



**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, JULY 23, 2026**

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) CDBG 30 Day Comment period submittal of the 2026 Annual Action Plan

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2026 - Regular Called Meeting

B) Recommendation to approve 2026 Annual Action Plan

4. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 956-402-4200 Ext 1201 or FAX 956-475-3442 or Email cityclerksoffice@pharr-tx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Regular 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 14th day of July 2026 at 4:30 p.m. and will remain posted continuously for at least three (3) business days 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 14th day of July 2026





ALESSANDRA GARCIA, CPM
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Community Development Council was removed from the bulletin board of City Hall on the _____ day of _____, 20____ by,

Name: _____

Title: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM #: 2.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: July 14, 2026

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2026

FROM: Kimberly Hernandez,
Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: GMCD

DIRECTOR: Napoleon Coca

Agenda Item: CDBG 30 Day Comment period submittal of the 2026 Annual Action Plan

Classification: Public Hearing

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

Issue: N/A

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives: N/A

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

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CITY OF PHARR, CONDADO DE HIDALGO, TEXAS
AVISO PUBLICO PARA COMENTARIOS
PERIODO DE 30 DIAS
PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL 2026

Se le comunica al público que la Ciudad de Pharr se encuentra en el proceso de adoptar el Plan de Acción Anual para el Año del Programa 2026. El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) ha anunciado una asignación de \$1,164,326.00. La Ciudad presentará su Plan de Acción Anual 2026 bajo el Programa de Subsidios en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD), ubicado en 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 347, San Antonio, Texas 78205, teléfono (210) 475-6800, a más tardar el 15 de agosto de 2026. HUD revisará el Plan de Acción Anual y se espera su aprobación de conformidad con el 24 CFR 91.500(b).

La Ciudad de Pharr está solicitando comentarios del público durante un período de comentarios de 30 días, del 1 de julio de 2026 al 31 de julio de 2026. Se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para recibir comentarios el jueves 23 de julio de 2026, a las 6:00 p.m., en la Sala de Juntas de la Comisión de la Ciudad de Pharr, ubicada en el segundo piso de 118 S. Cage Boulevard, Pharr, Texas. Se exhorta a las personas interesadas a presentar sus comentarios sobre el Plan de Acción Anual 2026 por escrito al Departamento de Gestión de Subvenciones y Desarrollo Comunitario (GMCD), ubicado en 118 S. Cage Boulevard, Pharr, Texas 78577, teléfono (956) 402-4190, Atención: Napoleón Coca, Director de Gestión de Subvenciones y Desarrollo Comunitario. Una copia del Plan de Acción Anual 2026 propuesto estará disponible para revisión pública en el Departamento de Gestión de Subvenciones y Desarrollo Comunitario y en el sitio web de la Ciudad durante el período de comentarios públicos de 30 días.

Las siguientes son las recomendaciones propuestas para el Plan Anual 2026:

AGENCY	ACTIVITY	RECOMMENDATION
Administration	Gastos relacionados con el cumplimiento y la administración del Programa CDBG.	\$ 232,865.20
Jones Box Park	Los fondos para parques, recreacion e instalaciones se utilizaran para comprar e instalar equipos para-areas de juegos infantiles.	\$ 150,000.00
Fire Department	El Proyecto de la estacion de bomberos y equipo consiste en materiales informativos sobre seguridad publica y preparacion para emergencias.	\$ 9,811.90
Emergency Repair Program	Rehabilitación de viviendas unifamiliares ocupadas por sus propietarios: Los fondos se utilizarán para realizar actividades de reparación de emergencia en aproximadamente dieciocho (18) viviendas ocupadas por sus propietarios, con el fin de 2esident condiciones que afecten la salud, seguridad y bienestar de los ocupantes.	\$ 297,000.00
Public Utilities	2esidents2 las líneas de agua / alcantarillado: mejora de las líneas de agua / reemplazo de bocas de incendio en la ciudad en áreas de baja moderación.	\$ 100,000.00
Public Works	2esidents2 las calles- Instalación de luces / postes solares a través de la ciudad en áreas de baja moderación- Proyecto de varios años.	\$ 100,000.00
Housing Authority Broadband Program	Instalación de cables de fibra óptica para servicios de banda ancha en unidades habitacionales- Proyecto Plurianual.	\$ 100,000.00
AVE Frontera	Los fondos se utilizarán para ayudar a los 2esidents de Pharr a recibir asesoramiento.	\$ 8,000.00
Amigos Del Valle	Los fondos se utilizarán en el programa Meals-On-Wheels, \$6.46 por comida x (231) días = \$1,492/ancianos por año.	\$ 20,000.00
Area Agency on Aging	Los fondos se utilizarán en la compra de suministros 2esiden/medicamentos para los ancianos de Pharr.	\$ 20,000.00
CAMP University	Los fondos se utilizarán en estipendios de apoyo y kilometraje para los defensores que ayudan a los adultos jóvenes con discapacidades graves que residen en Pharr.	\$ 5,000.00
CASA de Hidalgo	Los fondos se utilizarán en los estipendios de apoyo y el kilometraje de (2) defensores sociales designados por el tribunal.	\$ 3,000.00
Children’s Advocacy Center	Los fondos se utilizarán en los salarios parciales de (2) Entrevistadores Forenses de victimas infantiles.	\$ 10,000.00
Comfort House	Los fondos se utilizarán en el 2esiden parcial de un (1) cuidador de pacientes Pharr.	\$ 5,000.00
LRGVDC- Aging and Disability Resource Center	Los fondos se utilizarán para ayudar a los ancianos de Pharr con recursos para cubrir los gastos de la vida diaria.	\$ 3,000.00
Make a Wish Foundation of the Rio Grande Valley	Apoyar a los niños que están gravemente enfermos con peticiones de deseos.	\$ 3,000.00
Food Bank of the RGV	Los fondos se utilizaran para proporcionar una despensa de alimentos para los 2esidents de las unidades de la Autoridad de Vivienda, los 2esidents de la Ciudad de Pharr y para la distribucion de alimentos de emergencia.	\$ 10 ,000.00
Silver Ribbon	Los fondos se utilizarán para ayudar a los ancianos de Pharr con su factura de electricidad, y agua	\$ 3,000.00
Team Mario	Los fondos se utilizaran para mejorar la Calidad de vida de las personas con trastorno del espectro autista mediante la educación	\$ 5,000.00
Valley Metro	Los fondos se utilizarán en el mantenimiento y las operaciones de la Ruta 31 de Pharr.	\$ 55,148.90
Women Together	Los fondos se utilizaran para brindar Asistencia a mujeres víctimas de violencia y abuso	\$ 6,500.00
The Possible Dream Foundation	Enfocado en la educacion y la capacitacion laboral para adultos que no terminaron la escuela secundaria.	\$ 10,000.00
To Give International (Creative Art Studio)	Los fondos se utilizarán para ayudar a los 2esidents de Pharr con las clases instrumentale.	\$ 8,000.00
		\$ 1,164,326.00

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 tablón de anuncios del Municipal de la Ciudad de Pharr, The Advance, Pharr Library, DRC y en la pagina web de la ciudad en www.pharr-tx.gov. Este aviso fue publicado en un lugar conveniente y fácilmente accesible para el publico en general en todo momento, y dicho aviso fue publicado miercoles, 1 de julio, 2026 a las 5:00 p.m. y permanecerá publicado continuamente por 30 días en cumplimiento con el Capitulo 551 del Código del Gobierno de Texas (Ley de Reunión Abierta).



DOY FE Y CERTIFICO, A ESTE 1 DE JULIO DE 2026

ALESSANDRA GARCIA, CPM
SECRETARIA MUNICIPAL ADJUNTA

CITY OF PHARR, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
2026 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Pharr is in the process of adopting the One-Year Action Plan for Program Year 2026. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced an allocation of \$1,164,326.00. The City will submit its 2026 One-Year Action Plan under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 347, San Antonio, Texas 78205, (210) 475-6800, by August 15, 2026. 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 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026. A public hearing to receive comments will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Pharr Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor, 118 S. Cage Boulevard, Pharr, Texas. Interested people are encouraged to submit their comments regarding the 2026 One-Year Action Plan in writing to the Grants Management and Community Development (GMCD) Department, 118 S. Cage Boulevard, Pharr, Texas 78577, telephone (956) 402-4190, Attention: Napoleon Coca, Director, Grants Management and Community Development. A copy of the proposed 2026 One-Year Action Plan will be available for public review at the Grants Management and Community Development Department and on the City's website throughout the 30-day public comment period.

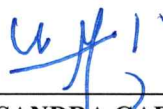
The following is a summary of the proposed recommendations for activities/projects for the One-Year Action Plan 2026:

AGENCY	ACTIVITY	RECOMMENDATION
Administration	Expenses related to compliance and administration of the CDBG Program.	\$ 232,865.20
Jones Box Park	Park Recreation and Facilities Funds will be used to purchase and install playground equipment.	\$ 150,000.00
Fire Department	Fire Station/Equipment project consists of public safety and emergency preparedness outreach materials	\$ 9,811.90
Emergency Repair Program	Rehabilitation – Single Unit Residential: Funds will be used to provide emergency repair activities for approximately eighteen (18) owner-occupied housing units to address conditions affecting the health, safety, and welfare of occupants.	\$ 297,000.00
Public Utilities	Water/Sewer Line Improvements-Upgrading waterlines/ replacing fire hydrants through the city in low mod areas.	\$ 100,000.00
Public Works	Installation of solar-powered street lighting improvements in low- and moderate-income areas of the City.	\$ 100,000.00
Housing Authority Broadband Program	Installation of fiber optic cables for broadband services in housing units- Multi Year Project.	\$ 100,000.00
AVE Frontera	Funds will be used to assist Pharr residents with counseling.	\$ 8,000.00
Amigos Del Valle	Funds will be used on the Meals-On-Wheels program, \$6.46 per meal x (231) days = \$1,492/elderly per year.	\$ 20,000.00
Area Agency on Aging	Funds will be used on the purchase of medical supplies/medicines to Pharr elderly.	\$ 20,000.00
CAMP University	Funds will be used on supportive stipends & Mileage for advocates assisting severely handicapped young adults residing in Pharr.	\$ 5,000.00
CASA de Hidalgo	Funds will be used on the supportive stipends & mileage of (2) court-appointed social advocates.	\$ 3,000.00
Children's Advocacy Center	Funds will be used on the partial salaries of (2) Forensic Interviewers of child victims.	\$ 10,000.00
Comfort House	Funds will be used on the partial salary one (1) Pharr patients' caregiver.	\$ 5,000.00
LRGVDC- Aging and Disability Resource Center	Funds will be used to assist Pharr elderly with resources to cover daily living expenses.	\$ 3,000.00
Make a Wish Foundation of the Rio Grande Valley	Support children who are severely ill with wish requests.	\$ 3,000.00
Food Bank of the RGV	Funds will be used to provide food pantries for residents in HA units, city of Pharr residents, emergency distribution.	\$ 10,000.00
Silver Ribbon	Funds will be used to assist Pharr elderly with their electrical bill.	\$ 3,000.00
Team Mario	Funds will be used to improve the quality of life for individuals with autism spectrum disorder through education.	\$ 5,000.00
Valley Metro	Funds will be used on the maintenance & operations of the Pharr Route 31.	\$ 55,148.90
Women Together	Funds will be used to assist battered and abused women.	\$ 6,500.00
The Possible Dream Foundation	Focused on education and workforce for adults who did not finish high school.	\$ 10,000.00
To Give International (Creative Art Studio)	Funds will be used to assist Pharr residents with instrumental classes.	\$ 8,000.00
		\$ 1,164,326.00

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, DRC and 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 Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. and will remain posted continuously for the period of the aforementioned 30-day Comment Period in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act)

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY 2026





ALESSANDRA GARCIA, CPM
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: July 14, 2026

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2026

FROM: Kimberly Hernandez,
Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: GMCD

DIRECTOR: Napoleon Coca

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2026 — Regular Called Meeting

Classification: Public Hearing

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

Issue: N/A

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason: N/A

ROUTING:

Kimberly Hernandez
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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 18, 2026**

The City of Pharr's Community Development Council held a public hearing on Thursday June 18, 2026, and the following is the record of attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Olga Cardoza
Victor Alvarez
Lucio Gaitan
Marco Gonzalez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sabrina Garcia
Norma Trevino
Frank Santana

STAFF PRESENT: Napoleon D. Coca, Grants Director
Sandra Regalado, Assistant Director of Grants
Veronica Guerrero, CDBG Manager
Kimberly Hernandez, Administrative Assistant

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairwoman Olga Cardoza called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Board Member Lucio Gaitan moved to excuse the absent members. Board Member Victor Alvarez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC HEARING

A) NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR 2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Chairwoman Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

There being no comments from the public, Chairwomen Olga Cardoza closed the Public Hearing.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 4, 2026, MEETING

Chairwoman Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Board Member Victor Alvarez **moved** to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Marco Gonzalez seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B. PRESENTATION OF APPLICATIONS FROM PROSPECTIVE SUBRECIPIENTS AND SET RECOMMENDED FUNDING AMOUNTS

Mr. Napoleon Coca extended a thank you to each agency for the work that they do and allowed Ms. Veronica Guerrero CDBG Manager to list the agencies and their respected funding amounts. They were as follows:

1. The Possible Dream Foundation: \$10,000.00
2. Team Mario: \$5,000.00
3. Food Bank of RGV: \$10,000.00
4. Make a Wish Foundation: \$3,000.00
5. CAMP University: \$5,000.00
6. Ave Frontera: \$8,000.00
7. Comfort House: \$5,000.00
8. To Give International (Creative Art Studio): \$8,000.00
9. Area Agency on Aging: \$20,000.00
10. LRGVDC- Aging and Disability Resource Center: \$3,000.00
11. Valley Metro: \$55,148.90
12. Children's Advocacy Center: \$10,000.00
13. Women Together: \$6,500.00
14. CASA de Hidalgo: \$3,000.00
15. Amigos Del Valle: \$20,000.00
16. Silver Ribbon: \$3,000.00

The meeting proceeded with agency presentations. Ms. Veronica Guerrero CDBG Manager noted that all agencies had been contacted in advance to ensure there were no scheduling conflicts and invited each organization to present individually. The first presenter was the Possible Dream Foundation.

A representative of the Possible Dream Foundation introduced herself as Ms. Cuellar, Superintendent of the organization. She thanked the board for the opportunity to present, noting that this was the foundation's first year of operation.

She reported that the organization currently serves more than 545 students within the 9 months of operation, with approximately 70 students residing within the City of Pharr. She explained that the foundation's primary mission is to support students throughout South Texas by helping those who have left school return to complete their high school education and earn a diploma. In addition to earning a diploma, students are encouraged to obtain an industry-based certification to improve their employment opportunities.

She explained that all services provided by the foundation are free of charge, including tuition, childcare, and transportation. The organization also assists students with career readiness by providing resume development, interview preparation, professional dress guidance, and other workforce readiness skills to help students become confident job applicants and productive members of the community.

Ms. Cuellar noted that many students balance school, employment, and family responsibilities while also overcoming personal challenges or past trauma. The foundation remains flexible in meeting students' individual needs and is committed to removing barriers that may prevent them from achieving their educational and career goals.

The second agency was Team Mario. The Program Director introduced Project SOAR, which was developed to address the need for critical services and interventions for children and young adults with autism. She mentioned that 1 in 31 children are diagnosed with autism.

The program also features a Career Exploration Program designed to teach vocational skills through real-world experiences. Participants can practice more than 1,000 different skills across five career areas, allowing them to explore their interests while gaining valuable work experience. Through this training, staff help participants identify their strengths, interests, and potential career paths.

Many individuals enter the program unsure of where to begin, and their families often feel uncertain about how to best support their transition into adulthood. Project SOAR is designed to provide guidance for both participants and their families by creating a clear vision for the future. Through individualized career exploration, vocational assessments, and skill development, participants are empowered to discover their abilities and build confidence as they prepare for the next phase of their lives.

The Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley celebrated its 40th year of providing food assistance to families throughout the region. Mr. Omar Rodriguez, Director of Grants, shared this milestone and emphasized the organization's continued commitment to addressing food insecurity.

The funding request was for \$20,500, which was designated entirely to support the food distribution program. While the funds were not used to purchase food directly, they covered the shared costs associated with storing, transporting, handling, and distributing food, including warehouse maintenance, data management, and food pickup and

delivery. These operational costs averaged approximately \$0.19 per pound, making this an exceptionally cost-effective way to provide nutritious food to those in need.

The funding supported free monthly food distributions for individuals residing at Park View Village Apartments, a low-income housing community.

Food distributed through the program included USDA shelf-stable items such as canned vegetables, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice, whole grains, and other nutritious staples. When available, recipients also received fresh fruits and vegetables.

Over the 12-month grant period, the program distributed approximately 108,000 pounds of food, equivalent to 90,000 meals. Each participating household received an average of 45 pounds of food per month. This assistance resulted in an estimated annual savings of \$1,125 per household, allowing families to redirect those savings toward other essential needs such as housing, utilities, transportation, and healthcare.

The CEO for Make a Wish Foundation mentioned that they will be using funding for two wishes for children with critical illnesses. She informed the board members that the wishes vary from child to child. She explained the process of how the children decide what their wish is. She emphasized the importance of these wishes and the impact they have on each child.

Camp University shared that they help adults that have graduated from high school that have different disabilities. She shared that CAMP stands for can achieve maximum potential. Camp had five students from the City of Pharr. They hold different activities like lemonade stands to learn different aspects of business. Executive Director Pam Voss invited board members to tour the facility.

Ave Frontera was represented by Virginia Santana. She mentioned that they hold meetings with the family members in the agency every 15 days on important topics. They collaborate with UTRVG, STC, and Valley Grande Institute. A young lady accompanied Ms. Santana to showcase that Ave Frontera helps with opportunities to serve the community. She explained that Ave Frontera provides access to educational resources. She mentioned that AI was an area they were beginning to explore.

Silver Ribbon Miss. Ochoa introduced herself. She mentioned that the mission is to provide advocacy to prevent elderly abuse. The organization was formed in 1996 by APS workers. In 2002 Silver Ribbon became a nonprofit. They help with utility assistance, rent assistance, or medical equipment. Miss. Ochoa mentioned that there is a lot of need for the elderly, especially with the economy.

Miss. Ochoa allowed her employee Lucy to share a few words. Lucy shared that Miss. Ochoa had confidence in her and gave her the opportunity to work for her.

Children's Advocacy representative Ms. Ochoa shared that they provide forensic interviewing for children who have been abused physically, sexually, or have witnessed

a violent crime. There are advocates that help families with the next steps. They also offer therapy, and partner with law enforcement agencies. Once they are helped through Children's Advocacy, they are allowed to receive therapy at any time it is needed. They work on putting perpetrators away and Ms. Ochoa said that is the best part of her job. She believes they are in the business of hope, healing, and justice. Last year alone they helped 183 children from Pharr. She shared CDBG funds equal to 11% of their funding.

Women Together shared that they have 48 years in service. The only shelter for domestic violence, and sexual survivors in the county. She shared that they work closely with law enforcement, hospitals, and schools. Last year the shelter had 143 citizens of Pharr. These individuals also look for counseling, and these services can be for the person or the family.

CASA was represented by Grants Manager Stephanie. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. The organization serves children who have experienced abuse or neglect and are involved in the child welfare system. CASA volunteers complete 30 hours of training over three weekends before being sworn in and appointed by a judge. Once appointed, they are granted access to the child's case information and work alongside the court to advocate for the child's best interests throughout the case.

In addition to advocacy services, CASA provides school supplies to children each year and will be hosting its annual school supply drive on August 17. The organization also holds a Christmas party to help children experience a sense of normalcy and celebration during the holiday season.

During this fiscal year, CASA has served 231 children in Hidalgo County, including 10 children from the City of Pharr.

CASA respectfully requested \$3,000 from the City of Pharr to help support advocacy services provided to children in the community. These funds will help cover staff time required to support each child, including attending meetings, maintaining communication with CPS caseworkers, attorneys, caregivers, and placements, reviewing case updates, and ensuring each child's needs and best interests are consistently presented before the court.

The City's support would allow CASA to continue providing stable, consistent advocacy for children in Pharr during some of the most difficult and uncertain times in their lives. CASA expressed its gratitude for the City of Pharr's consideration and continued investment in the well-being of the community's children.

C. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PROSPECTIVE SUBRECIPIENTS AND SET RECOMMENDED FUNDING AMOUNTS

Chairwoman Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Board Member Lucio Gaitan **moved** to approve prospective subrecipients and set recommended funding amounts. Board Member Victor Alvarez seconded the motion, and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the board, Board Member Victor Alvarez **moved** to adjourn. Board Member Frank Santana seconded the motion and when put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Olga Cardoza, Chairwoman

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

ON THIS THE 18th DAY OF JUNE 2026 the Community Development Council Board of the City of Pharr, Texas, convened in a **Regular Called Meeting** at the Commissioner's Room located at 118 S. Cage Blvd, 2nd Floor, Pharr, Texas. The meeting being open to the public notice of the said meeting, giving the date, place, subject hereof, having been posted in accordance with Chapter 551. Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act) and there being a present quorum, I, **KIMBERLY HERNANDEZ, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY HERNANDEZ
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

APPROVED: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.B.

DATE SUBMITTED: July 14, 2026

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2026

FROM: Kimberly Hernandez,
Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT: GMCD

DIRECTOR: Napoleon Coca

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