

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF MISSION FOR AMERICAN
RESUE PLAN ACT RECOVERY FUNDS**

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2024 the COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS (“COUNTY”), and the CITY OF MISSION, (“CITY”), collectively the (“Parties”), entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for American Rescue Plan Act Recovery funds; and

WHEREAS, the agreement was for the purpose of establishing a partnership to create the Hidalgo County Emergency Services Program which encompasses an emergency responder training program that will specifically address a critical shortage of EMTs/paramedics in the County of Hidalgo; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to assist in providing additional trained emergency medical responders, which are in dire need due to a shortage, and will ensure underserved residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency continue to receive critical lifesaving services, to respond to the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agreed that the COUNTY would designate a specified amount of SLFR funds to be allocated to the CITY in order establish the Hidalgo County Emergency Services program, the training of EMTs and Paramedics made available to municipalities, hosted and coordinated by the CITY, as authorized in the Guidance provided by the United States Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the Memorandum of Understanding as hereinafter provided;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the terms and provisions of this Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, CITY and the COUNTY, effective as of the 29th day of October, 2024, hereby agrees to the following amendment to the agreement:

1. SECTION III TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND PROPOSED PLAN:
paragraph number 3.1 and 3.2 are hereby amended, modified, and/or replaced
as follows:

“3.1 City represents that it has read and understood the terms and conditions of the SLFRF attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”** and as a condition of being a sub-recipient of SLFRF, City agrees to comply with all terms and conditions required of entities accepting funds through a sub-recipient agreement and City further warrants and represents to the County that the funds it will expend meet the criteria allowed under the SLFRF as outlined below:

The ARPA provides that payments from the SLFRF may only be used to fund eligible uses, and specifically in this instance funds are being transferred —

To establish the City of Mission Paramedic Initiative to address the ongoing need for paramedics throughout the County of Hidalgo; the funds will be used to assist the City in the establishment of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services program which encompasses a paramedic training program that will provide for the training of EMTs and Paramedics and will be made available to municipalities throughout the County. City will host and coordinate the efforts to facilitate the training program, and County will contribute funds to assist with the cost of the training. Due to the critical need for paramedics and EMTs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the County has and continues to experience a shortage of emergency medical service responders. The creation of this program will assist in providing much needed trained staff to local municipalities and it will ensure underserved residents continue to receive critical lifesaving services to continue the County’s efforts to respond to the public health emergency.

As related to the eligible use identified above, costs should be incurred and/or obligated on or after March 3, 2021, and should be expended upon completion of the City of Mission Paramedic Initiative, and/or by **December 31, 2025**, whichever occurs first.

For purposes of the ARPA Funds, *incurred* means the unit of local government (sub-recipient) has expended the funds to cover the costs of an eligible expense. Examples of eligible expenses and prohibited costs may be found in the Guidance, version 5.3 dated December 14, 2023, in the Interim Final Rule dated May 17, 2021, and in The Final Rule dated January 6, 2022, provided in the attached **Exhibit “A”**, and in the additional SLFRF FAQ’s and guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury (dated May 27, 2021, June 8, 2021, June 17, 2021, June 23, 2021, June 24, 2021, July 14, 2021, July 19, 2021, November 15, 2021, January 2022, April 27, 2022, July 27, 2022, April 10, 2023, February 1, 2024, March 5, 2024, March 29, 2024, and any subsequent amendments thereafter) which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit “B” (to include any future updated guidance from the U.S. Treasury)**.

County has designated funds in the amount of **\$75,560.00** to be allocated to the City for eligible expenses for the City of Mission Paramedic Initiative to address the ongoing pandemic by establishing the Hidalgo County Emergency Services Program which encompasses a paramedic training program in Hidalgo County that will provide for the training of EMTs and Paramedics, in an effort to respond to the public health emergency. City shall submit requests to COUNTY on the prescribed Cost Reimbursement/Payment Request Form attached as **Exhibit “C”**, and related documentation for expenses, pursuant to the paragraph (3.3) of this Agreement. COUNTY will

disburse funds within thirty (30) days upon receipt of a proper Cost Reimbursement/Payment Request form and internal review and audit procedures. Requests shall be submitted to COVID-19@auditor.co.hidalgo.tx.us. City understands that funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis. Additionally, City understands and agrees that any unused or unexpended funds are subject to recapture by COUNTY.”

2. Except as modified herein, all terms and conditions of the Agreement, as amended, remain in full all other provisions in the original agreement will remain in effect.

Executed and effective as of the day and year first written above:

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

CITY OF MISSION

Richard F. Cortez
Hidalgo County Judge

Norie Garza
Mayor

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
Hidalgo County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney’s Office
Toribio “Terry” Palacios

By: _____
Victor M. Garza, Assistant District Attorney