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Re: Precinct 2 Assistance to St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, ARPA-24-122-TBD

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Good Afternoon,

Per your request, please see attached Draft MOU for the Food Insecurity Assistance Program with St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church.

As discussed, St. Joseph is a beneficiary, receiving 1 lump sum payment of \$200,750.00.

We approve the agreement as to form.

Thank you,

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On Wed, Mar 13, 2024 at 1:45 PM Maria Cortez <maria.cortez@co.hidalgo.tx.us> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Jaclyn,

I apologize for the late notice.

We are in need of a beneficiary agreement between Hidalgo County and St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church. I will be placing this item on the agenda today for next week, 02/19/2024. Please let our office know if this is a possibility.

I received the concerns below from Ms. Isabel Rodriguez but will work on updating the project description.

- The letter of intent states a request of \$200k, yet the project is being requested for \$200,750. Is the quote provided a valid one? Because if it is an estimate, then the project should be presented as the request letter states. However, if the project consideration is for \$200,750, we must include a statement in the project description that states *to approve the budget for this project as presented in the estimate* because the two items presented as backup documentation, do not agree
- The project description states we are assisting in the building of a new facility, to include but not limited to FFE. The estimate provided does not include furniture and/or equipment; walk-in freezer and refrigerators are considered fixtures. We should limit the language to

specifics based on the estimate provided.

- Is there a beneficiary agreement?

Thank you,

Maria Elena Cortez, M. Ed.

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From: **Maria Cortez** <maria.cortez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Date: Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 3:29 PM

Subject: Precinct 2 Assistance to St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, ARPA-24-122-TBD

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Good afternoon Ms. Isabel,

I hope you are well.

Attached is documentation submitted by St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church for assistance with a food pantry to continue to provide nutritious meals to the community for your review and approval.

I have included the Sam.gov registration for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) as St. Joseph is a subordinate organization under the group ruling for tax exempt purposes.

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As per Fr. Atangana, the project will be initiated upon receipt of funding. I can request more tangible dates upon project commencement.

We would like to get this on the Commissioner's Court for February 19, 2024. Please let me know if further documentation is required.

Thank you for your continued guidance and support.

Respectfully,

Maria Elena Cortez, M. Ed.

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