



Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Policy Council Regular Agenda

DATE: February 15, 2017

SUBJECT: Discussion/Approval of Disposition of Granjeno Modular Structure

RATIONALE/NEED: The Hidalgo County Head Start Program has been granted authorization by the Department of Health and Human Services to dispose of the building located in Granjeno (6610 S. FM494). Direction for the preferred disposition method for the building is requested.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval.

COST:

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDES: *Memorandum from Teresa Flores, Executive Director
*Letter from ACF, Regional Grants Management Unit
*Letter from Robert Rodriguez, La Luz De La Esperanza
*Email from Wayne Lowry, Habitat for Humanity

INITIATED BY: Edmundo Garcia, Assistant Director for Operations

REVIEWED BY: Teresa Flores, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 



Hidalgo County Head Start Program Memorandum

Date: February 15, 2017

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

From: Teresa Flores, Head Start Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa Flores".

Subject: Disposition of Granjeno Modular Structure

The Hidalgo County Head Start Program has been granted authorization by the Department of Health and Human Services, to dispose of our Head Start modular building located at 6610 S. FM 494 (Granjeno) Mission TX 78572, please refer to their letter dated January 20, 2017, attached for your information.

As you may recall this structure was badly damaged during the wind storms on May of 2016. The Head Start Policy Council approved the disposition request on November 16, 2016 and the Commissioners' Court approval was received on December 8, 2016; please refer to item 15 B, AI-57355, Commissioner's Court agenda and minutes, attached for your reference.

Since the decision to dispose of the structure, we have been in communication with Robert Rodriguez, President of La Luz De La Esperanza Baptist Church. They are interested in the building in order to provide services to the community in Granjeno, please see attached copy of their letter dated January 2, 2017. We also contacted the Habitat for Humanity organization and they are also willing to accept the building and relocated at their expense, please refer to their email dated January 10, 2017 attached also attached for your reference.

At this juncture, the Program has the flexibility to dispose of the facility as the Policy Council and the Commissioner's Court deem appropriate. We are seeking guidance for the method of disposition of the building. Consideration can be given to place an ad in the newspaper for a bid for the building and subsequent awarding of the bid as per county guidelines.



ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Regional Grants Management Unit, 1301 Young Street, Suite 937, Dallas, TX 75202

January 20, 2017

Ramon Garcia
Board Chairperson
Hidalgo County Head Start Program
1901 W State Highway 107
McAllen, TX 78504-9552

Reference: 06CH010420

RE: Request Demolition of Modular Building: Mission Texas

Dear Mr. Garcia,

This letter is in response to your request dated January 6, 2017, to demolish the 22 year old modular building currently located at 6610 S. FM 494, Mission, TX. 78572, that is no longer needed to house Head Start students.

Your agency has complied with the requirements for information about the modular as required in ACF-IM-HS-12-08 and 45 CFR 75.318. This letter conveys our official simplified disposition instructions approving your request to dispose of the 22 year old modular, with the understanding that the Office of Head Start releases the federal interest.

As stated in ACF-IM-HS-12-08, proceeds received from the sale of older modular units are classified as program income and must be reported by the recipient and used only for allowable program costs in accordance with applicable cost principles. Proceeds are a federal income source and cannot be used as non-federal share.

Please ensure that a copy of this letter is received by your Head Start Director, Chief Financial Officer, and the agency auditor at the time of your A-133 audit.

Should you have any questions, please contact Gerald Scroggins, your assigned Grants Management Specialist, at (214) 767-8703 or by email at gerald.scroggins@acf.hhs.gov.

Grantees are requested to acknowledge receipt of decisions by the granting office. Please sign and return a copy of this letter within ten (10) days of receipt to this office, Attention: Patsie Thornton.

Sincerely,

Ray M. Bishop
Grants Management Officer

Hidalgo County Head Start Program | Grantee # 06CH010420 | Letter of Disposition

Acknowledgment:

Ramon Garcia

Signature

February 1, 2017

Date

APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ON: *12/6/16 MS*

cc: GF/RF
Heather Colwell, Program Specialist
Gerald Scroggins, Grants Management Specialist



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La Luz De La Esperanza

Baptist Church

6604 S FM 494, Granjeno, Tx 78572

President Robert Rodriguez

Ph: (956) 391-4470

Monday, January 2, 2017

**Teresa Flores, Executive Director
Hidalgo County Head Start**

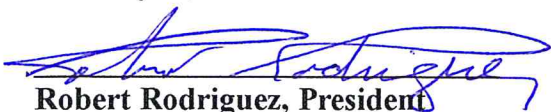
RE: Granjeno Head Start Building

Dear Ms. Flores,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Robert Rodriguez and I am the president of La Luz De La Esperanza's church, located next to the old Head Start building in Granjeno. Currently we have received information regarding the demolishing of the building next to us at the City of Granjeno which was previously used as a Head Start to give classes for children. We are writing this letter in hopes that you can donate this building for our church activities. These activities are for the community's benefit, as we plan to remodel it to make it safe after the tornado damages of May 31, 2016 to June 1, 2016, and use it mainly for church services and help the community with the disabled, elderly and children. We will have to not only remodeled it but relocate it into our property. This building would be used for children's activities during church sessions and for the elderly, disabled and all the community to come and join us for coffee, cookies and activities which they will enjoy in an effort to bring the community together and socialize. Our previous church and it's property was brought out by Hidalgo County RMA in order to build Expressway 365, so we had to relocate our church. Right now at this moment our church members are trying to start from scratch to rebuild our church and classrooms for our children and it would really help us if that building would be donated to us. We in return will use this same building to benefit our community. We would be appreciative if you would take us into consideration for the donation if not hopefully if you could give us a quote.

If you have any questions please call me at (956) 391-4470. Your donation would be greatly appreciated and it would bring a lot of benefit to our community, as you probably know Granjeno is a city with very small resources and income.

Thank-you,



Robert Rodriguez, President

Edmundo Garcia

From: Wayne Lowry <waynelowry@habitat-rgv.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 10:55 AM
To: edmundo.garcia@hchsp.org
Cc: oscar.palacios@hchsp.org; Hector Longoria
Subject: Building Donation

Good Morning,

Mr. Longoria has informed me of your offer to donate a building located on your property to Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity, Inc. We are pleased to accept that donation. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Lowry

Executive Director

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