



City of Mercedes Public Health Impact Project

Purpose: The pandemic has created a critical shortage of specialized healthcare workers; the EMS professional field has been very significantly impacted. Professionals in the EMS field are leaving their careers at a higher rate than ever due to COVID exposure, burnout, and new career opportunities that may offer higher salaries with less risk. To exacerbate the situation is the fact that Texas EMS agencies are not finding enough new EMS personnel to fill the vacancies.

The City of Mercedes will cost-share with the County of Hidalgo to increase the number of paramedics servicing our county by an amount not to exceed 20.

The costs below are all-inclusive.

TOTAL COST	\$52,900.00
HIDALGO COUNTY PORTION 50%	\$26,450.00
MUNICIPAL PORTION 50%	\$26,450.00