



**TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS
WILL BE HELD AT CITY HALL, COMMISSIONERS' ROOM,
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023**

The City of Pharr has called this meeting as allowed pursuant to Texas law, city charter, and city ordinances. The governing body may recess from day to day when it does not complete consideration of a particularly long subject as authorized by law. All persons desiring to address the governing body must register with the presiding city clerk prior to the scheduled meeting.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A) Roll call and possible action on the excusing of any absent member.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: (Ordinance No. O-2019-31). A registered speaker during the public hearing may not exceed 1.5 minutes when addressing the board. A sign-in form for participation in public a hearing shall be promulgated by the presiding clerk and be made available at the city clerk's office. The public hearing sign-in form shall include the person or entity's name, address, telephone number, other contact information, organization if applicable, and other notices, authorizations, and acknowledgements as may be allowed by law from time to time. No registered speaker may be allowed to address the governing body once the public hearing has closed.

A) Public Hearing for Soliciting comments on the approval of the 2023 Annual Action Plan

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) Approval of Minutes for July 7, 2023

4. ADJOURNMENT:

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Meeting of the Community Development Council of the City of Pharr was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the City's web page at www.pharr-tx.gov. This Notice was posted on the 31st day of July 2023 at 3:00 p.m. and will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 31st day of July, 2023




HILDA PEDRAZA, TRMC|CMC
CITY CLERK



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Community Development Council

AGENDA ITEM #: 2.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: July 31, 2023

MEETING DATE: August 3, 2023

FROM: Sandra Regalado, Grants Manager

DEPARTMENT: GMCD

DIRECTOR: Cynthia Garza

Agenda Item: Public Hearing for Soliciting comments on the approval of the 2023 Annual Action Plan

Classification: Public Hearing

(* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

Issue: Soliciting comments on the approval of the 2023 Annual Action Plan. Comment period July 11, 2023 through August 11, 2023

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation: CDBG Staff recommends approval of the 2023 Annual Action Plan.

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

Sandra Regalado
Cynthia Garza

Created/Initiated - 7/31/2023
Final Approval - 7/31/2023

ADDENDUM
CITY OF PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City of Pharr is in the process of adopting the One-year Action Plan for Program Year 2022. The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has announced the allocation of \$1,172,535.00. The City will submit its 2023 One-year Action Plan under the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 347, San Antonio, Texas 78205 (210) 475-6800 by August 15, 2023. HUD will review the One-year Action Plan and is expected to approve the plan in accordance with 24 CFR 91.500(b).

The City of Pharr is soliciting public comments during a 30-day Comment Period from July 11, 2023 through August 10, 2023. A Public Hearing for comments will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at the City of Pharr Commissioners Room, 2nd floor, 118 S. Cage Boulevard, Pharr, Texas at 6:00 p.m. Interested persons are urged to make their views known on the One-Year Action Plan by submitting their comments in writing to the Grants Management & Community Development (GMCD) Department, 118 S. Cage Boulevard, Pharr, Texas, (956) 402-4190, attention Cynthia Garza, Director of GMCD

The following is a summary of the proposed recommendations of activities/projects for the One-Year Action Plan 2023:

AGENCY	ACTIVITY	RECOMMENDATION
Amigos del Valle	Elderly Home-Delivered Meals	\$ 30,000.00
Children's Advocacy Center	Abused/Neglected Children	\$ 15,000.00
AVE Frontera	Other Public Service	\$ 5,000.00
LRGV Development Council	Valley Metro Transit System	\$ 60,000.00
Area Agency on Aging	Elderly Medical Equipment Assistance	\$ 30,000.00
Silver Ribbon	Senior Services	\$ 15,000.00
Administration	Expenses related to compliance with CDBG	\$ 234,507.00
Section 108 Loan Repayment	12th Year of Repayment	\$ 400,000.00
Housing Authority Broadband Program	Installation and Equipment for broadband services	\$ 245,000.00
Affordable Homes of So. Tx	Owner Occupied Rehabilitate/ Reconstruction Program	\$ 138,028.00
	Proposed Allocation total	\$ 1,172,535.00

I, the undersigned authority, do certify that the above document of said notice is a true and correct copy and that said notice was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall, The Advance, the Pharr Library, on the City's web page at www.pharr-tx.gov. This notice was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said notice was posted on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and will remain posted continuously in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 2023


Hilda Pedraza, TMRC, CMC
City Clerk



ADENDA
CITY OF PHARR, CONDADO DE HIDALGO, TEXAS
AVISO PUBLICO PARA COMENTARIOS
PERIODO DE 30 DIAS
PLAN DE ACCION ANUAL 2023

Se le comunica al público que la ciudad de Pharr está en el proceso de adoptar la propuesta para el Plan de Acción Anual para el año 2023 con la asignación del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de \$1,172.535. La Ciudad de Pharr presentara el Plan 2023 bajo el programa de Otorgamiento de Desarrollo Comunitario al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano, 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 347, San Antonio, Texas 78205, (210) 475-6800 para el 15 de agosto del 2022. El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo revisara el Plan de Acción Anual y se espera la aprobación de acuerdo con el código 24 CFR 91.500(b).

La Ciudad de Pharr está solicitando comentarios del público en un plazo de 30-Dias empezando el 11 de Julio, 2023 al 10 de agosto, 2023. Se llevará a cabo la audiencia pública para solicitar comentarios finales el jueves, 3 de agosto, 2023 a las 6:00 p.m. en el salón de juntas de la ciudad de Pharr, 118 S. Cage Boulevard, 2do piso, Pharr, Texas.

Se les pide a las personas interesadas que participen con su opinión sobre el Plan Anual 2023 llamando al 956-402-4190 o por correspondencia al Departamento de Desarrollo y Planificación, 118 S. Cage Boulevard, Pharr, Texas, atención GMCD Directora, Cynthia Garza.

Las siguientes son las recomendaciones propuestas para el Plan Anual 2023:

AGENCIA	ACTIVIDAD	RECOMENDACION
Amigos del Valle	Alimentos para Ancianos	\$ 30,000.00
Children's Advocacy Center	Niños Abusados/Desatendidos	\$ 15,000.00
AVE Frontera	Otro Servicio Publico	\$ 5,000.00
LRGVDC Valley Metro	Sistema de Transito	\$ 60,000.00
Area Agency on Aging	Asistencia de Equipos para Ancianos	\$ 30,000.00
Silver Ribbon	Servicios para Ancianos	\$ 15,000.00
Administration	Expenses related to compliance with CDBG	\$ 234,507.00
Section 108 Loan Repayment	12th Year of Repayment	\$ 400,000.00
Programa de banda ancha de la autoridad de vivienda	Instalación y Equipamiento para servicios de banda ancha	\$ 245,000.00
Affordable Homes of So. Tx	Programa de Rehabilitacion/Reconstrucción De viviendas de propietarios	\$ 138,028.00
Propuesto de asignacion		\$1,172,535.00

Yo, la autoridad firmante certifica que el documento anterior de dicho aviso es una copia verdadera y correcta y que dicho aviso fue publicado en el tablon de anuncios del the Municipal de la Ciudad de Pharr, The Advance, Pharr Library, en la pagina web de la ciudad en www.pharr-tx.gov. Este aviso fue publicado en un lugar conveniente y facilmente accesible para el publico en general en todo momento, y dicho aviso fue publicado el miercoles 27 de Julio de 2023 a las 9:00 a.m. y permanecera publicado continuamente en cumplimiento con el Capitulo 551 del Codigo del Gobierno de Texas (Ley de Reunion Abierta).

ATESTIGUA MI MANO Y SELLO, EL DIA 27 DE JULIO, 2023

Hilda Pedraza, TRMC, CMC

City Clerk





AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: Community Development Council

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: July 31, 2023

MEETING DATE: August 3, 2023

FROM: Sandra Regalado, Grants Manager

DEPARTMENT: GMCD

DIRECTOR: Cynthia Garza

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes for July 7, 2023

Classification: Regular

(* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

Issue: Approval of Minutes for the July 7, 2023 Meeting

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

Sandra Regalado

Cynthia Garza

Created/Initiated - 7/31/2023

Final Approval - 7/31/2023

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023**

The City of Pharr's Community Development Council held a public hearing on Friday, July 7, 2023 and the following is the record of attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Rene Cantu
Norma Trevino
Victor Alvarez
Olga Cardoza
Liza Nuñez
Marco Gonzalez
Sabrina Garcia

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Carla Beltran
Danny Smith
Romeo Robles Jr.
Lucio Gaitan

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Regalado, CDBG Manager
Napoleon D. Coca, ICC Specialist
Cynthia Garza-Reyes, Grants Director

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER

Chairman, Rene Cantu, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Board Member, Liza Nuñez, **moved** to excuse the absent members. Board Member, Marco Gonzalez, seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing to solicit comments for the City of Pharr's Community Development Block Grant Program for its 2023 One Year Action Plan on the Notice of Funding Availability.

Chairman, Rene Cantu, opened the public hearing and asked if anyone had signed up.

Sandra Regalado, CDBG Manager, stated the public hearing was to solicit comments from the public for the 2023 Annual Action Plans Notice of Funding Availability. She confirmed one person had registered to speak and another was present but refused to sign in or give her name for the record.

Public comment by Lupe Chavez: I resident in South Pharr or aka Las Milpas stated people being absent and if there's not going to be a reason especially Ms. Cardoza who is a personal friend. Stated he would like to know why people aren't showing up to these important meetings, that he came here to address what has been solicited in terms of input and believes because of irresponsible city spending that we shouldn't be engaging our important federal HUD funds towards economic development when the city has already engaged in spending millions on fiber network and Internet service that apparently nobody's buying and also an EMS service which went bankrupt. Stated people don't pay their medical bills we live in a very poor region. Stated city has already invested millions and needless spending so I don't trust this board or any of the city employee for that matter or any elected official in economic development when I don't see any of the education level or business experience that would lead me to have any confidence so in terms of the public facility needs we already have senior centers we have youth centers, childcare those are duplicate services that are provided by UTRGV STC at PSJA those are services we don't need to provide because they're provided by other members and responsible parents should take into consideration the cost of childcare when deciding to have families.

Chairman Rene Cantu thanked Mr. Chavez and acknowledged his time was up and asked if anyone else was present to speak or had signed up. Upon no other person present to speak, asked to move to the Administrative Section of the Agenda.

At this time, Chairman, Rene Cantu, closed the public hearing as there were no further comments.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) Approval of minutes for February 17, 2023

Board Member, Liza Nuñez, moved to approve the minutes. Board Member, Norma Treviño, seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) Consideration and action, if any, on presentation by agencies on funding applications.

At this time Sandra Regalado, CDBG Manager proceeded with the presentation of the Agencies along with Napoleon D. Coca, Internal Control Compliance Specialist. Sandra Regalado, stated that agencies were not present to speak so she would present on their behalf.

First agency that submitted their application for funding was Silver Ribbon, requested \$8,000 for their services we gave them \$3,000 last year we're proposing a \$15,000.

Napoleon D. Coca, stated Silver Ribbon assists in the form of rental assistance and utility assistance. They are high performers so we're proposing to up the amount service. After discussing it with their staff they state they have the capacity to exhaust those funds.

Children's Advocacy they requested \$15,000 last year they, they received \$15,000 and we're proposing to give them \$15,000 for this upcoming year.

Napoleon D. Coca, stated the Childrens Advocacy provides services to abused and neglected children. They service county wide and that includes the city of Pharr.

A.V.E. they are a new agency we have not provided this agency with any funding in the past. The agency's full name is a A Vehicle of Engagement, Frontera. They requested \$45,000 we want give them an opportunity and get them started with \$5,000. They're providing a general public services targeting the educational services. They do have other line items that meet the criteria so we want to take a chance with them and with your approval we can do the 5000

Amigos del Valle they requested \$65,000 last year we provided them with \$20,000 and we're recommending \$30,000 for this year Meals on Wheels they've been performing for many years already through the services to seniors we are recommending a little bit more than the last year, we are confident they can spend their money.

Area Agency on Aging they requested \$20,000 we provided them \$4,000 last year we are proposing to recommend \$30,000 for this agency they are providing medical services and meals on wheels for elderly

Lastly we have Valley Metro, which requested \$60,000 um we provided them \$60,000 last year and we are proposing \$60,000 for transportation services county wide specifically for City of Pharr residents. These guys you see everywhere, they have been one of our better performance for many years.

Sandra Regalado, CDBG Manager further stated she would like to provide a breakdown on the funding for this year's proposed allocation is \$1,172,535.00. For public services there is a cap of 15%, based on the budget that would be

\$155,000.00 for Public Services, \$234,507.00 for administration, \$400,000 for the repayment of the Section 108 Loan, \$245,000.00 for the Housing Authority Wi-Fi program and 138,028.00 for the Housing Rehab and Reconstruction program with the option of doing either 2 rehabs or 1 reconstruction due to being behind on some of the older projects. Therefore we're not providing a lot of the funding for them even though we do have a major need for them. We are only proposing that amount to cover either 2 rehabs or 1 reconstruction until we can catch up because we still have old monies that we're trying to spend from previous year. We do have a large list of residents that are on our wait list for repairs on their houses and for reconstruction. All of the funds are for City of Pharr residents only.

Chairman Norma Treviño questions on the fiber optics regarding the agreement with the City of Pharr, PSJA School District and the Housing Authority. PSJA School District sent out letters to some parents letting them know that their services are going to be free if they have a child enrolled within the district do we have an amount of how much they are going to provide.

Sandra Regalado, CDBG Manager stated that the amount that we are proposing is the amount that was estimated for the Housing Authority and those are just for PSJA students. An agreement had already been approved through city Commission and with the school district in partnership with the Housing Authority. Funds will be used to provide services to the PSJA students within the Housing Authority.

At this time, Chairman, Rene Cantu, asked if no further comments proceeded to next item.

C) Consideration and action, if any, on discussion and recommendations on the 2023 Annual Action Plan.

Board Member, Norma Trevino, moved to approve the recommendations on the 2023 Annual Action plan. Board Member, Liza Nuñez, seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman, Rene Cantu., moved to adjourn. Liza Nuñez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

On the 7th day of July 2023, the Community Development Council Board of the City of Pharr, Texas, convened a Regular Called Meeting at City Hall, 2nd floor, 118 S. Cage Blvd. The meeting being open to the public notice of the said meeting, giving the date, place, and subject hereof, having been posting in accordance with Chapter 551. Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act) and there being a present quorum, I, Sandra Regalado, CDBG Manager, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

Sandra Regalado, CDBG Manager

APPROVED DATE:_____