

October 1, 2020

Hidalgo County  
Joe M. Flores, Commissioner Precinct 3  
Coronavirus Relief Fund Committee  
724 N. Breyfogle  
Mission, TX 78574

LETTER BY EMAIL: victor.gallardo@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Subject: Hidalgo County Cares Act CRF Funding Local Match Request

Dear Commissioner Flores

As Mission CISD continues to ensure that all our students have access to adequate learning devices and reliable internet connection at home, our District participated in the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Operation Connectivity Program, please see attached Interlocal Agreement with Region 4 Education Service Agreement. Through this TEA initiative the District was enabled to purchase 1600 Generation 7 iPads, 400 HP Laptops and 3300 Verizon Hotspots.

TEA's share of the cost was 50% and Mission CISD's share was the remaining 50% which enabled as follows:

Total costs:

Total hotspot order costs	\$689700
Total device order costs	\$746800
LEA portion of hotspot order costs	\$344850
LEA portion of device order costs	\$373400
<b>Total order costs (hotspots and devices)</b>	<b>\$1436500</b>
<b>Total LEA portion of order costs (hotspots and devices)</b>	<b>\$718250</b>

The Operation Connectivity Program is a matching grant where District funds will be matched by the State if our City of Mission and/or Hidalgo County provides matching CRF funds towards this Program.

I am reaching out to you for your consideration in allocating Hidalgo County CRF funds for a 25% of the total cost or \$359,125 Local Match toward this purchase. When the County matches these funds TEA will be matching the same amount and reduce this cost to the District. The saved funds will be reallocated to provide additional instructional resources especially connectivity devices to our students which continues to be a challenge in our

area. We would like to the opportunity to participate in a Zoom Meeting with the CRF Committee for their consideration on this request.

TEA recently extended the Local Match Reimbursement Grant deadline to October 15. This grant requires documentation reflecting that the Hidalgo County has allocated funds to the District for the bulk-purchase local costs match. The documentation must include:

- The date Hidalgo County allocated its CRF funds to Mission CISD;
- Amount of allocation from Hidalgo County;
- Purpose of allocation to include bulk-purchase costs from Hidalgo County to Mission CISD; and
- Signature of Hidalgo County official.

We look forward to your consideration on this request as we strive to meet the instructional needs of all our students.

Thank you kindly.



Carol G. Perez, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosure