

# **“Hidalgo County Small Town Economic Development Program”**

Edinburg, Texas  
November 21, 2017



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WHEREAS, Hidalgo County (the “County”) is authorized pursuant to Section §381.004(b) of the Texas Local Government Code, to develop and administer state and local economic development programs for the purpose of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section §381.004(b)(2) and (3), the County shall develop and administer a program which shall establish grant opportunities for Hidalgo County entrepreneurs with small or disadvantaged business development, benefitting county residents in the smaller communities, to stimulate, encourage, and develop business location and commercial activity in the county, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code and Section 74.602 of the Texas Property Code, the County is authorized to spend public funds and provide personnel and services of the county to develop such programs; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that such programs would improve the growth, sustainability and diversity of the local economy, and thereby contribute to the long-term prosperity of the County and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County does hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The County now desires to create a “Hidalgo County Small Town Economic Development Program”, (the “Program”), under the authority of the Texas Local Government Code §381.004(b)(2) and (3), for the purpose of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County.
2. The Office of Hidalgo County Judge, Economic Development Department shall administer the Program and establish the proper guidelines and requirements for the Program.
3. The Program shall be focused on assisting economically disadvantaged business entrepreneurs within smaller communities of Hidalgo County to develop new ideas and promote growth in new or existing businesses. The result will create critical jobs, advance commerce, and promote tourism to boost our local economy.

Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.

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**RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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**JOE M. FLORES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**JOSEPH PALACIOS**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO**  
Hidalgo County Clerk