

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF HIDALGO COUNTY, INC.

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Victoria Y. Medina

May 24, 2012

Attn: Honorable Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge
1615 S. Closner – Suite J
Edinburg, TX 78539

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RE: 381.004 (f) of the Local Government Code

Dear Judge:

It is that time of year when the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) requests funding assistance from appropriate sources. We are reaching out to you at this time. Section 381.004 (f) of the Local Government Code: states *"The commissioners' court of a county may support a Children's Advocacy Center that provides services to abused children."* Thanks to you and your administration that recommended and implemented this program initiative during your first term as Hidalgo County Judge from 2003 to 2007, other past administrations have followed your leadership in implementing this funding stream to support and strengthen our CAC Mission. Last year commissioners' court supported the center in the amount of \$50,000. We are requesting the same level of funding for this year, 2012.

This funding if awarded along with other funding allows the CAC, a community-based nonprofit established in June 2000, to continue meeting the needs of child abuse victims by providing child forensic interviews conducted by trained interviewers, medical examinations, mental health/ psychological services, victim support and advocacy, case review using a multidisciplinary team, and tracking of case progress and outcomes. We work alongside law enforcement, Child Protective Services, and the District Attorney's Office to coordinate a quick response and provide needed services to the victim and family.

Studies show that abused children who get early professional assistance are more likely to succeed in dealing and coping with the abuse later in their adult lives. With early intervention, we can help break the cycle of abuse and, more importantly, significantly increase a child's chances of becoming a healthy adult, a good parent, and a citizen that is able to positively contribute back to the community.

The long term impact of the services offered by the Children's Advocacy Center to the population living in Hidalgo County has been substantial, fundamental, and indispensable. Since 2001, the CAC has seen over 12,000 children. At the end of 2011, we had seen 1,041 averaging about 85 to 100 clients monthly. 50% of these cases were referrals from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office.

We are formally requesting funding support from Funding Source 381.004 of the Local Government Code or other appropriate funding sources in the amount of \$50,000, the same level as last year.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at (956) 287-9754. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for your time, your consideration and your support.

Respectfully,

Victoria Medina
Interim Executive Director



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ON: 5/25/12 BY: Laura T.



OFFICIAL HIDALGO COUNTY RECEIPT
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER
NORMA G. GARCIA

Receipt No: 157587

Received From: BUDGET EXECUTIVE OFFICE 07/20/12

Date 07/23/12

1 127287191 REFUND FROM ST. COMP. CAP. CREDITS 2-1100-360-00-000-0-000 163,323.60

Total: 163,323.60

Check Total 163,323.60
Cash Total .00
Credit Total .00
Other Total .00

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TEXAS COMPTROLLER *of* PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

PO Box 13528 • AUSTIN, TX 78711-3528



July 12, 2012

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The Honorable Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court
1615 S. Closner Blvd., Suite J
Edinburg, Texas 78539

COUNTY JUDGE

Dear Judge Garcia:

Enclosed is a warrant for \$163,323.60 that represents the capital credits from electric cooperatives for Hidalgo County, reported to the Comptroller's office in 2011 as unclaimed property. These funds do not include property that has been claimed and property with a state of last known address other than Texas.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 1-800-531-5441, extension 3-1072 or locally in Austin at 512/463-1072.

Sincerely,

Elisa A. Flores

Elisa A. Flores
Holder Reporting Section
Unclaimed Property Division

Enclosure

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ON: 7/20/12 BY: *[Signature]*



Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

127287191

JULY 16, 2012

TREASURY WARRANT NO.

127287191

071312 0001 902 9JMD1522 17460007176 058
PAYING AGENCY: 512-463-4561 COMPTROLLER - STATE FISCAL

PAY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE
DOLLARS AND 60/100

\$163,323.60

TO HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
STE J
1615 S CLOSNER BLVD
EDINBURG, TX 78539-5718

VOID AFTER
08/31/2014

⑈ 304 ⑈ ⑆ 114900164 ⑆ ⑈ 127287191 ⑈

THE STATE OF TEXAS PAYMENT INFORMATION

INVOICE NO.	INV. DATE	INVOICE DESCRIPTION	DOC. NO.	INVOICE AMOUNT
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY		COUNTY REFUND	9JMD1522	\$163,323.60

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PAYMENT, PLEASE CALL
COMPTROLLER - STATE FISCAL AT 512-463-4561.
USE DIRECT DEPOSIT AND GO GREEN! GO TO WWW.TXDIRECTDEPOSIT.ORG TO
LEARN ABOUT DIRECT DEPOSIT OR TO VIEW YOUR PAYMENTS.
CAN'T GO TO THE WEBSITE TO GET A DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM? CALL THE
PAYING AGENCY AT 512-463-4561 OR THE COMPTROLLER AT 512-936-8138.

PAYEE NO: 17460007176 058 PAYEE NAME: HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MARRANT NO: 127287191 ISSUE DATE: 07/13/2012 MARRANT TOTAL: \$163,323.60

No. 127287191

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COUNTY JUDGE

June 11, 2012

The Honorable Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge
100 E Cano 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78540-1356

Dear Judge Garcia:

As you may know, Section 74.602 of the Texas Property Code authorizes the Comptroller to allocate a portion of the unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives back to counties in cooperatives' service areas. The Code also states that the money may only be used to fund an appropriate program under Section 381.004 of the Local Government Code.

The commissioners' court is the primary governing body and ultimate decision-making authority regarding the legitimacy of requests for funds under this provision. The amount available to each county will be based on total capital credits remitted this reporting year, minus anticipated claims as determined by the Comptroller.

If your office anticipates submitting a request for these funds, please refer to the following guidelines:

- Requests are to be submitted by the commissioners' court, in writing, to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts by August 31 of each year.
- Requests **must** include the complete name, address and federal tax identification number of the Commissioners' Court. Funds will be paid directly to the court.
- All requests **must** include certification that the purpose of the funds is in compliance with the provisions of Section 381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Please mail your request(s) to: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Unclaimed Property Division
Holder Reporting Section
P. O. Box 12019
Austin, Texas 78711-2019

If you have any questions concerning these procedures; please contact Elisa A. Flores by e-mail at Elisa.Alice.Flores@cpa.state.tx.us or by phone at (800) 321-2274, ext. 3-1072.

Sincerely,

Larry Schilhabel
Section Supervisor
Holder Reporting Section

cc: Elisa A. Flores

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OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ON: 6/15/12 BY: Laura S.

cc: 6/20/12



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
County Of Hidalgo

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

July 2, 2012

Elisa Alice Flores, Accounts Examiner
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Unclaimed Property Division
Holder Reporting Section
P.O. Box 12019
Austin, TX 78711-2019

Dear Mrs. Flores:

Please let this letter serve as Hidalgo County's official request for capital credits from electric cooperatives reported to the State Comptroller's Office in 2011 as unclaimed property. Please forward the credits to the following address:

County of Hidalgo
c/o County Judge's Office
1615 S. Closner Blvd., Suite J
Edinburg, TX 78539
Federal Tax ID #: 74-6000717

As in previous request, Hidalgo County certifies that the purpose of these funds will be in compliance with the provisions of Section 381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mrs. Dina R. Trevino, Assistant Budget Officer, by email at dina.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us or by phone at (956) 292-7025 ext. 5405.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ramon Garcia".

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

Cc: Honorable Joel Quintanilla., Commissioner, Pet. 1
Honorable Hector "Tito" Palacios, Commissioner, Pet. 2
Honorable Jose M. Flores, Commissioner, Pet. 3
Honorable Joseph Palacios, Commissioner, Pet. 4