

Hidalgo County Auditor's Office
Justification Regarding Creation of Five Temporary Positions
AI-76880/ Commissioners Court Meeting August 18, 2020

I. Background

With the passage and enactment of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) also known as the Third COVID-19 Supplemental Relief Bill on March 31, funds were made available to assist local governments in responding to the ongoing public health emergency.

II. County Auditor's Office

- The County Auditor's Office is responsible for processing invoices including CARES Act reimbursement requests from municipalities.
- The current COVID-19 public health emergency has placed tremendous strain on staff resources and additional personnel is needed to assist in the processing of CARES Act reimbursement requests.

III. Request

- The County Auditor's Office hereby requests approval of five Accountant I temporary positions through December 30, 2020.

AGENDA ITEM CAPTION

1. Discussion, consideration, and action to approve a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover cost not accounted for in the current budget and cannot be lawfully funded by line item, allotment or allocation, for personnel costs to create five (5) Accountant I positions to assist with County actions to facilitate compliance with public health measures addressing the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; the Court having reviewed the Agenda Item Briefing, herein finds that such expenditure is reasonable and necessary for the intended use.
2. Approval to create five (5) temporary full-time positions, for 18 weeks beginning 08/31/2020 and ending 12/30/2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The County Auditor and the District Judge Overseer recommend approval of the five temporary positions to continue Hidalgo County's response to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. Expenditures will be charged to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Relief Grant Fund available to address the COVID-19 public health emergency.