

## RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE 2020 EMERGENCY SERVICES-HELP FOR COLONIAS PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE, RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO TO ACT AS THE COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of the County of El Paso desires to develop a viable community, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income whose household income has been significantly reduced as a result from Coronavirus conditions; and

WHEREAS, certain conditions exist in areas designated as colonias and other rural areas within the County of El Paso which represent a threat to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the County of El Paso to apply for funding under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

1. That a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application for the 2020 Emergency Services-Help for Colonias Program is hereby authorized to be filed on behalf of the County with the Texas Department of Agriculture.
2. That the County's application be placed for funding under the 2020 Emergency Services-Help for Colonias Program.
3. That the application be for \$269,732.00 of grant funds to provide low-to-moderate income households with subsistence payment that may include assistance for mortgage expenses, utility expenses, assistance for food and other needs.
4. That the Commissioners Court directs and designates County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego as the County's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this application and the County's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.
5. That all funds will be used in accordance with all applicable federal, state, local and programmatic requirements including but not limited to procurement, environmental review, labor standards, real property acquisition, and civil rights requirements.
6. That it further be stated that the County of El Paso is not required to commit a cash contribution towards the activities of this program.

Passed and approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge  
County of El Paso, Texas

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Delia Briones, County Clerk  
County of El Paso, Texas