

County of Hidalgo §
State of Texas §

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS AND THE MONTE ALTO
RECREATION CENTER (MARC)**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made on the 4 day of August, 2026, by and between the **County of Hidalgo, Texas** by and through its **Hidalgo County Precinct One ("County")**, and the **Monte Alto Recreation Center ("MARC")** a Texas non-profit Corporation.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, MARC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation providing recreational, educational and support opportunities to the youth and residents of the County;

WHEREAS, the County is a “local government” and a political subdivision of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, the safety, health and general welfare of the citizens of Hidalgo County is a common objective of both parties. Further, it is the objective of the MARC to collaborate with partners in the community to provide recreational services to individuals in the community through its use of the Monte Alto Recreation Center (“**Center**”);

WHEREAS, the State of Texas appropriated funds to the County of Hidalgo for interior and exterior improvements to the MARC in the 88th legislative session, HB1, Article IX, Section 17.17.

WHEREAS, MARC and County desire to collaborate for the public purpose of improving the Center so it can continue to provide supervised recreational, educational and support opportunities to the youth and residents of the County including, but not limited to, after school youth services and educational and family support services and adult improvement classes;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, terms, and conditions expressed between the parties hereto, it is understood and agreed by and between the County and MARC as follows:

1. All of the above statements are incorporated herein and fully restated.
2. County will contribute a one-time lump sum in the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in furtherance of the public purpose as described above.

3. MARC agrees the funds will be used for interior and/or exterior improvements to the Center.
4. MARC agrees to conform to applicable purchasing laws, regulations, employment policies and procedures with respect to any expenditures in relation to the funds provided under this agreement.
5. MARC agrees to abide by all terms and conditions as set forth in the Texas Parks and Wildlife State Grant Agreement.
6. MARC assumes all ownership and liability over the Center and its services and any improvements.
7. MARC will plan, coordinate and oversee all aspects of the Center, the services it provides and any improvements.
8. MARC shall deliver copies and/or records of all supporting expense documentation related to fund expenditures for services under this agreement to the County on a semi-annual basis until all funds are exhausted or at any time upon request by the County during the required retention period.
9. MARC shall maintain supporting documentation for a minimum of five (5) years, and shall provide the County, County Auditor, and any of their duly authorized representatives, access to and the right to examine all books, accounts, records, files, and other paper, things or property belonging to or in use by MARC regarding the funds and services provided under this agreement.
10. MARC understands that failure to maintain records or use the funds in accordance with this agreement will result in forfeiture of the funds.
11. Upon the exhaustion of funds provided to MARC by County under this agreement and the expiration of the required records retention period, the parties agree that the County and MARC will be mutually released of all duties imposed by this agreement.
12. County may suspend or terminate this agreement if MARC materially fails to comply with any term herein. Upon termination of this agreement, MARC shall transfer to County any unutilized funds provided under the terms of this agreement, if any, within thirty (30) business days.

13. **Conflict of Applicable Law:** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance, or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of the Agreement shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists.
14. **No Waiver:** No waiver by any party hereto of any breach of any provision of the Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.
15. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement contains the entire contract between the parties hereto and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agreement or representative) and representation or agreement in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by the Parties, and not otherwise.
16. **Insurance:** Each entity will carry sufficient liability insurance at the statutorily required limits, pursuant to the Texas Tort Claims Act.
17. **Indemnification:** To the extent permitted under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, Parties agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend each other, their agents, employees and officers from and against any claim, loss, damage, liability and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred or suffered by the other party, by reason of any and all claims, demands or causes of action asserted or that may be asserted, arising out of, or in any manner related to that parties obligations under this agreement.
18. **TEXAS LAW TO APPLY:** THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED UNDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND ALL OBLIGATION OF THE PARTIES CREATED HEREUNDER ARE PERFORMABLE IN HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PARTIES HEREBY CONSENT TO PERSONAL JURISDICTION IN HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS.
19. **Notice:** Except as maybe otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all notices, demands, requests or communication required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii)

sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to MARC: Monte Alto Recreation Center
25164 FM 88
Monte Alto, TX 78538

If to County: Hidalgo County, Texas
Attn: Hon. Richard F. Cortez, Hidalgo County Judge
100 E. Cano St. – 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

With copy to: Hon. David L Fuentes, Commissioner, Pct. No 1.
1902 Joe Stephens Ave. Ste. 101
Weslaco, Texas 78596

20. Each notice, demand, request or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addressee, or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.
21. **Additional Documents:** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this agreement.
22. **Successors:** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.
23. **Assignment:** This Agreement shall not be assignable.
24. **Headings:** The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are solely for the convenience reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of paragraph hereof.
25. **Gender and Number:** All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate.
26. **Authority to Execute:** The execution and performance of this Agreement by Parties have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this

Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of the Parties in accordance with its terms.

27. **Governmental Purpose:** County is entering into the agreement for the purpose of providing for governmental services or functions and will pay for such services out of current revenues available to the paying party as herein provided.
28. **Commitment or Current Revenues Only:** In the event that during any term hereof, the governing body of any party does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of such party under this Agreement, then any party may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party. Each of the parties hereto agrees, however, to use its best efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of each party hereto pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. §271.903.
29. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated for convenience by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement.
30. **Non-Discrimination:** The Agreement and all related activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not discriminate against any person on a basis prohibited by applicable law or policy of the Parties, including without limitation race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, disability or any other protected category.
31. **No Waiver of Immunities/Defenses:** Nothing in this Agreement is intended to and the Parties do not hereby waive, release or relinquish any right to assert any of the defenses the Parties may enjoy by virtue of the state or federal constitution, laws, rules or regulations, and any sovereign, official or qualified immunity available to the Parties as to any claim or action of any person, entity, or individual against the Parties.

(Signature Page to Follow)

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON the 4 day of August, 2026.

Agenda Item No. 104184

Executive Office: _____

MONTE ALTO RECREATION CENTER

COUNTY OF HIDALGO:

Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Office of the Criminal District Attorney,
Toribio "Terry" Palacios

ATTEST:

Michelle Lopez, Assistant District Attorney

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk