

**RESOLUTION
REGARDING CIVIL RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE COUNTY), HAS BEEN AWARDED FUNDING THROUGH A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG) PROGRAM FROM THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE AS ADMINISTERED BY THEIR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION (GLO-CDR) DIVISION FOR THE **2018 SOUTH TEXAS FLOODS INFRASTRUCTURE COMPETITIONS GRANT CONTRACT NUMBER 22-152-008-E180**;

WHEREAS, the County, 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, 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 February 2, 2021);

WHEREAS, the County, in accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, and 24 CFR Part 135, is required, to the greatest extent feasible, to provide training and employment opportunities to lower income residents and contract opportunities to businesses in the TxCDBG project area (as further detailed in Hidalgo County Urban County Program's Section 3 Policy dated October 1, 2021);

WHEREAS, the County, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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.

1. Excessive Force Policy;
2. Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures; and
3. Fair Housing Policy.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO,
TEXAS ON _____, 20____.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ, COUNTY JUDGE
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

Attest:

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