



Judge Richard F. Cortez,
County Judge's Office,
100 E. Cano Second Floor Edinburg, TX 78539

RE: Rural development funding grant request Fiscal Year 2025-2026,

Honorable Judge Cortez,

I am writing this letter to formally submit a funding request on behalf of AltaCair Foundation for consideration of a grant to help the underserved rural area so Hidalgo County with vital services. It is with great pride that we present 'our organization's commitment to deliver comprehensive social and health care-related services through direct care and collaborative initiatives to the underserved population of the Rio Grande Valley.

Our request, totaling \$10,000, is intended to support the provision of Health Care related and social services to the approximately 4,000 or more individuals residing in Hidalgo County, who seek basic day to day social essentials and health care related services .As per recent census the poverty percentage in Hidalgo County is 27.2% which is more than double the average for the state of Texas.

The allocated funds will help us facilitate and encompass range of services, including preventive/primary care and specialty services through mobile services, laboratory services, providing clothing, household essentials through our community care closet , food distribution and diabetes education. Specifically, the budget will be distributed as follows:

- Payment for laboratory fees varying from \$10 to \$50 based on the number of tests performed
- Payment for household essentials, which may range from \$10 to \$300 depending on the type of items.
- Payment for food distribution for 200 families in Hidalgo County once a month, ranging from \$3500 to \$5000
- Expenses for arranging the collaborative community fairs that includes free primary care and specialty care , other health checkups like vitals, glucose checks, BMI, dental care, foot exams and other social services , digital literacy education, emergency preparedness and educational services range up to \$1000 to \$5000 each occurrence.

We respectfully ask that you consider this funding request, as it is vital to sustaining our efforts to serve the comprehensive needs of the residents of Hidalgo County and to continue our mission; To foster collaborative partnerships that address the basic health care needs of the underserved.

Respectfully,
Dr Rashmi Chandran,
CEO, AltaCair Foundation