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Good morning,

I would like to start off by thanking our county judge, commissioners, and all county staff for all the support and leadership exhibited throughout Hidalgo County. The efforts of your team helped ensure the safety and well-being of every county citizen.

We are seeking your consideration of an interlocal agreement regarding the CARES Act CRF Funding. Sharyland ISD is requesting a funding match of its' contribution towards Operation Connectivity. Operation Connectivity is administered through the Texas Education Agency and focuses on closing the gap on the digital divide. The specific details and items purchased to help bridge this divide are outlined in the table below. Please accept this correspondence as a formal request for up to 25% of the total cost of our Operation Connectivity order.

One main focus for Sharyland ISD has been to ensure all members of our greater community have equitable access to education. This includes focusing efforts to close the gap on the digital divide throughout our community. When TEA released Operation Connectivity, our Board of Trustees encouraged my team and I to purchase essential technology devices ensuring that all our students, with a focus on our economically disadvantaged population, have the needed resources to be academically successful. Sharyland ISD understands that Hidalgo County shares the same vision of equal access to all and the importance of closing the digital divide.

The attached document is the interlocal agreement that contains the order submitted to TEA. Sharyland ISD identified the need and proceeded to utilize this program for 2,162 Chromebook Devices and 1,000 Hotspot Devices. The following table is a total order cost summary breakdown of what SISD purchased:

<u>Total costs:</u>	
Total hotspot order costs	\$209000
Total device order costs	\$512394
LEA portion of hotspot order costs	\$104500
LEA portion of device order costs	\$256197
Total order costs (hotspots and devices)	\$721394
Total LEA portion of order costs (hotspots and devices)	\$360697

Sharyland ISD is requesting that Hidalgo County consider awarding 25% of the \$721,394, if feasible.

The requested amount is up to \$180,348.50. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools

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