

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM



REVISED
10:39 am, Mar 04, 2026

DEPARTMENT/COUNCIL OFFICE : Police

AGENDA DATE: 3/17/26

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON NAME: Asst Chief Humberto Talamantes PHONE NUMBER: 1 (915) 212-4309

2nd CONTACT PERSON NAME: Commander Reginald Moton PHONE NUMBER: 1 (915) 212-4147

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

AGENDA ITEM:

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement regarding Operation Stonegarden FY24 between: the City of El Paso, the County of El Paso, the City of Anthony, the Town of Horizon City, the City Of Socorro, the Town of Clint, Constable Precinct One, Constable Precinct Four, Constable Precinct Six, San Elizario Marshals, and Texas Department of Public Safety – Aviation Team, for the grant period of September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2027. Approval will allow the El Paso Police Department to accept and administer federal grant funding to enhance coordinated law enforcement patrol operations in support of border security and public safety objectives.

ISSUE STATEMENT:

Council is being asked to authorize acceptance and implementation of the Interlocal Agreement Operation Stonegarden FY24 for the grant period of September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2027, to ensure continued operational presence, intelligence coordination, and deterrence of transnational criminal activity. This approval enables reimbursement of eligible costs, enhances interagency collaboration, and sustains public safety efforts that directly protect our border community.

BACKGROUND

- OPSG is federally funded grant program administered through DHS.
- Interlocal Agreement Operation Stonegarden FY24 grant period of September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2027.
- The County of El Paso acts as lead participating agency (acting for itself and all agency parties) for submission of the joint Operations Order to CBP Border Patrol
- Funding will be used to detect, deter, interdiction, intelligence gathering, and public safety anti-terrorism operations.
- OPSG operations will increase law enforcement officers along the border to provide public safety patrols from 03/01/26-02/28/27.
- The El Paso Police Department has received the Operation Stone Garden (OPSG) grant since FY 2009.
- Enhances public safety to our border community by coordinating patrol operations that deter transnational criminal organizations, 

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

COMMITTEE REVIEW AND/OR RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH (if applicable, as an attachment) – please include:

RELATED CITY POLICIES:

EPPD Procedures Manual, Chapter 3: Police Operations, Custody, and Traffic Enforcement, 344 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG)

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The City of El Paso Council has been presented this reoccurring grant previously and the El Paso Police Department has received the Operation Stone Garden (OPSG) grant since FY 2009.

LEGAL REVIEW:

- Legal counsel reviewed as a part of Council packet
- Legal counsel reviewed in advance of packet as an individual item

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

N/A

NAME	AMOUNT (\$)

ATTACHMENTS:

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

SIGNATURE:

Humberto Tolamantes

(If Agenda Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement by and between the County of El Paso, Texas, the City of El Paso, Texas, the City of Anthony, Texas, the Town of Horizon City, Texas, the City of Socorro, Texas, the Town of Clint, Texas, Constable Precinct One, Constable Precinct Four, Constable Precinct Six, San Elizario Marshals, and Texas Department of Public Safety- Aviation Team for the combined reimbursement for all parties of \$3,725,851.00 for overtime, equipment, fuel costs, and/or mileage related to operational purposes to state, local, and tribal agencies to secure U.S. borders for the period of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Renard U. Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric Gutierrez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Peter Pacillas
Chief of Police

State of Texas
County of El Paso

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
Operation Stonegarden FY 2024

This Interlocal Agreement is entered into on May 20th 2024, by and between the County of El Paso, Texas, hereinafter "County," the City of El Paso, Texas, hereinafter "City," the City of Anthony, Texas, hereinafter "Anthony," the Town of Horizon City, hereinafter "Horizon," the City of Socorro, hereinafter "Socorro", the Town of Clint, hereinafter "Clint", Constable Precinct One, Constable Precinct Four, Constable Precinct Six, San Elizario Marshals and Texas Department of Public Safety- Aviation Team. The County is acting on behalf of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office; the City is acting on behalf of the El Paso Police Department; Anthony is acting on behalf of the Anthony Police Department; Town of Horizon City is acting on behalf of the Horizon Police Department; Socorro is acting on behalf of the Socorro Police Department, Clint is acting on behalf of the Clint Police Department, Constable Precinct One is acting on behalf of the Constable Precinct One, Constable Precinct Four is acting on behalf of the Constable Precinct Four, Constable Precinct Six is acting on behalf of the Constable Precinct Six San Elizario Marshals is acting on behalf of San Elizario Marshals and Texas Department of Public Safety - Aviation Team, acting on behalf of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, authorizes local governments of the state to enter into contracts for governmental functions and services to increase their efficiency and effectiveness;

Whereas, Operation Stonegarden FY 2024 ("OPSG") is funded by the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") and led by the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Border Patrol, to support overtime, equipment, fuel costs, and/or mileage reimbursement for operational purposes to state, local, and tribal agencies to enhance border security, cooperation, and coordination between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the U.S. borders along routes of ingress and egress leading to and from the U.S./Mexico border,

Whereas, each party is required to separately submit its grant reimbursements to the Office of the Governor and individually handle its own obligations and responsibilities under the OPSG Grant. The County acts as lead participating agency (acting for itself and all agency parties) for submission of the joint Operations Order to CBP Border Patrol;

Whereas, the Office of the Governor specifically provided the City, the County, and other participant agencies with unique identifiers for use of the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) reporting system. Beginning with the 2016 OPSG Grant Award, the County was required, acting on behalf of all agencies who are parties herein, to submit and input into the HSIN grants system the information that will be utilized for each agency's daily, monthly, quarterly reports and success stories. However, that has changed and now each participating agencies is required to separately submit their own daily, monthly, quarterly reports, success stories, and semi-annual reports directly to the Criminal Justice Division..

Whereas County is acting on behalf of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office ("EPCSO"); the City is acting on behalf of the El Paso Police Department ("EPPD"); Anthony is acting on behalf of the Anthony Police Department ("APD"); Town of Horizon City is acting on behalf of the Horizon Police Department ("HPD"); Socorro is acting on behalf of the Socorro Police Department ("SPD"); Clint is acting on behalf of the Clint Police Department (CPD), Constable Precinct One is acting on behalf of the Constable Precinct One, Constable Precinct Four is acting on behalf of the Constable Precinct Four, Constable Precinct Six is acting on behalf of the Constable Precinct Six ,San Elizario Marshals is acting on behalf of San Elizario Marshals and Texas Department of Public Safety - Aviation Team on behalf of the Texas Department of Public Safety (TOPS), have each agreed to separately submit their own reimbursements for the OPSG Grant to enhance their capability to detect, prevent, and deter crime such as auto theft, burglary, smuggling of contraband/money/aliens/weapons, money laundering, and drug/human trafficking. The parties have also agreed to have the County submit a joint Operations Order to CBP Border Patrol on behalf of all parties;

Whereas, the County on behalf of El Paso County Sheriff's Office ("EPCSO"), the City on behalf of El Paso Police Department ("EPPD"), Anthony, Texas on behalf of the Anthony Police Department ("APD"), Horizon on behalf of Town of Horizon City Police Department ("HPD"), Socorro on behalf of the Socorro Police Department ("SPD"), Clint on behalf of Clint Police Department (CPD), Constable Precinct One Constable Precinct Four is acting on behalf of the Constable Precinct Four, Constable Precinct Six is acting on behalf of the Constable Precinct Six ,San Elizario Marshals is acting on behalf of San Elizario Marshals and Texas Department of Public Safety - Aviation Team on behalf of the Texas Department of Public Safety (TOPS), have each agreed to submit their own daily, monthly, quarterly reports and success stories on each agency's behalf through to the Federal HSIN grants system. All parties have also agreed to send their own semi-annual reports and success stories separately and directly to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Whereas, with the FY 2024 OPSG grant award, officers performing duties under the OPSG Grant will enhance border security, supporting the OHS mission and the National Border Patrol Strategy; that notwithstanding, the EPCSO, EPPD, APD, IIPD, SPD, CPD, Constable Precinct One, Constable Precinct Four and Constable Precinct Six **will not be involved in immigration enforcement;**

Whereas, such a consolidated effort to reduce crime in the border community will ultimately improve the quality of life for the residents in the combined areas of El Paso, Anthony, Horizon, Socorro, Clint and Texas Department of Public Safety and the County; furthermore, such a consolidated effort is in each party's best interest and that of the public and will increase the effective and efficient functioning of each party; and

Whereas, the County, City, Anthony, Horizon, Socorro, Clint are local governments, and the Texas Department of Public Safety as a state entity, as defined in Texas Government Code, Section 791.003(4), have the authority to enter into this Agreement and have each entered into this Agreement by the action of their respective governing body in the manner prescribed by law.

Now therefore, In consideration of the premises, terms, provisions, and mutual promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

No Operations Order will be conducted by state or local law enforcement agencies under the sub-recipient of the County of El Paso until the approval for the funding year has been received by the State Administrative Agency and after the Border Patrol has conducted the post award Integrated Planning Team meeting.

1. Each party will prepare and submit its own reimbursements to the Office of the Governor for funds under FY 2024 OPSG (grant period September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2027). The total amount for all parties combined is \$3,725,851.00 as shown on Attachment A, attached hereto and fully incorporated herein by this reference. The FY 2024 OPSG Grant Award allocated funds for each party. The parties agree to use their respective share of this OPSG Grant award only for eligible costs under the FY 2024 OPSG Grant and to comply with all grant requirements. The parties agree they shall not use OPSG funds to supplant inherent routine patrol and law enforcement operations/ activities or to perform other activities not directly related to providing an enhanced law enforcement presence in each of the named cities and in the County.

2. The County will continue to submit a joint Operations Order to CBP Border Patrol for the entire County of El Paso and on behalf of all parties. The City, Anthony, Horizon, and Socorro each agree they will individually comply with the provisions of the FY 2024 OPSO Grant and timely provide to the County any information the County requests or needs to submit this joint Operations Order to CBP Border Patrol under this OPSG Grant.

3. Each participating agency, party, will submit to the Federal grants system each agency's own daily, monthly, quarterly reports and success stories on their behalf. Additionally, each participating agency, party, will separately submit their own semi-annual reports directly to the Office of the Governor. The City, Anthony, Horizon, Socorro, Clint, Constable Precinct One, Constable Precinct 6 and the Texas Department of Public Safety- Aviation Team each agree they will individually comply with the provisions of the FY 2024 OPSO Grant, and any other reporting requirement, and timely provide to the County, if the County requests or needs, any information the County needs to submit any required report.

4. This Agreement shall become effective upon acceptance and signature by all parties and shall remain in effect until the expiration of the FY 2024 OPSG Grant. In the event no OPSG Grant is awarded or funding stops, this Agreement shall end. The Agreement may be terminated by any party or parties, with prior notice to the others, should OPSG Grant requirements, rules, or administration change making this interlocal arrangement unnecessary or impractical.

5. Each party's police/sheriff department shall timely submit its own claims or invoices on their agency letterhead to the Office of the Governor. The following items may be required.

- Officer Daily Activity Report
- Time Detail
- Payroll Register
- OT Certifications signed by Supervisor
- Mileage Logs
- Inventory List
- Before equipment purchases are made, verify from www.SAM.gov that vendors are not on Debarment List.
- Verify the equipment is on the authorized equipment list at hnos://www.rkb.us/lists.cfm

6. Each police/sheriff department's claims or invoices shall account separately for the receipts and expenditures of any and all funds received pursuant to the FY 2024 OPSG Grant. Each police/sheriff/marshal department shall timely submit its own invoices for reimbursement by the State Administration Agency (SAA), which is with the Office of the Governor (OOG) - Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

7. Each party shall maintain and make available for inspection, audit or reproduction, by an authorized representative of the local, state, or federal government, any books, documents, records, and other evidence pertaining to the cost and expenses for this Agreement, hereinafter called "Records." In particular, each police/sheriff department shall maintain financial and supporting documents, statistical records, and any other Records pertinent to the services for which a claim or expense report has been submitted. The Records must be kept for a minimum of three years after the end of the grant period or longer as may be required by law. If any litigation, claim, or audit involving these Records commences before the three year period expires, the party must keep Records for not less than three years or until all litigation, claims, or audit findings are resolved.
8. The parties each agree to observe all local, federal and state laws, rules, and regulations that in any manner affect or govern the procurement of grant funds or the procurement of goods/services necessary to perform under this Agreement.
9. Each party is responsible for its own actions in providing services hereunder and shall not assume any liability that may arise from performance or nonperformance by any other party.
10. A waiver by a party of any breach of a provision under this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver by any other party or a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.
11. Each party reserves and does not waive its respective immunity nor any other rights under applicable laws. Any provision of this Agreement that imposes an obligation or restriction, on any party, not permitted by applicable law shall not be enforceable. Therefore, this Agreement is not intended to alter or reallocate any defense or immunity authorized or available to any party under Texas tort or other law.
12. This Agreement is entered into in El Paso County, Texas and venue for the enforcement of this Agreement shall lie in El Paso County, Texas. The laws of the State of Texas shall govern all questions and interpretations concerning the validity and construction of this Agreement and the legal relations between the parties and performance under it.
13. This document expresses the entire agreement between the parties and shall not be or modified except by written instrument signed by the parties.
14. This Agreement may not be assigned by any party in whole or in part.
15. By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied other than those set out herein. Further, this Agreement shall not create any rights in any party not a signatory hereto.
16. Should any term or provision of this Agreement be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the parties intend that all other terms and provisions of this Agreement should be valid, binding and have full force and effect as if the invalid portion had not been included. If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this Agreement or application thereof to any person, entity, or circumstance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Agreement shall nevertheless be valid, to the extent practicable.
17. All notices required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered when actually received via United States Postal Service post office or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the respective party at the address listed below or at such other address as the receiving party may have theretofore prescribed by written notice to the sending party:

Notice shall be made to:

COUNTY: El Paso County Judge, Ricardo A. Samaniego
El Paso County Courthouse
500 E. San Antonio Ave, Room 301
El Paso, Texas 79901

COPY TO: El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Attention: Oscar Ugarte
3850 Justice Drive
El Paso, Texas 79938

CITY: City of El Paso
Attention: City Manager's Office
300 N. Campbell
El Paso, Texas 79901

COPY TO: El Paso Police Department
Attention: Chief Peter Pacillas
911 N. Raynor
El Paso, Texas 79903

CITY City of Anthony
401 Wildcat Drive
Anthony, TX 79821

COPY TO: Anthony Police Department
Attention: Chief Carlos Enriquez
401 Wildcat Drive
Anthony, TX 79821

CITY Town of Horizon City
14999 Darrington Road
Horizon, TX 79928

COPY TO: Horizon Police Department
Attention: Chief Marco Vargas
14999 Darrington Road
Horizon City, TX 79928

CITY City of Socorro
670 Poona
Socorro, TX 79927

COPY TO: City of Socorro
Attention: Chief Robert Rojas
670 Poona
Socorro, TX 79927

CLINT Town of Clint
200 E. San Elizario Road
Clint, TX 79836

COPY TO: Clint Police Department
Attention: Chief Robert Fernandez
200 E. San Elizario Road
Clint, TX 79836

Constable Precinct
One Constable Precinct One
424 Executive Center, Suite 100
El Paso, TX 79902

COPY TO: County of El Paso
500 E. San Antonio Street
El Paso, TX 79901

Constable Precinct
Four Constable Precinct Four
2350 George Dieter Dr.
El Paso, TX 79902

COPY TO: County of El Paso
500 E. San Antonio Street
El Paso, TX 79901

Constable Precinct
Six

Constable Precinct Six
190 N. San Elizario Road
Deputy Peter J. Herrera Annex
Clint, TX 79836

COPY TO:

County of El Paso
500 E. San Antonio Street
El Paso, TX 79901

STATE

Texas Department of Public Safety
Attn: Stacy Holland
1771 Shuttle Columbia Drive
El Paso, TX 79925

COPY TO:

Texas Department of Public Safety
Attn: Arturo Mendez
Texas Homeland Security- Texas Department of Public Safety
1800 Nueces St
Austin, TX 78701

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said County of El Paso, City of El Paso, City of Anthony, Town of Horizon City, City of Socorro, Town of Clint, Constable Precinct One, Constable Precinct Six and Texas Department of Public Safety-Aviation Team have caused these presents to be executed on their behalf by their respective and duly authorized officials on each date noted below.

[Signatures Follow Attachment "A"]

ATTACHMENT "A"

Administration/Logistics/Budget	Narrative Justification (Computation of Items)	Federal Request	
Law Enforcement Operational Overtime *Over 50% in OT funding needs a Personal Cap Waiver request letter	EPCSO	\$858,347.00	\$2,277,561.00
	EPPD	\$1,108,002.00	
	APD	\$65,668.00	
	HCPD	\$48,558.00	
	SPD	\$64,635.00	
	CONSTABLE 1	\$27,687.00	
	CONSTABLE 4	\$27,687.00	
	CONSTABLE 6	\$27,687.00	
	SAN ELIZARIO MARSHAL CPD	\$26,040.00 \$23,250.00	
Fringe Benefits for Law Enforcement	EPCSO	\$241,882.00	\$643,527.00
	EPPD	\$344,256.00	
	APD	\$14,447.00	
	HCPD	\$6,312.00	
	SPD	\$7,756.00	
	CONSTABLE 1	\$7,653.00	
	CONSTABLE 4	\$7,653.00	
	CONSTABLE 6	\$7,653.00	
	SAN ELIZARIO MARSHAL CPD	\$3,125.00 \$2,790.00	
Overtime and Fringe Total		\$2,921,088.00	

General Equipment *Justification Letter needed for \$100k or more purchases *If more space is needed show total equipment cost and list all equipment in justification section of budget.			\$0.00
Special Equipment *Needs Justification Letter			\$0.00
Vehicles, Watercraft, other type of vehicles *Needs Justification Letter	EPPD- LE VEHICLE HCPD- LE VEHICLE EP CONSTABLE 1- 1 ATV EP CONSTABLE 4- 1 ATV EP CONSTABLE 6- 1 ATV CPD- 2 ATV	\$75,000.00 \$90,000.00 \$9,498.00 \$9,498.00 \$9,498.00 \$24,000.00	\$217,494.00
Regional Capability Building Equipment *Needs Justification Letter			\$0.00
Equipment Total			\$217,494.00

ATTACHMENT "A"

Mileage Cost			\$0.00
Fuel Cost	EPCSO	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00
Maintenance Cost	TX DPS AOD EPCSO	\$354,600.00 \$6,499.67	\$361,099.67
Travel, Lodging, and Per Diem			\$0.00
State M&A	State can take up to 2.5% of total allocation		\$86,812.33
County M&A	EPCSO	\$57,800.00	\$57,800.00
M&A Payroll and Fringe	EPPD SPD TX DPS AOD	\$31,557.00 \$3,000.00 \$18,000.00	\$52,557.00
		Total M&A	\$197,169.33
		Total Funding Cost	\$3,725,851.00

COUNTY OF EL PASO

BY: Ricardo A. Samaniego
Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge

DATE: 05/19/2025

ATTEST: Delia Briones
Delia Briones, County Clerk



Approved as to Form:

[Signature]

Approved as to content:

[Signature]

Oscar Ugarte

El Paso County Sheriff's Office

County of El Paso, Texas

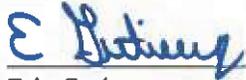
CITY OF EL PASO

BY: _____
Renard U. Johnson, Mayor

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____
Laura D. Prine, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Eric Gutierrez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Approved as to Content:



Chief of Police
El Paso Police Department
City of El Paso

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CITY OF ANTHONY

BY: _____

DATE: _____

Approved as to Form:

Approved as to content:

Chief of Police

City of Anthony

CITY OF HORIZON

BY: _____

DATE: _____

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Chief of Police

City of Horizon

CITY OF SOCORRO

BY: _____

DATE: _____

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Chief of Police

City of Socorro

CITY OF CLINT

BY: _____

DATE: _____

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Chief of Police

City of Clint

CONSTABLE PRECINCT ONE

BY: _____

DATE: _____

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Constable Precinct One

County of El Paso, Texas

CONSTABLE PRECINCT FOUR

BY: _____

DATE: _____

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Constable Precinct Four

County of El Paso, Texas

CONSTABLE PRECINCT SIX

BY: _____

DATE: _____

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Approved as to content:

Constable Precinct Six

County of El Paso, Texas

Texas Department of Public Safety – El Paso Aviation Team

BY: _____

DATE: _____

Approved as to content:

Texas Department of Public Safety

Aviation Team

Chief Stacy Holland