

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - OFFICE OF COLONIA INITIATIVES - SELF HELP CENTER PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO IS DESIROUS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO COLONIAS, AND

WHEREAS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - COLONIA INITIATIVES PROGRAM HAS MADE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SELF HELP CENTER AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS:

1. That the Urban County Program be and hereby is authorized to submit and implement an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs - Office of Colonia Initiatives - Self Help Center Program.
2. That the Commissioners' Court directs and designates the County Judge as the County's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this application and the County's participation in the Texas Community Development Program.

PASSED, AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY, 2008.

J.D. Salinas, III
Hidalgo County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
Hidalgo County Clerk

PROPOSAL

EXHIBIT A

PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

COLONIA SELF HELP CENTER CONTRACT NO. _____

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COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER CONTRACT NO. 728_____

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Contractor shall carry out the following activities in the Hidalgo County Colonia Self-Help Center (SHC) service area colonias of South Tower Estates, Mufiz, LJ#1, Linda Vista and Sanchez Ranch as identified in its 2007/2008 Colonia SHC Program Proposal. The persons to benefit from the activities described in this Performance Statement must be receiving service or a benefit from the use of the new or improved facilities and activities for the contract obligations to be fulfilled. The Contractor shall ensure that the amount of funds expended for each activity described does not exceed the amount specified for such activity in Exhibit B, Budget. The total number of beneficiaries to be targeted will be three thousand five hundred seventy-three (3,573) persons of which three thousand two hundred fifteen (3,215) or ninety percent (90%) are of low to moderate income.

1. Acquisition, Disposition

Contractor shall assist ten (10) families with up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000) of lot acquisition. This would assist families in paying off lot or conversion from warranty deed with a lender's lien.

These activities shall benefit forty-five (45) persons, of which forty-five (45) or one hundred percent (100%) are of low to moderate income.

7. Public Services

Construction Skills Training

Contractor shall conduct fifteen (15) classes on construction skills necessary to repair or build a home or install necessary residential infrastructure. Construction classes will be prioritized for the residents of the Hidalgo County Colonia SHC service area.

These activities shall benefit three hundred (300) persons, of which two hundred seventy (270) or ninety percent (90%) are of low to moderate income.

Homeownership Classes

Contractor shall conduct fifteen (15) homeownership classes to educate individuals and families on their rights and responsibilities as homeowners. The homeownership classes will be prioritized for residents of the Hidalgo County Colonia SHC service area.

These activities shall benefit four hundred (400) persons, of which three hundred sixty (360) or ninety percent (90%) are of low to moderate income.

Solid Waste Removal

Contractor shall implement five (5) solid waste removal activities such as colonia lot clean-up campaigns, the removal of junk vehicles and large item trash pick-up as needed. Activities will include the proper disposal of all solid waste for the residents of the Hidalgo County Colonia SHC service area.

These activities shall benefit one thousand eight hundred thirty-seven (1,837) persons, of which one thousand six hundred fifty-three (1,653) or ninety percent (90%) are of low to moderate income.

Technology Access

Contractor shall conduct fifteen (15) computer literacy classes, provide computer tutoring and operate, maintain and purchase equipment to provide access to computers and the internet. Access to technology and any associated classes will be prioritized for the residents of the Hidalgo County Colonia SHC service area.

These activities shall benefit two hundred (200) persons, of which one hundred eighty (180) or ninety percent (90%) are of low to moderate income.

Tool Library Program

Contractor shall operate one (1) tool library and maintain and purchase tools as necessary to provide tools for home construction and improvement for the benefit of property owners in colonias who are building or repairing a residence or installing necessary residential infrastructure. The tool library resources will be prioritized for the residents of the Hidalgo County Colonia SHC service area.

These activities shall benefit four hundred (400) persons, of which three hundred sixty (360) or ninety percent (90%) are of low to moderate income.

Ba. Residential Rehabilitation

Colonia Housing Rehabilitation

Contractor shall conduct thirteen (13) residential rehabilitations of housing units for residents of the Hidalgo County Colonia SHC service area at an average cost of seven thousand nine hundred fifty four dollars and twenty-three cents (\$7,954.23) that will bring the rehabilitated homes up to, at a minimum, Colonia Housing Standards.

These activities shall benefit sixty-three (63) persons, of which sixty-three (63) or one hundred percent (100%) are of low to moderate income.

Colonia Self-Help Home Repair

Contractor shall assist fifty (50) residences within the Hidalgo County Colonia SHC service area with minor self-help methodology home repairs at an average cost of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) that will bring the repaired section of the home up to, at a minimum, Colonia Housing Standards.

These activities shall benefit two hundred twenty-five (225) persons, of which two hundred twenty-five (225) or one hundred percent (100%) are of low to moderate income.

13. Administration, Planning and Management

Contractor shall ensure the amount of funds expended for all eligible project-related administration activities that are intended to be charged to the contract, including the required annual program compliance and fiscal audit costs, do not exceed the amount specified for administration in Exhibit B, Budget.

15b. Not Feasible for Rehabilitation (Reconstruction)

Contractor shall conduct ten (10) reconstructions of housing units for residents of the Hidalgo County Colonia SHC service area at an average cost of thirty three thousand five hundred dollars (\$33,500) that will bring the reconstructed homes up to, at a minimum, Housing Quality Standards.

These activities shall benefit forty-five (45) persons, of which forty-five (45) or one hundred percent (100%) are of low to moderate income.

15c. Other 105 (a) (15) - New Construction

Contractor shall conduct twelve (12) new constructions of housing units for residents of the Hidalgo County Colonia SHC service area at an average cost of thirty three thousand five hundred dollars (\$33,500). Upon completion, the homes will meet Housing Quality Standards.

These activities shall benefit fifty-eight (58) persons, of which fifty-eight (58) or one hundred percent (100%) are of low to moderate income.

17. Homeownership Assistance

Contractor shall assist twelve (12) families with up to fifty percent (50%) of down payment expenses, principal reductions and/or cover reasonable closing costs associated with the purchase of new housing at an average cost of one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300) within the Hidalgo County Colonia SHC service area.

These activities shall benefit fifty eight (58) persons, of which fifty eight (58) or one hundred percent (100%) are of low to moderate income.

PROPOSAL

EXHIBIT B

BUDGET

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LINE	CATEGORIES	CONTRACT FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
1	Acquisition, Disposition	40,000		40,000
2	Clearance			
3	Center/Facility			
4	Public Facilities (use 4a, 4b, or 4c)			
4a	Water			
4b	Sewer			
4c	Flood and Drainage Facilities			
5	Street/Bridges			
6	Other Public Facilities			
7	Public Service (Limited to 15% of Request)	33,995	-0-	33,995
8	Relocation			
9	Rehabilitation (use 9a or 9b)			
9a	Residential Rehabilitation	253,405	-0-	253,405
9b	Commercial Rehabilitation			
10	Public Housing Modernization			
11	Removal of Architectural Barriers			
12	Planning Only			
13	Administration, Planning and Management	120,000	-0-	120,000
14	Economic Development (use 14a, 14b or 14c)			
14a	Assistance to Non-Profit			
14b	Assistance to For-profit Entities			
14c	Micro enterprises or Small Business			
15	New Construction (use 15a, 15b, or 15c)			
15a	Last Resort			
15b	Not feasible for Rehabilitation (Reconstruction)	335,000	-0-	335,000
15c	Other 105 (a) 15 (New Construction)	402,000	-0-	402,000
16	Unspecified Activities			
17	Homeownership Assistance	15,600	-0-	\$ 15,600
	Totals	\$ 1,200,000	-0-	\$ 1,200,000