CONTRACT SUMMARY

Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract and Resolution Authorizing Signatories and corresponding Depository/Authorized Signatories Designation Forms for the Emergency Services-Help for Colonias Program with the Texas Department of Agriculture. (Contract No. 2020-0770)

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

Through a partnership between the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Community Development Blodk 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 COVID-19 pandemic. The funding was awarded as a one-time grant by TDA for financial assistance to colonia residents.

Funds may be programmed to address the housing (mortgage only not rental), utility, food needs and/or other needs for colonia/rural residents in the County. The maximum amount of assistance per residence is \$2,000. 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. Up to 135 households may benefit from the assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Grant Award \$269,732; no County match required.

PRIOR COURT ACTION:

On , August 10, 2020, Commissioners Court approved to accept award of this contract under TDA Contract No. 7219123; County Contract No. 2020-0654.

On June 29, 2020, Commissioners Court approved the grant application submittal for TDA-TxCDBG-Emergency Services-Help for Colonias Program; Contract No. 2020-0467, Agenda Item No. 27.

RECOMMENDATION:

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BASIC CONTRACT DETAILS

CONTRACT NO.: 2020-0770

CONTRACT TITLE: COVID-19 / Emergency Services-Help for Colonias Program /TxCDBG Funding/El Paso Co. and Texas Department of Agriculture

SECOND PARTY: State of Texas, Department of Agriculture-Community Development

Division

CONTRACT TYPE: Grant Award/Agreement

TERM AND BUDGET DETAILS

TERM:

EXTENSION OPTIONS:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/16/2020

MOD EFFECTIVE DATE (If Applicable):

EXPIRATION DATE: 01/15/2021

MOD EXPIRATION DATE (If Applicable):

EXTENSION DEADLINE DATE (If Applicable):

AMOUNT: 0.00

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: 9/10/2020

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: 09/16/2020