



May 28, 2021

Honorable Ralph Gutierrez
Mayor of Schertz
1400 Schertz Parkway, Bldg 4
Schertz, TX 78154

Dear Mayor Gutierrez:

Bexar County has begun its re-qualification process as an Urban County for continued participation in the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs for fiscal years 2022-2024.

Over the past thirty-two years, Bexar County and its partner cities have received substantial financial benefit of HUD entitlement funding to address priorities such as water systems and mains, day care and community centers, street reconstruction, drainage projects, housing rehabilitation and public assistance for the elderly and low-income citizens of Bexar County.

In an effort to continue these mutually beneficial community development activities, we are asking your city to join us in qualifying for the next three-year Urban County entitlement period. Bexar County Commissioners Court urges you to enter into a cooperative agreement for inclusion in the Urban County designation. The cooperative agreement is attached for your review and execution. This agreement will give your city access to CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds for the next three years.

In accordance with the directions and timetables provided to the County by HUD, this letter is being sent to advise you of the actions that your city council must take if your city wishes to be included in or excluded from participation in the Urban County designation for fiscal years 2022–2024.

If you wish to participate, please send the following:

- Letter notifying the county of your city's intent to participate
- City Council Resolution
- A copy of the ratified cooperation agreement

These documents must be sent to my office at the following address before **close of business Friday - June 25, 2021**:

Robert H. Reyna, Manager
Community Development Division
Bexar County Economic and Community Development Department
233 N. Pecos, Suite 320
San Antonio, Texas 78207

Note: Cooperation agreements will be ratified at Commissioners Court on Tuesday – July 13, 2021.

For current participating cities: Should your city decide that it no longer wishes to participate in Bexar County's Urban County designation, your written notice must be forwarded to both the County at the address listed above and HUD below:

Elva F. Garcia, Director
Office of Community Planning and Development
HUD - San Antonio
H.F. Garcia Federal Building
615 E. Houston Street, Suite 347
San Antonio, TX 78205

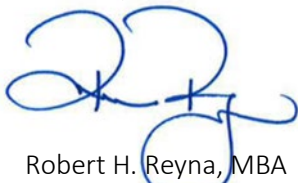
If your city participates in Bexar County's Urban County designation, it will be eligible for the County's funding but will not be eligible for funding through the Small Cities or State program.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will join the Urban County designation. If your city has any questions about the Urban County designation, HUD entitlement programs, or this process, please contact:

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Sincerely,



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