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COUNTY JUDGE

October 1, 2016

Honorable Ramon Garcia
County Of Hidalgo
P.O. Box 1356
Edinburg, Texas 78540

Honorable Judge Garcia:

Attached is our agency's County of Hidalgo membership dues statement for Fiscal Years 2016-2017.

Your membership dues assist us in meeting our local cash match requirements for our Senior Nutrition and Transportation Projects' federal/state grants. These funds are used to expand such Projects' services to seniors in your County and the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

We continue to count on your valuable assistance to seniors through our agency and are very grateful for your long-standing commitment and participation in our agency's Projects' services and activities.

If you have any questions, please call me at your convenience at (956) 213-9400, Extension 3202.

Sincerely,

Alejandro Guerra
Executive Director



"Providing 41 Years of Service"
1974 - 2016

PARTICIPATION & MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS REPORT

This report provides a detailed summary of services and dollars Hidalgo County has received as a direct benefit from being a member of the National Association of Counties.

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

NACo Member County
Member Dues: \$11,983

Hidalgo County, TX
100 N Closner Blvd
County Courthouse
Edinburg, TX 78539-3523
<http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/>



NACo has provided direct personalized assistance to Hidalgo County at least 9 times over the past three years plus all the programs listed below.

FEDERAL FUNDING RESULTS OF NACo'S ADVOCACY

At the federal level, NACo works to increase, maintain, or create funding for programs that benefit county governments and their residents. It is important to note that these programs listed here represent the types of programs on which NACo lobbies. This is not the complete list of all the federal funds counties receive, but a sample of specific federal programs through which counties receive funding as a result of NACo's lobbying efforts.



Year	PILT	SCAAP	CDBG	HOME	SRS	USDA RD
2016		TBD	\$7,226,312	\$1,647,461		\$241,064
2015		\$34,934	\$7,313,254	\$1,550,040		\$31,094,250
2014		\$27,922	\$7,581,120	\$1,700,924		\$1,180,341
2013		\$27,222	\$7,728,140	\$1,621,556		\$7,374,452

MONEY SAVING PROGRAMS

US Communities Estimated Annual Savings



\$67,049 Estimated savings since 2013 by using US Communities



eConnectDirect eConnectDirect Participant

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Started in 1970, the annual Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Each application is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received. For more information, please visit www.naco.org/achievementawards.

Hidalgo County is not participating in NACo's Award Program.

EDUCATION, TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Events and conferences attended by individuals in Hidalgo County. The savings figures indicate reduced rates for member counties over the prices for non-member counties to participate. Other events are only open to member counties or are free to attend so there is no non-member rate. In all cases, the true value of the networking, education and professional development far exceeds the savings.

Conference / Event	Total Attendees	Member Savings
2016 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition	2	\$450
2015 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition	2	\$450
2014 NACo Annual Conference: County Solutions and Ideas Marketplace	5	\$1,125

Total Saved: \$2,025

Year	Webinar	Attendees
2014	Leadership Series: Recruiting & Maintaining Top Talent	1
2014	The Road Ahead: County Transportation Funding and Financing	1

BOARDS & COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Hidalgo County is not participating in NACo's committees. Learn more by visiting www.naco.org/committees.

PUBLICATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS



NACo is happy to provide member counties with these free newsletters to keep you up to date on issues affecting counties across the country. Our acclaimed publication, County News, typically costs \$50/subscription for non-member counties, but you get the subscriptions for FREE as a member. The subscription saving figure is the money Hidalgo County saved by being a member county.

Subscription	Subscription Saving
21 County News subscriptions	21 @ \$50ea = \$ 1,050
26 Washington Watch and electronic County News subscriptions	



NACo is HERE to HELP

Stronger Counties. Stronger America.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) saves counties time, dollars and other resources through its advocacy efforts, special programs, cost saving tools, research information, conferences and much more. As you grapple with demands for more services and rely on less revenue, NACo gives you tools to be more efficient and effective. At the same time, NACo is your eyes and ears in Washington, focusing on policy decisions that directly affect your county.

To learn how NACo's benefits enable your county, parish or borough to save, please request information by checking the boxes and returning this pre-paid business reply card. check out www.naco.org or contact NACo at (888) 407-NACo (6226) or membership@naco.org.

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____ TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____ COUNTY/ORGANIZATION _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Please change your records to reflect my new mailing address _____ EMAIL _____

I have a specific question on _____ Please contact me via PHONE E-MAIL

I AM INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NACo. Please send me a:

- Full membership information packet including an application/invoice for county membership (for nonmember counties)
- Welcome Packet (full information on NACo's programs and services - as a refresher or for newly elected officials)
- NACo Membership Benefits Guide - a complete listing of NACo membership benefits that are available for your county officials, staff and residents

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY RESOURCES

- Procedures for submitting and considering NACo resolutions
- Grassroots Resources and Toolkits
- Legislative Priorities
- Policy Briefs - Issue
- Special Reports - Issue
- NACo Steering Committees and how to influence policy (Please check the committee(s) you are interested in)
 - Agriculture & Rural Affairs
 - Community, Economic & Workforce Development
 - Environment, Energy & Land Use
 - Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs
 - Health
 - Human Services & Education
 - Justice & Public Safety
 - Public Lands
 - Telecommunications and Technology
 - Transportation
 - Caucuses (Please circle: Rural Action, Large Urban, Western Interstate Region, Gulf State Counties & Parishes)
- American County Platform & Resolutions
- I would like to discuss a particular legislative issue:

PROGRAMS TO SAVE YOUR COUNTY MONEY

- Deferred Compensation Program** - administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions, this is the largest supplemental retirement income program available to county employees
- U.S. Communities** - nationally bid cooperative purchasing program that provides savings on computers, furniture, food distribution and much more
- Public Finance Authority** - a governmental entity that can finance tax-exempt conduit bonds for public and private activities that benefit public agencies on a multi-state basis
- eConnectDirect®** - an innovative online platform designed to help county treasurers manage fixed-income investment needs

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

- Achievement Awards
- Arts & Culture Awards
- Dale Sowards Award (public lands)
- New Member Recruitment Awards Program

NACo CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

- Annual Conference
- Legislative Conference
- Western Interstate Region Conferences
- Rural Action Caucus Symposium
- Large Urban County Caucus Symposium
- Gulf States Counties & Parishes Caucus Annual Meeting
- Exhibitor & Sponsorship Information

PROGRAMS TO SAVE YOUR RESIDENTS MONEY

- NACo Live Healthy Prescription, Dental & Health Discount Program** - Discounts of 15-75% on prescriptions, dental procedures, vision, hearing aids, labs, diabetic supplies and more at no cost to the county

COUNTY SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATION

- Podcasts
- Technology & Innovation
- Health, Human Services and Justice Programs
 - Healthy Counties Initiative
 - Health Reform Implementation
 - County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
 - Smart Justice
 - Pretrial Justice
 - Juvenile Justice Reform
 - Stepping Up - Reducing the number of people with mental illness in jails
 - Health Care Enrollment and Jails
- Community & Economic Development
 - Resilient Counties
 - Economic Development
 - Workforce Development
 - Transportation & Infrastructure
 - Coastal Counties Resiliency

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Virtual Learning Opportunities - Live Webinars, Webinar Archive and other Digital Resources
- Next Generation NACo Network
- County Leadership Institute

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

- Research Publications - Issue
- County Profiles - Issue
- County Maps from County Explorer - www.naco.org/CountyExplorer
- Finding Federal Grants
- Purchase County Data from County Explorer
- NACo Researchers - Issue
- I would like more information on this particular county issue

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

- Chief Information Officer Forum and Technology Innovation Summit
- County-to-County Consulting

PUBLICATION INFORMATION

- County News (NACo's newspaper)
- CN Now* (weekly e-version of *County News* with full articles & legislative updates)
- JobsOnline - Employment Advertising Information

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- National County Government Month (April)
- Why Counties Matter
- Counties Work Game for Students
- Media Guide
- Social Media Networks

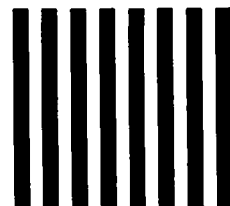
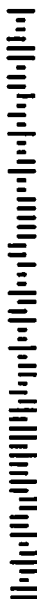
CORPORATE INVOLVEMENT

- Premier Corporate Membership Information

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TEXAS Conference of
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COUNTY JUDGE

Invoice

Date	Number
10/1/2016	8744

Bill To
Hidalgo County Honorable Ramon Garcia County Judge 100 East Cano, Suite 201 Edinburg, TX 78539

Texas Conference of Urban Counties
500 W. 13th. St.
Austin, Texas 78701

CC:
Ray Eufrazio County Auditor Hidalgo County 100 East Cano, Suite 201 Edinburg, TX 785539

Terms
30 days

Description	Amount
Urban Counties FY2017 Membership Dues	21,531.00
<p>INVOICE RECEIVED BY: <u>12/16/16</u> on <u>12/16/16</u> GOODS / SRVS RECEIVED BY: <u>Monica</u> on <u>2017</u> <u>7-1100-413-30-125-004-0 810mb</u></p>	
Current Invoice Total	\$21,531.00

Account Notes

Preferred payment by Wire or ACH direct to:

Texas Conference of Urban Counties
JPMorgan Chase Bank
Routing #: 111000614
Account #: 88000071316

Alternatively please make all checks payable to:

Texas Conference of Urban Counties
500 W. 13th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

EIN#	Phone #	Fax #	E-mail	Web Site
74-3019904	512/476-6174	512/476-5122	Accounts.Receivable@cuc.org	http://www.cuc.org

TEXAS *Conference of*
Urban Counties

October 1, 2016

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El Paso County

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Fort Bend County

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Executive Director

Donald Lee

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Lubbock ~ McLennan
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San Patricio ~ Smith
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500 West 13th Street
Austin, TX 78701

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Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

Attention: Judge Garcia

P.O. Box 1356

Edinburg TX 78539

Statement of Annual Dues for Hidalgo County

2015 Population: 842,304

Urban County dues are \$3,000 per county plus 2.2 cents per capita, as approved by Urban Counties members on 4/7/16. The dues formula is the same as the previous year.

2017 Urban Counties Dues: \$21531

Please make checks payable to Texas Conference of Urban Counties

and mail to 500 West 13th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Urban Counties Federal ID #: 74-3019904

Urban Counties Programs & Services

Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Program

Represents the interests of urban counties in the Texas policymaking process. Among many other priorities, some IGR projects are:

- Promote legislation to improve the delivery of governmental services, make local government more effective, and reduce the overall cost of government;
- Maintain continuous dialogue with state officials regarding proposals to limit county revenue options and modify property taxes;
- Promote action to prevent prison overcrowding and jail backlogs;
- Opposition to unfunded mandates and restrictions on county authority;
- Promote fair funding for urban counties - based on population or number of clients, rather than equal funding per county;
- Monitor and interact on behalf of counties in state agency policy changes or updates;
- Impact state legislation: for the 84th Legislative Session there were 6,476 House and Senate bills and joint resolutions filed. The Urban Counties tracked 2,021 bills. 1,329 bills passed both houses of the legislature and were sent to the Governor or to the Comptroller; 373 of those were tracked bills.

- Distribute the Policy Analysis Project Report: a weekly analysis of legislation, attorney general opinions and state agency rule changes;
- Distribute the Urban Counties Clippings Service: daily emails containing articles of interest to county officials from state and national newspapers; and
- Distribute Urban Counties Newsletters on county issues and state policy developments.

Education Program

- Provides urban county officials with continuing education events, including:
- Urban Counties Membership Luncheons;
- Annual Education and Policy Conference; and
- Critical Issues Workshops and Executive Roundtables.

TechShare Program

- TechShare provides opportunities for counties to collaborate on technology projects and to share information resources. TechShare projects are mutual efforts where participants save money by sharing the cost of research and development. Projects can produce applications, systems, or other technology assets owned by the Urban Counties and available to all members.