



COMMISSIONERS COURT CONTRACT FORM

CONTRACT SUMMARY

Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Agriculture-TxCDBG Emergency Services Help for Colonias Program funding application for \$269,732 to provide assistance to low income families residing in rural areas of the county that have been impacted by the public health and economic crisis resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic. Contract No. 2020-0467

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

Through a partnership between the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds deobligated from other state programs are being diverted to all border Counties who participate and receive Texas Colonia Self Help Center (SHC) funds to respond to the economic crisis caused by the COVID19 pandemic. This funding will be allotted equally amongst the seven participating County SHCs located in the various border Texas counties through a one-time grant award by TDA-Emergency Services Help for Colonias Program. This funding is not CARES Act funding. The funding comes from diverted federal CDBG program funds and must adhere to all the CDBG regulations. The TDA will oversee these funds on behalf of the State.

Funds are specific to address the housing (mortgage only not rental), utility and/or food needs of colonia residents in the County. The maximum amount of assistance per household is \$2,000. While this program is not subject to a competitive process, Counties must still submit an application for funds and if awarded, these funds can serve approximately 135 colonia residents. It can be disbursed as a direct payment to the mortgage and/or utility company or can be used to purchase and distribute grocery gift cards. The gift cards must be specific to grocery purchases so Counties who choose this activity under this grant must form a partnership with a grocer or grocery chain to limit the use of the gift card to grocery purchases only.

A virtual public hearing seeking colonia community input on the needs of colonia residents was held on June 25 at 5:30 pm. Input from this meeting will help formulate our plan for assistance and deployment should funds be awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Grant Award \$269,732.00. No County match is required.

PRIOR COURT ACTION:

No prior action. This is a new one-time appropriation for emergency COVID-19 response to colonia residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

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BASIC CONTRACT DETAILS

CONTRACT NO.: 2020-0467

CONTRACT TITLE: COVID-19 / Emergency Services-Help for Colonias Program / Grant Application

SECOND PARTY: State of Texas, Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)

CONTRACT TYPE: Grant Award/Agreement

TERM AND BUDGET DETAILS

TERM: 1 Year

EXTENSION OPTIONS:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

MOD EFFECTIVE DATE (If Applicable):

EXPIRATION DATE:

MOD EXPIRATION DATE (If Applicable):

EXTENSION DEADLINE DATE (If Applicable):

AMOUNT:

MOD AMOUNT (If Applicable):

APPROVALS

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL

The attached document has been given legal review by the El Paso County Attorney's Office on behalf of the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees. Said legal review should not be relied upon by any person or entity other than the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Rene Flores

LEGAL REVIEW: Approved as to Form as Submitted

LEGAL REVIEW NOTES (If Applicable):

DATE: 6/10/2020

DIRECTOR/DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has read the contract, understands and approves the contract terms and conditions and further certifies that the contract conforms to the bid

specification, if any, and acknowledges that he/she is responsible for administering all terms and conditions.

DIRECTOR/DEPARTMENT HEAD/DESIGNEE: Irene G. Valenzuela

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Diana Marroquin

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

DATE: 06/09/2020