

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
STATE OF TEXAS
URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM
HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT**

This Homebuyer Assistance Program Contract ("Homeowner Contract") is entered into this 12 day of December 2011, between the County of Hidalgo, State of Texas ("County") and **Pedro Sifuentes & San Juanita G. Ramirez** ("Owner").

Owner has requested financial assistance from the County to assist Owner with the down payment and/or closing costs to purchase a home in accordance with the requirements of the County's Homebuyer Assistance Program ("Homeowner Program"); and

Owner, based on the information furnished to County, qualifies for financial assistance under the Homeowner Program.

NOW THEREFORE, the County and Owner agree as follows:

1. Owner represents and warrants that all information furnished to the County in or as a part of Owner's application for financial assistance in the Homeowner Program is true and correct.
2. Owner agrees that the financial assistance provided to Owner by County will be used to pay Owner's closing costs and/or a portion of Owner's down payment in order for Owner to acquire Owner's principal residence located at:
Lot 133 Rio Grande Estates Phase #1, HIDALGO COUNTY TEXAS more fully described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto ("Property").
3. Owner represents to County that the contract attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a true and correct copy of the contract under which Owner will acquire the Property. The debt and lien described in Exhibit "B" will be the only debt and lien against the Property other than the lien granted pursuant to this Homeowner Contract.
4. Owner agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the U. S. Housing and Urban Development affordable housing home ownership statutes and regulations, including 24 CFR § 92.254(a) Qualification as Affordable Housing: Homeownership, as amended.
5. Owner agrees to provide, within ten (10) business days of the final loan closing, the Urban County Program with copies of the Lender's Note, Settlement Statement, Truth-in-Lending Disclosure, Property Deed and Property Insurance.
6. Owner agrees to execute all documents requested by County in order for County to obtain a valid second deed of trust lien on the Property.

7. **OWNER UNDERSTAND AND AGREES THAT COUNTY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE TO OWNER FOR: (i) ANY ASPECT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RESIDENCE ON THE PROPERTY BEING PURCHASED BY OWNER, INCLUDING ANY CLAIM FOR DEFECTIVE WORK, INCOMPLETE WORK OR WARRANTY WORK; AND/OR (ii) ANY DEFECTS IN OWNER'S TITLE TO THE PROPERTY.**

8. County agrees to expend \$ 5,000.00 ("Homeowner Advance") for the benefit of Owner in connection with Owner's purchase of the Property. The Homeowner Advance will be applied first to Owner's closing costs and any excess funds will be applied to Owner's down payment and to the principal if funds are available.

9. **OWNER AGREES THAT OWNER WILL, FOR A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) CONSECUTIVE YEARS FOLLOWING OWNER'S PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY, CONTINUOUSLY USE THE RESIDENCE LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY AS OWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE. OWNER AGREES THAT OWNER WILL, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, EXECUTE SUCH CERTIFICATIONS AS COUNTY MAY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM OWNER'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF THIS PARAGRAPH 9.**

10. Provided Owner has continuously used the residence located on the Property as Owner's principal residence for five (5) consecutive years after the beginning date used in the Loan Documents, County will forgive Owner's outstanding HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE Funds on the Repayment Date in an amount equal to the HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE Funds.

FAILURE TO REPAY THE HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CONTRACT AND/OR THE LOAN DOCUMENTS AND/OR TO COMPLY WITH THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE LOAN DOCUMENTS, MAY RESULT IN THE FORECLOSURE OF THE COUNTY'S LIENS AGAINST THE PROPERTY AND THE LOSS OF YOUR RESIDENCE AND THE PROPERTY.

11. Owner understands and agrees that if Owner sells the Property, within the period of affordability (five (5) years the beginning date used in the Loan Documents), through a voluntary or involuntary transfer, the County will recapture all or a portion of the direct subsidy provided to the homebuyer as provided in this paragraph.

The loan will be forgiven pro rata over the period of affordability under the following terms, as long as the home remains the principal residence of the home buyer:

- (i) Upon completion of the 1st year of the Loan Documents -20% of the original principal amount will be forgiven;
- (ii) Upon completion of the 2nd year of the Loan Documents -40% of the original principal amount will be forgiven;
- (iii) Upon completion of the 3rd year of the Loan Documents - 60% of the original principal amount will be forgiven;
- (iv) Upon completion of the 4th year of the Loan Documents - 80% of the original principal amount will be forgiven; and
- (v) Upon completion of the 5th year of the Loan Documents -100% of the original principal amount will be forgiven

If the net proceeds from a voluntary or involuntary sale are insufficient to repay the prorated amount of the HOME subsidy, the County shall recapture the entire amount of net proceeds from the sale. If there are no net proceeds from the sale, no repayment is required. Net proceeds are defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment and any closing costs incurred by the homebuyer.

12. Owner understands and agrees that: (i) Owner agrees to continuously use the residence located on the property as Owner's principal residence for five (5) consecutive years following the beginning date used in the Loan Documents; and (ii) Owner agrees to honor any of its other obligations to County under the Homebuyer Contract or the Loan Documents; collectively. In the event that the County determines that the assisted homebuyer(s) is non-compliant with the residency requirements and the other requirements stated in the Homebuyer Assistance Program Contract then the entire face value of the funds are immediately due and payable to the County. Homebuyer will be given 30 days to return to compliance. If homebuyer(s) does not return to compliance the entire face value of the funds will be due and payable and will incur a four percent (4%) interest per annum.

13. **THIS HOMEBUYER CONTRACT CREATES A BINDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOU AND THE COUNTY; OWNER REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS TO THE COUNTY THAT OWNER HAS REVIEWED THE CONTRACT, UNDERSTANDS IT, AND IS EXECUTING IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.**

Executed and effective as of the date and year first written above.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO
URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

DIANA R. SERNA
DIRECTOR

Pedro Sifuentes

San Juanita G. Ramirez

(Jurat/Individual Acknowledgment)

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SWORN, SUBSCRIBED AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me **Pedro Sifuentes** ON THIS **12th** day of **December, 2011.**

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

(Jurat/Individual Acknowledgment)

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SWORN, SUBSCRIBED AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me **San Juanita G. Ramirez** ON THIS **12th** day of **December, 2011.**

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

(Jurat/Individual Acknowledgment)

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SWORN, SUBSCRIBED AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me **Diana R. Serna** ON THIS **12th** day of **December, 2011.**

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

Exhibit "A"
To a
Homebuyer Assistance Program Contract

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: Lot 133 Rio Grande Estates Phase #1,
Hidalgo County Texas.**

Exhibit "B"
To a
Homebuyer Assistance Program Contract

Copy of Earnest Money Contract