



July 10, 2026

The Honorable Judge Cortez
Hidalgo County Judge
100 E. Cano Street
Edinburg, TX 78539

Dear Judge Cortez,

On behalf of The PossAble Dream Foundation, I am pleased to submit a revised funding proposal and executive summary for your review.

The PossAble Dream Foundation is aligned with the goals of the Hidalgo County Prosperity Task Force and is already making meaningful progress. In its first year, The PossAble Dream Adult High School has enrolled 550 adults ages 18 to 50 who did not complete high school. Next month, more than 150 students will graduate with their high school diplomas and receive assistance with job skills and job placement. More than 400 current students and over 100 upcoming graduates reside in Hidalgo County.

Currently, the PossAble Dream Adult High School has campuses in Edcouch-Elsa and Pharr in Hidalgo County, as well as one Brownsville. For the upcoming school year, we are on schedule to open two more campuses in Hidalgo County (La Joya and Weslaco), and two additional campuses (Harlingen and Rio Grande City). Our goal is to double the enrollment and the number of graduates next year.

Your assistance will be critical and helping us to remove barriers to education, job training and obtaining gainful employment. We are here to support and implement your vision of expanding upward mobility and increasing prosperity for families throughout this region.

Sincerely,

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Proposal

Priority 1: The following specialized staff will improve our ability to engage with prospective students and support them in successful program completion and the obtaining of gainful employment.

Opportunity Youth Specialist: This individual will focus on disengaged young people in Hidalgo County between the ages of 16-26. Disengaged young adults (18-26) will be recruited and supported fore enrollment and program completion in The PossAble Dream Adult High School (PDAHS) or their local school district. Program completion includes earning a high school diploma, obtaining job skills and gainful employment. This individual will also coordinate with schools to help them reconnect with disengaged youth who are 16-17 years of age, in order to assist them in earning their high school diploma.

Workforce Training and Placement Specialist: This individual will ensure that PDAHS graduates residing in Hidalgo County complete their job training and assist them in obtaining gainful employment.

Justice-Touched Specialist: This individual will focus on adults in Hidalgo County who never completed high school and have been engaged with the criminal justice system, whether participating in deferred adjudication, parole, or probation. The work will include coordinating with the Courts and Parole and Probation Departments to provide an avenue for high school diploma completion and job training and support in obtaining gainful employment.

Priority 2: Transportation is a major barrier to program enrollment and completion for many Hidalgo County Residents who are eager to improve their life circumstances. Obtaining several vans will improve program success.

3 Vans: for Transporting Adult Hidalgo County Residents who lack transportation and have never obtained their high school diploma to school and job training.





Budget: Priority 1

Opportunity Youth Specialist	70,000
Workforce Training and Placement Specialist	70,000
Justice Touched Specialist	70,000
Fringe Benefits	20,000
Equipment, Supplies and Mileage	20,000
Total	250,000

Budget: Priority 2 (If additional funding can be obtained)

Transportation: 3 Vans	
Van #1	65,000
Van #2	65,000
Van #3	65,000
Total	195,000

Grand Total: 445,000





Executive Summary

During the reporting period, The PossAble Dream Foundation used Hidalgo County grant support to expand access to educational, workforce, and wraparound services for adults and opportunity youth. The program helped participants overcome barriers, progress toward high school completion, earn industry-based credentials, and connect with employment and internship opportunities across Hidalgo County and the Rio Grande Valley.



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Performance Outcomes

Performance Measure	Final Result	Notes / Definition
Students enrolled	###	Unduplicated students enrolled
Graduates	###	Students earning a high school diploma
Students receiving Industry-Based Certifications (IBCs)	###	Unduplicated certification recipients
Participants served Valley-wide	###	Unduplicated participants across the RGV
Participants served in Hidalgo County	###	Unduplicated Hidalgo County residents
Opportunity Youth served	###	Define the age and eligibility range used
Formerly incarcerated individuals served	###	Unduplicated participants served
Job placements	###	Participants placed in employment
Internships	###	Participants placed in internships





Participant Success Story

Participant

Age and City

Starting Point

Services Received

Milestones

Participant Quote

Overall Impact



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