

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE 2012 COLONIA ECONOMICALLY DISTRESS AREAS PROGRAM GRANT FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT AS THE COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of the County of Hidalgo desires to develop a viable urban community including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low/moderate income; and

WHEREAS, certain conditions exist which represent a threat to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the County of Hidalgo to apply for funding under the 2012 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program - Colonia Economically Distress Areas Program fund;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS:

1. That a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application for the Colonia Economically Distress Areas Program Fund is hereby authorized to be filed on behalf of the County with the Texas Department of Agriculture.
2. That the County's application be placed in competition for funding under the 2012 Colonia Economically Distress Areas Program Fund.
3. That the application be up to \$500,000 of grant funds to provide first-time sewer services (yardlines, septic tank decommission, and related improvements) for low and moderate-income persons residing within colonias located in the City of Alamo.
4. That the Commissioners' Court directs and designates the County Judge as the County's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this application and the County's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.

ATTEST:

**Ramon Garcia, County Judge
Hidalgo County, Texas**

**Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk
Hidalgo County, Texas**

Diana Martinez
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April 16, 2012

Mrs. Diana Serna, Director
Hidalgo Urban County Program
1916 Tesoro Blvd.
Pharr, Texas

Dear Mrs. Serna:

On behalf of the City of Alamo I hereby submit this correspondence requesting your assistance to join Commissioner Tito Palacios and me in an effort to provide sanitary sewer services to the colonias of Campo Alto, Var- Bar Estates, Rancho Escondido, Salazar Subdivision and Guadalupe # 1 and # 2. These colonias are outside the incorporated limits of the City of Alamo. Four of them are located at the corner of SH 495 and the other two are located on Border Road north of Expressway 83. All together the six colonias consist of approximately 315 households.

The City of Alamo has obtained a grant from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to provide the main lines, force mains, manholes, and lift stations. TWDB suggested that the City apply to the Texas Department of Agriculture under their CEDAP program for house connections. I have contacted TDA and they informed me that the application must be submitted by the County so that the houses in those colonias can be eligible. I understand your program has successfully submitted applications to that agency and that is why I come to you for assistance. The City will provide you with any necessary information you need including personnel to conduct surveys.

I hope that my request meets with your approval, however, please call me if you require any additional information.

Respectfully,

Diana Martinez
Mayor