

**HIDALGO COUNTY LITERACY PROGRAM HEALTH EDUCATION
AND LITERACY INITIATIVE "HEAL"**

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County (the "County") is authorized pursuant to Section §381.004 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, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court created the "Hidalgo County Literacy Program" on March 3, 2015, under the authority of the Texas Local Government Code §381.004(b)(6), focused on comprehensive literacy programs for the benefit of county residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section §381.004, 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

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

1. The Commissioners Court shall hereby develop the Health Education and Literacy Initiative ("HEAL"), herein after referred to as the ("Initiative"), aimed to attain the objectives established by the Hidalgo County Literacy Program.
2. The Initiative is designed to develop a comprehensive literacy program for the benefit of county residents, focusing on skills development training for addressing Health Education with a focus on Social Determinates of Health (SDOH) to the communities of Hidalgo County. The literacy program initiative will address two SDOH indicators identified in this area, which include health education access including topics of housing, access to transportation, availability of healthy foods, health care services and neighborhood build, which connects families to services in and around their community.
3. The Initiative's primary focus shall be on education and training to increase families' awareness of health topics and promote a long-term development of healthier habits.
4. The Initiative shall provide families with services to help them achieve a connection between their daily lives and healthy lifestyle improvements. These may include;
 - Provide Health literacy and education with a goal of enhancing the community's knowledge of various health topics and personal change

- Provide hygiene and health incentives to low income families in need
 - Educate families about available community resources for long term sustainment of health benefits.
5. The County may seek to collaborate with a qualified organization(s) or company, herein after referred to as the “Contractor(s), in assisting with the administration of the Initiative by providing comprehensive literacy services for health education, including but not limited to topics of housing, access to transportation, availability of healthy foods, health care services and neighborhood build.
6. Services may also include:
- (a) Health literacy and education training for staff and community members;
 - (b) Developing higher health awareness; and
 - (c) Providing health resources to all participants.
7. The Contractor shall be registered and licensed (if applicable) for the services being requested in the State of Texas, and shall demonstrate experience in, but not limited to:
- (a) Providing health education and literacy to the community;
 - (b) Providing health resources information to the community.
8. The Contractor shall be responsible for outreach, recruitment, intake and acceptance of community participants in the initiative for any proposed program.
9. The Contractor shall be responsible for reporting to the County as to the progress of this County Initiative under the Hidalgo County Literacy Program, and any other responsibilities and requirements which may be further detailed in an applicable service agreement.

APPROVED THIS THE _____ DAY OF MAY, 2021

Hon. Richard F. Cortez
County Judge

Hon. David L. Fuentes
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Hon. Eduardo “Eddie” Cantu
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Hon. Everado “Ever” Villarreal
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Hon. Ellie Torres
Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST: Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
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Re: HEAL Initiative Document Review Request

1 message

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Wed, May 12, 2021 at 12:53 PM

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Dr. Culbertson,

Our office has reviewed the Literacy Program HEAL Initiative and have no questions or concerns. As such our office approves as to the form of the initiative.

Respectfully,

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On Wed, May 12, 2021 at 11:50 AM Jennifer Mendoza <jennifer.mendoza@co.hidalgo.tx.us> wrote:

Mr. Garza,

I would like to respectfully ask for your review of the attached document regarding the Health Education and Literacy Initiative (HEAL). The attached HEAL initiative document includes changes to only sections 7a and 7b.

With your approval, please let me know if we can proceed with an agenda item to rescind the document approved via court on May 4, 2021 and post the new document with changes to Section 7 for the next Commissioners Court meeting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jennifer Mendoza Culbertson

Chief Administrator - Internal Affairs

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