

# Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning and Development

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This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

## Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) CDBG	2. HUD/State Identification Number B-23-UC-48-0501	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) 103110834
4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.218	5. Name and address of responsible entity Hidalgo County Urban County Program 1916 Tesoro Street Pharr, Texas 78577	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge (956) 318-2600	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request HUD San Antonio Office of Community Planning & Development, HF Garcia Federal Bldg/US Courthouse 615 E. Houston St., Suite 347 San	The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following	
9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) 2023 La Joya - Parks & Recreational Facility Improvements	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Location: South Garza St. and Military Rd., La Joya Tx.	

### 11. Program Activity/Project Description

2023 La Joya Parks & Recreational Facility Improvements Funding Amount: \$252,071.00

Project consists of the purchase and installation of exercise and playground equipment for the existing La Joya Park. Other expenditures will include professional engineering services, geotechnical and material testing fees, etc.

**Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)**

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did  did not  require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity	Title of Certifying Officer
	Hidalgo County Judge
X 	Date signed
	3/1/24

Address of Certifying Officer
100 E. Cano Street, 2nd Floor Edinburg, TX 78539

**Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity**

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient	Title of Authorized Officer
X	Date signed

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

APPROVED BY  
COMMISSIONER'S COURT  
ON: 5/2/23 

**COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC  
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
AND NOTICE ON INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Publication date: January 6, 2021

**HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM  
1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, Texas 78577 - 956-787-8127**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:  
This notice shall notify you of the proposed action and requirements for action to be undertaken by the Hidalgo County Urban County Program.

**REQUEST OF RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about January 21, 2021 the Hidalgo County - Urban County Program will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of federal funds under Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, to fund the following projects:

**Project Title:** 2023 La Joya Parks, Recreational Facilities Improvements  
**Purpose:** This project will provide much needed park equipment for the residents of the project area located within a City of La Joya, Texas.  
**Location:** South Garza St. and Murray Rd., La Joya Tx.  
**Project Description:** Project consists of the purchase and installation of exercise and playground equipment for the existing La Joya Park. Other expenditures will include professional engineering services, geological and material testing fees, etc.  
**Project Issues:** An Environmental assessment was completed in compliance with 24 CFR Part 58. An EIS process was completed. The original cost estimate shows any critical action defined as an activity for which even a slight chance of flooding would be too great because it might result in a loss of life, injury or property damage.  
**Mitigation Measures:** There is no instance in which any type of mitigation, additional consultation and/or special permitting is required.  
**Conditions Permits (if any):**  
**Estimated Project Cost: Total estimated HUD funds:** \$252,071.00  
**Total project cost (HUD and non-HUD funds):** \$252,071.00

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Hidalgo County Urban County Program has determined that this project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. An Environmental Review Report (ERR) is a set of documents that contain environmental determinations for these projects and is on file at Hidalgo County Urban County Program located at 1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, TX 78577 and can be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, or by calling the UCP office at 956-787-8127. No further environmental reviews of said projects are proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR by mail to the County of Hidalgo Urban County Program at 1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, Texas 78577 or via email to [ucp@hidalgo-tx.gov](mailto:ucp@hidalgo-tx.gov). All comments received by January 21, 2021 will be considered by the Hidalgo County Urban County Program prior to a final submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Hidalgo County Urban County Program certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Richard F. Cortez, in his capacity as Hidalgo County Judge certifies to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Court of an action brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of the certification certifies that the project is in compliance with NEPA and related laws and authorizes and allows the Hidalgo County Urban County Program to use Program Funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of funds and the Hidalgo County certification for a period of 15 days following the accepted submission date of a final receipt of the funds only if they are on or before the following dates: (1) That the certification was not, in fact, executed by the certifying officer of the Hidalgo County; or (2) That the certification was not, in fact, executed by a decision of finding required by HUD in response to 24 CFR, or (3) The grant recipient or CDP or participant in the development process has committed funds or forfeited funds not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of release of funds; HUD, (4) Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 43 CFR Part 11511 has notified a written finding that the project is unacceptably from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Section 58.76 and shall be addressed to the HUD San Antonio Field Office at [CDP@FWSA.HUD.gov](mailto:CDP@FWSA.HUD.gov). Potential objectors should contact the HUD office via email to verify the actual due date of the objection period.

Richard F. Cortez  
Hidalgo County Judge

**AVISO COMBINADO AL PÚBLICO  
AVISO DE LA INTENCIÓN DE IMPACTO NO SIGNIFICATIVO  
Y AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITAR LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS**

Fecha de publicación: sábado, 6 de enero de 2021

**HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM  
1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, Texas 78577 - 956-787-8127**

A TODAS LAS AGENCIAS, GRUPOS Y PERSONAS INTERESADAS:  
Este aviso cumple con los requisitos procedimentales relacionados para las actividades que serán financiadas a cabo por el Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo.

**SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS**

En el mes de enero del 2021, el Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo presentará una solicitud al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos para la liberación de fondos federales bajo el Programa de B.G., fondos para el Desarrollo Comunitario (Community Development Block Grant) bajo el Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, para financiar a cabo los siguientes proyectos:

**Título del Proyecto:** Mejoras en las Instalaciones Recreativas del Parque La Joya 2023  
**Propósito:** Este proyecto proporcionará equipamiento para el parque municipal para los residentes del área del proyecto ubicada dentro de la Ciudad de La Joya, Texas.  
**Ubicación:** South Garza St. y Murray Rd., La Joya Tx.  
**Descripción del Proyecto:** El proyecto consiste en la adquisición e instalación de equipamiento para el parque, que incluye, en particular, juegos infantiles, mesas de picnic, bancos, servicios y todos los accesorios relacionados, según se especifique para la finalización.  
**Problemas del Proyecto:** Se completó un tema e estudio de categorización sujeto a revisión ambiental en cumplimiento con el Título 24 del Código de Regulaciones Federales (24 CFR) Parte 58. Se completó un proceso de EIS. El proyecto no implica ninguna acción crítica definida como una actividad para la cual incluso una mínima posibilidad de inundación sería demasiado grande porque podría resultar en pérdida de vida, lesiones o daños a la propiedad.  
**Medidas de Mitigación:** No hay ninguna instancia en la cual se requiera algún tipo de mitigación, consulta adicional y/o permisos especiales.  
**Condiciones Permisos (en caso de haber alguno):**  
**Costo Estimado del Proyecto: Total de fondos de HUD estimados:** \$252,071.00  
**Costo total del proyecto (fondos de HUD y no-HUD):** \$252,071.00

**DETERMINACIÓN DE LA AUSENCIA DE UN IMPACTO SIGNIFICATIVO**

El Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo ha determinado que los proyectos no tendrán un impacto significativo en el entorno humano. Por lo tanto, no se requiere una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental conforme a la Ley de Política Ambiental (NEPA) del Programa de Desarrollo Comunitario (ERR) es un conjunto de documentos que contienen determinaciones ambientales para estos proyectos y se encuentra archivado en el Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo, ubicado en 1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, TX 78577, y puede ser examinado o copiado de lunes a viernes de 8:00 AM a 12:00 PM y de 1:00 PM a 5:00 PM, o llamando a la oficina de UCP al 956-787-8127. No se propone realizar revisiones ambientales adicionales de dichos proyectos antes de la solicitud de liberación de fondos federales.

**COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS**

Cualquier individuo, grupo o agencia puede enviar comentarios por escrito sobre el ERR por correo al Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo en la dirección 1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, Texas 78577 o por correo electrónico a [ucp@hidalgo-tx.gov](mailto:ucp@hidalgo-tx.gov). Todas las comentarios recibidos antes del 21 de enero de 2021 serán considerados por el Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo antes de la finalización de la presentación de una solicitud de liberación de fondos. Los comentarios deben especificar qué ley o notificación están dirigiéndose.

**CERTIFICACIÓN AMBIENTAL**

El Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo certifica a los Estados Unidos de América que el Jefe del Condado de Hidalgo, en su capacidad de Jefe del Condado de Hidalgo, de su consentimiento para aceptar la jurisdicción de los Tribunales Federales en caso de que se presente una acción para hacer cumplir las responsabilidades relacionadas con el proceso de revisión ambiental y que estas responsabilidades se han cumplido. La aprobación del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos de la certificación certifica a la responsabilidad del ERR y autoriza y permite al Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo utilizar los fondos del Programa.

**OBJECCIONES A LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS**

El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) aceptará objeciones a la liberación de fondos y la certificación del Condado de Hidalgo durante un período de quince días después de la fecha de aceptación de presentación y responsabilidad de la solicitud de fondos solo si las objeciones se presentan en una de las siguientes fechas: (1) que la certificación no fue ejecutada de hecho por el funcionario certificador del Condado de Hidalgo; o (2) que la certificación no fue ejecutada por un funcionario de decisión de hallazgo requerido por los reguladores de HUD en 24 CFR, o (3) el participante o el participante en el proceso de desarrollo no ha comprometido los fondos o no ha comprometido los fondos por 24 CFR Parte 58 antes de la aprobación de la liberación de fondos por parte del HUD, o (4) otra agencia federal que actúa de conformidad con 43 CFR Parte 11511 ha presentado un hallazgo por escrito de que el proyecto es inaceptable desde el punto de vista de la calidad ambiental. Las objeciones deben ser preparadas y enviadas por correo electrónico de acuerdo con las procedimientos requeridos (24 CFR Parte 58, Sección 58.76) y deben dirigirse a la Oficina de Cargo de H.U.D. en San Antonio a la siguiente dirección de correo electrónico: [CDP@FWSA.HUD.gov](mailto:CDP@FWSA.HUD.gov). Los posibles objetores deben ponerse en contacto con la oficina de HUD por correo electrónico para verificar el último día real del período de objeción.

Richard F. Cortez  
Hidalgo County Judge

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