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Hidalgo County
Mr. Rey Salazar
Director Strategic Planning Division
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LETTER BY EMAIL: rey.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Subject: Hidalgo County - CARES Act – CRF Funding

Re: La Villa ISD – Connectivity Matching Grant

Dear Mr. Salazar:

Regarding the referenced subject, in an effort to ensure that La Villa Independent School District students have access to home internet services, La Villa ISD is participating in the State's Operation Connectivity Program. Through this program, the District was able to order hot-spot devices for students who otherwise would not have home internet availability. Operation Connectivity is a matching grant. The District's funds will be matched by the State and Local City/County entities.

The total cost of the hot spots is \$62,700, I am reaching out to you and respectfully requesting that the County match twenty-five (25%) of the cost of the hot spot devices. The twenty-five (25%) percent match is equal to \$15,675. The state will match your contribution of 25% which will bring the cost of the Hot Spots to zero dollars for the District's share, allowing the District to provide additional resources to our students such as laptops and/or I-Pads.

In order to be reimbursed for the Hot Spots by the Texas Education Agency, the District is required to provide proof of commitment from the county to La Villa Independent School District, the amount (\$15,675), purpose "for bulk-purchase", and signed by the city or county official.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 956-262-4755, extension 2002 if additional information is required.

Respectfully,

Sandra C. Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

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