


**URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM**  
**Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court**  
**Agenda Request Form**

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Agenda No. 76636  
 Lupita V. Garcia, UCP C-III

Date: July 28, 2020 Meeting Date Request: August 11, 2020  
 Deadline for Action: A.S.A.P. Contact Person: P.R. Avila, Director  
 Department: Urban County Program Phone: 787-8127 Fax: 318-2988

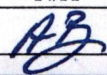
P.R. Avila, Urban County Director 

**Caption:**

1. Consideration and approval of the First Amendment to the Three Year Cooperation Agreements with each participating city for fiscal years 2021-2023 necessary for the re-qualification of Hidalgo County as an Urban County for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program.
2. Approval for Richard F. Cortez, as County Judge to sign Amendment documents.

**Background:**

As part of the H.U.D. Urban County re-qualification process, Hidalgo County is to enter into a Three Year Cooperation Agreement with each participating city, however HUD has requested that we add language to Section I of the Agreement, as such an Amendment to the originally approved Cooperation Agreement is required. The cities are as follows: City of Alamo, City of Alton, City of Donna, City of Edcouch, City of Elsa, City of Granjeno, City of Hidalgo, City of La Joya, City of La Villa, City of Mercedes, City of Palmhurst, City of Palmview, City of Peñitas, City of Progreso, City of San Juan, City of Sullivan City and City of Weslaco. The City of Progreso Lakes has submitted letter to withdraw from the consortium.

Finance: N/A  
 Assistant Director: 

Please initial for approval:

Legal Counsel		Budget		Human Resources	
Dept./Fund No.		Amt. Expended:		Funds/Staffing Budget:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Account Code:		Impact on Future Budget:		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	

Comments:

**APPROVED**  
 County Commissioners' Court  
 DATE: 8/11/2020 

Action taken by Commissioner's Court:

Approved		Tabled		Denied		Motion Made by		Seconded		Vote	
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FILED  
 AT 2:00 O'CLOCK P M  
 AUG 12 2020  
 ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR. COUNTY CLERK  
 HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS  
 BY [Signature] DEPUTY

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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 COUNTY OF HIDALGO       §

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
 HIDALGO COUNTY URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM FISCAL YEARS 2021-2023**

This **AMENDMENT** to the AGREEMENT is made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS** (the "COUNTY") and the **City of Alamo**, (the "CITY").

**WHEREAS**, County and City entered into a Cooperation Agreement approved on July 7, 2020 (the "Agreement");

**WHEREAS**, the agreement now requires an amendment in order to add additional provisions to Section I:

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to amend the Agreement as herein provided;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the terms and provisions set forth herein, for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, County and City hereby agree to the following amendment to the Agreement:

**SECTION I**

The City agrees to allow the County to include the City's population for a formula share of entitlement program funds through the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Programs and other funding as may be authorized by HUD and included in the County's Consolidated Plan Strategy. The City and County agree to include the same in the Grant Application.

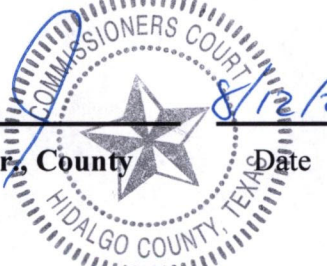
By executing this agreement the City understands that it may not apply for grants under the Small Cities or State CDBG Programs from appropriations for the same fiscal years during the period in which it is participating in the County's CDBG Program; it may not participate in a HOME consortium except through the County, regardless of whether the County receives a HOME formula allocation, and it may not participate in a ESG consortium except through the County, regardless of whether the County receives an ESG formula allocation.

Executed and effective as of the approved Original Cooperation Agreement, on July 7, 2020, before Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court.

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

ATTESTED BY:

[Signature]  
 Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk  
 Date 8/12/20



[Signature]  
 Richard F. Cortez, County Judge  
 Date

**CITY OF ALAMO**

APPROVED BY  
 COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
 ON: 8/11/20 [Signature]

ATTESTED BY:

[Signature]  
 City Secretary  
 Date 8/4/20

[Signature]  
 Mayor Diana Martinez  
 Date 8/4/20

**CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY LEGAL COUNSEL**

I have examined the foregoing Amendment to the Agreement, and as legal counsel to the County named therein, I certify that the terms and provisions of the Amended Agreement are fully authorized under the State and local laws and that the Amended Agreement provides full legal authority for the County to undertake or assist in the undertaking of essential community development and housing assistance activities as authorized by Texas State statutes.

APPROVED BY:  
Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

*Victor Garza*  
Victor Garza, Assistant District Attorney

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Date

APPROVED BY:  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

ON: \_\_\_\_\_

*8/11/20*