

**URBAN COUNTY
PROGRAM**
Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court
Agenda Request Form

No. _____

Date: September 19, 2006 Meeting Date Request: October 03, 2006
Deadline for Action: October 03, 2006 Contact Person: Diana R. Serna
Department: Urban County Program Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 787-5291

Diana R. Serna, UCP Director 



Caption:

Requesting approval of a budget and program amendment for the City of La Joya utilizing Urban County Program funding from Years 17 & 18 (2004 and 2005). The City of La Joya will appropriate funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Drainage Improvements, create a new line for Health Services in the amount of \$7,000.00 and increase funds to Street Improvements in the amount of 42,500.00. Approval will also increase funding for Park Facility by 120,000.00

Background:

The City of La Joya is requesting approval for a Budget & Program Amendment to appropriate funds for street improvements, drainage improvements, health services and a park improvements facility. Approval of this request will appropriate funding for professional services and construction to the various projects in the City of La Joya. Proposed projects will utilize Urban County Program funds Yr.17&18 (FY2004 and 2005).

See Attachments

Finance: FRM Manager:  Deputy Director: 

Please initial for approval:

Legal Counsel _____ Budget _____ Human Resources _____

Dept./Fund No. _____ Amt. Expended: \$ _____ Funds/Staffing Budgeted: Yes: _____ No: _____
Account Code: _____ Impact on Future Budget: Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioner's Court:

Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote



City of La Joya

"Jewel of the Valley"

September 20, 2006

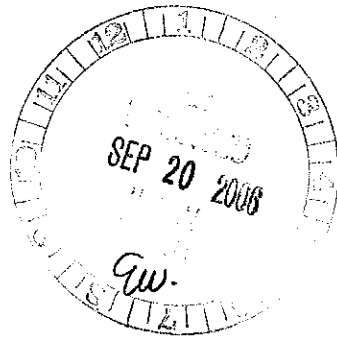
On September 12, 2006 our City Council approved a Proposed Budget and Program Amendment for years 17 and 18.

Let this letter serve as a formal request to submit a Budget and Program Amendment to Commissioners Court for their approval.

Thank You.

Respectfully,

Mike Alaniz



Following are the proposed budget and program amendments for your consideration:

Existing Budget	Urban County Year 17 Activities	Proposed Budget
\$ 20,000.00	Parks & Recreational Fac. (+63,000.00)	\$ 83,000.00
\$ 125,553.27	Water/Sewer Improvements (-70,000.00)	\$ 55,553.27
\$ -0-	Drainage Improvements (+20,000.00)	\$ 20,000.00
\$ 20,000.00	Fire Station Equipment (-20,000.00)	\$ -0-
\$ -0-	Health Services (+7,000.00)	\$ 7,000.00
\$ 19,000.00	Clearance Demolition	\$ 19,000.00
\$ 31,868.50	Senior Services	\$ 31,868.50
\$ 6,500.00	Youth Services	\$ 6,500.00
\$ 10,000.00	Code Enforcement	\$ 10,000.00
\$ 158,306.05	Repayment of Section 108	\$ 158,306.05
\$ 46,000.00	Planning	\$ 46,000.00
\$ 558.18	General Administration	\$ 558.18
<u>\$ 437,786.00</u>	Total	<u>\$ 437,786.00</u>

The proposed amendment will decrease (-70,000.00) from the Water/Sewer Improvements work plan and appropriate (+50,000.00) for construction of a new Parks & Recreational Facility; plan will also create a line item (+20,000.00) for Drainage Improvements to Mesquite Subdivision.

The proposed amendment will delete (-20,000.00) from Fire Station/Equipment work plan and appropriate (+13,000.00) for new construction of Parks & Rec. Facility and appropriate a Health Service line item in the amount of (+7,000.00) for purchase of mosquito sprayer.

Existing Budget	Urban County Year 18 Activities	Proposed Budget
\$ 20,000.00	Parks & Recreational Facility (+57,000.00)	\$ 77,000.00
\$ 160,000.00	Water/Sewer Improvements (-99,500.00)	\$ 60,500.00
\$ -0-	Street Improvements (+42,500.00)	\$ 42,500.00
\$ 20,000.00	Fire Station Equipment	\$ 20,000.00
\$ 40,000.00	Senior Services	\$ 40,000.00
\$ 10,000.00	Youth Services	\$ 10,000.00
\$ 8,000.00	Code Enforcement	\$ 8,000.00
\$ 145,000.00	Repayment of Section 108	\$ 145,000.00
\$ 3,126.00	General Administration	\$ 3,126.00
\$ 406,126.00		\$ 406,126.00

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The proposed amendment will create (+42,500.00) for Street Improvements increasing funds for improvements to Alex St from Water/Sewer Improvements.

City of La Joya
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, September 12, 2006 @ 5:30 pm

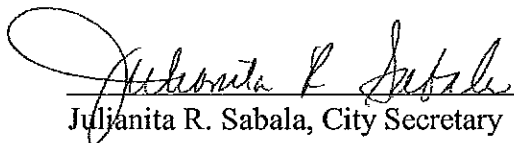
A Special Called Meeting of the City of La Joya, Texas Will Be Held at the La Joya Municipal Building Located at 101 N. Leo Ave., La Joya, Texas.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with S.B. 270 Chapter 277, Page Acts of the 61st Legislature of the State of Texas, 1969 that the following matters will be considered by the City Council of the City of La Joya, Texas at said meeting.

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting & Determination of Quorum
2. Discussion of Public Hearing on Urban County Program Budget and Program Amendments for Year 17 and Year 18 (2005).
3. Adjournment

Posted on this 8st day of September, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. Duplicate copies of this agenda have been posted at the Post Office, Senior Citizens Center, Municipal Building, Municipal Library, Police Department and Municipal Court.


Julianita R. Sabala, City Secretary

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF LA JOYA
URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM**

BUDGET AND PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

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For more information, please come by our office or call (956) 581-7002 Written comments may be forwarded to:

**Mayor William "Billy" Leo
City of La Joya
101 N. Leo
La Joya, TX 78560**

URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court Agenda Request Form

No. 1

Date: September 27, 2006

Meeting Date Request: October 3, 2006

Deadline for Action: A.S.A.P.

Contact Person: DIANA R. SERNA, DIRECTOR

Department: Administration Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 787-529

Diana R. Serna, Urban County Director



Caption:

- A) Hold Public Hearing to consider public comments on proposed amendment to Year 19 (2006) workplan for the City of La Villa forfeited CDBG funds as administered by Hidalgo County Precinct #1.
- B) Approve amendment to the Year 19 City of La Villa workplan as administered by Precinct #1.

Background:

The proposed amendment will:

- a) Create a Street Improvement line in the amount of \$140,000;
- b) Create a Planning Services line item in the amount of \$182,501;
- c) Delete the Park, Recreational Facilities line item (\$120,000);
- d) Delete Water/Sewer Improvements line item (\$162,701);
- e) Decrease Youth Services line item (\$10,000);
- f) Revise Youth Services work plan to allow for the purchase of equipment, uniforms and insurance
- g) Delete the General Administration line item (\$15,000)
- h) Decrease the Fire Station/Equipment line item (\$14,800)

Please initial for approval: Deputy Director DM CDBG Manager _____ Finance Manager FS

Comments:

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URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

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Agenda Request Form

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Department: Administration Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 787-529

Diana R. Serna, Urban County Director





Caption:

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LA VILLA UTILIZING YEAR 19 (2006) CDBG FUNDS AS ADMINISTERED BY PRECINCT #1.

Background:

The Urban County Program, in coordination with Precinct #1, will solicit a Request for Qualifications for Professional Planning Services. The specific services to be solicited include a Utility Rate Study, City Ordinance Development, Planning and Zoning Guidelines, Street Master Plan and Economic Development Plan.

Please initial for approval: Deputy Director  CDBG Manager _____ Finance Manager 

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioner's Court:

Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1
URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM**

Published On: September 30, 2006

PROGRAM AND BUDGET AMENDMENT

In compliance with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements, the Hidalgo County **Precinct #1** will conduct a Public Hearing to solicit input from interested parties on the Precinct's proposed budget and program amendments to its Urban County Program, **Year 19 (2006)**

The Public Hearing will be held on , **Tuesday, October 3, 2006** at 9:00 a.m. at the **Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court** at the Hidalgo County Administration Building, **100 E. Cano Street, Edinburg, TX. 78539**

2006 Budget & Program Amendment

<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
\$120,000.00	Parks, Recreational Facilities (- \$120,000.00)	\$0.00
\$162,701.00	Water & Sewer Improvements (- \$162,701.00)	\$0.00
\$25,000.00	Youth Services (- \$10,000.00)	\$15,000.00
\$15,000.00	General Administration (- \$15,000.00)	\$0.00
\$25,000.00	Fire Station/Equipment (- \$14,800.00)	\$10,200.00
\$0.00	Planning Services (+ \$182,501.00)	\$182,501.00
\$0.00	Street Improvements (+ \$140,000.00)	\$140,000.00
\$347,701.00	Total	\$347,701.00

The proposed amendment will **CREATE** a Street Improvements line item (+ \$140,000.00) for the construction of Mile 6 West from Mile 11 North to Highway 107 to include but not limited to drainage, paving, striping, engineering, advertising fees, and other related appurtenances.

The proposed amendment will **CREATE** a Planning Services line item (+ \$182,501.00) to contract professional services to perform utility rate study, city ordinance development, planning and zoning guidelines, economic development, and a street master plan. To include but not limited to advertising fees and other related appurtenances.

The proposed amendment will **DELETE** Parks, Recreational Facilities (- \$120,00.00) and allocate funds into the Street Improvements line item.

The proposed amendment will **DELETE** Water & Sewer Improvements (- \$162,701.00) and allocate funds into the Planning Services line item.

The proposed amendment will **DECREASE** Youth Services (- \$10,000.00) and allocate funds into the Street Improvements line item.

The proposed amendment will **REVISE** the Youth Services work plan to: funds will be used for supplies and equipment such as sporting goods and table games for the youth center. Part of the money will also be allocated for participation fees/insurance fees for organized team sports in league play and sports camps, as well as for the purchase of team uniforms and equipment. These services will provide individual and organized team recreational activities for youth.

The proposed amendment will **DECREASE** General Administration (- \$10,000.00) and allocate funds into the Street Improvements line item.

The proposed amendment will **DECREASE** General Administration (- \$5,000.00) and allocate funds into the Planning Services line item.

The proposed amendment will **DECREASE** Fire Station / Equipment (- \$14,800.00) and allocate funds into the Planning Services line item.

Accommodations for individuals with handicaps shall be provided upon request.

Las presentaciones se haran en espanol para aquellas personas que asi lo deseen.

For more information, please come by our office or call (956) 968-8733. Written comments may be forwarded to:

**Commissioner Sylvia S. Handy
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1
1902 Joe Stephens Ave.
Weslaco, Texas 78596**

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Date: September 19, 2006
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Department: Urban County Program
Diana R. Serna, UCP Director *DRS*

Meeting Date Request: October 3, 2006
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Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 787-5291

Caption:

The Urban County Program is requesting authorization for the County Judge to sign the Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds and the Request for Release of Funds and Certification for the 2005 HOME Funds for Proyecto Azteca, a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) in the amount of \$636,000.

Background:

In order for the Urban County Program to receive the 2005 HOME CHDO funds for Proyecto Azteca the County Judge or designee must sign and forward the NOI/RROF to the Office of Housing and Urban Development by the published time line. The UCP along with Proyecto Azteca, is requesting \$636,000 for the construction of eighteen (18) new single-family homes, which are located at various sites in low to moderate-income areas within Hidalgo County. The Urban County Program has completed a preliminary Environmental Review Record for the project as a whole. The specific site information will be cleared as each individual property is disclosed.

Deputy Director: _____
Manager: *DRS*
Finance: *DRS*

Please initial for approval:

Legal Counsel _____	Budget _____	Human Resources _____
Dept./Fund No. _____	Amt. Expended: \$ _____	Funds/Staffing Budgeted: Yes: _____ No: _____
Account Code: _____	Impact on Future Budget: Yes _____ No _____	

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioner's Court: Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 7, 2006

HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM
1916 TESORO BLVD
PHARR TEXAS 78577
956-787-8127

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS:

On or about, but not before, October 24, 2006, the Urban County Program of Hidalgo County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; to undertake a project known as the 2005-HOME – Proyecto Azteca, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), for the purpose of constructing eighteen (18) new single-family homes located at various sites in low to moderate income areas within Hidalgo County in the amount of \$636,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Urban County Program has completed a preliminary Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the project as a whole. The ERR documents the environmental review of the project which entails all pertinent information that is available to the Urban County Program at this time. The ERR is on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the above address.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Urban County Program of Hidalgo County. All comments received by *October 24, 2006* will be considered by the Urban County Program prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Urban County Program of Hidalgo County certifies to HUD that Ramon Garcia in his capacity as Hidalgo County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows *Proyecto Azteca* to use Program funds once all sites have been named and individually cleared.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and Urban County Program of Hidalgo County's certification received for a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the Urban County Program of Hidalgo County approved by HUD; (b) the Urban County Program of Hidalgo County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at One Alamo Center 106 St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

**Request for Release of Funds
and Certification**

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**
Office of Community Planning
and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 11/30/2004)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) HOME/CHDO - 2005 PROYECTO AZTECA - NEW CONSTR	2. HUD/State Identification Number M-05-UC-48-0501	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.239	5. Name and address of responsible entity HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM 1916 TESORO BLVD PHARR TX 78577	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) DIANA R. SERNA, DIRECTOR	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request US DEPT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 106 S. ST MARY'S STREET, SUITE 405 SAN ANTONIO TX 78205		

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) 1916 TESORO BLVD PHARR TX 78577
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

2005 HOME/CHDO - PROYECTO AZTECA - NEW CONSTRUCTION OF EIGHTEEN (18) SINGLE FAMILY HOMES LOCATED IN LOW TO MODERATE INCOME AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HIDLAGO

PROJECT TOTAL: \$636,000

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
4. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
5. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
6. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

7. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
8. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

Title of Certifying Officer

RAMON GARCIA, HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE

Date signed

X

Address of Certifying Officer

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

X

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

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HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and Urban County Program of Hidalgo County's certification received for a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the Urban County Program of Hidalgo County approved by HUD; (b) the Urban County Program of Hidalgo County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at One Alamo Center 106 St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

**Request for Release of Funds
and Certification**

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**
Office of Community Planning
and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 11/30/2004)

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Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)		
1. Program Title(s) HOME/CHDO - 2005 CDCST, INC - NEW CONSTR	2. HUD/State Identification Number M-05-UC-48-0501	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.239	5. Name and address of responsible entity HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM 1916 TESORO BLVD PHARR TX 78577	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) DIANA R. SERNA, DIRECTOR	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request US DEPT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 106 S. ST MARY'S STREET, SUITE 405 SAN ANTONIO TX 78205		

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) 1916 TESORO BLVD PHARR TX 78577
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

2005 HOME/CHDO - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SOUTH TEXAS, INC. (CDCST, INC.) - NEW CONSTRUCTION OF TEN (10) SINGLE FAMILY HOMES LOCATED IN LOW TO MODERATE INCOME AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HIDLAGO

PROJECT TOTAL: \$400,000

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
4. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
5. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
6. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

7. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
8. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

Title of Certifying Officer

RAMON GARCIA, HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE

Date signed

X

Address of Certifying Officer

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

X

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court Agenda Request Form

No. _____

Date: September 19, 2006

Meeting Date Request: October 3, 2006

Deadline for Action: October 3, 2006

Contact Person: Diana R. Serna

Department: Urban County Program

Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 787-5291

Diana R. Serna, UCP Director *DRS*

Caption:

The Urban County Program is requesting authorization for the County Judge to sign the Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds and the Request for Release of Funds and Certification for the 2006-HOME Funds for South Texas Economic Development Corporation, Inc. (STEDC, Inc.), a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) in the amount of \$300,000.

Background:

In order for the Urban County Program to receive the 2006- HOME CHDO funds for STEDC, Inc. the County Judge or designee must sign and forward the NOI/RROF to the Office of Housing and Urban Development by the published time line. The UCP along with STEDC, Inc., is requesting \$300,000 for the construction of seven to eight (7-8) new single-family homes, which will be located at the La Hacienda North Subdivision in Weslaco, TX within Hidalgo County. All environmental review/special conditions have been completed.

Deputy Director: *[Signature]*

Manager: *[Signature]*

Finance: *[Signature]*

Please initial for approval:

Legal Counsel _____

Budget _____

Human Resources _____

Dept./Fund No. _____

Amt. Expended: \$ _____

Funds/Staffing Budgeted: Yes: _____ No: _____

Account Code: _____

Impact on Future Budget: Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioner's Court: Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 7, 2006
HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM
1916 TESORO BLVD
PHARR TEXAS 78577
956-787-8127

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about *October 24, 2006* the Urban County Program of Hidalgo County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the *2006 HOME – South Texas Economic Development Corporation, Inc.*, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), for the purpose of construction of *seven to eight (7-8)* single-family homes located within the La Hacienda North Subdivision in Weslaco Texas within the County of Hidalgo in the amount of *\$300,000*.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Urban County Program of Hidalgo County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Urban County Program office located at 1916 Tesoro Blvd, Pharr Texas and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Urban County Program of Hidalgo County. All comments received by *October 24, 2006* will be considered by the Urban County Program prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Urban County Program of Hidalgo County certifies to HUD that Ramon Garcia in his capacity as Hidalgo County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows *South Texas Economic Development Corporation, Inc.* to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

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Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087
(exp. 11/30/2004)

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9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) 1916 TESORO BLVD PHARR TX 78577
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11. Program Activity/Project Description
2006 - HOME/CHDO - SOUTH TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC. (STEDC, INC.) - NEW CONSTRUCTION OF 7-8 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES WITHIN THE LA HACIENDA NORTH SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN WESLACO TX WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO

PROJECT TOTAL: \$300,000

Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

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Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity X	Title of Certifying Officer RAMON GARCIA, HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE
	Date signed
Address of Certifying Officer	

Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity

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URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court Regular Agenda Request Form

No. _____

Date: September 25, 2006

Meeting Date Request: October 3, 2006

Deadline for Action: October 3, 2006

Contact Person: Diana R. Serna, Director

Department: HOME Program

Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 787-5291

Diana R. Serna, Director: 




Caption:

- A) Disclosure of Conflict of Interest for "Home Buyer Assistance Program" applicant Erica Leyva
- B) Request approval to enter into a "Home Buyer Assistance Program" Contract with Erica Leyva contingent upon HUD waiver approval

Background:

The Hidalgo County Urban County Program HOME Division is considering awarding down payment/closing costs assistance to Ms. Erica Leyva for the acquisition of a newly constructed single family home located at the West Donna Estates Subdivision in Donna Texas. Ms. Leyva is eligible for this assistance based on qualifying criteria set forth by both the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Urban County Program. During application intake, however, it was disclosed that the father of Ms. Leyva's children is the nephew of Hidalgo County Commissioner - Precinct #1, Sylvia Handy. As per HUD regulations found at 24 CFR Part 92.356(d) the Urban County Program must publicly disclose this action as a conflict of interest and request a waiver from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This action will be funded through the HOME - Home Buyer Assistance Program pending the approved waiver.

<i>APPLICANT</i>	<i>GRANT AMOUNT</i>	<i>LENDER</i>	<i>FUNDING YEAR</i>	<i>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</i>
ERICA LEYVA	\$10,000	USDA/TDHCA/DONNA HOUSING AUTHORITY	2004 - \$10,000	LOT 106 WEST DONNA ESTATES #2, DONNA TX

DEPUTY DIRECTOR: 
 HOME MANAGER: 
 FINANCE MANAGER: 

Please Initial for Approval:

Legal Council _____

Budget _____

Human Resources

Dept. / Fund No: _____

Amt. Expended: \$ _____

Funds /Staffing Budgeted : Yes ___ No

Amount Code: _____

Impact on Future Budget: Yes ___ No

Comments:

Action Taken by Commissioners' Court:

Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion Made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

Conflict of Interest Affidavit

Instructions: Please check below if you are related to any of the individuals listed.

County Officials:

- Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County Judge
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- Joe Flores, Commissioner - Pct. 3
- Oscar Garza, Commissioner - Pct. 4
- _____, Pct.

Urban County Program Staff:

- Diana R. Serna, Director
- Mike Mesa, Deputy Director
- Other: _____

Please check the appropriate box below. If you are related to any of the listed above, please state how the individual is related to you, if he/she is providing you with any assistance, and if he/she has any interest on your property.

I am not related to any of the listed elected officials or staff members.

I am related to the elected official or staff member so designated.

My children's father, Rocky Lee Handy, is Sylvia Handy's nephew. He and I have never been married.

Erica Leyva 06-07-06
 APPLICANT Date CO-APPLICANT Date

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Erica Leyva, personally appeared before me and declared that he/she signed this affidavit in the capacity designated, if any, and further states that he/she has read the above document and the statements therein contained are true.

Solely described and sworn before me this 7th day of June, 2006.



Michelle L. Mendoza
Notary - Signature

AFFIDAVIT

This will serve as certification that I, Erica Leyva, am not, nor was I ever legally nor by common-law, married to the father of my two children, Rocky Lee Handy.

Erica Leyva
Applicant Signature

7/27/06
Date

[Signature]
Witness Signature

7/27/06
Date

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 27th day of July, 2006
by Erica Leyva.

Michelle L. Mendoza
Notary Public, State of Texas



AFFIDAVIT

This will serve as certification that I, Erica Leyva, have never resided in the same household/address as the father of my two children, Rocky Lee Handy.

WARNING: SECTION 1001 OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE PROVIDES: "WHOEVER, IN ANY MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY FALSIFIES, CONCEALS OR COVERS UP, A MATERIAL FACT, OR MAKES ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS, OR MAKES OR USES ANY FALSE WRITING OR DOCUMENT KNOWING THE SAME TO CONTAIN ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT OR ENTRY, SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$250,000 OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS, OR BOTH."

CERTIFICATION: I/We certify that the information provided to Urban County Program staff is true and correct and acknowledge my/our understanding that any intentional or negligent misrepresentation(s) of the information submitted to Urban County Program may result in civil liability and/or criminal penalties including, but not limited to, fine or imprisonment or both under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, et seq. and liability for monetary damages to Urban County Program staff, its agents, successors and assigns, insurers and any other person who may suffer any loss due to reliance upon any misrepresentation which I/we have made on this agreement and Contract.

Erica Leyva
Applicant Signature

8-18-06
Date

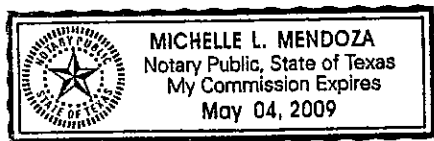
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Witness Signature

8-18-06
Date

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 18th day of August, 2006
by Erica Leyva.

[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Texas



URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court Regular Agenda Request Form

No. _____

Date: September 25, 2006

Meeting Date Request: October 3, 2006

Deadline for Action: October 3, 2006

Contact Person: Diana R. Serna, Director

Department: HOME Program

Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 787-5291

Diana R. Serna, Director: 

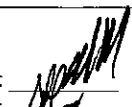
Caption:

- A) Disclosure of Conflict of Interest for "Home Buyer Assistance Program" applicant Lydia Casiano
- B) Request approval to enter into a "Home Buyer Assistance Program" Contract with Lydia Casiano contingent upon HUD waiver approval

Background:

The Hidalgo County Urban County Program HOME Division is considering awarding down payment/closing costs assistance to Ms. Lydia Casiano for the acquisition of a newly constructed single family home located at the Quality #2 Subdivision in Donna Texas. Ms. Casiano is eligible for this assistance based on qualifying criteria set forth by both the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Urban County Program. During application intake, however, it was disclosed that Ms. Casiano is the niece of Urban County Program Monitor Hector Casiano. As per HUD regulations found at 24 CFR Part 92.356(d) the Urban County Program must publicly disclose this action as a conflict of interest and request a waiver from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This action will be funded through the HOME – Home Buyer Assistance Program pending the approved waiver.

<i>APPLICANT</i>	<i>GRANT AMOUNT</i>	<i>LENDER</i>	<i>FUNDING YEAR</i>	<i>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</i>
LYDIA CASIANO	\$5,000	APEX MORTGAGE	2004 - \$5,000	LOT 19 BLOCK 8 QUALITY #2, DONNA TX

DEPUTY DIRECTOR: 
 HOME MANAGER: _____
 FINANCE MANAGER: Funds for 50

Please Initial for Approval:

Legal Council _____

Budget _____

Human Resources _____

Dept. / Fund No: _____

Amt. Expended: \$ _____

Funds /Staffing Budgeted : Yes ___ No

Amount Code: _____

Impact on Future Budget: Yes ___ No

Comments:

Action Taken by Commissioners' Court:

Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion Made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

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Urban County Program Staff:

- Diana R. Serna, Director
- Mike Mesa, Deputy Director
- Michelle L. Mendoza, HOME Coordinator
- Other: Hector Casiano

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I am not related to any of the listed elected officials or staff members.

I am related to the elected official or staff member so designated.

Mr. Hector Casiano is my mother's brother therefore I AM his Niece

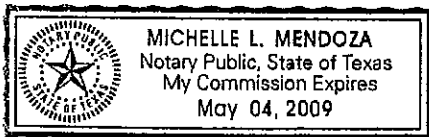
Lydia Casiano 8-1-06
APPLICANT Date

Arturo Rincon 8/1/06
CO-APPLICANT Date

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Lydia Casiano & Arturo Rincon, personally appeared before me and declared that he/she signed this affidavit in the capacity designated, if any, and further states that he/she has read the above document and the statements therein contained are true.

Solely described and sworn before me this 1st day of August, 2006.



[Signature]
Notary - Signature

URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court Regular Agenda Request Form

No. _____

Date: September 26, 2006

Meeting Date Request: October 3, 2006

Deadline for Action: October 3, 2006

Contact Person: Diana R. Serna, Director

Department: HOME Program

Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 787-5291


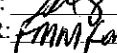

Diana R. Serna, Director: 

Caption:

The Urban County Program is requesting approval to repay HOME – Home Buyer Assistance Program grant funds to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$5,000

Background:

The Hidalgo County Urban County Program HOME Division was monitored by HUD in August 2005. During this review a Finding of non-compliance was discovered in regards to HUD # 4798 – Jose and Florinda Ocanas. As per HUD, the family's income was over HUD Income Limits at the time of application, and therefore has been found ineligible as per HUD program regulations. HUD has noted this discrepancy as a Finding against the UCP and has required repayment in full of grant funds awarded to the Ocanas family from the County's General Fund. Once the funds are received by HUD they will, in turn, redeposit the \$5,000 amount into the UCP HOME funds line of credit for use by an eligible family.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR: 
HOME MANAGER: 
FINANCE MANAGER: 

Please Initial for Approval:

Legal Council _____

Dept. / Fund No: _____

Amount Code: _____

Budget _____

Amt. Expended: \$ _____

Impact on Future Budget: Yes _____ No _____

Human Resources

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Comments:

Action Taken by Commissioners' Court:

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URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

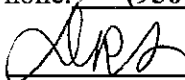
Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court
Agenda Request Form

No. _____

Date: 09/25/2006
Deadline for Action: 10/03/2006
Department: Urban County Program

Meeting Date Request: 09/25/2006
Contact Person: Ms. Diana R. Serna
Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 787-5291

Ms. Diana R. Serna, Urban County Program Director



Caption:

Approval to officially request from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Office of Colonia Initiatives (OCI) -Self Help Center Program Contract No. 723013. Contract Period Extension

Background:

UCP is requesting approval of a Contract Period Extension to TDHCA-OCI. The contract extension will be for six (6) months (181 days). The new contract date will be July 1, 2003 through February 28, 2007. This extension is being requested due to extenuating circumstances such as inclement weather and high personnel turnover at Proyecto Azteca (SHC); resignation of executive director, assistant director, finance director, and other self-help center staff. These resignations occurred towards the end of the contract period. See attached letter from Proyecto Azteca.

Please initial for approval:

Legal Counsel _____	Budget _____	Human Resources _____
Dept./Fund No. _____	Amt. Expended: \$ _____	Funds/Staffing Budgeted: Yes: _____ No: _____
Account Code: _____	Impact on Future Budget: Yes: _____ No: _____	

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioner's Court:

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PROYECTO AZTECA

26 September 2006

Mr. Pete De La Cruz
Colonia Manager
Hidalgo County
Urban County Program

Dear Mr. De La Cruz,

Proyecto Azteca is requesting approval of a Contract Period Extension to TDHCA-OCI for six months, from 1 July 2003 through 28 February 2007. We are asking for this extension due to the fact that there has been a tremendous turnover in personnel who were directly and indirectly responsible for the implementation of this grant, including the executive director, assistant executive director, director of finances, director of family support, and director of the construction crew. Now, as the new interim executive director, more stability is being brought to the project. We have done our own inspections of the homes determining what needs to be done to bring them into compliance, have begun the work, and are completing the files. This will take more time than we had originally determined. Thank you for cooperating with us and for all the help that your staff has provided to us so that we might be in compliance with this grant.

Sincerely,

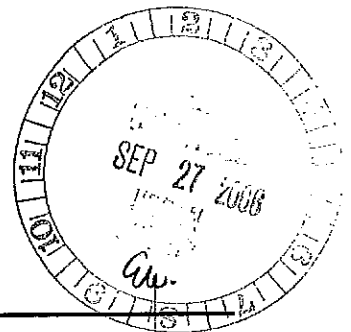
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URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM
Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court
Agenda Request Form

No. _____

Date: September 27, 2006 Meeting Date Request: October 03, 2006

Deadline for Action: October 03, 2006 Contact Person: Diana R. Serna
Department: Urban County Program Phone: (956) 781-8127 Fax: (956)787-5291
Diana R. Serna, Urban County Director

Caption:

Requesting authorization to a request to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to amend project scope of Section 108 Loan Series 200 LA, Note Number B-98-UC-48-0501, County of Hidalgo on behalf of the City of Alton.

Background:

The Hidalgo County Urban County Program on behalf of the City of Alton plans to utilize unexpended Section 108 funds for economic development project to increase the wastewater treatment capacity of the City of Alton, and for public/private economic development project for the establishment of a food manufacturing plant in the City of Alton.

Mgr.: 

Fin: _____

Deputy Director: _____

Please initial for approval:

Legal Counsel _____ Budget _____ Human Resources _____

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