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 Kenneth N. Jones, Jr.

March 24, 2010

Honorable Rene Ramirez
 Hidalgo County Judge
 PO Box 1356
 Edinburg TX 78539

RE: Disaster Recovery Reallocations

Dear Judge Ramirez:

We have received the attached letter from Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA), which indicates three cities in Hidalgo County did not submit applications for the 1st Round of Disaster Recovery Funds. As per LRGVDC Method of Distribution these funds (\$547,632.) will be reallocated to Hidalgo County.

Please prepare and submit the required information for allocation of these funds to TDRA. If you should have any question or require additional information please call me at (956) 682-3481.

Sincerely,

Kenneth N. Jones,
 Executive Director

✓ Cc: Ms. Diana Serna, Urban County

Handwritten initials and date: 3/24/10

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March 18, 2010

Kenneth N. Jones, Jr.
Executive Director
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
311 N. 15th St.
McAllen, Texas 78501-4795

RE: Disaster Recovery Reallocations

Dear Mr. Jones:

Our records indicate that four communities within your region did not apply for funding under Round One of the Disaster recovery program. The funds will be reallocated to the appropriate county, as per the Method of Distribution.

The following is a list with amounts:

1. Granjeno	\$ 35,176.00
2. Progreso	\$500,000.00
3. Progreso Lakes	\$ 12,456.00
4. Rancho Viejo	<u>\$ 61,171.00</u>
	\$608,803.00

Letters are being sent to these communities, explaining that their allocated funding will be reallocated to their regional planning agencies for redistribution.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 512-936-7890 or Chance Sparks, Senior Program Analyst, Disaster Recovery Division, at 512-463-8730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oralia Cardenas".

Oralia Cardenas, Director of Programs
Disaster Recovery Division

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for a county set-aside distribution allowing each county to adjust to their unique needs, while assuring each eligible unit of government to receive assistance.

The remaining 50% will be allocated to each county area. The County Commissioners' Court for each county will be responsible for preparing a County Method of Distribution consistent with the guidelines prepared by the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).

Detailed calculations and explanations of the factors used to develop each allocation are included in **Appendix B**.

Verifiable data used included the following:

- Public Assistance Information from the FEMA Hurricane Dolly and Ike PA IA totals (as of 12-1-08)
- HUD Low-Moderate Income Estimated for All Texas Block Groups, FY07, which is available at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/systems/census/tx/index.cfm>
- Presence of coastline in each county (to adjust for storm impact)
- Texas State Data Center Population Estimates, January 2008

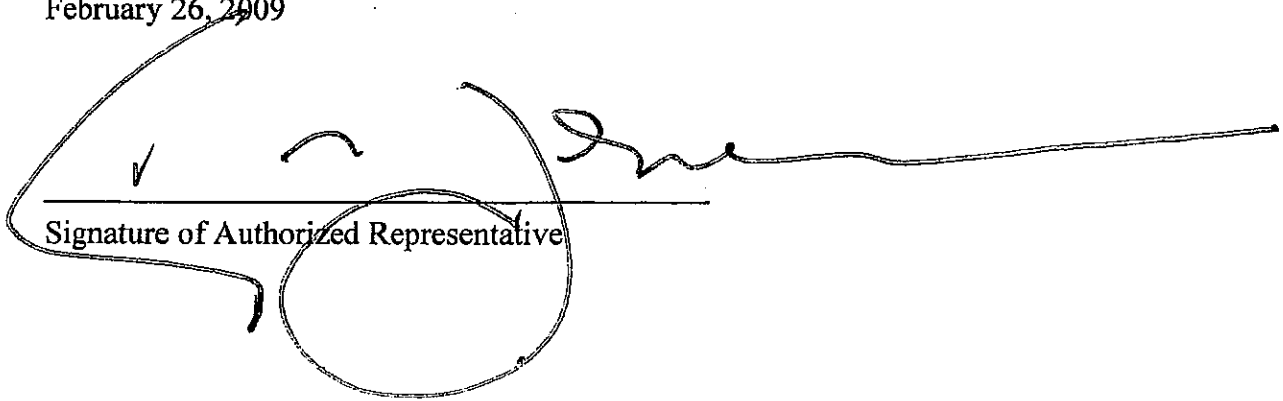
Reallocation of Unused Funds

Should a city within a county fail to submit an eligible project to ORCA or use all of its direct allocation from LRGVDC, the city will have 10 working days to submit a substitute eligible project to ORCA. Should the replacement project not be eligible, the unused funds shall be automatically reallocated to the direct allocation for unincorporated portions of the county in which the city is located. Should the direct allocation to the unincorporated portions of the county go unused, or a project be declared ineligible, the county shall have 10 working days to submit a substitute eligible project to ORCA. Should the replacement project not be eligible, the unused funds shall be automatically reallocated to the LRGVDC, which will then redistribute the funds to the remaining counties for placement in the unincorporated direct allocations for those counties.

This formula was subsequently presented at the public hearings and meetings of the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

Signatory Authority:

Kenneth N. Jones
Executive Director
956-682-3481
February 26, 2009



Signature of Authorized Representative