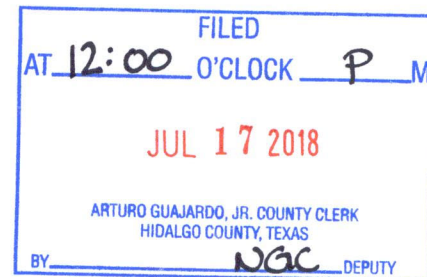




Hidalgo County Arts Program



WHEREAS, Hidalgo County (the “County”) is authorized pursuant to Section §381.004 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code, to develop and administer state and local economic development programs for the purpose of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section §381.004(b)(7), the County determines and declares that the development of the Program shall establish comprehensive arts programs for the benefit of county residents, focusing on high-quality arts programs and their benefits with an emphasis on serving residents with barriers to access in order to achieve long-term economic outcomes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 381.004(b)(7), the County is authorized to spend public funds and provide personnel and services of the county to develop such programs, and to contract with another entity for the administration of such an economic development program; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that such a program would improve the growth, sustainability and diversity of the local economy, and thereby contribute to the long-term prosperity of the County and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County does hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The County now desires to create a “Hidalgo County Arts Program”, herein after referred to as (the “Program”), under the authority of the Texas Local Government Code §381.004(b)(7), for the purpose of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County.
2. The Program shall be administered through the Commissioner’s Court Executive Office, Economic Development Department.
3. The Hidalgo County Arts Program shall be focused on the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts in order to stimulate business and commercial activity in the County.
4. The County may contract with other entities for assisting in the administration of the Program and/or specific Program initiatives, and may provided partial funding, leverage existing services and personnel, or other resources for the development and administration of the Program.

Approved this 17th day of July, 2018.

Ramon Garcia
RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

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Arturo Guajardo Jr.
Attest: **ARTURO GUJARDO**
Hidalgo County Clerk



“Hidalgo County Arts Program”

Edinburg, Texas
July, 2018