy - 4	\$55,390.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	S 0.00	\$55,390.30	100
Personnel	Analyst (e.g., crime, crime scene investigators, forensic, crime laboratory, etc.)	OLS Task Force Crime Analyst Assigned	\$42,325.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,325.51	100
Personnel	Overtime for All Peace Officers	Law Enforcement Operational Peace Officers	\$197,175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$197,175.00	100



Travel and Training	Fees, Training, and or Travel	Operational Expenses Travel Reimbursement	\$22,254.00	\$0.00	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$22,254,00	0
Travel and Training	In-State Registration Fees, Training, and or Travel	Training and Travel - In-State Registration	\$26,402.00	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,402.00	0
Equipment	Equipment / Accessories for Law Enforcement Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	Nine (9) Vault Storage boxes for OLS units to help Evidence and weapons during operations investigations.	\$44,766.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,766.00	100
Equipment	Equipment / Accessories for Law Enforcement Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	Nine (9) Push bumpers grill guards and installation kits	\$19,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0,00	\$19,500.00	100
Equipment	Equipment / Accessories for Law Enforcement Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	Complete law enforcement equipment package (e.g. emergency lights, siren, loudspeaker:PA system, police radio, security cage) for six (6) OLS grant funded Deputy vehicles and for three (3) OLS grant funded vehicles for use by non-OLS grant funded Deputies Officers assigned to work OLS border crime task force duties by partner agencies. Est @ \$7444 price per unit. Total for "kit-out" on nine (9) police vehicles is \$ \$67,000.	\$67,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67,000.00	100
Equipment	Police Sheriff Department Vehicle (with no law enforcement equipment installed)	One (1) San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office four door 4x4 pickup truck for use during OLS border crime task force operations and investigations. Price per unit: \$65,000	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	100
Equipment	Police / Sheriff Department Vehicle (with no law enforcement equipment installed)	Eight (8) San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office police package SUV/s for use during OLS border crime task force criminal interdiction patrols and pro-active investigations. Price per unit \$65,000	\$520,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$520,000.00	100
Equipment	Police Sheriff Department Vehicle (with no law enforcement equipment installed)	Two (2) lease unmarked "civilian" vehicles to be utilized for pro-active covert OLS border crimes related investigations (e.g. surveillance, undercover, etc.). Monthly estimated lease cost \$850 per unit for an approximate annual cost of \$20,400, all service and maintenance covered by lease agreement.	\$20,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,400.00	100



Travel and Training	In-State Registration Fees, Training, and/or Travel	Training and Travel - In- State Registration	\$26,402.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,402,00	0
Equipment	Equipment / Accessories for Law Enforcement Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	Nine (9) Vault Storage boxes for OLS units to help Evidence and weapons during operations/investigations.	\$44.766.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,766.00	100
Equipment	Equipment / Accessories for Law Enforcement Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	Nine (9) Push bumpers/grill guards and installation kits	\$19.500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,500.00	100
Equipment	Equipment / Accessories for Law Enforcement Vehicle (purchased separately from vehicle)	Complete law enforcement equipment package (e.g. emergency lights, siren, loudspeaker/PA system, police radio, security cage) for six (6) OLS grant funded Deputy vehicles and for three (3) OLS grant funded vehicles for use by non-OLS grant funded Deputies/Officers assigned to work OLS/border crime task force duties by partner agencies. Est @ \$7444 price per unit. Total for "kit-out" on nine (9) police vehicles is \$ \$67,000.	\$67.000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67,000.00	100



Equipment	Bulletproof Vest	Level III Bullet Resistant Tactical Vest and Helmets Six (6) Level IIIA Bullet resistant tactical vests and accessories for OLS grant funded Deputies and three (3) Level III Bullet resistant tactical vests and accessories for non-OLS grant funded Deputies Officers assigned to work OLS border crimes enforcement task force duties. For a total of nine (9) Level III tactical vests and accessories @ price per unit of \$1398.00. Six (6) covert Level IIA soft panel bullet resistant vests for OLS grant funded deputies to wear with uniforms while conducting OLS border crimes task force crimnal interdiction patrol duties @ price per unit of \$1398. Total cost for all bullet resistant vests to be purchased: \$12,582.00.	\$12,582.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,582.00	100
Equipment	Surveillance Equipment and Accessories	Covert audio recorder transmitter, repeater, receiver and required accessories for OLS border crime proactive investigations. Two (2) trasmitters, one repeater, one receiver and associated accessories, estimated cost.	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100
Equipment	Surveillance Equipment and Accessories	Covert cameras and required accessories for OLS border crime pro-active investigations. Four (4) key fob cameras @ \$295 per unit, one (1) "hotel" room kit @ \$1,995 per unit, One (1) Alpha Vape DVR camera @ \$1,950 per unit and one (1) micro button camera kit @ \$6,085.00. Total cost for cover cameras: \$11,200	\$11,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,200.00	100
Equipment	Global Positioning System (GPS) Unit and Accessories	Three (3) GPS trackers and software and maintenance	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	100
Equipment	Law Enforcement Canine and Accessories (e.g., canine, traveling tote pad, collar, chain, vest)	K-9 safety equipment and cage for one vehicle One (1) K-9 cage, door release, "hot dog" safety system, etc. for installation in one (1) of the OLS grant funded Deputy vehicles est. cost: \$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	100
Equipment	Law Enforcement Canine and Accessories (e.g., canine, traveling tote pad, collar, chain, vest)	Dual Purpose Narcotics Tracking Police K-9 and associated training One (1) dual purpose (narcotics detection tracking) trained police K-9 and associated training and certification for handler \$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.00	100
Equipment	Law Enforcement Canine and Accessories (e.g., canine, traveling tote / pad, collar, chain, vest)	K-9 supplies, vet care and feed. Storage kennel home kennel, vet care and medications vaccinations, and feed For one (1) police K-9 for one fiscal year. Est @ \$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0,00	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	100



Equipment	License Plate Reader	Vigilant License Plate Reader subscription: Data access, for OLS investigations related to smuggling trafficking	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	100
Equipment	License Plate Reader	One (1) Leonoptik ALPR Rapid deployment trailer w/software \$95,353.00 per unit	\$95,353.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95,353.00	100
Equipment	Specialty Camera and Accessories (e.g., video observation, pole cams, towers, etc.)	Body Camera Software maintenance, purchase, repair replacements of body cameras and accessories	\$15,000.00	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	100
Equipment	Specialty Camera and Accessories (e.g., video observation, pole cams, towers, etc.)	Nine (9) body worn cameras and accessories	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	100
Equipment	Thermal Imaging Equipment	Three (3) thermal imagers and accessories for OLS Operations and tracking searching rescue operations related to OLS border crime investigations	\$20,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$20,400.00	100
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Radio and Accessories (\$5,000 or less per unit)	Nine (9) police band handheld radios for use by OLS grant funded Deputies and other officers deputies working OLS border crime task force duties for use during criminal interdiction patrols and pro-active border crime related investigations. Price per unit for each handheld radio is \$3500.00.	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Office Supplies (e.g., paper, postage, calculator)	Office supplies including, but not limited to printers, electronics, fax and other office related supplies	\$25,000.00	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$0,00	\$25,000.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Project Supplies (e.g., binocular, battery, flexicuff, drug testing kit)	Imprest funds for purchase of evidence (e.g. drugs, weapons, stolen property, etc.) during OLS border crime task force investigations to prove up Criminal offenses for prosecution purposes in state or federal court. Estimate need of \$50,000.00 for 1st fiscal year. \$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	Vehicle Operating Cost (e.g., fuel, lubricants, maintenance, storage)	Vehicle Operation Cost for fuel and maintenance expense for OLS deputies. Estimated 180,000 miles at \$3.70 per gallon gas cost, or \$66,000.00. Vehicle Operation Cost for fuel and maintenance for non-OLS funded Deputies Officers working/Assigned to OLS border crime investigations. Estimated 13,100 miles patrolled at an estimated rate of \$3.70 per gallon. Total cost of \$14,847.00.	\$80,847.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,847.00	0

•	OUTCOME MEASURE:	TARGET LEVEL:
•	Equipment or technology:	
•	Individual/operators equipped	10
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•	Number of Adult apprehensions made by grant-funded peace	
•	officers (transferred to USBP/ICE custody):	50
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•	Number of Felony Arrests made by	
•	grant-funded officers supporting OLS:	100
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•	Number of Misd. Arrests made by	
•	grant-funded officers supporting OLS:	150
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•	Number of juvenile apprehensions	
•	made by grant-funded officers supporting OLS:	10

•	Number of Illicit Firearms seized by	
•	Grant-funded officers supporting OLS:	50
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•	Value of all forfeitures (cash and other	
•	assets) attributed to grant-funded officers	
•	supporting OLS:	\$150,000
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•	Number of traffic stops conducted by	
•	grant-funded officers supporting OLS:	2,000
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•	Number of reports submitted – BIARS to a	
•	Regional DPS-JOIC (for LBSP) or DARs	
•	to USBP/ICE (for OPSG):	50
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•	Number of Major (Tier 1 and Tier 2) gangs	
•	targeted in the border initiative:	6
•	(ABT, Tango Blast, MS-13, Crips, Bandidos, and Brothers East)	

•	Number of major cartels targeted in	
•	the border initiative:	4
•	(Jalisco NG, Gulf, Zetas, and Sinaloa)	
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•	Number of stolen Motor Vehicles	
•	Recovered by grant-funded officers	
•	supporting OLS:	25
•	Number of adult human smugglers arrested:	10
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•	Number of juvenile human smugglers arrested:	2
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•	Number of human traffickers arrested:	20
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•	Number of Juvenile/Child trafficking	
•	victims recovered:	20

•	Number of Adult trafficking victims	
•	recovered:	40
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•	Lbs. of Marijuana seized:	500
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•	Lbs. of Cocaine seized:	50
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•	Lbs. of Methamphetamine seized:	50
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•	Lbs. of Heroin seized:	5
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•	Lbs. of Fentanyl seized:	5

•	Lbs. of MDMA seized:	1
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•	Lbs. of THC product seized:	10
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•	Lbs. of synthetic THC seized:	20
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•	Lbs. of other Opioids seized:	10
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•	Oz. of PCP seized:	100

Impact of OLS Grant

- The San Jacinto County TF will be based and centered on San Jacinto County
- TF will follow the criminal pipelines, human trafficking, drugs, weapons, stolen property and distribution points where they lead us
- The goal is to work with the Rio Grand Valley
 TF and together we can cut off the major sources of these issues