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September 22, 2021

Mr. Patricio Avila
Director, Urban County Program
1916 Tesoro Street
Pharr, Texas 78577

Dear Mr. Avila:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homeless and other vulnerable populations, to be allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for HOME Investment Partnerships Program allocations in Fiscal Year 2021. On September 13, 2021, the Department published a notice, titled: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program* (the Notice), which you are encouraged to review to assist in developing your program. Enclosed is the Grant Agreement for the HOME Investment Partnerships – America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) program:

HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) \$7,461,494

In accordance with the Notice, and the HOME ARP Grant Agreement, a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ), as of the Federal Award Date, may use up to five percent of its total award for administrative and planning costs. Once your HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is approved by HUD, the remaining award will be made available.

Transmittal of this Grant Agreement does not constitute approval of the activities described in your HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. You are reminded that you, as the PJ, are responsible for ensuring that all grant funds are used in accordance with all program requirements. An executed Grant Agreement is a legally binding agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Hidalgo County.

To establish a Line of Credit for the HOME-ARP award, it will be necessary for your agency to sign, execute and return one (1) copy of the Grant Agreement. If there is a need to add or remove individuals authorized to access the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS), please submit an IDIS Online Access Request Form (HUD 27055). Also, please ensure the IDIS Online Access Request Form is notarized and returned to this office with your Grant Agreement. Additionally, if there is a need to establish or change the depository account where these funds are to be wired, a Direct Deposit Sign-Up form (SF-1199A) must be completed by your financial institution and returned to this office with a copy of a voided check.

You are reminded that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (**Environmental Review Procedures**). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended

until HUD has approved the release of funds in writing. A request for release of funds (RROF) must be accompanied by an environmental certification, and until the RROF is approved and notification is received, no HUD funds should be committed. If the project or activity is exempt per 24 CFR 58.34 or categorically excluded (except in extraordinary circumstances), no RROF is required.

Please execute two (2) copies of the HOME-ARP Grant Agreement with electronic signatures. In response to COVID-19, HUD authorizes you to electronically execute the grant agreement with your electronic signature. Return one (1) agreement to this office via email. **All communication should be sent electronically via email** to the attention of Elva F. Garcia, Director, Community Planning and Development, at email: CPD_GeneralCorr-SAT@hud.gov along with a courtesy copy to Nancy Sanchez, Senior CPD Representative, at email: nancy.e.sanchez@hud.gov. Maintain a copy of the agreement with your original signature on site in your program files.

HUD congratulates Hidalgo County on its grant award, and we look forward to assisting you in accomplishing your programs goals. If you have any questions or need further information of assistance, please contact Nancy Sanchez, Senior CPD Representative at (210) 475-6845, or at nancy.e.sanchez@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elva F. Garcia". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Elva F. Garcia, Director
Office of Community Planning
and Development

Cc: Honorable Richard Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge

HOME ARP Grant Agreement

Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act

Assistance Listings #14.239 – HOME Investment Partnerships Program

1. Grantee Name and Address Hidalgo County 3304 W Alberta Road Edinburg, TX 78539-9658	2. Grant Number (Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)) M21-UP480501	
	3a. Tax Identification Number 746000717	3b. Unique Entity Identifier (formerly DUNS) 103110834
	4. Appropriation Number 861/50205	5. Budget Period Start and End Date FY 2021 – 09/30/2030

6. Previous Obligation (Enter "0" for initial FY allocation)	\$0
a. Formula Funds	\$

7. Current Transaction (+ or -)	\$7,461,494.00
a. Administrative and Planning Funds Available on Federal Award Date	\$373,074.70
b. Balance of Administrative and Planning Funds	\$746,149.40
c. Balance of Formula Funds	\$6,342,269.90

8. Revised Obligation	\$
a. Formula Funds	\$

9. Special Conditions (check applicable box) <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Attached	10. Federal Award Date (HUD Official's Signature Date) 09/20/2021
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11. Indirect Cost Rate*	12. Period of Performance		
<u>Administering Agency/Dept.</u>	<u>Indirect Cost Rate</u>	<u>Direct Cost Base</u>	Date in Box #10 - 09/30/2030
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The HOME-ARP Grant Agreement (the "Agreement") between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Grantee is made pursuant to the authority of the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.) and Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan (P.L. 117-2) (ARP). HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 92 (as may be amended from time to time), the CPD Notice entitled "Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program" (HOME-ARP Implementation Notice), the Grantee's HOME-ARP allocation plan (as of the date of HUD's approval), and this HOME-ARP Grant Agreement, form HUD-40093a, including any special conditions (in accordance with 2 CFR 200.208), constitute part of this Agreement. HUD's payment of funds under this Agreement is subject to the Grantee's compliance with HUD's electronic funds transfer and information reporting procedures issued pursuant to 24 CFR 92.502 and the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice. To the extent authorized by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 92, HUD may, by its execution of an amendment, deobligate funds previously awarded to the Grantee without the Grantee's execution of the amendment or other consent. The Grantee agrees that funds invested in HOME-ARP activities under the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice are repayable in accordance with the requirements of the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice. The Grantee agrees to assume all of the responsibility for environmental review, decision making, and actions, as specified and required in regulation at 24 CFR 92.352 and 24 CFR Part 58, as well as the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice.

The Grantee must comply with the applicable requirements at 2 CFR part 200, as amended, that are incorporated by the program regulations and the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice, as may be amended from time to time. Where any previous or future amendments to 2 CFR part 200 replace or renumber sections of part 200 that are cited specifically in the program regulations or HOME-ARP Implementation Notice, activities carried out under the grant after the effective date of the 2 CFR part 200 amendments will be governed by the 2 CFR part 200 requirements, as replaced or renumbered by the part 200 amendments.

The Grantee shall comply with requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the Universal Numbering System and System for Award Management (SAM) requirements in Appendix I to 2 CFR part 200, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) in Appendix A to 2 CFR part 170.

Funds remaining in the grantee's Treasury account after the end of the budget period will be cancelled and thereafter not available for obligation or expenditure for any purpose. Per 31 U.S.C. 1552, the Grantee shall not incur any obligations to be paid with such assistance after the end of the Budget Period.

13. For the U.S. Department of HUD (Name and Title of Authorized Official) Elva F. Garcia, CPD Director	14. Signature 	15. Date 09/20/2021
16. For the Grantee (Name and Title of Authorized Official)	17. Signature x	18. Date / /

19. Check one: Initial Agreement Amendment #

20. Funding Information: HOME ARP			
<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Appropriation Code</u>	<u>PAS Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	861/50205	HMX	\$7,461,494.00

21. Additional Requirements: These additional requirements are attached and incorporated into this Agreement. The Grantee agrees to these additional requirements on the use of the funds in 7., as may be amended from time to time by the Secretary.

- a) As of the Federal Award Date, the Grantee may use up to the amount identified in 7.a. of this Agreement for eligible administrative and planning costs in accordance with the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice.
- b) Until the date of HUD's acceptance of the Grantee's HOME-ARP allocation plan, the Grantee agrees that it will not obligate or expend any funds for non-administrative and planning costs, in accordance with the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice.
- c) In accordance with the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice, as of the date of acceptance by HUD of the Grantee's HOME-ARP allocation plan, HUD shall make the amount identified in line 7. of this Agreement available to the Grantee.
- d) If the Grantee does not submit a HOME-ARP allocation plan or if the Grantee's HOME-ARP allocation plan is not accepted within a reasonable period of time, as determined by HUD, the Grantee agrees that all costs incurred and HOME-ARP funds expended by the Grantee will be ineligible costs and will be repaid with non-Federal funds.

22. Special Conditions

