

**HIDALGO COUNTY SMALL TOWN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

By and Between

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS,

and

Effective as of _____, 2018

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This **HIDALGO COUNTY SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT** (this "*Agreement*") is entered into to be effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2018 (the "*Effective Date*"), by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS** (the "*County*") and _____.(the "*Company*").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 381.004(b)(2) and (3) of the Texas Local Government Code, the County has adopted a program to 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 (the "*Small Town Economic Development Grant Program*" ("*STED Program*")), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the County may develop and administer the STED program as authorized by subsection (b) of Chapter 381.004, for making grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Company had the opportunity to compete for prize grant funds to be used for the betterment or launch of their business proposal and after completing Phase I through Phase IV of the program's process, has been selected as a recipient of the prize grant money; and

WHEREAS, the County and Company desire to set forth in this Agreement the terms and conditions of the prize grant money reimbursement structure to the County; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that all agreements of the parties hereto and all terms and provisions hereof are subject to the laws of the State of Texas and all rules, regulations and interpretations of any agency or subdivision thereof at any time governing the subject matters hereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The Company agrees to start their business in the location originally presented and must remain in Hidalgo County, or retain their business in the stated location.

2. The Company represents to the County that the purchases and/or expenses

incurred are for, including but not limited to, supplies, equipment, marketing, website development, signage, construction costs, labor, resources (causally connected to the submitted business plan) and/or inventory, as previously identified in the awarded business plan. *See Exhibit "B"*.

3. The Company agrees to provide monthly invoices and/or expenditure receipts, starting on _____ and continuing on the ____ day of every month, to the Hidalgo County Judge's Office for reimbursement of purchases and/or expenses incurred for the business, and related to the awarded business plan.

4. The County will review the invoices and/or expenditures submitted by the Company to assure that the purchase and/or expense is for an eligible cost as previously identified in the awarded business plan. *See Exhibit "B"*. The Company shall cooperate with any audits, inspections, compliance and enforcement measures of the County.

5. The Company agrees to submit all invoices and/or expenditures to the County no later than one year after the date of the award.

6. Reimbursement checks will be distributed by the Hidalgo County Treasurer's Office.

7. The payment of all indebtedness and obligations incurred by Company in connection with the development, construction, maintenance, marketing, resources (not connected to the submitted business plan) and/or inventory, and operation of the business shall be solely the obligations of Company. The County shall not be obligated to pay any indebtedness or obligations of Company.

8. The County shall have no obligation to make any payments hereunder unless the Company is in full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

9. During the Term, the County shall pay to Company the applicable reimbursement payment on or before the thirty (30) calendar days following the County's receipt of the monthly invoices and/or expenditure receipts.

10. At any time during the Term of this Agreement, if Company is not in substantial compliance with this Agreement the County may send Company notice of such non-compliance. If such non-compliance is not either cured within sixty (60) days of such notice (the "***Cure Period***") or, if non-compliance is not reasonably susceptible to cure within 60 days, a cure begun within such Cure Period thereafter continuously and diligently pursued to completion (in either event, a "***Cure***"), then the County may, as its remedies hereunder, cease making reimbursement payments until such Cure occurs. Upon a Cure by Company, the County may opt to continue future reimbursement payments.

11. The County shall have no obligation to reimburse the Company for

previous purchases and/or expenditures incurred prior to the execution of this Agreement.

12. The Company represents and warrants to the County, as of the Effective Date, that the execution, delivery and performance by Company of this Agreement is within Company's powers and has been duly authorized by all necessary actions of Company.

13. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement, nor the consummation of any of the transactions herein contemplated, nor compliance with the terms and provisions hereof will contravene the organizational documents of Company or any provision of law, statute, rule or regulation to which Company is subject or any judgment, decree, license, order or permit applicable to Company, or will conflict or be inconsistent with, or will result in a breach of any of the terms of the covenants, conditions or provisions of, or constitute a delay under, or result in the creation or imposition of a lien upon any of the property or assets of Company pursuant to the terms of any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, agreement or other instrument to which Company is a party or, to the knowledge of Company, by which Company is bound, or to which Company is subject.

14. Neither this Agreement nor any schedule or exhibit attached hereto in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to keep the statements contained herein or therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, from being misleading.

15. To the extent permitted by State law, no employee of the County, nor any commissioner, official or agent of the County, shall be personally responsible for any liability arising under or growing out of this Agreement.

16. This Agreement contains the entire contract between the parties hereto and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representation or agreement in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by City and County, and not otherwise.

17. In this Agreement, unless a clear contrary intention appears, reference to any party includes such party's successors and assigns, and reference to any agreement, document or instrument means such agreement, document or instrument as amended or modified and in effect from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. This Agreement is not assignable without the prior written permission of the other party hereto,

and Company may not assign any rights hereunder without complying with the provisions applicable to assignment of the agreement.

18. No term or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived, nor shall there be any estoppel to enforce any provision of this Agreement, except by written instrument of the party charged with such waiver or estoppel.

19. Any notice, statement and/or communication required and/or permitted to be delivered hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or delivered by hand, messenger, telecopy, or reputable overnight carrier, and shall be deemed delivered when received at the addresses of the parties set forth below, or at such other address furnished in writing to the other parties thereto:

Company:

County:

Hidalgo County
100 E. Cano, Suite 210
Edinburg, Texas 78539
Attn: County Judge
Telephone: (956) 318-2600
Facsimile: (956) 318-2699

20. This Agreement is made, and shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas, and venue shall lie in State courts located in Hidalgo County, Texas.

21. In the event any provision of this Agreement is illegal, invalid, or unenforceability under the present or future laws, then, and in that event, it is the intention of the parties hereto that the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and it is also the intention of the parties to this Agreement that in lieu of each clause or provision that is found to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable a provision be added to this Agreement which is legal, valid and enforceability and is a similar in terms as possible to the provision found to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable.

22. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended by the parties to create a partnership or joint venture between the parties, and any implication to the contrary is hereby expressly disavowed. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement does not create a joint enterprise, nor does it appoint either party as an agent of the other for any purpose whatsoever. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, neither party shall in any way assume any of the liability of the other for acts of the other or obligations of the other.

23. It is expressly agreed that this Contract and the performance by the parties hereunder does not create any agency relationship or master-servant relationship that County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Contractor, and that Contractor is an independent contractor under this Contract.

24. The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Contract.

25. It is understood that the employee of County or individuals acting as agents for County are not authorized to receive any type of personal payment, reimbursement, compensation, commission, gift or gratuity for services provided under this Contract. Contractor warrants that no employee or agent of the County has been retained to solicit or secure this Contract and that Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any employee of County any fee, commission, percentage brokerage fee, gift or any other consideration contingent upon the making of this Contract, or as an inducement for entering into this Contract. The unauthorized offering or receipt of such payments may result in the immediate termination of this Contract.

26. Indemnity and Hold Harmless. Contractors agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from any loss, costs, liabilities or damages which are incurred by County which are primarily attributable to the acts or omissions of Contractors or the acts or omissions of Contractors employees, agents or other representatives, including the violation of any law or regulation related to Contractors duties under this Agreement.

27. Contractors, including subcontractors, assignees and successors in interest, ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, or any other protected class under law, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation in any federally or non-federally funded program or activity when providing any services described herein under this contract/agreement.

[Signature page follows]

EXECUTED to be effective as of the Effective Date.

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____
Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

[COMPANY NAME]

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
County Clerk

BY: _____
NAME

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of Criminal District Attorney
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

By: _____
Jennifer D. Smith
Assistant District Attorney

EXHIBIT A
STED GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

**EXHIBIT B
BUSINESS PLAN**

[To come]