

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAPPROPRIATING CDBG-DR 2018 AND 2019 FUNDS  
FOR REGIONAL DRAINAGE IN SOUTH TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, chronic flooding has had a devastating impact on the residents and economy of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, causing extensive property damage and posing a serious threat to public safety and housing; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County and Cameron County suffered devastating floods in 2018 and 2019 which resulted in Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) allocations of CDBG-DR funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the allocation of CDBG-DR funds in response to the 2018 and 2019 floods presents a unique opportunity to address these issues and invest in the long-term health and prosperity of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas General Land Office (“GLO”) is the legal entity responsible for managing such CDBG-DR funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the GLO has served as a leader in the creation of flood-control infrastructure in South Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the GLO prepared an Action Plan for the CDBG-DR 2018 and 2019 funds, which was approved by HUD, allocating these monies for categories such as infrastructure, housing, and planning; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a far greater need for regional flood-control infrastructure and investing in regional flood-control infrastructure will be a direct investment in housing in Hidalgo County, Cameron County, and South Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in regional flood-control infrastructure has been shown to provide numerous benefits, including increased safety, improved property values, enhanced community resilience, and potential economic growth opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County is the seventh largest county by population in the State of Texas, with a population of approximately one million citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron County is the thirteenth largest county by population in the State of Texas, with a population of approximately half a million citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County and Cameron County advocate the equitable distribution of the CDBG-DR funds for flood-control infrastructure throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County and Cameron County and pertinent stakeholders respectfully request GLO to reallocate CDBG-DR 2018 and 2019 funds from other categories toward the development of regional flood-control infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, drainage infrastructure projects are critical in providing community resilience and economic growth as well as in safeguarding the health and safety of citizens and ultimately investments in flood-control infrastructure directly and permanently benefit housing; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, support the reallocation of CDGB-DR 2018 and 2019 funds to regional flood-control infrastructure in Hidalgo County and Cameron County, which will permanently safeguard housing in the State of Texas and the Rio Grande Valley. This will involve investing in a range of infrastructure projects designed to improve drainage and reduce the risk of flooding. By taking these steps, we can help safeguard the health and safety of our residents, support economic growth in our communities, and provide a brighter future for all who call the State of Texas home.

Approved this 18th day of April, 2023.

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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**EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk