



STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE
CARES ACT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS
AND CITIES IN HIDALGO COUNTY**

THIS AMENDMENT (“Amendment”) TO THE CARES ACT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT between the COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS (“County”) and the CITIES in HIDALGO COUNTY (“Cities”), is made and entered effective September 1, 2020, between the County and Cities, collectively referred to as the (“Parties”) pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, Ch. 791, et seq, Texas Government Code, as follows:

WHEREAS, on or about March 27, 2020, the United States Federal Government passed the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), including the Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRFund”) which provides for direct payments to qualifying units of local governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the County met the population threshold and received a direct distribution of the CRFund to be used for expenditures that were directly related to and incurred as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court approved the Cares Act Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (“Agreement”) on or about June 23, 2020, wherein the County entered into an Interlocal with the Cities to allow for the disbursement of CRFund monies received by County from the U.S. Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Parties and their constituents continue to be affected by the COVID-19/Coronavirus public health emergency and the resulting Federal, State and Local disaster declarations and executive orders regarding the same; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend the Agreement as hereinafter provided to allow for additional up front disbursements of funds for expenses directly related to the COVID-19 public health emergency and for the allocation of additional time in which the Cities are to expend their designated funds;

NOW THEREFORE, for the purposes stated herein, the Parties hereby agree to the following amendments to the Agreement:

1. Section 3.2 of the Agreement is amended to allow additional time for Cities to expend designated funds by October 31, 2020. Failure to expend the designated funds by

October 31, 2020, may result in re-programming and/or reallocation of CRFunds by County.

2. Section 3.9 is added to the Agreement, as noted below:

“3.9 County will agree to disburse an additional 20% of designated CRFunds to Cities for COVID-19 related expenses as noted in §3.2 and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement for Cities that have provided a completed Cost Reimbursement Form (Exhibit “D”) with appropriate supporting documentation indicating that the initial 20% disbursed in accordance with §3.8 of the Agreement has been received by County.”

3. As County has agreed to extend the performance period for the Agreement as stated in §3.2., Section 6.2 is therefore amended to allow for the submission of final Cost Reimbursement Forms and supporting documentation by November 30, 2020.

4. Except as modified herein, all terms and conditions of the Agreement, as amended, remain in full force and effect and the Parties ratify and confirm the terms and provisions of the Agreement as amended.

WITNESS THE HANDS OF THE PARTIES effective as of the day and year first written above.

Approved by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court on September 1, 2020.

APPROVAL FOR COUNTY:

THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Richard F. Cortez

Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR COUNTY:
Office of Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney,
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

By: *Josephine Ramirez-Solis*
Josephine Ramirez-Solis
Assistant District Attorney

APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ON: *9/1/20 2020*

APPROVAL FOR CITIES:

CITY OF PHARR

Mayor

Attest:

City Secretary

**APPROVED BY
CITY COMMISSION**

ON: 09/21/20