



## **STIMULATING BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY THROUGH THE ARTS (“SBACA”)**

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County (the “County”) is authorized pursuant to Section §381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code, to develop and administer programs for the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts for the purpose of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court created the “Hidalgo County Arts Program” on July 17, 2018, under the authority of the Texas Local Government Code §381.004(b)(7), focused on the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section §381.004, the County is authorized to spend public funds and provide personnel and services of the county to develop such programs, and to contract with another entity for the administration of such an economic development program; and

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

1. The Commissioners Court shall hereby develop the Stimulating Business and Commercial Activity through the Arts Initiative (“SBACA”), herein after referred to as the (“Initiative”), aimed to attain the objectives established by the Hidalgo County Arts Program.
2. The Initiative is designed to develop an arts initiative for the benefit of county residents, focusing on access to high-quality Arts programs and their benefits, with an emphasis on serving residents with barriers to access in order for them to achieve long-term economic outcomes.
3. The Initiative’s primary focus shall be on the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts, which can lead to community collection and civic engagement.
4. Coupled with research backed outcomes, the Initiative serves as a catalyst to stimulate long term local economic development, through the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts.
5. The County may seek to collaborate with a qualified organization(s) or company(s), herein after referred to as the “Contractor(s)”, in assisting with the development and administration of the Initiative by providing comprehensive arts programs for the benefit of County residents

6. The Contractor shall be registered and licensed (if applicable) for the services being requested in the State of Texas, and shall demonstrate experience in, but not limited to:

Offering general programming in the Arts for youth ages 6-17 that inspires creativity through incorporating fine arts, digital arts, cultural arts and applied arts.

7. The Contractor shall be responsible for outreach, recruitment, intake and acceptance of a sufficient number of eligible residents for any proposed program.
8. The contractor shall be responsible for reporting to the County as to the progress of this County Initiative under the Hidalgo County Arts Program, as further detailed in the service agreement.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2018.

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**Hon. RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge

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

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**Hon. EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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

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

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**Attest: Hon. ARTURO GUAJARDO**  
Hidalgo County Clerk