

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY
SERVICE BLOCK GRANT THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE HIDALGO
COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY**

THE RESOLUTION BRINGS FORTH THE INTERCONNECTIONS OF NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION EFFORTS AND THE LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF CSBG, CELEBRATING THE IMPACT THESE PROGRAMS HAVE ON ECONOMIC STABILITY, JOB SECURITY, AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT IN HIDALGO COUNTY.

WHEREAS the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) was developed as a result of President Lyndon Baines Johnson's War on Poverty as a way of allowing local communities address the complexities of poverty utilizing their own strategies and

WHEREAS CSBG statutes require that these local strategies are developed as a result of a robust Community Needs Assessment where local residents, community leaders and organizational representatives provide input designed to develop tailor made solutions to the local causes and effects of poverty and

WHEREAS the Hidalgo County Community Service Agency (HCCSA) is the local recipient of CSBG funds in Hidalgo County and has been entrusted with this important and daunting undertaking and

WHEREAS HCCSA has developed two distinct tracks in the utilization of CSBG Funds over the last ten years to include responding to crisis situations involving the vulnerable families of the County and providing opportunities for upward economic mobility for individuals wishing to gain better job skills, education or training and

WHEREAS as recently as March 27 of this year, CSBG funds were utilized to help alleviate the initial shock and burden of over 600 families caused by the enormous amount of rain that drenched the entire county, the latest in a long line of emergency response events made possible by CSBG funds and

WHEREAS to date, CSBG funds have been utilized to provide shelter for fire victims, domestic abuse cases in addition to providing emergency stores of food and clothing for the same. CSBG has provided emergency rental payments for families facing eviction and replaced medications lost in a crisis to name a few and

WHEREAS CSBG funds have been used to assist families struggling to escape the grip of poverty via the Access to Success program. ACTS helps families identify the barriers keeping them in poverty and one by one address and remove those barriers. CSBG funds have assisted these families by paying for tuition costs, utility costs, job necessary equipment, testing costs and the like and

WHEREAS over the last year 30 families made the transition out of poverty by increasing their collective annual incomes from \$539,407.44 per year to \$1,875,156.12 with a \$227,757.50 dollar investment of CSBG funds to result 587% ROI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County expresses its support for continued Community Services Block Grant Funding and calls upon the United States Congress to commit funds to continue this critical work in Hidalgo County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.
