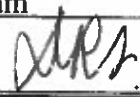


URBAN COUNTY
PROGRAM
Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court
Agenda Request Form

No. 28231

Date: August 24, 2011 Meeting Date Request: August 30, 2011
 Deadline for Action: August 30, 2011 Contact Person: Diana R. Serna
 Department: Urban County Program Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956)787-5291
Diana R. Serna, UCP Director 

Caption:

The Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) is requesting authorization for the County Judge to appoint a Five (5) member "Work Group" responsible for completing the State's Fair Housing Activity Statement – Texas Form ("FHAFAST Form") and identifying the community's fair housing impediments and proposed steps for addressing those impediments.

Background:

As part of the process for Round 2.2 of the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program, all applicants must have a completed FHAFAST form to accompany their application. The intent of a locally-appointed FHAFAST Work Group is to have a locally-defined Fair Housing Action Plan (based on local circumstances) and to ensure that jurisdictions meet their obligations to abide by Fair Housing laws and regulations and to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. Please see attached FHAFAST Form Guide identifying steps for selection of Work Group, posting of selections and successful completion of the form.

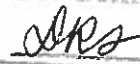
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Please initial for approval:

Legal Counsel _____ Budget _____ Human Resources _____

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

Comments:

APPROVED Co. Comm. Ct.
DATE 8.30.11 

Action taken by Commissioner's Court:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
2008 SUPPLEMENTAL DISASTER
RECOVERY FUND
FHA/ST FORM
County of Hidalgo
Urban County Program
Date of Publication: December 15, 2011**

In compliance with the Texas General Land Office requirements, the Hidalgo County Urban County Program will conduct a Public Hearing to solicit input from interested parties on the Hidalgo County State's Fair Housing Activity Statement- Texas Form ("FHA/ST FORM").

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit input and advise the public of the FHA/ST FORM that is available at <http://co.hidalgo.tx.us/> under Urban County Program. The State of Texas has allocated approximately \$4,500,000 to fund Non-Housing projects to address damages caused by Hurricane Dolly in Hidalgo County in 2008. **We have made a modification to the date of our Public Hearing that was supposed to be on December 13, 2011. Below you find the new date:**

The Public Hearing will be held December 20, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. at the following location:

- City of Edinburg City Hall – Council Chambers located at 415 W. University Drive Edinburg, TX 78539.

The Urban County Program encourages citizens to attend.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request.

For more information, please come by our office or contact Program Coordinator's Carlos Jasso or Ester Gonzalez at (956)787-8127.

**Diana R. Serna, Director
County of Hidalgo
Urban County Program
1916 Tesoro Blvd.
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GENERAL LAND OFFICE

JERRY PATTERSON, COMMISSIONER

FHAST FORM APPROVAL LETTER

November 22, 2011

The Honorable Ramon Garcia
County Judge for Hidalgo County
Hidalgo County Courthouse
100 N. Closner
Edinburg, Tx 78539

RE: FHAST Form Submission for Hidalgo County

Dear Judge Garcia:

Thank you for your cooperation in submitting a FHAST form for the disaster recovery program. We understand this was additional time on your staff, and we appreciate your commitment to help your communities. Based upon the review process, your FHAST Form has been approved and your jurisdiction has completed the required FHAST Form process for Round 2.2 funding. The FHAST Form is for Round 2.2 funding, and we encourage you to reference this document as you apply for projects. We appreciate the effort and focus your Working Group made in promoting fair housing in your community. While this form was designed for the disaster recovery funding, any action items can be applied to future funding and other community activities.

A final copy of your approved FHAST Form is attached as part of this notification. We respectfully request that you, if applicable, acknowledge receipt of this notification via email confirmation at txdrfhast@HNTB.com.

Sincerely,


Jorge Ramirez
Director, Disaster Recovery Program

CC: Mr. Gary Hagood, GLO Deputy Commissioner, Financial Management
Phillip Hampsten, GLO Disaster Recovery
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