

RESOLUTION
Regarding Civil Rights

County of Hidalgo, Texas

Whereas, the County of Hidalgo, Texas, (hereinafter referred to as “County of Hidalgo”) has been awarded TxCDBG funding through a TxCDBG **Colonia Funds: Planning Contract No. CFP 22-0166** from the Texas Department of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as “TDA”);

Whereas, the County of Hidalgo, in accordance with Section 109 of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. (24 CFR 6); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107); and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and for construction contracts greater than \$10,000, must take actions to ensure that no person or group is denied benefits such as employment, training, housing, and contracts generated by the CDBG activity, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability;

Whereas, the County of Hidalgo, in consideration for the receipt and acceptance of federal funding, agrees to comply with all federal rules and regulations including those rules and regulations governing citizen participation and civil rights protections (as outlined in Hidalgo County Urban County Program’s Citizen Participation Plan dated March 8, 2022);

Whereas, the County of Hidalgo, in accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, and 24 CFR Part 75, is required, to the greatest extent feasible, to provide training and employment opportunities to lower income residents and contract opportunities to businesses in the Section 3 Service Area (as further detailed in Hidalgo County Urban County Program’s Section 3 Policy dated October 1, 2021);

Whereas, the County of Hidalgo, in accordance with Section 104(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, and State’s certification requirements at 24 CFR 91.325(b)(6), must adopt an excessive force policy that prohibits the use of excessive force against non-violent civil rights demonstrations;

Whereas, the County of Hidalgo, in accordance with Executive Order 13166, must take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to services in federally assisted programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) and must have an LEP plan in place specific to the locality and beneficiaries for each TxCDBG project (as outlined in Hidalgo County’s Limited English Proficiency Plan located within the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Plan dated April 16, 2019);

Whereas, the County of Hidalgo, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, does not discriminate on the basis of disability and agrees to ensure that qualified individuals with disabilities have access to programs and activities that receive federal funds; and

Whereas, the **County of Hidalgo**, in accordance with Section 808(e)(5) of the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3608(e)(5)) that requires HUD programs and activities be administered in a manner affirmatively to further the policies of the Fair Housing Act, agrees to conduct at least one activity during the contract period of the TxCDBG contract, to affirmatively further fair housing;

Whereas, the **County of Hidalgo**, agrees to maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS, that:

The **County of Hidalgo** ADOPTS/REAFFIRMS the following policies:

1. Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures (UCP's CPP dated March 8, 2022);
2. Excessive Force Policy (TDA Form A1003);
3. Fair Housing Policy (TDA Form A1015).
4. Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures (TDA Form A1004); and
5. Code of Conduct Policy (TDA Form A1002).

The **County of Hidalgo** affirms its commitment to conduct a project-specific analysis and take all appropriate action necessary to comply with program requirements for the following:

6. Section 3 economic opportunity (UCP's Section 3 Policy dated October 1, 2021);
7. Limited English Proficiency (County's LEP Plan dated April 16, 2019); and
8. Activity to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing choices (As conducted by UCP HOME).

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2022.

**RICHARD F. CORTEZ, COUNTY JUDGE
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

Attest:

**ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**