



Hidalgo County Head Start Program Memorandum

Date: March 6, 2013

To: Hidalgo County Head Start Policy Council
Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court

From: Teresa Flores, Executive Director

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Subject: Sequestration Impact

On March 1, 2013, the Office of Head Start sent notification ACF-PI-H-13-01 to inform grantees of the spending cuts, sequestration, for the remainder of the federal fiscal year. The required reduction is at least 5% of the Program budget for this year. This constitutes \$1,273,095 from the total funded budget of \$25,461,897. Grantees were advised "to begin planning how they will alter their programs to operate at the reduced levels. As programs begin this planning process, we ask you to keep the following principles in mind:

- The first priority for all programs is to maintain a high quality of service provided to children and families and to ensure their health and safety.
- It is critical to minimize disruptions to currently enrolled children for this program year.
- We expect enrollment reductions, as well as workforce reductions, particularly in the upcoming program year."

Program staff is in the process of developing a plan to reflect the 5% reduction for your review and approval, which will be completed in the coming week. The plan will be ready for the March 20, 2013 Policy Council meeting.