



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economic Development Administration
504 Lavaca, Suite 1100
Austin, Texas 78701-2858

In reply refer to:
EDA Investment No. 08-86-04201

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COUNTY JUDGE

March 21, 2011

The Honorable Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge
100 East Cano, 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Dear Judge Garcia:

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is in receipt of correspondence requesting an extension and budget modification for the Financial Assistance Award for the referenced investment number, 08-86-04201. EDA hereby approves the request and amends the award period in accordance with the enclosed Amendment to Financial Assistance Award.

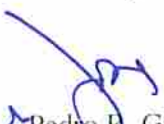
By signing the enclosed documents, Hidalgo County agrees to end all work by September 30, 2010. Upon acceptance please return two signed documents to this office within 30 days of receipt. You may retain the third signed copy for your files.

Please note there are \$129,038 federal funds available for the remaining award activity. The Agency will make the remaining award payments related to this Amended Financial Assistance Award using the Department of Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system. The County must furnish this office the point of contact's name, email address, phone number, organization's address, DUNS number and Tax Identification number to the Austin Regional office. Upon receipt, EDA will initiate the enrollment process for the County in ASAP.gov. The grantees will be advised via an email sent by Treasury to enroll in ASAP.gov. The County must complete the enrollment process within 30 days by following the instructions provided on ASAP's website.

Once EDA has received notification that Hidalgo County has completed the enrollment process, EDA will convert the grant to an ASAP process. Please note, SF-270, Request for Advance or Reimbursement is still required. The form must be completed and submitted to the Austin Regional Office for authorization to draw down funds. The financial point of contact will be notified when to draw down funds through ASAP.

Should you have any questions, please notify your point of contact, Ms. Patricia D. Shorter, Sr. Economic Development Specialist at (512) 381-8142.

Sincerely,


Pedro B. Garza
Regional Director

Enclosures

GRANT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD

CFDA NO. AND PROJECT TITLE
11.302 Planning Assistance

AWARD NUMBER
08-86-04201

RECIPIENT NAME
Hidalgo County

AMENDMENT NUMBER
2

STREET ADDRESS
100 East Cano Street

EFFECTIVE DATE
March 1, 2011

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
Edinburg, Texas 78539

EXTEND WORK COMPLETION TO
September 30, 2011

BUREAU	FUND	FCFY	PROJECT-TASK	ORGANIZATION	OBJECT CLASS	
COSTS ARE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:			PREVIOUS ESTIMATED COST	ADD	DEDUCT	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST
FEDERAL SHARE OF COST			\$ 323,995.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 323,995.00
RECIPIENT SHARE OF COST			\$ 81,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 81,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			\$ 404,995.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 404,995.00

REASON(S) FOR AMENDMENT

The purpose of this amendment is to allow the Recipient to successfully complete the scope of work including the county-wide infrastructure plan. A no-cost time extension through September 30, 2011 and budget modification are hereby authorized. No new funds are authorized. All previous award conditions remain in force.

This Amendment approved by the Grants Officer is issued in triplicate and constitutes an obligation of Federal funding. By signing the three documents, the Recipient agrees to comply with the Amendment provisions checked below and attached, as well as previous provisions incorporated into the Award. Upon acceptance by the Recipient, two signed Amendment documents shall be returned to the Grants Officer and the third document shall be retained by the Recipient. If not signed and returned without modification by the Recipient within 30 days of receipt, the Grants Officer may unilaterally terminate this Amendment.

- Special Award Conditions
- Line Item Budget
- Other(s): _____

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANTS OFFICER Pedro R. Garza, Regional Director 	DATE 3/25/11
TYPED NAME, TYPED TITLE, AND SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County Judge	DATE

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

**AMENDED
SPECIAL AWARD CONDITIONS
(EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2011)**

**For Title II, Section 203, Planning Assistance
Under the Public Works and Economic Development Act 1965, as amended**

1. RECIPIENT:

Hidalgo County
100 East Cano
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Authorized Representative

The Honorable Ramon Garcia, County Judge
(956) 318-2600, telephone

Point of Contact

Ms. Erika G. Reyna, Economic Development Planner
(956) 318-2600, telephone
(956) 318-2699, fax
E-mail: erika.reyna@co.hidalgo.tx.us

2. GRANTS OFFICER:

Pedro R. Garza, Regional Director
Economic Development Administration
Austin Regional Office
504 Lavaca Street, Suite 1100
Austin, Texas 78701-2858
Telephone: (512) 381-8144
Fax: (512) 381-8177

3. FEDERAL PROGRAM OFFICER:

Jorge D. Ayala, Area Director
Telephone: (512) 381-8150
Email: JAyala@cda.doc.gov

4. GRANTS SPECIALIST

Patricia D. Shorter, Senior Project Officer
Telephone: (512) 381-8142
E-mail Address PShorter@eda.doc.gov Additional Terms:

5. ADDITIONAL TERMS:

A. INVESTMENT TIME SCHEDULE: The Recipient agrees to the following time schedule:

- i) This award extends through September 30, 2011.
- ii) There is no penalty if the award concludes prior to the aforementioned date.
- iii) Investment closeout: All project closeout documents, including final financial information and any required program reports, shall be submitted to the Government not more than 90 days after the date the Recipient accepts the completed project from the contractor(s).

The Recipient shall pursue diligently the development of the project so as to ensure completion of the project and submission of closeout documents within this time schedule. Moreover, the Recipient shall notify the Government in writing of any event which could delay substantially the achievement of the project within the prescribed time limits. The Recipient further acknowledges that failure to meet the development time schedule may result in the Government's taking action to terminate the award in accordance with the regulation set forth at 15 CFR 24.45 or 15 CFR 14.61.

The grant recipient agrees to return two executed copies of the Amendment to Financial Assistance Award within 30 days of award date.

B. BUDGET:

See Attachment A.

C. FUTURE AWARD PAYMENTS:

EDA shall make the remaining award payments related to this Amended Financial Assistance Award using the Department of Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system. The Recipient shall furnish documentation to EDA as required by the ASAP system including, but not limited to, the Recipient Identification Number and the Requestor Identification Number. Basic information and specified requirements related to the ASAP system can be obtained via the Treasury Department's website at www.fms.treas.gov/asap.

Grantees are requested to send the point of contact's name, email address, phone number, organization's address, DUNS number and Tax Identification number to edaasap@eda.doc.gov. EDA will initiate the enrollment process for the grantees in ASAP.gov. The grantees will be advised via an email sent by Treasury to enroll in ASAP.gov. The grantee should complete the enrollment process within 30 days by following the instructions provided on ASAP's website. Once EDA has received notification that the grantee has completed the enrollment process, EDA will convert the grant to an ASAP grant and then the grantee will be able to draw down funds.

D. CONDITIONS:

All other conditions of this award remain in effect.

Attachment A

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
Award No. 08-86-04201
Budget Modifications

AUTHORIZED BUDGET:

COSTS ARE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:	PREVIOUS ESTIMATED COST	ADD	DEDUCT	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST
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DETAILED BUDGET INVOLVING NON-CONSTRUCTION:

BUDGET CATEGORIES	PREVIOUS ESTIMATED COST	ADD	DEDUCT	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST
PERSONNEL	\$155,000		(\$26,691)	\$128,309
FRINGE BENEFITS	39,394		(9,918)	29,476
TRAVEL	6,000		(6,000)	
EQUIPMENT				
SUPPLIES	9,601		(6,091)	3,510
CONTRACTUAL	120,000	\$98,700		218,700
OTHER	75,000		(50,000)	25,000
TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES	404,995			404,995
INDIRECT CHARGES				
GRAND TOTAL	\$404,995	\$98,700	(\$98,700)	\$404,995

BUDGET NARRATIVE:

- a. The remaining available federal funds are \$129,038.
- b. Travel includes local, in state, and out-of-state. Out-of-state travel will only be for EDA authorized events only.
- c. Supplies include consumable items needed to support operations.
- d. Other includes copies, postage, software, publications and printing, advertising, marketing, forums, and town hall meetings.