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Re: Subrecipient Agreement Review and Approval

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Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 5:08 PM

To: Steven de la Garza <steven.delagarza@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

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Steven,

Go ahead and submit to place on the agenda. I will be reviewing several UCP items this week, and should finalize this program before court.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Victor

On Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 3:04 PM Steven de la Garza <steven.delagarza@co.hidalgo.tx.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon Victor,

Is our office good to go with submitting this to court next week?

Or, if more time is needed for review and approval, can we submit to court for next week with the narrative "contingent upon legal review and approval"?

On Fri, Feb 12, 2021 at 4:40 PM Victor Garza <victor.garza@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us> wrote:

Steven,

Thank you for the clarification. Our office will finalize review of the submitted documents and advise accordingly.

Respectfully,

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On Fri, Feb 12, 2021 at 3:48 PM Steven de la Garza <steven.delagarza@co.hidalgo.tx.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon Victor,

Hope this email finds you well.

So I spoke with PR earlier today, he told me he had a conversation with you yesterday regarding UCP's AHSTI subrecipient agreement. He mentioned to me that you asked him how we selected this non-profit.

TDHCA provided an implementation webinar on January 11, 2021, where they stated that due to this program being a direct allocation and the nature of funds being related to an emergency event (COVID-19), that entitlements of these funds can directly enter into subawards with local nonprofits to provide direct services without following normal procurement processes. *The following link is a video presentation of the webinar where at the 38:30 mark of the video the TDHCA presenters states that procurement isn't necessary and hence provide a direct award to a nonprofit - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xr3y45zyKg&feature=youtu.be>.* Also, UCP annually partners with 2 local nonprofits that provide housing services - Proyecto Azteca and Affordable Homes of South Texas. The reason we selected AHSTI was that we are already utilizing Proyecto Azteca for direct services within our Texas Department of Agriculture grant also related to COVID-19. Please note that I would like to take this item before the commissioner's court next week, if possible.

Feel free to let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 11:16 AM Steven de la Garza <steven.delagarza@co.hidalgo.tx.us> wrote:

Good Morning Victor,

Hope this email finds you and yours well.

As you may be aware, Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) has entered into a Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program (TERAP) contract (#70200001042) with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) on January 15, 2021. Due to Hidalgo County being a direct recipient of TERAP funds, TDHCA guidance provides that UCP can choose a partner to provide direct services regarding this contract. As such, Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc. (AHSTI) agreed to assist UCP. Therefore, UCP is requesting a review of the attached Subrecipient Agreement for your review and approval.

Please note that the HOME Division, historically, does not enter into subrecipient agreements. As such, the HOME Division obtained a copy of the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG-CV) subrecipient agreement that was reviewed and approved by your office and utilized it as a template for the AHSTI subrecipient agreement. As you will see, I removed or strikethrough non-applicable language and added applicable program language.

I am attaching the notice that made these funds available that also includes the applicable program regulations. Also, I am providing you with the County's TERAP contract with TDHCA. Lastly, I am providing you with the ESG-CV Subrecipient Agreement I used as a template.

UCP intends to submit a County Commissioner's Court Agenda requesting approval to enter into agreement with AHSTI next week February 16, 2021, contingent upon legal review and approval.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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