

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, §
STATE OF TEXAS §

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS, AND THE
CITY OF MISSION**

THIS Agreement is made on and entered into effective as of the _____ day of August, 2022, by and between **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS**, hereinafter referred to as (“County”), and the **CITY OF MISSION** hereinafter referred to as (“City”), collectively referred to as “Parties” and pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act (“Act”), Chapter 791, et seq., Texas Government Code, as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City is a municipality defined as a “Local Government” under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, and a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas, within the boundary of Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, the County is defined as a “Local Government” under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the County and City and their respective constituents have been affected by the COVID-19/Coronavirus public health emergency and the resulting Federal, State and Local disaster declarations and executive orders regarding the same; and

WHEREAS, the County, pursuant to its statutory and constitutional authority, are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of the citizens; the City pursuant to its statutory authority, is responsible for the safety and well-being of its students, employee, faculty and administration, and both are desirous that necessary services and equipment are available to respond and mitigate the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the Act, which authorizes local governments to contract with each other and with agencies of the state, to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of the Interlocal Cooperation Act; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address current public health measures related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the County established the Hidalgo County Public Access Wi-Fi 2020 Project (hereinafter “Project”) to assist the citizens of the County with distance learning, including

technological improvements, as well as improving telework capability, in connection with school and business closings; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency, County, in cooperation with City, has identified and is working toward developing innovative learning strategies that include access to a Public Internet Wi-Fi network as part of the Project. The Project goal is to provide free internet access to identified areas within each City and County that will enable online distance learning as well as improving telework capabilities for families that do not have the means to provide internet access. The system will be designed to support wireless devices, including laptops, iPads, and other personal devices used to access online classes and telework capabilities.

WHEREAS, County and City desire to enter into this agreement for a public purpose and for the benefit of the residents of County and City in that access to online learning will assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 with County and City constituents in classrooms and schools, protecting our children, our teachers, and all school staff and to further detail each party's duties and responsibilities; and

NOW THEREFORE, County and City in consideration of the mutual covenants expressed hereinafter, agree as follows:

I. PROVISIONS OF SERVICES

Through this Agreement the **PARTIES** will develop a cooperative program to provide services as follows:

Purpose of Agreement:

1. The purpose of this agreement is to establish cooperation between the **County** and **City** on an "as needed basis" in order to coordinate the **County's** ongoing efforts and use of all available resources for the Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Network Project in an effort to

facilitate compliance with current public health measures related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The participation of in this initiative shall consist of the following:

1. In an effort to assist the citizens of the **County** and **City** with distance learning, including technological improvements, as well as improving telework capability, in connection with school and business closings, **City** will assist the **County** in facilitating the placing communication tower devices on designated premises to facilitate the Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project.
2. **City** will communicate directly with the **County's** designated point of contact to facilitate specific assistance with the **City** for the **County's** efforts to provide a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi in order to provide **County** and **City** constituents with educational information and distance learning resources aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

The participation of COUNTY in this initiative shall consist of the following:

1. **County** will designate a point of contact to streamline communications between the **City** and **County** and all Elected Offices and Departments.
2. **County** will acquire the services of a vendor to design and implement a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Network in order to provide educational information and distance learning resources to its constituents aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19.
3. **County** will acquire necessary equipment, hardware and software for the Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Network Project. Equipment will be installed on designated premises on an as needed basis in selected areas of each **County** Precinct.
4. **County** shall obtain necessary prior written consent to coordinate access to premises, or any alterations, additions, or improvements be needed on premises to assist with the **County's** efforts to provide a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project.
5. **County** shall be responsible for installation, repairs and maintenance in connection with equipment and/or assets on designated premises utilized for the purpose of assisting the **County** with efforts to provide a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project.

6. **County** shall be responsible for costs associated with the repair and maintenance of equipment and/or **County** assets placed on designated premises utilized for the purpose of assisting the **County** with its efforts to provide a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project.

II. TERM OR AGREEMENT

The term of this agreement is for the lifetime of the Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Network; it will begin on _____, 2022, and extend until terminated by either party or mutual agreement of the PARTIES.

III. COMPENSATION

County will receive funds from **City** for any services provided under the agreement, related to the placement or replacement of a communications tower device on designated premises in the form of a one-time payment amount of one hundred five thousand seven and ninety two dollars and eighty eight cent (\$105,792.88). Requests for financial assistance presented to **City** will be considered, reviewed and subsequently approved to the extent they meet the public purpose related to the **City** assisting the **County's** effort to provide a Public Internet Access Wi-Fi Project.

IV. NOTICES

All notices or other writing required under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been made when sent by mail to the following address:

TO CITY OF MISSION:
City of Mission
Attn: Randy Perez, City Manager
1201 E. 8th Street
Mission, TX 78572

TO COUNTY:
County of Hidalgo
Attn: Richard Cortez, County Judge
100 E. Cano
Edinburg, TX 78539

With CC to:
Daniel Salinas
Hidalgo County Director of
Information Technology
daniel.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us

VI. TERMINATION

This Agreement may be amended, modified or terminated by agreement of the **PARTIES**. Further, the agreement may be terminated by either party by giving thirty (30) days written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested to the other party hereto of the intention to terminate.

VII. LAW GOVERNING VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and, obligations and undertakings of each of the **PARTIES** to this Agreement shall be performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

VIII. LIABILITIES

This Agreement is not intended to extend the liability of the **PARTIES** beyond that provided by law. Neither party waives, nor shall be deemed to have hereby waived, any immunity or defenses that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising from third parties.

IX. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Agreement.

X. GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE

Each party hereto is entering into this agreement for the purpose of providing for governmental services or functions and will pay for such services out of current revenues available to the paying party as herein provided.

XI. APPENDIX II TO CFR 200-CONTRACT PROVISIONS

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.236, a non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to 2 CFR 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts under


Federal Awards. Therefore, if applicable, the provisions of Appendix II to 2 CFR 200 are attached and incorporated by reference into this County contract should it be subject to Federal award.

XII. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Agreement and all related activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not discriminate against any person on a basis prohibited by applicable law or County and City policy, including without limitation race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

WITNESS THE HANDS OF THE PARTIES effective as of August ____, 2022

CITY OF MISSION



Randy Perez, CPM, MPA

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

Richard Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr. Hidalgo County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY:
Office of Criminal District Attorney
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

By: Victor M. Garza
Assistant District Attorney