

**APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

Version 7/03

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		Pre-application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction	2. DATE SUBMITTED	Applicant Identifier
			3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier
			4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION				
Legal Name: Hidalgo County			Organizational Unit: Department: Hidalgo County Judge's Office	
Organizational DUNS: 103110834			Division: Commissioner Precinct 3/ Emergency Management	
Address: Street: 1615 S. Closner, Ste. J			Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code) Prefix: First Name: Belinda	
City: Edinburg			Middle Name	
County: Hidalgo			Last Name Alvarez	
State: Texas		Zip Code 78539	Suffix:	
Country: United States			Email: belinda.alvarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 74-600717			Phone Number (give area code) 956-318-2615	Fax Number (give area code) 956-289-7889
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) (See back of form for description of letters.) Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> A			7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (See back of form for Application Types) County Other (specify)	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: TITLE (Name of Program): Hazard Mitigation Grant 97-039			9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: FEMA	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Hidalgo County			11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: TSSI Grant- Construction of a dome structure to be used as a community safe room for protection from hurricanes and tornadoes.	
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: Upon Approval			14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant 15	
Ending Date: 2 years from approval			b. Project 15	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:			16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	\$	1,800,000 ⁰⁰	a. Yes. <input type="checkbox"/> THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON	
b. Applicant	\$	600,000 ⁰⁰	DATE:	
c. State	\$	⁰⁰	b. No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372	
d. Local	\$	⁰⁰	<input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
e. Other	\$	⁰⁰	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?	
f. Program Income	\$	⁰⁰	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
g. TOTAL	\$	2,400,000 ⁰⁰		
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.				
a. Authorized Representative				
Prefix Honorable	First Name Ramon		Middle Name	
Last Name Garcia			Suffix	
b. Title Hidalgo County Judge			c. Telephone Number (give area code) 956-318-2600	
d. Signature of Authorized Representative			e. Date Signed	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424

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This is a standard form used by applicants as a required face sheet for pre-applications and applications submitted for Federal assistance. It will be used by Federal agencies to obtain applicant certification that States which have established a review and comment procedure in response to Executive Order 12372 and have selected the program to be included in their process, have been given an opportunity to review the applicant's submission.

Item:	Entry:	Item:	Entry:																		
1.	Select Type of Submission.	11.	Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary description of this project.																		
2.	Date application submitted to Federal agency (or State if applicable) and applicant's control number (if applicable).	12.	List only the largest political entities affected (e.g., State, counties, cities).																		
3.	State use only (if applicable).	13.	Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project.																		
4.	Enter Date Received by Federal Agency Federal identifier number: If this application is a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the present Federal Identifier number. If for a new project, leave blank.	14.	List the applicant's Congressional District and any District(s) affected by the program or project																		
5.	Enter legal name of applicant, name of primary organizational unit (including division, if applicable), which will undertake the assistance activity, enter the organization's DUNS number (received from Dun and Bradstreet), enter the complete address of the applicant (including country), and name, telephone number, e-mail and fax of the person to contact on matters related to this application.	15.	Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 15.																		
6.	Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.	16.	Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process.																		
7.	Select the appropriate letter in the space provided. <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">A. State</td> <td style="width: 50%;">I. State Controlled</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. County</td> <td>Institution of Higher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. Municipal</td> <td>Learning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Township</td> <td>J. Private University</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E. Interstate</td> <td>K. Indian Tribe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F. Intermunicipal</td> <td>L. Individual</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G. Special District</td> <td>M. Profit Organization</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H. Independent School District</td> <td>N. Other (Specify)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>O. Not for Profit Organization</td> </tr> </table>	A. State	I. State Controlled	B. County	Institution of Higher	C. Municipal	Learning	D. Township	J. Private University	E. Interstate	K. Indian Tribe	F. Intermunicipal	L. Individual	G. Special District	M. Profit Organization	H. Independent School District	N. Other (Specify)		O. Not for Profit Organization	17.	This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.
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8.	Select the type from the following list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "New" means a new assistance award. • "Continuation" means an extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date. • "Revision" means any change in the Federal Government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation. If a revision enter the appropriate letter: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">A. Increase Award</td> <td style="width: 50%;">B. Decrease Award</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. Increase Duration</td> <td>D. Decrease Duration</td> </tr> </table> 	A. Increase Award	B. Decrease Award	C. Increase Duration	D. Decrease Duration	18.	To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)														
A. Increase Award	B. Decrease Award																				
C. Increase Duration	D. Decrease Duration																				
9.	Name of Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.																				
10.	Use the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested.																				

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
SUMMARY SHEET FOR ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

O.M.B. No. 1660-0025
Expires July 31, 2007

FOR _____
FY _____

CA FOR (Name of Recipient)
Hidalgo County

This summary sheet includes Assurances and Certifications that must be read, signed, and submitted as a part of the Application for Federal Assistance.

An applicant must check each item that they are certifying to:

- Part I** FEMA Form 20-16A, Assurances-Nonconstruction Programs
- Part II** FEMA Form 20-16B, Assurances-Construction Programs
- Part III** FEMA Form 20-16C, Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
- Part IV** SF LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (*If applicable*)

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the identified attached assurances and certifications.

Honorable Ramon Garcia

Hidalgo County Judge

Typed Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date Signed

NOTE: By signing the certification regarding debarment, suspension, and other responsibility matters for primary covered transaction, the applicant agrees that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by FEMA entering into this transaction.

The applicant further agrees by submitting this application that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the FEMA Regional Office entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. (Refer to 44 CFR Part 17.)

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (*including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs*) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. Section 4727-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the nineteen statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P. L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; (b) Title IV of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. Sections 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. Section 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912, (42 U.S.C. 290-dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1968 (42 U.S.C. Section 3601 et. seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provision in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Title II and III of the Uniformed Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provides for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or Federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interest in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchase.
8. Will comply with provisions of Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. Sections 1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principle employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. Sections 276a to 276a-7) the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. Section 276c and 18 U.S.C. Sections 874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. Sections 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102a of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. Sections 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176 (c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. Section et seq.); (g) protection underground sources of drinking water under Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. Sections 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components of the national wild and scenic rivers systems.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
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ASSURANCES-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

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3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or state.
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20. It will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. 201), as they apply to employees of institutions of higher education, hospitals, and other non-profit organizations.

21. It will obtain approval by the appropriate Federal agencies of the final working drawings and specifications before the project is advertised or placed on the market for bidding; that it will construct the project, or cause it to be constructed, to final completion in accordance with the application and approved plans and specifications; that it will submit to the appropriate Federal agency for prior approval changes that alter the cost of the project, use of space, or functional layout; that it will not enter into a construction contract(s) for the project or undertake other activities until the conditions of the construction grant program(s) have been met.

22. It will operate and maintain the facility in accordance with the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by the applicable Federal, State, and local agencies for the maintenance and operation of such facilities.

23. It will require the facility to be designed to comply with the "American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to, and Usable by, the Physically Handicapped," Number A117-1961, as modified (41CFR 101-17.703). The applicant will be responsible for conducting inspections to ensure compliance with these specifications by the contractor.

24. If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the applicant, this assurance shall obligate the applicant, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.

25. In making subgrants with nonprofit institutions under this Comprehensive Cooperative Agreement, it agrees that such grants will be subject to OMB Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Non-profit Organization" including but not limited to, the "Lobbying Revision" published in vol 49, Federal Register, pages 18260 through 18277 (April 27, 1984).

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
**CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND
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1. LOBBYING

As required by section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 44 CFR Part 18, for persons entering into a grant or cooperating agreement over \$ 100,000, as defined at 44 CFR Part 18, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement.

(b) If any other funds than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any other person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or an employee of Congress, or employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal Grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Stand Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Standard Form-LLL "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" attached
(This form must be attached to certification if nonappropriated funds are to be used to influence activities.)

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DIRECT RECIPIENT)

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 44 CFR Part 67, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 44 CFR Part 17, Section 17.510-A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of a or had a civilian judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or perform a public a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause of default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEE OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 44 CFR Part 17, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 44 CFR Part 17.615 and 17.620-

A. The applicant certifies that it will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distributions

(b) Establishing an on-going drug free awareness program to inform employees about-

- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant to be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will-

(1) Abide by the term of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employee in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring on the workplace no later than five calendar days after such convictions;

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, with 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position, title, to the applicable FEMA awarding office, i.e., regional office or FEMA office.

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is convicted-

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such an employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a),(b),(c),(d),(e) and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, City, County, State, Zip code)

3901 N. La Homa Road, Mission TX78572

Check If there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Section 17.630 of the regulations provide that a grantee that is a State may elect to make one certification in each Federal fiscal year. A copy of which should be included with each application for FEMA funding. States and State agencies may elect to use a state wide certification.

State of Texas Assurances

- (a) Scope. In addition to federal requirements, state law requires a number of assurances from applicants for federal pass-through or other state-appropriated funds. An attempt has been made below to list major state and federal assurances. Generally, not all of these assurances will be required for any one grant. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all assurances required by the awarding agency are submitted.

The legal instrument for awarding state funds must be consistent with the standards prescribed herein; however, these standard conditions or assurances may be incorporated into contracts or grant agreements by reference rather than by being reproduced in their entirety.

(1) A subgrantee must comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 573, Vernon's 1994, by ensuring that no officer, employee, or member of the applicant's governing body or of the applicant's contractor shall vote or confirm the employment of any person related within the second degree of affinity or the third degree of consanguinity to any member of the governing body or to any other officer or employee authorized to employ or supervise such person. This prohibition shall not prohibit the employment of a person who shall have been continuously employed for a period of two years, or such other period stipulated by local law, prior to the election or appointment of the officer, employee, or governing body member related to such person in the prohibited degree.

(2) A subgrantee must insure that all information collected, assembled or maintained by the applicant relative to a project will be available to the public during normal business hours in compliance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, Vernon's 1994, unless otherwise expressly prohibited by law.

(3) A subgrantee must comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Vernon's 1994, which requires all regular, special or called meeting of governmental bodies to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law or specifically permitted in the Texas Constitution.

(4) A subgrantee must comply with Section 231.006, Texas Family Code, which prohibits payments to a person who is in arrears on child support payments.

(5) No health and human services agency or public safety or law enforcement agency may contract with or issue a license, certificate or permit to the owner, operator or administrator of a facility if the license, permit or certificate has been revoked by another health and human services agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.

(6) A subgrantee that is a law enforcement agency regulated by Texas Government Code, Chapter 415, must be in compliance with all rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer

Standards and Education pursuant to Chapter 415, Texas Government Code or must provide the grantor agency with a certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education that the agency is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules.

(7) When incorporated into a grant award or contract, standard assurances contained in the application package become terms or conditions for receipt of grant funds. Administering state agencies and local subrecipients shall maintain an appropriate contract administration system to insure that all terms, conditions, and specifications are met. (See Section _____.36 for additional guidance on contract provisions.)

(8) A subgrantee must comply with the Texas Family Code, Section 261.101 which requires reporting of all suspected cases of child abuse to local law enforcement authorities and to the Texas Department of Child Protective and Regulatory Services. Subgrantees shall also ensure that all program personnel are properly trained and aware of this requirement.

(9) Intentionally omitted; This State Assurance corresponds with OMB Approved No. 0348-0042 Federal Assurance number (10).

(10) Intentionally omitted; This State Assurance corresponds with OMB Approved No. 0348-0042 Federal Assurance number (13).

(11) Intentionally omitted; This State Assurance corresponds with OMB Approved No. 0348-0042 Federal Assurance number (11).

(12) Intentionally omitted; This State Assurance corresponds with OMB Approved No. 0348-0042 Federal Assurance number (12).

(13) Subgrantees will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970, as applicable.

(14) Subgrantees will insure that the facilities under its ownership, lease or supervision which shall be utilized in the accomplishment of the project are not listed on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) list of Violating Facilities and that it will notify the Federal grantor agency of the receipt of any communication from the Director of the EPA Office of Federal Activities indicating that a facility to be used in the project is under consideration for listing by the EPA. (EO 11738).

(15) Subgrantees will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Public Law 93-234. Section 102 (a) requires the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available as a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition proposed for use in any area that has been identified by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as an area having special flood hazards.

(16) Intentionally omitted; This State Assurance corresponds with OMB Approved No. 0348-0042 Federal Assurances number (15).

(17) Intentionally omitted; This State Assurance corresponds with OMB Approved No. 0348-0042 Federal Assurance number (16).

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(21) Subgrantees will comply with Public Law 103-277, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), which prohibits smoking within any portion of any indoor facility used for the provision of services for children as defined by the Act.

(22) Subgrantees will comply with all federal tax laws and are solely responsible for filing all required state and federal tax forms.

(23) Subgrantees will comply with all applicable requirements of all other federal and state laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

(24) The applicant must certify that they are not debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs.

(25) Subgrantees must adopt and implement applicable provisions of the model HIV/AIDS work place guidelines of the Texas Department of Health as required by the Texas Health and Safety Code, Ann., Sec. 85.001, et seq.

Signature of Mayor, Judge, or Executive Director

Date

Honorable Judge Ramon Garcia

Printed Name of above Authorized Official

**FLOODPLAIN MANAGER FORM
For
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT**

Date

Subgrantee: Hidalgo County
Local Government or eligible Agency/Organization

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Project Number: _____

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) Project Number: _____

The designated Floodplain Manager for this project application is as follows:

	Floodplain Manager
Name	Godfrey Garza, Jr.
Organization	Hidalgo County Drainage District Number 1
Official Position	Hidalgo County Flood Plain Manager
Mailing Address	900 N. Doolittle
City, State, Zip	Edinburg, TX 78542
Daytime Phone	956-292-7080
Cell Number	956-227-3623
Fax Number	956-292-7089
Email	g.g@hcdd1.org
	Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Information
CFM Certification Number	0695-05N
If not a CFM – enter the date of attendance for:	
CFM - 1 Week Course	
Floodplain 101	
The designated Floodplain Manager is authorized by the below Certifying Official to represent and act for this organization in all dealings with the State of Texas matters pertaining to floodplain issues for this grant.	

Signature of Mayor, Judge, or Executive Director

Date

Honorable Judge Ramon Garcia

Printed Name of above Authorized Official

The Texas Safe Shelter Initiative (TSSI)
Community Safe Room Construction Project
Synopsis Statement

This is a request for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds to develop a monolithic, thin-shelled, concrete dome shelter that will meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency's standard of near-absolute protection from hurricanes and tornadoes to protect citizens of Hidalgo County, Texas. Hidalgo County is working to develop the proposed community disaster safe room, which will also serve as a gymnasium. The proposed dome structure will provide safe shelter for citizens with Special Needs and Medical Special Needs. The state evacuation plan for this county has a shortfall in this category of evacuee, available ambulances are insufficient to transport the number of people given typical notification times. While this is not a general population safe room during hurricanes, it will be available to the general population during tornado events. The project will be constructed on the site of an existing parking lot at **3901 N. LaHoma Road, (Latitude 26.232674°) Mission, Texas 78572**. The development of the community disaster safe room is a cost-effective solution, resulting in a Benefit-Cost Ratio of 1.62 to 1. See overhead view on following page.

PROJECT OFFICER DESIGNATION

For

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

3/15/2011

Date

Subgrantee: Hidalgo County

Local Government or eligible Agency/Organization

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Project Number: _____

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) Project Number: _____

I designate my Project Officer for this grant as follows:

Primary Project Officer	Secondary Project Officer
Name Belinda Alvarez	Name Daniel Garza
Organization Hidalgo County Emergency Management	Organization La Joya Independent School District
Official Position Deputy EMC	Official Position District Facility Director
Mailing Address 1615 S. Closner, Ste. G	Mailing Address 201 East Expressway US 83
City, State, Zip Edinburg, TX 78539	City, State, Zip La Joya, TX 78560
Daytime Phone 956-318-2615 Cell 956-720-2165	Daytime Phone 956-580-5000 Cell 956-821-8900
Fax Number 956-289-7889	Fax Number 956-580-8890
Email (Enter in the space below.) belinda.alvarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us	Email (Enter in the space below.) d.garza9@lajoyaisd.net
The above Primary and Secondary Project Officers are hereby authorized to execute and file application for this mitigation project on behalf of this organization for the purpose of obtaining certain state and federal financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act, (Public Law 93-288 as amended) or otherwise available. Designated Project Officers are authorized by the below Certifying Official to represent and act for this organization in all dealings with the State of Texas for all matters pertaining to this grant, and will serve as the single point of contact with the designated State Project Officer.	

Signature of Mayor, Judge, or Executive Director

Date

Honorable Ramon Garcia

Printed Name of above Authorized Official



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
County Of Hidalgo

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

This letter certifies that La Joya Independent School District will be responsible for the maintenance of the Community Hurricane Safe Room upon its completion.

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

Date



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
County Of Hidalgo

NFIP CERTIFICATION LETTER

This letter certifies that Hidalgo County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and that the requirements of the management ordinance will be implemented regarding the La Joya Independent School District Community Hurricane Safe Room Construction Project.

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

Date



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
County Of Hidalgo

COST SHARE CERTIFICATE

I certify that Hidalgo County will partner with the La Joya Independent School District, who will cover the 25%, or more, of the cost share for the La Joya ISD Community Safe Room

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

Date



RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE County Of Hidalgo

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

I certify the following:

1. Low income and minority people live in Hidalgo County.
2. The proposed construction of a dome based structure to serve as a multi-purpose community center and a disaster safe room will benefit people living in Hidalgo County and will have no adverse impact on low income and minority populations.
3. There are no actions necessary to insure environmental justice for low income and minority populations.

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

Date