



Mayor Oscar D. Montoya
Commissioner Joe Martinez
Commissioner Armando Garcia

Commissioner Dr. Jacob Howell
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Ruben Saldana
City Manager Alberto Perez

MERCEDES CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
MERCEDES CITY HALL – COMMISSION CHAMBERS
400 S. OHIO AVE., MERCEDES, TX 78570

“At any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.”

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Establish Quorum

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Open Forum-

6. Presentation:

- a. Presentation by Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP of the Collection Report October 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
- b. Presentation of the Draft Budget for DCM for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting(s) held July 30, 2024, August 6, 2024 & August 12, 2024
- b. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-08 to adopt the City of Mercedes Budget for FY 24-25

8. Management Items: *Present, discuss, consider and possibly take action regarding:*

- a. Request for Funding from VIDA for FY 24-25
- b. Approval to Appoint Members to the Library Board

9. Ordinances/Resolutions:

- a. Approval of Resolution 2024-25 to establish a fund account for the Mercedes Historical Preservation Commission fundraising
- b. Approval of Grant Reimbursement for Historically designated property located at 402 S. Texas

10. Bids/Contracts:

- a. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Police Services between the City of Mercedes and the Mercedes ISD

11. Monthly Departmental Reports:

- a. Rec Center, Planning, City Sec/HR, Library, Public Works, Finance, Fire Dept. Police Dept.

12. Executive Session: *Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.087 (Economic Development)*

- a. Discussion with City Manager regarding personnel matters – Section 551.074
- b. Consultation with Attorney regarding update on litigation -Section 551.071
- c. Consultation with Attorney regarding contracts – Section 551.071
- d. Consultation with Attorney regarding Economic Development Projects – 551.087

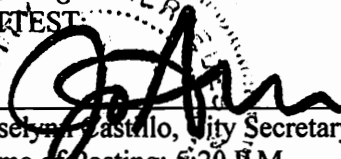
13. Open Session:

- a. Possible Action pertaining to executive session item a
- b. Possible Action pertaining to executive session item b
- c. Possible Action pertaining to executive session item c
- d. Possible Action pertaining to executive session item d

14. Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that the City Commissioners of the City of Mercedes, Texas will meet in a *Special Meeting* on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Said meeting will be conducted in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall located at 400 S. Ohio, Mercedes, Texas for the purpose of considering and taking formal action regarding the items listed above. This notice is given in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 et. Seq.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY THIS THE 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

ATTEST:

Joselyn Castillo, City Secretary
Time of Posting: 5:20 P.M.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The City of Mercedes recognizes its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to provide equal access to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the City Manager's Office at (956) 565-3114 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting with requests for reasonable accommodations, including requests for a sign language interpreter.

WHEN EXPERIENCE, REPUTATION AND PERFORMANCE MATTER



CITY OF MERCED THIRD-QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 COLLECTION REPORT

Submitted by: *Hiram A. Gutierrez & Janelle V. Caso*
August 2024
www.pbfc.com



COLLECTION PROGRAM

October 2023 – June 2024

The following is a brief overview of the collection activities of Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP for the **City of Mercedes** for delinquent tax collections for the period of October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

PRE-LITIGATION

October 2023 – June 2024



Phone Contacts

1,255



Letters Mailed

918



Address Updates

264

PRE-LITIGATION

October 2023 – June 2024



Field Inspections

142



Payment Agreements

16

Delinquent Taxpayers

\$26,275

Base Tax

LITIGATION

October 2023 – June 2024



Original Petitions/Interventions

64
\$248,219 Base Tax



Tax Warrants

1
\$6,419 Base Tax



Federal Court Representation

6 Bankruptcy
\$11,095 Base Tax

TAX SALES

October 2023 – June 2024

TOTAL COLLECTED: \$62,024

5

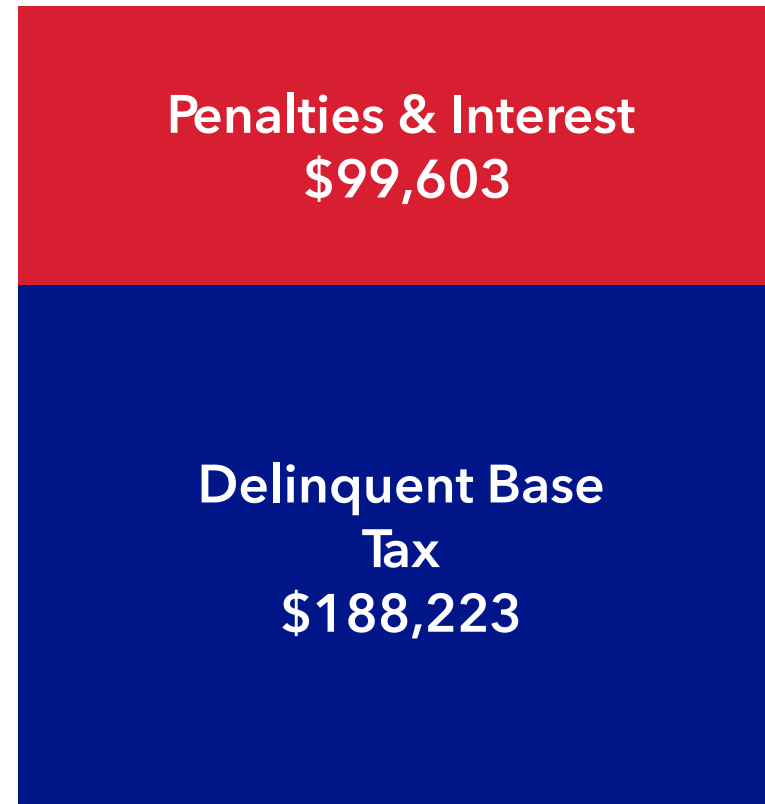
Tax Sale
Properties

- *3 Sold: \$55,495*
- *2 Payment Agreements/Paid In Full: \$6,529*

TAX COLLECTIONS

October 2023 – June 2024

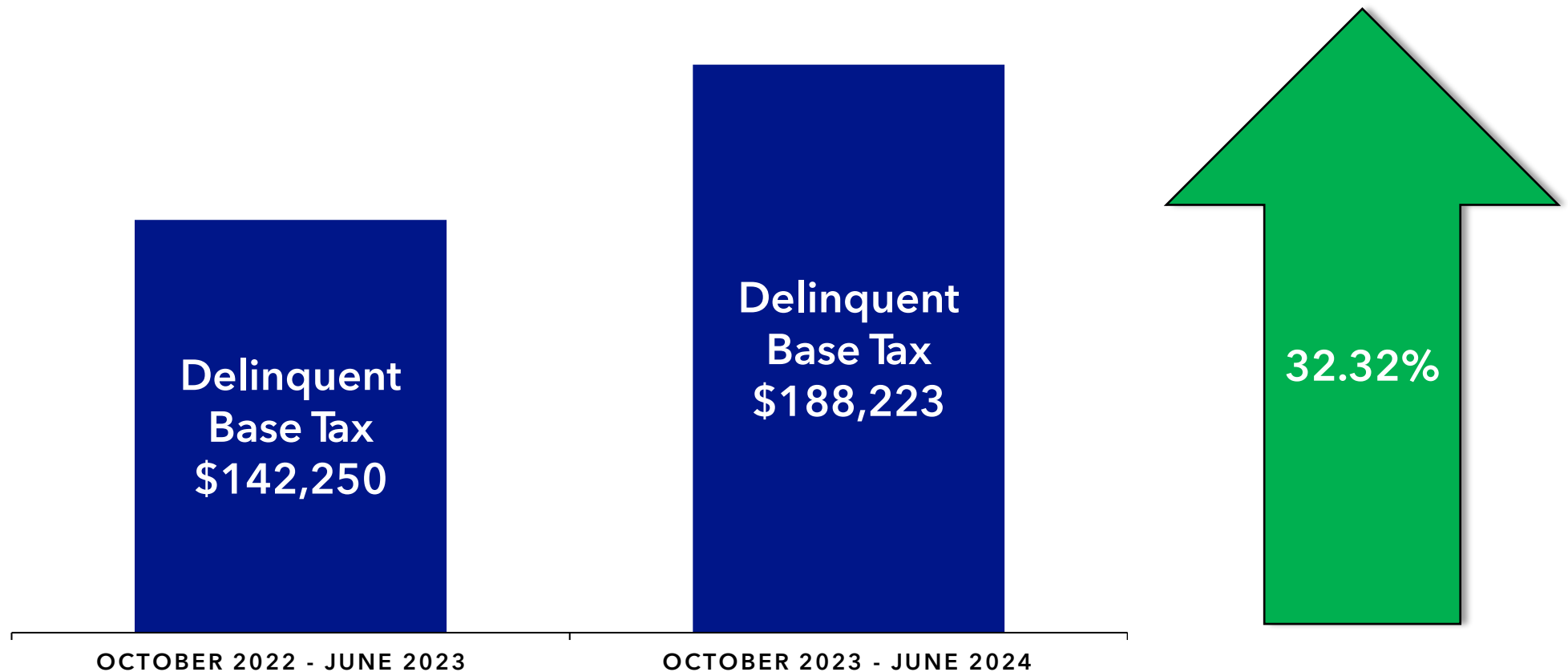
TOTAL COLLECTED: \$287,826



TAX COLLECTIONS

Third-Quarter Comparison

INCREASED: \$45,973



Source: Hidalgo County Tax Office



COLLECTION PROGRAM

October 2023 – June 2024

The following is a brief overview of the collection activities of Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP for the **City of Mercedes** for delinquent court fines and fees for the period of October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

ACTIVITIES

October 2023 – June 2024



Phone Contacts

1,409



Letters Mailed

4,322



Address Updates

340

COURT COLLECTIONS

October 2023 – June 2024

TOTAL LIQUIDATED: \$47,478

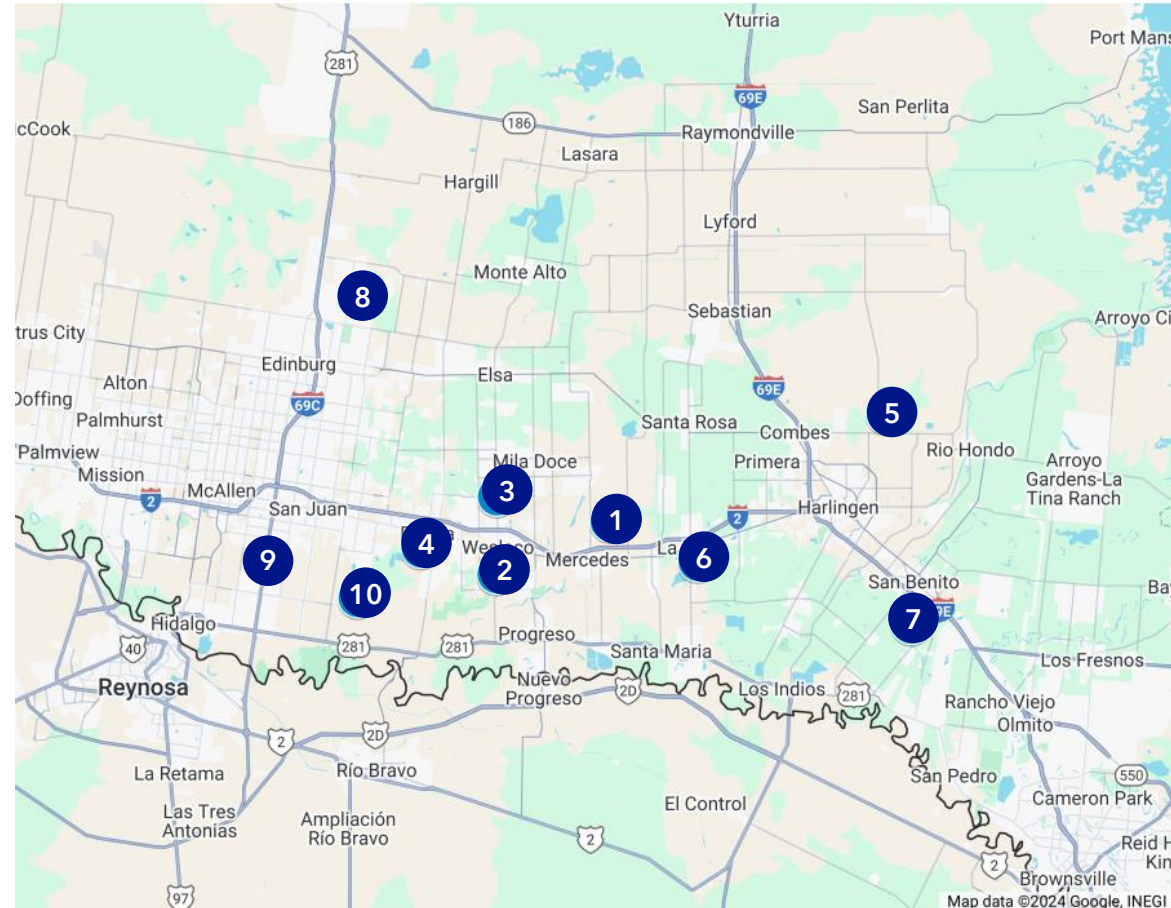


Source: City Of Mercedes Collections Based On Invoiced Accounts Including Collection Fees

TOP 10 ZIP CODES BY DEBTORS

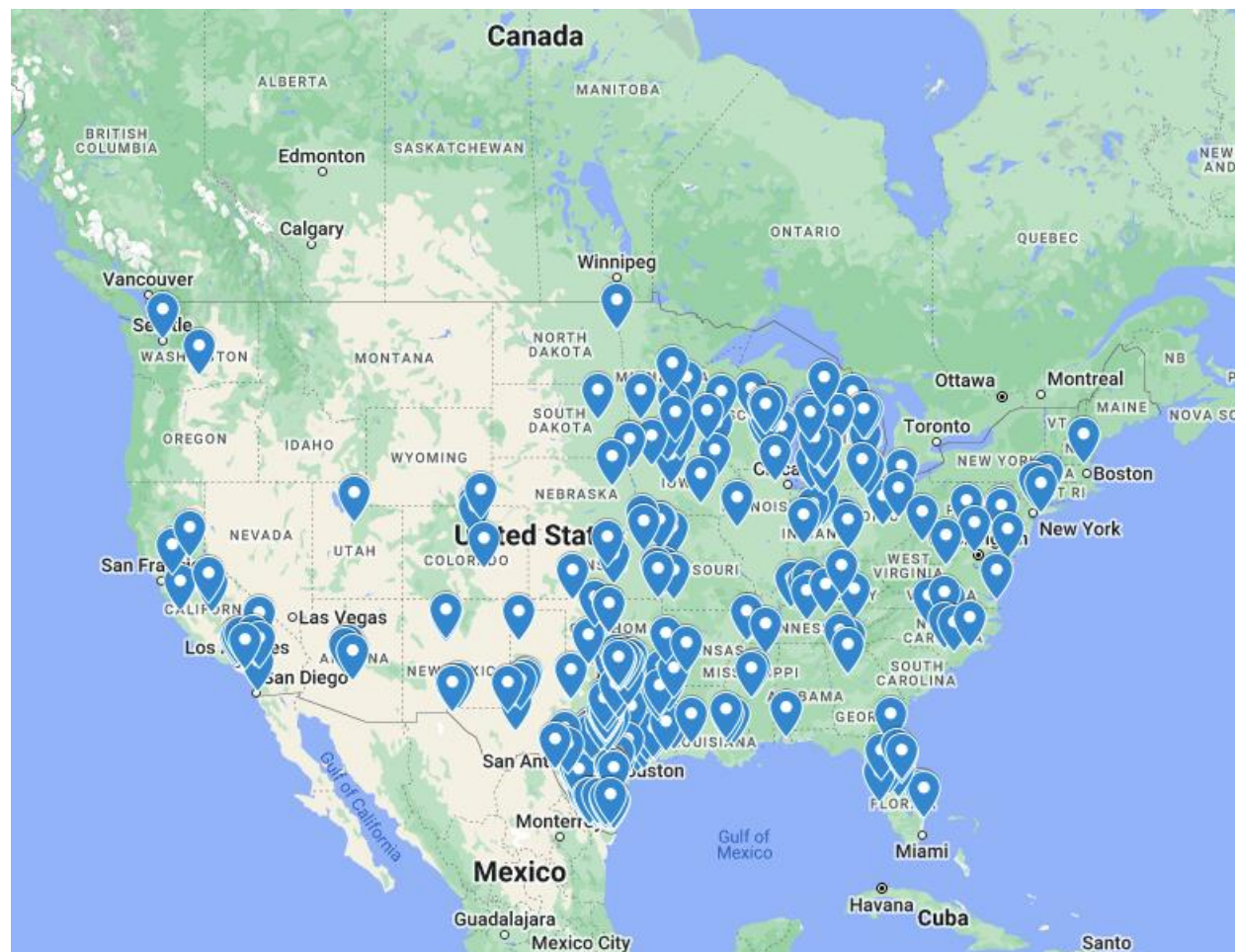
October 2023 – June 2024

1	78570	• \$949,092 (1,806)
2	78596	• \$197,740 (469)
3	78599	• \$72,048 (153)
4	78537	• \$56,021 (123)
5	78550	• \$40,897 (93)
6	78559	• \$37,315 (88)
7	78586	• \$20,424 (58)
8	78542	• \$21,246 (50)
9	78577	• \$15,063 (47)
10	78516	• \$20,411 (46)



ALL ACCOUNTS

October 2023 – June 2024



COURT COLLECTIONS

August 2016 – June 2024

TOTAL LIQUATED: \$574,021



Source: City Of Mercedes Collections Based On Invoiced Accounts Including Collection Fees

WHEN EXPERIENCE, REPUTATION AND PERFORMANCE MATTER



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DEPOSITS

	October	November	December	January	February
22-23	\$ 166,103.71	\$ 154,039.52	\$ 141,318.06	\$ 186,410.25	\$ 262,289.27
23-24	\$ 184,292.03	\$ 167,935.43	\$ 164,569.86	\$ 237,600.85	\$ 308,314.19

%INCREASE	9.87%	8.27%	14.13%	21.54%	14.93%
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Projected Sales Tax Revenue		\$ 2,000,000.00	
Total Collected to Date			Difference
October		\$ 184,292.03	
November		\$ 167,935.43	
December		\$ 164,569.86	
January		\$ 237,600.85	
February		\$ 308,314.19	
March		\$ 168,175.63	\$ (27,159.91)
April		\$ 157,673.41	\$ (12,858.74)
May		\$ 219,061.61	\$ (38,721.65)
June		\$ 164,790.99	\$ (3,209.10)
July		\$ 166,550.52	\$ (10,084.79)
August		\$ 183,623.36	\$ (12,728.66)
<i>Projected</i> September		\$ 196,231.21	734,493.42
	Total	\$ 2,318,819.09	
	Difference	\$ 318,819.09	Amend Budget

SEPT 2023 ENDING BALANCE	1,017,498.47
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Expenses

	\$ 13,410.34		July 2024 ending
August 2024	\$ 80,202.59		Projected Sales
Sept 2024	\$ 211,658.41	includes outlet rebate projections	Projected Expenses
	\$ 305,271.34		

March	April	May	June	July	August	September
\$ 141,015.72	\$ 144,814.67	\$ 180,339.96	\$ 161,581.89	\$ 156,465.73	\$ 170,894.70	\$ 193,231.21
\$ 168,175.63	\$ 157,673.41	\$ 219,061.61	\$ 164,790.99	\$ 166,550.52	\$ 183,623.36	\$ -
16.15%	8.16%	17.68%	1.95%	6.06%	6.93%	#DIV/0!

\$ 183,623.36

ng	\$ 633,677.52
s Tax	\$ 379,854.57
nses	\$ 305,271.34
	\$ 708,260.75

Total
\$ 2,058,504.69
\$ 2,122,587.88

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES
DRAFT BUDGET FY24-25

SOURCES OF CASH		FY 23-24 BUDGET	FY 23-24 BUDGET AMEND	FY 24-25 DRAFT BUDGET
TAXES				
25-44040	SALES TAX	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,211,052.24	\$ 2,382,483.14
TOTAL TAXES		\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,211,052.24	\$ 2,382,483.14
MISCELLANEOUS				
25-44020	INTEREST- TXCLASS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
25-44026	INTEREST-L&G CONCRETE			
25-44027	INTEREST-MD INT'L (ORBIT)			
25-44041	LOAN PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS			
25-44097	CARRY OVER FUNDS	\$ 709,000.00	\$ 1,017,498.47	\$ 708,260.75
	TXCLASS	\$ 143,660.98	\$ 143,660.98	\$ 217,451.21
	INTEREST- ELIAS GONZALEZ			
	REAL ESTATE SALES			
	OTHER INCOME- CITY REIMBURSEMENTS			
	OTHER INCOME- CITY PMT MKTG	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
	OTHER INCOME- CITY PMT VTX	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		\$ 1,006,660.98	\$ 1,315,159.45	\$ 1,079,711.96
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 3,006,660.98	\$ 3,526,211.69	\$ 3,462,195.10

Hard Commitments

FY18-19

9/1/2019 Orchard Grove	100,000.00
9/18/2019 Knapp Medical Center	150,000.00
	250,000.00

FY19-20

9/30/2019 Rios of Mercedes	25,400.00
11/16/2019 OA Mercedes Health Re	118,000.00
3/27/2020 Bert Ogden	60,000.00
4/9/2020 TRLA	25,000.00
5/22/2020 RGVLS	50,000.00
6/1/2020 Cortinos	58,302.00
9/1/2020 Orchard Grove	100,000.00
9/18/2020 Knapp Medical Center	150,000.00
9/30/2020 Rios of Mercedes	50,800.00

637,502.00

July Balance	513,071.28
Sales Tax Jul-Sept	300,000.00
Total	813,071.28
Expenses	
Incentives	(250,000.00)
Aug	(73,530.16)
Sept	(55,542.74)

50800 Total	433,998.38
TXCLASS	99,000.00
30000 Total Carry Over	532,998.38

25000

25400

1,800,000,000.00 3,600,000.00

900,000.00 450,000.00

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES
DRAFT BUDGET FY 24-25

USES OF CASH

PERSONNEL COSTS

		FY23-24 BUDGET	FY 23-24 AMENDMENT	FY 24-25 DRAFT
25-510-1010	SALARIES	\$ 208,200.00	\$ 208,200.00	\$ 208,500.00
25-510-1015	AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE	\$ -		
25-510-1100	TMRS CONTRIBUTION	\$ 38,100.60	\$ 38,100.60	\$ 38,100.60
25-510-1120	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 12,908.40	\$ 12,980.40	\$ 15,343.77
25-510-1140	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
25-510-1160	HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 20,844.00	\$ 21,460.00	\$ 21,460.00
	VISION \$432			
	DENTAL \$184.32			
25-510-1180	WORKER'S COMP	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00
25-510-xxxx	CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
TOTAL PERSONEL COSTS		\$ 283,283.00	\$ 283,971.00	\$ 286,634.37

OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES

25-510-2020	Audit	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
25-510-2012	Automobile Mileage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
25-510-2014	Billboards	\$ -		
25-510-2134	Bld Lease \$18,000	\$ 16,791.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
25-510-2340	Chamber	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 53,500.00
	Texas Street Festival \$15,000			
	Dues \$5,000			
	Annual Banquet \$2,000			
	Little Nashville \$30,000			
	Mixers \$1500			

25-510-2011	Contract Labor- Writer	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
25-510-2102	Crime Insurance	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
25-510-2036	Downtown Development	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
25-510-2165	Electricity	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00
25-510-2142	Janitorial	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 13,200.00
25-510-2125	Legal	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
25-510-2021	Loan Fees- EDC	\$ 750.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 1,100.00
25-510-xxxx	Leadership Empowerment Group	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
25-510-xxxx	Real Estate Closing Costs			
25-510-2010	Marketing & Promotion	\$ 13,150.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 45,150.00
	GeoTours	\$3750		
	Social Media	\$5000		
	Loopnet	\$2000		
	GeoFence	\$5000		
	Merchant Campaign	\$2400		
	Murals	\$15,000		
	Influencers	\$10,000		
	Marketing Collateral	\$2,000		
25-510-2095	Meetings	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,900.00
25-510-2130	Membership/Subs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,800.00
25-510-2133	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
25-510-2080	Office Equipment- Lease	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
25-510-xxxx	Outlet Mall Oct 2018-Oct 2028	\$ 530,000.00	\$ 530,000.00	\$ 550,000.00
25-510-2320	Professional Fees- Accounting	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
25-510-xxxx	Project Orchard Grove Apartments	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
25-510-xxxx	Project RGV Livestock Show Park	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
25-510-2362	Project Rios of Mercedes	\$ 51,400.00	\$ 51,400.00	\$ 51,400.00
25-510-2365	Project VIDA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
25-510-xxxx	Project La Herencia			
25-510-xxxx	Project Travel Center			
25-510-xxxx	Project Southern Tire Mart	\$ 217,800.00	\$ 217,800.00	\$ -
25-510-2335	Projects	\$ 826,056.98	\$ 1,330,069.78	\$ 1,366,020.85
	M30 \$1,000,000			
	3rd Street Electrical \$2,250			

25-510-2144	Receptionist		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
	Receptionist	\$12,000			
	Health	\$2,000			
25-510-2355	Series 2007- Interest		\$ 45,500.00	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 34,807.50
25-510-2356	Series 2007- Principle		\$ 235,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 279,807.50
25-510-2310	Sponsorships		\$ 18,850.00	\$ 21,850.00	\$ 27,850.00
	Aurora House March	\$1,100			
	Aurora House Gala	\$2,000			
	Smokin' on the Rio	\$12,500			
	RGV Livestock Show	\$7,000			
	Newspapers in Schools	\$250			
	RGVLS Fall Fest	\$2,000			
	RGVLS Gala	\$3,000			
25-510-2025	Telephones		\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 4,800.00
25-510-2371	TLF Repayment- Interest		\$ 10,390.08	\$ 10,390.08	\$ 1,201.06
25-510-2372	TLF Repayment- Principle		\$ 127,209.84	\$ 127,209.84	\$ 56,253.74
25-510-2150	Travel & Training		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 48,540.00
	ICSC Texas	\$15,000			
	ICSC Las Vegas	\$15,000			
	Retail Live!	\$8,540			
	IAAPA	\$10,000			
25-510-xxxx	VTX Note		\$ 250,000.08	\$ 250,000.08	\$ 250,000.08
25-510-2160	Water Bill		\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,800.00
25-510-2131	Website		\$ 7,980.00	\$ 7,980.00	\$ 7,980.00
TOTAL OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES			\$ 2,683,177.98	\$ 3,201,324.78	\$ 3,104,510.73
MAINTENANCE					
25-510-2520	OFFICE EQUIPMENT		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
25-510-2540	MAINTENANCE		\$ 31,200.00	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 57,200.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE			\$ 37,200.00	\$ 37,200.00	\$ 67,200.00
SUPPLIES					
25-510-3050	OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,250.00
	Adobe Creative Cloud	\$419.88			
TOTAL SUPPLIES			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,250.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

25-510-4005 FURNITURE & FIXTURES

\$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,515.91 \$ 1,600.00

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

\$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,515.91 \$ 1,600.00

TOTAL 10-DEVELOPMENT CORP. OF MERC

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 3,006,660.98 \$ 3,526,211.69 \$ 3,462,195.10

\$ -

FY24-25 Mercedes Marketing Plan

2.0 <u>ID</u>	Marketing <u>Project</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Creative</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>23-24 Cost</u>	<u>24-25 Cost</u>	
2.1	Publications							
2.1.1	Valley Business Report	City	Tourism	Regional	Annual	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	
						\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	
2.2	Tradeshows							
2.2.1	ICSC Texas	EDC	Mix Use Development	San Antonio	November	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000	
2.2.2	ICSC Recon	EDC	Mix Use Development	Las Vegas	May	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
2.2.3	Retail Live!	EDC	Mix Use Development	Austin		\$ -	\$ 8,540	
2.2.4	IAAPA	EDC	Retail Development	Orlando	November	\$ -	\$ 10,000	The Global Association for the Attractions Industry
						\$ 5,000	\$ 48,540	
2.3	Online							
2.3.1	mercedesedc.com	EDC	Organization	Mercedes	Annual	\$ 7,980	\$ 7,980	
2.3.2	mercedeschamber.com	Chamber	Organization	Mercedes	Annual	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
2.3.3	cityofmercedes.com	City	Organization	Mercedes	Annual	\$ -	\$ -	
2.3.4	facebook.com	Chamber/EDC	Social	Mercedes	Annual	\$ -	\$ -	
2.3.5	Loopnet/CoStar	EDC	Mix Use Development	Mercedes	Annual	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
						\$ 13,980	\$ 13,980	
2.4	Collateral							
2.4.1	Market Profile	EDC	Mix Use Development	Mercedes	Annual	\$ -	\$ -	
						\$ -	\$ -	
2.5	Billboards							
2.5.1	Benchmark	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	Annual	\$ -	\$ -	
2.5.2	Shared Billboard Chamber/DCM	Chamber/EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	Annual	\$ -	\$ -	
2.5.3	Chamber	Chamber	Tourism	Mercedes	Annual	\$ -	\$ -	
2.5.4	Lone Star Logos	City	Tourism	Mercedes	Annual	\$ 12,825	\$ 12,825	
						\$ 12,825	\$ 12,825	
2.6	Sponsorships							
2.6.1	Valley Morning Star	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	October	\$ 250	\$ 250	
2.6.2	Smokin on the Rio	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	February	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	
	Smokin on the Rio	City	Tourism	Mercedes	February	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	
2.6.3	National Professional Bullriders	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	February	\$ -	\$ -	
	National Professional Bullriders	City	Tourism	Mercedes	February	\$ -	\$ -	
2.6.4	RGV Livestock Show	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	March	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000	
	RGV Livestock Show	City	Tourism	Mercedes	March	\$ -	\$ -	
2.6.5	Birding Classic	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes		\$ -	\$ -	
2.6.6	Fiesta del Rio	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	November	\$ -	\$ -	
	Fiesta del Rio	City	Tourism	Mercedes	November	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
2.6.7	Elida Fest	City	Tourism	Mercedes	July	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
2.6.8	RGV Livestock Show GALA	EDC		Mercedes	December	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
2.6.9	RGV Livestock Show Fall Fest	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	October	\$ -	\$ 2,000	

2.6.10	RGV Livestock Show Music Fest	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	July	\$	-	\$	-
2.6.11	Auora House	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	December			\$	2,000
2.6.12	Auora House	EDC	Tourism	Mercedes	April	\$	1,100	\$	1,100
						\$	43,850	\$	52,850
2.7	Memberships								
2.7.1	Chamber	EDC	Tourism/Mixed Use Devel	Mercedes		\$	5,000	\$	5,000
2.7.2	Chamber	City	Tourism/Mixed Use Devel	Mercedes		\$	6,000	\$	6,000
						\$	11,000	\$	11,000
2.8	Television/Radio								
2.8.1	Merchant Campaign	City	Tourism/Investment	Regional	Annually	\$	2,400	\$	2,400
	Merchant Campaign	EDC	Tourism/Investment	Regional	Annually	\$	2,400	\$	2,400
2.8.2	Spectrum	City	Tourism/Investment	International	Annually	\$	24,000	\$	24,000
2.8.3	Advertising in Mexico	City	Tourism/Investment	International	Annually	\$	13,000	\$	13,000
						\$	41,800	\$	41,800
2.9	Chamber								
2.9.1	Texas Street Festival	City	Tourism	International		\$	60,000	\$	60,000
2.9.2	Texas Street Festival	EDC	Tourism	International		\$	15,000	\$	15,000
2.9.3	Little Nashville	EDC	Tourism	Regional		\$	-	\$	30,000
2.9.4	Marketing Collateral	City	Tourism	International		\$	5,000	\$	5,000
2.9.5	Annual Banquet	City		Regional		\$	2,000	\$	2,000
	Annual Banquet	EDC				\$	2,000	\$	2,000
2.9.6	Christmas Parade	City	Tourism	Regional		\$	4,000	\$	4,000
2.9.7	Winter Texas Reception	City	Tourism	National		\$	3,000	\$	3,000
2.9.8	Mercedes Leadership	City	Tourism	International		\$	1,000	\$	1,000
2.9.9	Movies in the Park	City	Tourism	Mercedes		\$	4,000	\$	4,000
2.9.9.1	Mixers	EDC	Development	Regional				\$	1,500
						\$	96,000	\$	127,500
3.0	Direct Marketing								
3.1.1	GeoTours	EDC	Tourism	International	Annually	\$	3,750	\$	3,750
3.1.2	GeoFencing	EDC	Tourism	International		\$	-	\$	5,000
						\$	3,750	\$	8,750
4.0	Social Media								
4.1.1	Writer	EDC	Tourism/Investment	Regional	Annually	\$	6,000	\$	6,000
4.1.2	Business Commercials	EDC	Tourism/Investment	International	Annually	\$	12,000	\$	-
4.1.3	Social Media Advertising	EDC	Tourism/Investment	International	Annually	\$	5,000	\$	5,000
4.1.4	Social Media Advertising	City	Tourism/Investment	International	Annually	\$	5,000	\$	5,000
4.1.5	Influencers	EDC	Tourism/Investment	International	Annually	\$	-	\$	10,000
						\$	28,000	\$	26,000
5.0	Other								
5.1.1	Murals	EDC	Tourism	International		\$	15,000	\$	15,000
						\$	15,000	\$	15,000
					TOTAL	\$	276,005	\$	363,045

CITY	\$	172,025	\$	172,025
DCM	\$	99,980	\$	189,520

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on Friday, July 12, 2024 the City Manager of the City of Mercedes, Texas filed a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 with the City Secretary of said City; and

WHEREAS, as required, a public hearing was called and held on August 12, 2024 in reference to said budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS:

That the proposed budget now on file at City Hall, 400 South Ohio Avenue, Mercedes, Texas be and is hereby approved and adopted as the actual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, and that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and

That this Ordinance shall become and be effective in accordance with the City Charter of the City of Mercedes, Texas and the laws of the State of Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING THIS THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING THIS THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

Oscar D. Montoya Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

Martie Garcia-Vela, City Attorney

June 20, 2024

Albert Perez
City Manager
City of Mercedes
400 South Ohio Ave.
Mercedes, Texas 78570

Dear Mr. Albert Perez,

Thank you for the continued partnership between the City of Mercedes and VIDA to provide customized financial assistance and wraparound support services to Mercedes residents from low-income backgrounds. This partnership ensures Mercedes residents have equitable education and workforce development opportunities in high-demand occupations for a more prosperous future.

As you initiate the process of budget planning for next fiscal year, we hope you may review VIDA's proposed project as a valuable initiative for funding consideration. With Mercedes's continued investment, VIDA will have the opportunity to provide essential services to our underserved demographic, ensuring career training persistence and completion. To highlight the positive outcomes and deliverables of our current grant project please find enclosed the following:

- City of Mercedes Grant Progress Report year-to-date for FY 23-24
- VIDA's 2023 Annual Report
- VIDA's Funding Proposal for FY 24-25

A recent Economic Impact Study conducted by UTRGV demonstrates that VIDA's work has a positive incremental economic impact in the Rio Grande Valley. The study reports that for every \$1 invested in VIDA and its participants, there is a \$15.69 return on investment to our communities. This information translates to a return on the community's investment of \$51.9 million in additional jobs, income, taxes, and output in the local economy.

VIDA respectfully requests a continued investment of \$25,000 to serve a minimum of five Mercedes residents in FY 24-25. Your commitment to empowering our at-risk demographic with the necessary resources and tools to break the cycle of poverty and promote economic mobility is critical for enhancing employment opportunities and responding to the needs of local industry. We look forward to continuing our work in partnership with the City of Mercedes to impact sustainable economic growth in the region, educating one life at a time.

Sincerely,



Felida Villarreal, CPA
President & CEO

City of Mercedes Progress Report FY 2023-2024

For every \$1 invested in VIDA's program, there is a return of \$15.69 to the communities we serve.

Economic Impact Study 2024 - The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Data & Information Systems Center.

Average Salary Reported Upon Graduation: \$57,200 as of June 20, 2024

2023-2024 AT-A-Glance	
14%	Between Age of 25-50
100%	Unemployed, Underemployed or Low Income
43%	1+ Dependent Child(ren) in the Household
71%	First Generation in College
City of Mercedes Investment: \$25,000	
Contractual Benchmark: 5	
Total Served to Date: 7	
Persistence Rate: 100%	

CREDENTIAL ANALYSIS

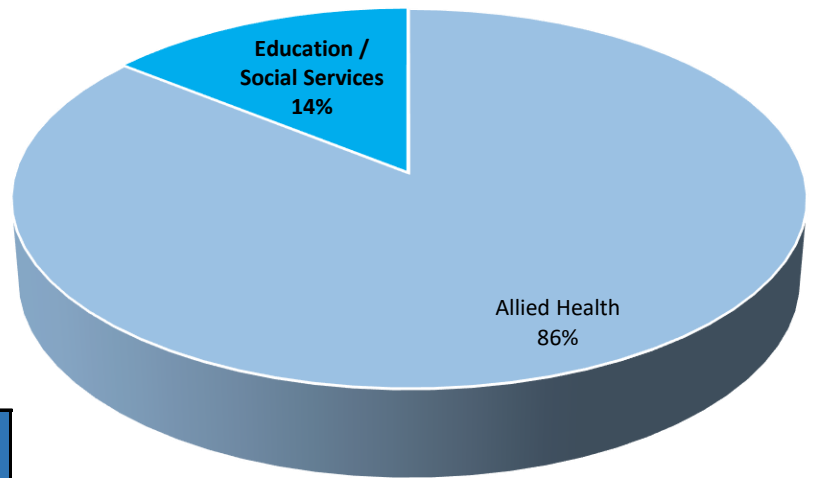
Graduates/Completers

Industry Recognized Credential	Certificate	Associate	Bachelor
0%	25%	0%	75%

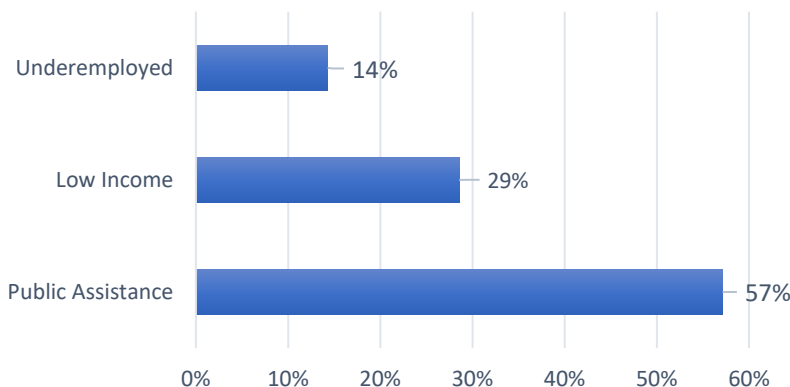
Active Students

Industry Recognized Credential	Certificate	Associate	Bachelor
0%	0%	67%	33%

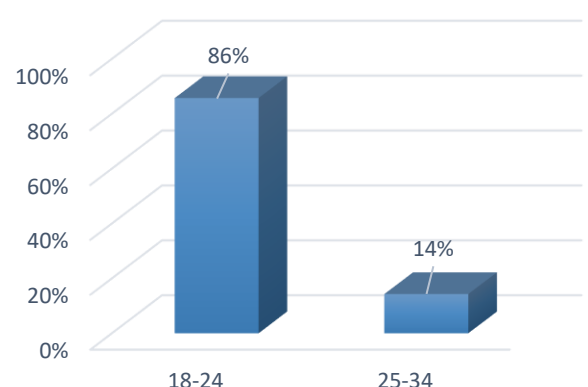
PROGRAM OF STUDY (BY INDUSTRY)



Financial Eligibility



Participant Age

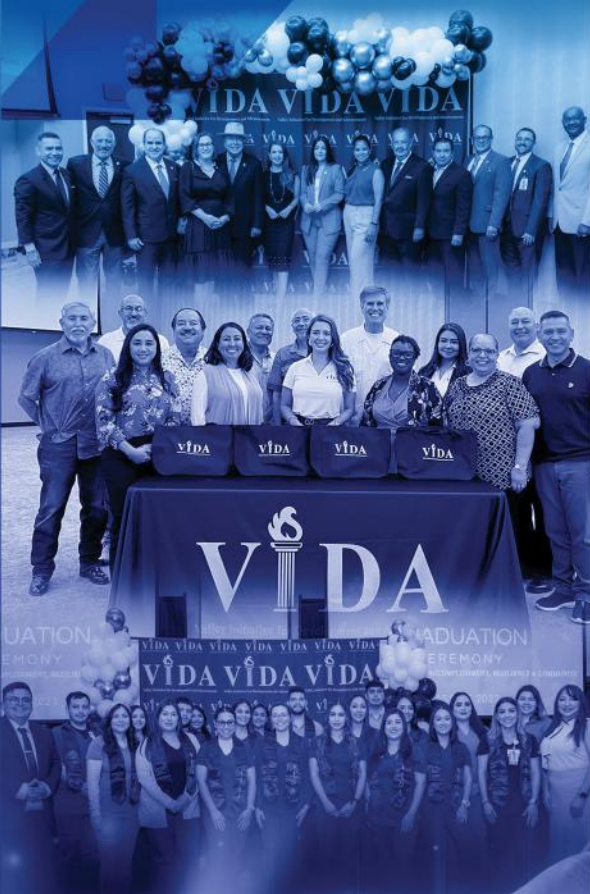


Some participants meet more than one eligibility factor.

VIDA

EDUCATING ONE LIFE AT A TIME SINCE 1995

Valley Initiative
for Development
and Advancement



IMPACTING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

IN THE REGION...ONE VIDA AT A TIME



2023

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

INSIGHTS

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

In 1995, a group of Valley Interfaith leaders and industry leaders from across the Rio Grande Valley came together, formed a vision, and founded a nonprofit organization.

In FY 2022 – 2023, that organization, VIDA, served over 600 participants, all striving to become self-sufficient by earning degrees, certificates, and licenses in high-demand fields.

It took years to develop the relationships and partnerships that have brought us to where we are today. Those years of development included building a strong reputation of success. **This year, VIDA participants reached a persistence rate of 96%.** Think of that. Ninety-six percent!

Consistent data like this has resulted in local, state, and national leaders recognizing the value of our strategic program model. They know, all too well, that while budgeting visionary projects is critical, we can't just pour money into our communities and sit back, waiting for them to flourish. Funders want to see a significant return on their investment.

VIDA accomplishes this through customized assistance based on each participant's needs. Our model keeps the participants as the foundation, adding financial assistance, individual and group counseling, industry speakers, and other supports to build them up so they can endure any challenges that come their way. The VIDA model also incorporates community service so our participants become actively engaged in communities throughout our region while showing our gratitude to these communities for sustaining us.

In 2022, Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez created the Hidalgo County Prosperity Task Force, designed to provide more County residents with the skills needed to lead prosperous, fulfilled lives while simultaneously growing the economic prosperity of our region with a skilled workforce that supports local industries and attracts new ones. Judge Cortez quickly identified VIDA as an essential partner for the Task Force because we have been fulfilling this mission successfully for close to 30 years.

Today, our VIDA staff and Board take our places at many tables, sitting alongside elected officials; members of city and county management; and education, industry, and civic leaders on a regular basis. ***VIDA is clearly recognized as a force for educational growth, job training and creation, and economic development.***

As many of you know, VIDA means "life" in Spanish. To sustain the work we do, we must rely on our investment partners. With the proper funding, we can educate even more of our people...one life at a time.



TONY AGUIRRE JR.

Managing Partner
Riverside Dvlp.
Services, LLC
McAllen City
Commissioner

VIDA

REFLECTIONS

FROM OUR
PRESIDENT and CEO

FELIDA VILLARREAL | CPA

As I reflect on my second year of serving as president and CEO of VIDA, I am filled with utmost gratitude and appreciation for the invaluable support and dedication of my entire team and board of directors toward advancing VIDA's mission. *I feel immensely proud of the monumental growth and accomplishments we have experienced in 2023, from being one of 25 organizations nationwide--and the only one in Texas--to secure a \$3 million Nursing Expansion Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to expanding our team to 18 individuals committed to workforce development across the RGV.* I am confident VIDA is poised for untold impact and success.

In addition to our internal growth, I am very pleased to witness an abundance of support from our community, strengthening existing partnerships and building new alliances. Thank you to all of our partners--local, state, and federal government; economic development entities; institutions of higher education; private foundations; employers; industry leaders; nonprofits; and community-based organizations--for your continued collaboration and trust in our program to accelerate student success, educating one life at a time. I strongly believe that, as a nonprofit organization with a more-than-29-year trajectory empowering learners from low-income backgrounds, we have incredible potential to continue impacting our communities; but working alongside our partners and through a collective effort, we can truly be limitless in promoting the economic development of our entire region through equitable education and workforce-training opportunities.

I am excited about the bright future ahead and look forward to the opportunity to unite efforts and resources that will continue to improve post-secondary educational outcomes for all while aligning career training with local industry demand.



We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community. —Cesar Chavez

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS | 2022 - 2023



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2023 ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY
Sai Mullapudi | Economic Development Research Manager

In March of 2024, researchers at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Data and Information Systems Center completed an economic impact study for the Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement. The summary of this study reads, as follows:

The economic impact analysis assesses the overall influence of VIDA on the local economy, primarily through its operational expenses and the wage increases earned by its graduates. **In the fiscal year '22-'23, VIDA allocated \$3.3 million toward its operating budget for administering programs and services. Additionally, VIDA graduates contributed \$25.2 million in wage increases.** These expenditures, both by VIDA and its graduates, generate a multiplier effect, creating and supporting additional jobs, income, taxes, and output in the local economy.

Collectively, the spending by VIDA on operating expenses and the wage increases of its graduates support 651 jobs, resulting in \$33.6 million in labor income, adding \$13.7 million to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and generating \$1.3 million in state and local taxes. This translates to a total economic output of \$51.9 million in the local economy.

Based on this economic output, for every \$1.00 invested in VIDA, there is a return of \$15.69 to the communities served. Table below provides a breakdown of the economic impact:

	EMPLOYMENT	LABOR INCOME	VALUE ADDED	OUTPUT
Direct Effect	651	\$ 26,512,042	\$ 1,001,157	\$ 28,706,821
Indirect Effect	7	\$ 336,844	\$ 547,436	\$ 1,280,245
Induced Effect	159	\$ 6,819,746	\$ 12,187,180	\$ 21,971,760
Total Effect	817	\$ 33,668,632	\$ 13,735,773	\$ 51,958,826
State and Local Tax				\$ 1,389,573

This comprehensive analysis demonstrates the significant positive impact of VIDA on the local economy, benefiting both the community and its residents.

METHODOLOGY

This study estimates the economic impact created by VIDA. With the local unemployment rate very high, an economic impact analysis of VIDA aims to help local leaders, the business community, and the investors gain perspective on how the funding invested in VIDA benefits the region. Using public information and audited financial data VIDA provided, this study estimates the aggregate value added to the local economy, plus direct and indirect jobs created by the program.

The economic impact study of VIDA was conducted using IMPLAN economic impact modeling software. The software captures the regional dollar flows from purchasers to producers using inter-industry transaction information for more than 500 industries. Production functions describing how much is spent in each industry (and the proportions) are created using inter-industry transaction data. A predictive model and the associated multipliers are then constructed to show how output changes with a change in final demand.

IMPLAN is used by more than 1,000 public and private institutions to enable users to make in-depth examinations

of state, multi-county, county, sub-county, and metropolitan regional economies. It is a nationally recognized, economic impact modeling software.

Final demand drives input-output models. Industries respond to meet demand directly or indirectly (by supplying goods and services to industries responding directly). Each industry that produces goods and services generates increasing demand for other goods and services for multiple rounds. These iterations generate multipliers, which are related to three kinds of effects:

- 1. Direct effects** are changes in the local economy caused by an economic change in the area.
- 2. Indirect effects** are changes in inter-industry transactions as supplying industries respond to increased demands from the directly affected industries.
- 3. Induced effects** reflect changes in inter-industry spending resulting from household spending. This spending comes from household income generated from the direct and indirect effects.

DEFINITIONS

- **Output** (gross sales)
- **Employment** (jobs)
- **Value Added** (gross regional product)

THE ONGOING DEMAND FOR VIDA

VIDA's official story begins in 1995, when community leaders from Valley Interfaith joined forces with private-industry leaders to address the significant number of underserved, underemployed, and unemployed residents in the Rio Grande Valley. The leaders recognized that by empowering these residents with tools, education, training, individual and group counseling, and personal development, they could thrive in their careers and in their personal lives.

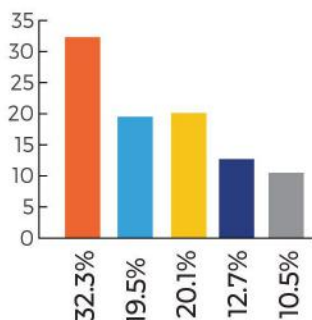
VIDA founders also recognized the impact would reach far beyond the individuals to their families, their communities, and the entire region by increasing the buying power of the individuals, reducing the number of people in need of government assistance, providing existing employers with a highly skilled workforce, and attracting new industries to the region.

"The VIDA Effect" can be felt in homes and communities throughout our region and beyond, and the need for VIDA persists. Breaking generational patterns of poverty and teaching people how to surmount obstacles they face as they endeavor to do so takes an unflinching commitment. We remain steadfast in fulfilling our philosophy and our mission as we serve our people.

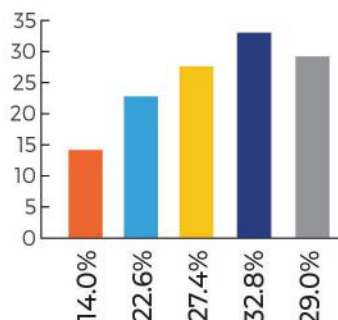
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

● Texas	\$ 73,035
● Cameron Co.	\$ 47,435
● Hidalgo Co.	\$ 49,371
● Starr Co.	\$ 35,979
● Willacy Co.	\$ 42,839

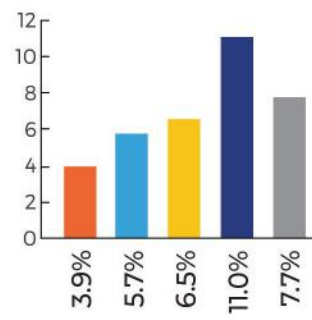
ADULTS 25+ WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREE (2018-2022)



PERSONS IN POVERTY

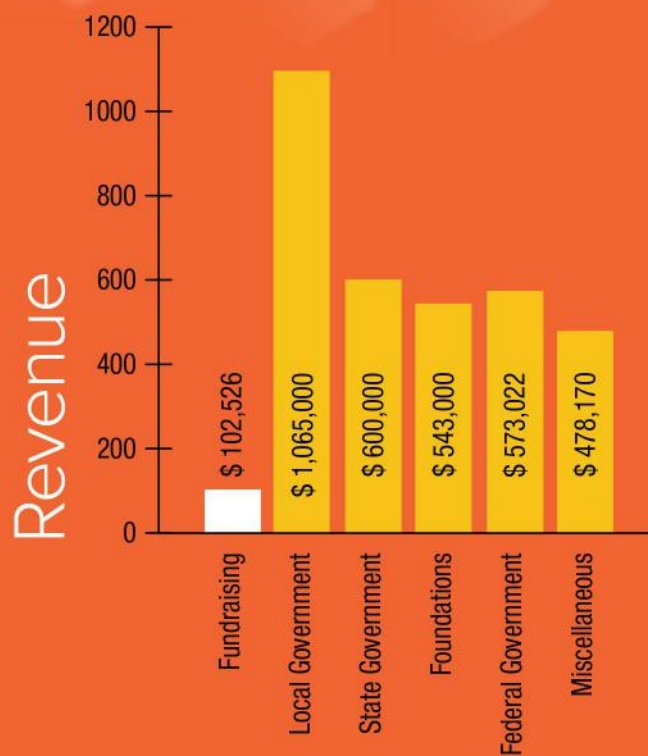


UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (OCTOBER 2022)



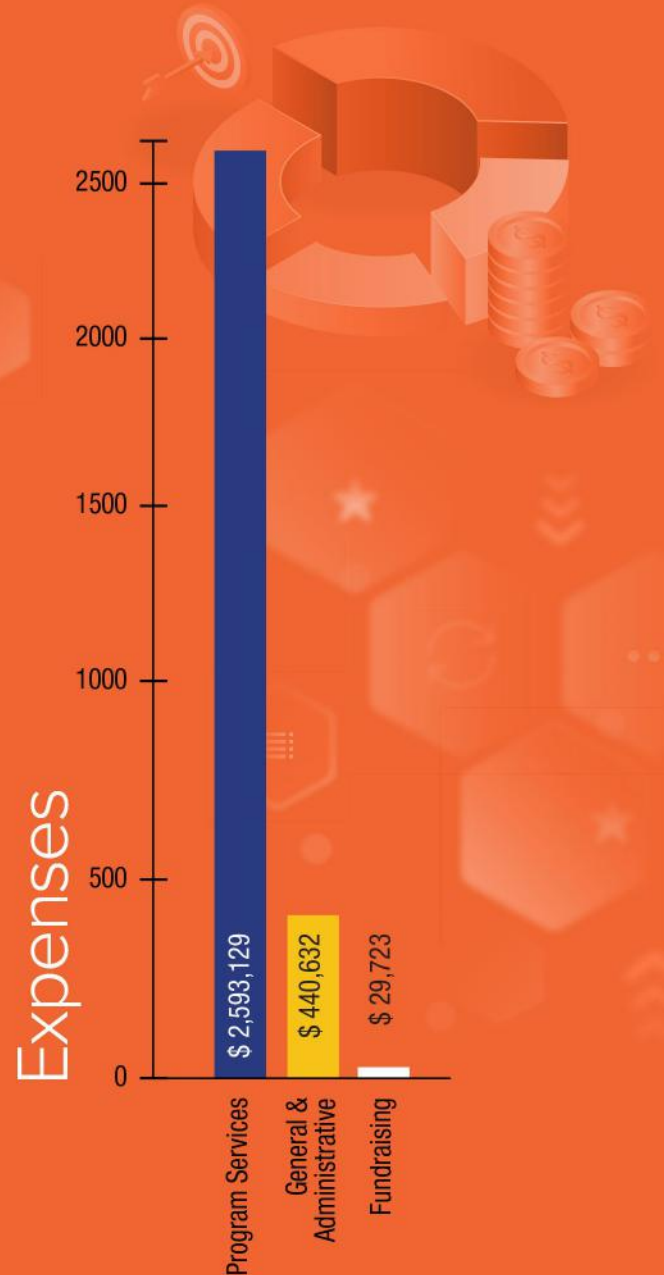
Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts

REVENUE & EXPENSES



TOTAL REVENUE ► **\$3,361,718**

*Impacting Sustainable
Economic Growth in the Region...
One VIDA at a time*



TOTAL EXPENSES ► **\$ 3,063,484**

CHANGE IN
NET ASSETS

► **\$298,234**

*The opposite of success is not failure...
it's being stuck. You have a unique gift
that's meant to be shared. When fully aligned
with this everlasting gift, an unshakable
confidence becomes real!*

—Jennifer Villarreal

EMPOWERING

TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Through active engagement, alongside our dedicated participants, we illuminate various avenues of community service. This collaborative effort not only allows us to express gratitude to the numerous entities, institutions, corporations, and individuals who have sustained VIDA's mission for nearly 29 years but also emphasizes the transformative power of service in shaping our society.

Within VIDA, our team and student volunteers enthusiastically embrace community involvement by sharing our time and talents while receiving the inherent satisfaction that comes from serving others.

We nurture individuals who embrace the principle of giving back and endeavor to enact meaningful change within their communities and beyond, igniting a beacon of hope for a better tomorrow.



EDUCATING

ONE LIFE
AT A TIME

It takes courage to admit when you need help. It takes courage to step out of a cycle that has spun for generations. It takes courage to fall and to get back up again. It takes courage to recognize an opportunity, grab it, hold on, and let it take you places you never even imagined.

Throughout this VIDA Annual Report, you will read stories of current VIDA participants and VIDA graduates who had the courage to take the first step and whose lives are forever transformed. They serve as models in their families, among friends, to other VIDA participants, and to our community.

IT GIVES US GREAT JOY TO SHARE WITH YOU...THEIR STORIES.

SAN JUAN RESIDENT DESIGNING HIS DREAM

"I Have a Dream" is, of course, the iconic 1963 speech of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. For San Juan resident Carlos Pena, this phrase also expresses why he enrolled at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Pena, whose major is mechanical engineering, has a dream of working at Tesla as part of its design team. Tesla knows how to capture potential employees' attention, even on its website: "Using a first-principles approach, we solve some of the world's biggest problems. If you've done exceptional work, join us in tackling the next generation of engineering, manufacturing, and operational challenges." Pena plans to be one of Tesla's tacklers.

However, unemployed and receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits, Pena soon learned that a lack of financial resources, professional guidance, and emotional support can waylay a dream that once seemed so clear. Then, one day while at UTRGV, he heard about the Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement.

Valley Interfaith and business leaders in the Rio Grande Valley established VIDA in 1995, recognizing the need to empower underserved, unemployed, and underemployed residents through education and training, in addition to support from case managers who also serve as career counselors. VIDA's founders also knew that by building a skilled workforce, the nonprofit organization would play a key role in recruiting new business to the RGV while fueling the economy of our region with residents no longer dependent on government support for their daily needs. Nearly 30 years later, VIDA continues to work closely with its

CARLOS PENA

workforce, training, and community partners to provide financial support, as well as individual and group counseling, to individuals like Pena.

When Pena learned about VIDA, he saw his dream becoming clear again. He applied to the program and gained acceptance.

"It is a great opportunity," Pena said. "VIDA is helping me with school and with gas expenses."

VIDA also provides financial assistance to participants for books and the tools required for a number of training programs. Counseling sessions focus on topics such as stress, time management, mental health and budgeting. Outside of class time, participants can often be seen across the RGV performing community service as their way of thanking the municipalities, businesses, foundations and individuals who make all of this possible.

Because of VIDA, Pena explains, he plans to graduate in the spring of 2024 as a professional, a mechanical engineer. "I have a chance to pursue my dream career."

Carlos' story first appeared on the Valley Business Report website, valleybusinessreport.com, in February 2023.



UNWAVERING SUPPORT CONNECTS TO PROMISING CAREER

OSCAR CASTILLO

Brownsville resident Oscar Castillo had a job at the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport, working as a cashier for the parking vendor earning \$10 an hour. He knew he needed to develop his skill set if he ever hoped to be independent and financially secure, so he enrolled in the electrician program at Texas Southmost College.

At TSC, Castillo heard about Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement, a nonprofit organization based in Mercedes that has helped residents of the Rio Grande Valley avoid being a poverty statistic. For nearly 30 years, VIDA has partnered with institutions of higher learning in the RGV to provide a continuum of support for students pursuing degrees and certificates in high-demand, high-paying career fields. Because a lack of resources had created graduation barriers for Castillo in the past, he jumped at the opportunity to apply to VIDA. “School was always in my mind before, but I never really took that leap due to different circumstances,” Castillo, a first-generation college student, said. VIDA accepted him into the program in the fall of 2021.

For Castillo, the continuum of support included financial assistance with his courses, books and tools, as well as VIDA's award-winning individual and group counseling sessions. These sessions address topics from time management and budgeting to developing a resume and rocking a job interview.

It is said that as we grow, we learn. Castillo personifies this adage.

"After receiving help from VIDA and the great skills they taught me, I learned so much about myself and what I'm capable of," Castillo said. "On a regular day at school, I learned about a program: computer information systems. What I heard about the program caught my attention because it involves working with computers and technology and helping people out." Castillo realized he loved working with technology and helping people, so he decided to research CIS.

The more he learned, the more intrigued he became.
But first, he needed to talk to his father.



Castillo explained the field of CIS to his father. “He mentioned that the program fits my characteristics and my personality,” Castillo shared. Castillo changed his major. VIDA’s support never wavered.

In the spring of 2024, Castillo will complete his Associate of Applied Science in CIS. He has his heart set on working at SpaceX, and he will always appreciate what VIDA has done for him.

“VIDA’s support helped me with new skills and tools to succeed in my classes,” Castillo said. “The weekly sessions really helped this process go by easily. I will speak great things about VIDA and their values. VIDA is important for what they have to offer RGV students who want to continue their education but can’t, financially. They have amazing values.”

Oscar's story first appeared on the Valley Business Report website, valleybusinessreport.com, in August 2023.

STUDENT'S VIDA JOURNEY GOES INTERNATIONAL

RHONDA DIAZ

Every month, VBR publishes a story about a current Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement participant or one who has already earned a certificate or degree, altering the trajectory of his or her life.

This month, we feature Rhonda Diaz, who will graduate from The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in December with a bachelor's degree in computer science.

“Before VIDA, I was attending college part time; with VIDA’s help, I was able to attend full time,” Diaz said. In addition to attending school full time, she has been working as an Apple Support College Program at-home advisor, providing technical support to Apple customers.

Graduation in December will not be the end of the journey for Diaz. Her next destination is a master's degree. "I also plan to continue my career with Apple while actively searching for a role that complements my degree," she said.

VIDA has changed countless lives in the Rio Grande Valley for nearly three decades. Rather than having a traditional story written about how VIDA has changed her life, Diaz chose to write a letter to VIDA.

As I approach my graduation at the end of this year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on my remarkable journey with VIDA and share my heartfelt appreciation for the support that has shaped my academic path.

My name is Rhonda Diaz, and I've had the privilege of being a recipient of VIDA's support over the past few years. I cannot express enough gratitude for the impact the program has had on my education and personal growth.

One of the most transformative experiences during my academic journey was the opportunity to study abroad in London, U.K. As a computer science major, the course "The History of Computing" I took during my time in London was not only relevant but profoundly enriching. It allowed me

to connect the past with the present, in my field of study, providing me with a profound understanding of the evolution of technology.

VIDA's unwavering support with my college tuition and books made this study abroad experience a reality. Without the program's assistance, I wouldn't have been able to immerse myself in a new culture, gain a global perspective and further my education in such a meaningful way. VIDA not only lightened the financial burden but also empowered me to attend college full time, enabling me to pursue opportunities that have broadened my horizons.

I'd also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Ms. San Juanita (Sanchez), my VIDA counselor. Her guidance and encouragement have been instrumental in my academic journey. Ms. San Juanita's dedication and belief in my potential have motivated me to strive for excellence.

As I prepare to graduate, I look back with immense gratitude for VIDA's continued commitment to helping students like me achieve our educational dreams. The opportunities VIDA has provided have not only shaped my academic journey but have also contributed significantly to my personal and professional growth.

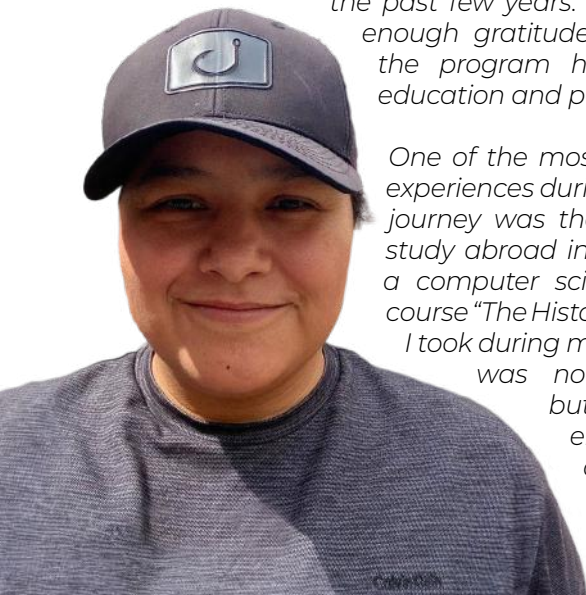
I am honored to have been a part of the VIDA family and I eagerly anticipate the bright future that lies ahead. I look forward to using the knowledge and experiences gained through VIDA's support to make a positive impact in the world.

Once again, thank you, VIDA, for being an integral part of my educational journey. Together, we have achieved greatness, and I am excited to embark on this new chapter with the skills and confidence VIDA has nurtured.

Warmest regards, Rhonda

Diaz' contemplative letter acknowledges the impact the organization has had on her life and on her future. This impact is possible because of the generosity of VIDA's collaborative, educational, fundraising and investment partners.

Rhonda's story first appeared on the Valley Business Report website, valleybusinessreport.com, in October 2023.



JOINING FORCES

WITH THE HIDALGO COUNTY PROSPERITY TASK FORCE

Our prosperity as a nation depends upon the personal financial prosperity of each of us as individuals.

— George Clason, *The Richest Man in Babylon*

The mission of the Hidalgo County Prosperity Task Force, established in 2022 by Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez, is to provide a strong safety net for Hidalgo County's most vulnerable residents and to move a sizable percentage of our economically disadvantaged residents out of poverty. With our mission so closely aligned, VIDA President and CEO Felida Villarreal and VIDA Board Chairman Tony Aguirre actively serve on this Task Force.

Their involvement allows VIDA to contribute invaluable historical insight while also offering a present-day perspective of how lives can be transformed through collaborative partnerships; strategic workforce development; and comprehensive social, emotional, and financial assistance. Through our collective efforts, we aim to foster a more prosperous and equitable future for all residents of Hidalgo County.

The Hidalgo County Prosperity Task Force has outlined several key initiatives aimed at addressing poverty and promoting prosperity within our community, including...

- **Enhanced Support Services:** We are committed to identifying ways in which the county can better serve individuals living in poverty. This includes implementing financial literacy programs to equip residents with the knowledge and skills needed to manage their finances effectively. Additionally, we

recognize the urgent need to address health and wellness concerns, particularly the high rates of obesity and diabetes among our population.

- **Investment in Human Capital:** One of the primary goals is to create pathways to success through vocational training and higher education. We are dedicated to removing any barriers that may hinder individuals from completing their education or training programs.
- **Job Creation and Economic Development:** We recognize the importance of job creation in fostering economic growth and opportunity within Hidalgo County.

Through these and other strategic initiatives, the Hidalgo County Prosperity Task Force is committed to fostering economic empowerment, promoting educational attainment, and improving the overall quality of life for all residents within our community, and VIDA intends to play a significant role in helping the Hidalgo County Prosperity Task Force achieve these goals.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDERS

AND THE RIPPLE EFFECT

*You want to be the pebble in the pond
that creates the ripple for change.*

— Tim Cook

VIDA serves residents in a four-county region, which includes (from east to west) Cameron, Willacy, Hidalgo, and Starr counties. The support of local governmental entities attests to their clear understanding of the ripple effect that reverberates throughout the region as the education level of its populace rises. VIDA gratefully acknowledges the unwavering support of the following local governmental entities:



- City of Alamo
- City of Brownsville
- City of Edinburg
- City of Harlingen
- City of La Feria
- City of McAllen
- City of Mercedes
- City of Pharr
- City of Port Isabel
- City of Weslaco
- Hidalgo County

GRADUATES' AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE

Pre-VIDA ➤ **\$5.70**
Post-VIDA ➤ **\$22.96**

VIDA GRADUATES' AVERAGE SALARY

Upon Graduation ➤ **\$47,756**

VIDA TRAINING PROGRAMS

Industry	Number of Participants	Percentage of Total
Allied Health	392	63%
Business	30	5%
Educational Social Services	37	6%
Specialized Trades	138	21%
STEM	30	5%
TOTAL	627	100%

FY 2022 - 2023

IN REVIEW

WHO VIDA SERVES

You are perfectly cast in your life. I can't imagine anyone but you in the role. Go play."

— Lin-Manuel Miranda

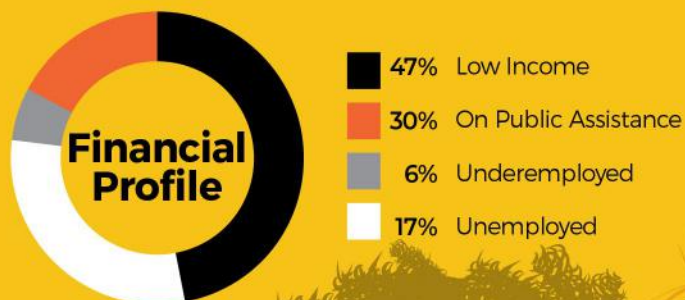
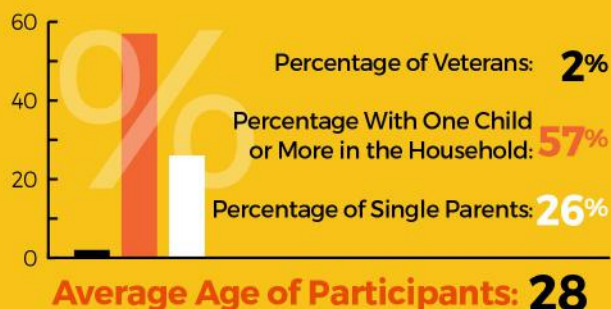
PARTICIPANTS
SERVED **627**

TOTAL VIDA
GRADUATES **231**

PERSISTENCE
RATE

96%

Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
Hispanic	603	96%
White	10	2%
Asian	5	1%
Other (Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Highlander)	9	1%
TOTAL	627	100%



Gender	Number	Percentage
Female	421	67%
Male	206	33%
TOTAL	627	100%



WINTER WONDERLAND



Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement commemorated our accomplishments and honored our Partners of the Year at our third annual gala December 16, 2023, at the McAllen Convention Center. Our theme for 2023 was A Winter Wonderland.

J. Chris Coxon, managing director of Educate Texas, Communities Foundation of Texas, delivered an inspiring keynote address. Texas Workforce Commissioner Alberto Treviño III presented VIDA with the Texas Talent Connection Grant, allowing us to continue empowering RGV residents to achieve economic prosperity.

Guests enjoyed an enlightening cocktail hour with an enchanting violinist and a photobooth to memorialize this special evening, as well as dinner, music, and a live auction with renowned auctioneer Joe Brown.

Our partners are like shining stars, providing invaluable resources essential for serving VIDA participants each and every day. Their generosity fills us with gratitude and embodies the spirit of the holidays.

OUR 2023 PARTNERS OF THE YEAR

- **2023 Legacy Award:**
Texas Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa
- **2023 Community Partner of the Year Award:**
Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez
- **2023 VIDA Graduate Recognition for Outstanding Academic Achievement:**
David Serrano, RN

VIDA remains committed to providing exceptional student-support services to economically disadvantaged residents, resulting in improved higher-education outcomes and workforce-development success. Our unwavering focus centers on empowering Rio Grande Valley residents to achieve economic prosperity through market-driven training, resources, and career pathways.



▶ **A WINTER WONDERLAND**
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VÍDA

EDUCATING ONE LIFE AT A TIME SINCE 1995



TESTIMONIALS

IMPACTING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE REGION...ONE VIDA AT A TIME



Dr. Rodney H. Rodriguez

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE, VICE PRESIDENT | STC FOUNDATION

"To the Esteemed Members of VIDA and Felida,

I write this testimonial filled with deep gratitude and admiration for the significant impact VIDA has had on our community under your thoughtful leadership and the dedicated efforts of the Board members. Over the years, our partnership has been a beacon of hope and a pillar of support for both our STC students and the broader adult population we serve.

VIDA's collaboration has been nothing short of transformative. Through your generous resources funneled via the STC Foundation, you have opened doors to education that many believed were forever closed to them. Your commitment to providing scholarships across an array of educational pathways embodies the principle of "educating one life at a time" in the most profound way.

It is because of VIDA that countless individuals have been able to pursue their dreams and achieve their educational goals. You have not only supported them financially but have also inspired them to believe in their abilities and to aspire for greatness. The impact of your contributions extends beyond the individuals and into their families and communities, creating a ripple effect of positive change and opportunity.

Felida, your leadership has been instrumental in making all of this possible. Your vision, passion, and dedication have propelled VIDA to new heights, making it a cornerstone organization others look up to. Under your guidance, VIDA has truly become synonymous with hope, opportunity, and empowerment.

As we reflect on the years of fruitful partnership, we are filled with gratitude and look forward to continuing this journey together, making a difference in the lives of many more individuals. Your unwavering support has been a key factor in our success, and we cannot thank you enough.

Mil Gracias, VIDA! Here's to many more years of impactful collaboration and changing lives for the better."

Senator Morgan LaMantia

TEXAS SENATOR | DISTRICT 27

"Thank you, VIDA, for serving as a bridge between aspiration and achievement. VIDA's personalized support services and industry-relevant training enable our community members to overcome challenges and pursue fulfilling careers contributing to our local economy. This ripple effect of opportunity and prosperity continues to support new generations of change-makers in the Rio Grande Valley through transformative actions."





Mayor John Cowen Jr.

HONORABLE MAYOR | CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

I am proud to express my unwavering support and advocacy for the vital work being carried out by VIDA, an esteemed organization dedicated to empowering the people of the Rio Grande Valley. VIDA's mission--to facilitate economic prosperity through market-driven training, resources, and career pathways--is not just commendable; it is essential for the growth and well-being of our community.

The pursuit of economic prosperity is a journey that requires dedication, resources, and support. VIDA has been at the forefront of this journey, offering invaluable services that transform lives and build futures. By focusing on market-driven training, VIDA ensures that the skills and knowledge imparted to its participants are relevant, sought after, and ultimately, transformative. Their commitment to providing access to resources and career pathways is a testament to their understanding of the diverse needs of our community and their unwavering resolve to meet them.

As the largest city in the Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville continues its successes in economic development and community empowerment. These are shining examples of what is possible when organizations, such as VIDA, are helping to pave the way.

I wish VIDA continued success in their noble mission. The impact of their work is a beacon of hope and a blueprint for how targeted, community-focused initiatives can create lasting change.

Together, we can build a future where every resident of the Rio Grande Valley can thrive, succeed, and contribute to our region's dynamic growth.

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.
— John Holmes



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Sabrinna Infante	INTAKE SPECIALIST

Every year, more and more local employers seek the opportunity to hire VIDA graduates, recognizing the valuable soft skills and professional development our program instills--alongside their academic studies. We are incredibly grateful for our new and existing employer partnerships, which offer our graduates a professional pathway to economic prosperity and long-term advancement.

— Felida Villarreal

EMPLOYERS WHO HIRED

FY 2022 - 2023 VIDA GRADUATES

ABC Dental
Abri at Edinburg
Ageless Living Home Health
Alamo Country Club
Amtex General Contractors, LLC
Art's Electric
Austin Independent School District
AutoZone Auto Parts
Aveanna Healthcare, LLC
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City of Brownsville
CSL Plasma
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DHR Health
DHR Health Women's Hospital
DHR Health Rehabilitation Hospital
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Harlingen Medical Center
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McAllen Transitional Care Center
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Mercedes ISD
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Mission CISD
Mission Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Parra Furniture & Appliance
Pas Home Care, LLC
PB Materials
Penske Truck Rental
People, Inc
Perdue Premium Meat Company
PSJA ISD
Rancho Viejo Police Dept
Rental World
Rio Grande Regional ER 24/7
Rio Grande Regional Hospital
Rio Grande State Center

Rio Grande Surgery Center
San Benito Police Department
Senture
South Texas Clinical Lab
South Texas Health System
South Texas Health System Behavioral
South Texas Health System Heart
Southern Careers Institute
Spectrum
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Superior Alarms
Target
Texas State Veterans Home
The Blake
The Dove's Nest
Treasure Hills Healthcare and
Rehabilitation Center
Tri-County Healthcare
Universal Plant Services
U.S. Customs and Border Protection -
Through Loyal Source
Valley Baptist Health System
Valley Regional Medical Center
Valley View ISD
Veranda Rehabilitation and Healthcare
Von'd Kids
Weslaco Air Conditioning, LLC
Willacy County Sheriff's Office
Women Together/Mujeres Unidas
Xpress Dental
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Thank you!

Collaboration is the essence of life. The wind, bees, and flowers work together, to spread the pollen.

— Amit Ray, Indian author and spiritual master

THANK YOU VIDA PARTNERS!

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Angels of Love
Aurora House Foundation
Bailey H. Dunlap Memorial Library
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Cameron County Workforce Solutions
Christian Manor RGV
Consulate General of Mexico
Cornerstone Regional Hospital
DHR Health
Donna Public Library
Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.
Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library
Goodwill Industries of South Texas
Harlingen Housing Authority
Harlingen Public Library
Hidalgo County Head Start Program
Hidalgo County Precinct 2
 Advancement Center
Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Community
 Resource Center
Hispanic Executive
JO-NIC BLOOM Pregnancy
 and Wellness Studio
Knapp Medical Center
KRGV-TV
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Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library
McAllen Housing Commission
McAllen Public Library
Mercedes Housing Authority
Mission Regional Medical Center
Nexstar Media
Nuestra Clinica del Valle
Office of Border Public Health
Pharr Housing Authority
Pharr Memorial Library
Proyecto Azteca, Inc.
Region One Education Service Center
Rio Grande Regional Hospital
Salvation Army
San Juan Memorial Library
Sgt. Fernando De La Rosa Memorial Library
South Texas Health System
South Texas Literacy Coalition
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
Telemundo 40
Texas A&M Colonias Program
 Hidalgo County

Texas Border Business
Texas Southmost College
Texas State Technical College
The GEO Group, Inc.
The Literacy Center of Harlingen
The Monitor
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Valley Business Report
Valley Interfaith
Valley Regional Medical Center
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Workforce Solutions

► EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS

Brownsville CISD Adult Education
Cameron County Education Initiative
Lower Rio Grande Valley Academy
Region One Education Service Center
Rio Grande Guardian
Rio Grande Valley Laredo Electrical JATC
South Texas College
STC Metal Trades
Texas School of Health Sciences
Texas Southmost College
Texas State Technical College
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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► INVESTMENT PARTNERS

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Knapp Community Care Foundation
La Feria Economic Development Corporation
Mercedes Economic Development Corporation
Methodist Healthcare Ministries of
 South Texas, Inc.
Pharr Economic Development Corporation
South Texas Health System
Texas Mutual Insurance
Texas Talent Connection
The Meadows Foundation
The Trull Foundation
Trellis Foundation
Union Pacific Foundation
United Way of Southern Cameron County
Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation
Weslaco Economic Development Corporation

VIDA ARCHITECTS OF POSSIBILITIES

FY 2022-2023 NEW GRANT PARTNERS

I make myself a relentless architect of the possibilities of human beings.

— Benjamin Zander

As we reflect on the accomplishments and milestones over the past year, we are filled with immense gratitude for our donors' unwavering support of VIDA's mission. Their generosity has been instrumental in driving positive change and empowering lives in our community.

In the pages of this VIDA Annual Report, we aim to provide a glimpse into the profound impact our donors' contributions have made. From funding life-changing projects to supporting vital programs, your belief in our vision is the catalyst for transformation. Throughout the year, your grants have enabled us to expand our reach and deepen our impact. Whether it's providing access to education or economic opportunities, these investments have opened doors and unlocked potential for countless individuals.

These partnerships have not only provided essential resources but have also inspired hope and resilience in the face of adversity. In times of challenge, your support has served as a beacon of light, reminding us of the incredible difference we can make when we come together with a shared purpose.

As we celebrate countless achievements over the past year, we do so with profound appreciation for your generosity and your commitment to our mission. Your belief in the power of transformation fuels our determination to continue striving for a brighter, more equitable future for all.

We look forward to the journey ahead, knowing that—with your support—we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve!

FY 2022 – 2023 New Grant Partners

- ▶ American Electric Power Foundation
- ▶ AT&T
- ▶ Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
- ▶ Knapp Community Care Foundation
- ▶ Methodist Healthcare Ministries
- ▶ The Meadows Foundation
- ▶ Texas Mutual
- ▶ Texas Talent Connection
- ▶ Trellis Foundation
- ▶ U.S. Department of Labor



I tell students that the opportunities I had were a result of having a good educational background. Education is what allows you to stand out.

— Ellen Ochoa

THE VIDA PHILOSOPHY

At the heart of VIDA philosophy lies a steadfast commitment to the well-being of the individuals we serve. Central to this commitment is our unwavering focus on fostering socioeconomic development across the Rio Grande Valley. Recognizing that economic growth hinges on a skilled workforce, we have developed a robust model that guides participants toward targeted, high-demand careers offering competitive wages. At VIDA, we understand that merely securing employment marks just one milestone on the journey to sustainable prosperity.

True success lies in ensuring job retention; it is through this stability that our communities truly flourish. By retaining their positions, our graduates not only achieve self-sufficiency but also contribute as active, taxpaying members of society, providing for their families while bolstering the companies they serve. Through our investment in human capital, we empower residents of the RGV to break free from the cycle of unemployment and reliance on public assistance, enabling them to play an integral role in fostering a vibrant and thriving economy.

THE VIDA MISSION

At VIDA, our mission is fulfilled by empowering Rio Grande Valley residents to achieve economic prosperity through market-driven training, resources, and career pathways.

OUR STRATEGIC PROGRAM MODEL

Within the Rio Grande Valley, numerous challenges—including poverty, limited support networks, financial stress, and the complexities of balancing academic pursuits with familial responsibilities—continue to hinder the path to success for many residents. These formidable barriers have historically obstructed the achievement of industry-recognized certifications and degrees, perpetuating socioeconomic disparities. It is precisely these circumstances that VIDA aims to address through its unique program model, targeting underserved demographics for empowerment and workforce development.

Through our strategic program model, VIDA has achieved a remarkable 96 percent persistence rate this fiscal year, a testament to our participant-centered approach. Each facet of our wraparound support services is meticulously crafted to address the specific challenges faced by our participants.

Our dedicated career counselors engage with participants individually, providing guidance on

budgeting, financial planning, time management, and coping with personal stressors during weekly counseling sessions. In group settings, participants receive soft-skills training, including interview preparation, resume building, and effective study habits. Additionally, guest speakers enrich our program through their expertise in various fields, broadening participants' knowledge and life skills.

Recognizing that financial hurdles extend beyond tuition, VIDA offers tailored assistance with textbooks, transportation, childcare, and other essential expenses, made possible through the generous support of local and state governments, private foundations, and individual donors. While education forms the cornerstone of workforce development, it is our community partnerships and collaborative efforts that ensure accessibility to higher education through our comprehensive student-support approach, which epitomizes the Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement.

TEENING OFF

FOR
VIDA



1ST ANNUAL VIDA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA) held its 1st Annual VIDA Golf Tournament at Los Lagos Golf Club July 8, 2023. This event was a resounding success.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this fundraiser an unforgettable experience. Our sincerest thanks go out to all of our sponsors, student volunteers, dedicated staff, esteemed board members, and golfers. Your unwavering support and commitment played an integral role in the success of this event, and we are truly thankful for your generosity and dedication.

A special acknowledgment is owed to Lone Star National Bank (LSNB) for the invaluable contribution as our Title Sponsor. LSNB's sponsorship served as the cornerstone of this tournament, and we are deeply grateful for our partnership.



Additionally, we would like to express our gratitude to our Gold, Silver, and Proud Sponsors, whose generosity helped make this event possible:

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Rio Grande Valley Laredo Electrical JATC

South Texas College

South Texas Health System

Tony Aguirre - McAllen City Commissioner, District 1

Villalobos Law Firm

Yildirim Durak

Your support not only contributed to the success of this fundraiser, but it also directly impacts the lives of individuals in our community, empowering them to achieve economic prosperity and to fulfill their potential.

We are already looking forward to seeing you at our 2nd Annual VIDA Golf Tournament!



VIDA
EDUCATING ONE LIFE AT A TIME SINCE 1995

VIDA DEPENDS ON **GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU**

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, VIDA relies solely on our local, state, and federal government; grants; private foundations; and donations from generous individuals and companies across the Rio Grande Valley. As you can read in the Economic Impact Study inside this Annual Report, **each \$1.00 invested in VIDA converts to a return on investment of \$15.69.** And we've made it easy to donate! Just go to vidacareers.org and click on the "Donate" button. You can use PayPal or a debit/credit card. Your generosity allows us to continue fulfilling our mission of educating one life at a time.

Going to work is a joy every day when your entire team works collaboratively to fulfill its mission. That joy can be seen on the faces of Irma Garcia, chief program officer; Felida Villarreal, president and CEO; Isidro Ramos, director of workforce and economic development; and Veronica Montemayor, director of finance.



Photo by Cass Davis, Hispanic Executive

VIDA OFFICES

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Brownsville Satellite Office


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 Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement - VIDA



FY 24-25 FUNDING PROPOSAL

June 20, 2024



Project Name

Career Training in High Demand Occupations for Low-Income City of Mercedes Residents

Funding Request

\$25,000 for fiscal year 10/01/2024 – 9/30/2025

Project Details

At least five City of Mercedes residents will be supported through VIDA's program model through the fiscal year October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025. 100% of students assisted under this grant must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Participant must be a City of Mercedes Resident.
2. Participant must be 18 years of age or older.
3. Participant must be eligible to work in the U.S.
4. Participant must be under 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, underemployed, or unemployed.

Mission

VIDA's mission is to empower Rio Grande Valley residents to achieve economic prosperity through market-driven training, resources, and career pathways. Our continued focus includes formulating new institutional relationships in the RGV that simultaneously address employers' needs for skilled workers, while linking the area's unemployed and underemployed with high-skill, high-wage jobs identified in the region. Our vision is to build and sustain a highly skilled and highly educated workforce, which will not only be ready for tomorrow's jobs, but will have an opportunity to live a more prosperous and healthy life.

History

The concept for VIDA began in 1995 with Valley Interfaith, a community-organizing group in the Lower Rio Grande Valley affiliated with the national Industrial Areas Foundation. Valley Interfaith observed a need for education and training to secure family sustaining wage employment, as the region experienced elevated levels of unemployment from many plant closures and layoffs in the textile industry due to foreign competition. Meanwhile, businesses and economic development boards seeking to attract and retain employers in the region reported a need for a more highly skilled and educated workforce. As a result, collaborative efforts between Valley Interfaith and industry leaders sought an opportunity to meet the needs of both Valley residents and employers through the creation of VIDA, a workforce training model committed to providing both economic and social supports to low-income residents, to ensure successful completion of post-secondary education training and secure competitive employment. Throughout the years, VIDA has remained relevant and innovative by collaborating with regional institutions of higher education and industry leaders to assess employment needs and align career pathways with local industry demand.

Currently, more than half of our student population enrolls in allied health careers such as registered nursing, licensed vocational nursing, diagnostic medical sonography, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, radiography, medical billing & coding, surgical technology, and more.

As we continue to recover from the long-term effects of a global pandemic, it is critical to assess and respond to both the regional and national shortage of healthcare professionals. As a result, VIDA continues to promote training and higher education credentials in the healthcare industry in efforts to enhance health equity across the Rio Grande Valley. The remaining student population pursues training in high demand occupations in fields of study such as STEM and the skilled trades – all of which provide an opportunity for self-sufficiency and long-term career advancement.

Core Services

VIDA primarily funds training for one-year certificates, two-year associate degrees, or the last two years of bachelor level degrees. VIDA provides customized financial assistance for training in fields of allied health, STEM, and specialized trades. In addition, VIDA's program provides intensive case management and weekly counseling services to address academic and social barriers. VIDA counselors become key mentors in the lives of our participants, coaching and guiding them to advance in their appropriate career pathways. VIDA regularly updates the occupational training it supports based on feedback from economic development boards and local employers to ensure students pursue careers in high demand occupations relevant to our economic climate. South Texas College, Texas State Technical College, Texas Southmost College, and UT Rio Grande Valley are VIDA's primary training partners. We collaborate extensively with these institutions for outreach, student support and progress, enhancing career pathways, and more.

In 2023, VIDA served 627 students with an average persistence rate of 96%! 100% of our student population is identified as unemployed, underemployed, or low-income, based on 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. During 2023, a student enrolled as a VIDA participant with an average wage of \$8.43 per hour but graduated as a VIDA participant and secured employment with an average wage of over \$22.96 per hour following program completion. The average age of VIDA participants in 2023 was 28 years old and 84% of our participants identified as first-generation college students.

Consequently, this demographic faces a multitude of challenges that represent risk factors for college persistence and graduation. Oftentimes, our participants are first-generation college students, lacking a dedicated support system at home, which VIDA addresses with ongoing one-on-one career coaching and mentoring. VIDA recognizes our participants face language barriers and family responsibilities that interfere with successful completion or satisfactory performance of coursework. As a result, VIDA counselors meet regularly with participants on an individualized basis and in group sessions with other VIDA participants to help them overcome prominent challenges such as time management, stress, emotional triggers, conflict resolution, and promote overall mental health. VIDA counselors share an extensive knowledge and expertise in fields of psychology, social work, and education, facilitating strong relationships with participants and effectively building bonds of accountability, maintaining our students focused, committed, and encouraged. Moreover, VIDA's customized financial assistance for tuition, textbooks, tools, uniforms, childcare, and transportation further promotes students' full-time enrollment while breaking economic barriers to education success.

VIDA organizes speaker series workshops on a monthly basis, in which we collaborate with local industry partners to share their expertise with our participants collectively. For example, our community partner, JP Morgan Chase, hosts financial literacy workshops with VIDA participants as a group to educate them on valuable topics such as banking, lending, credit scores, financial planning,

investments, retirement, and more. In turn, VIDA participants develop and enhance life-long skills for both professional and personal success, learning the importance of fiscal responsibility and personal budgeting. This type of soft skills development model effectively complements the students' traditional classroom coursework to build a more well-rounded individual, better prepared to achieve career success with a competitive and diverse skillset.

Outcomes & Results

VIDA's outcomes are primarily measured by higher persistence rates, graduation rates, and number of certificates awarded:

1. 85% or more of VIDA participants will graduate from an educational/training program within 3 years.
2. 80% or more of VIDA graduates will receive job placement with competitive compensation.
3. 90% or more will persist in their education from year to year.
4. 100% will attend mandatory counseling sessions to ensure program retention.

VIDA has a well-established capacity to track extensive information in a secured, comprehensive, Social Solutions database. Detailed demographic and socioeconomic characteristics are maintained and accessed on a regular basis for reporting and quality control. VIDA measures the academic progress of each participant through grade reports, case notes from the counselors and other program staff, and supportive services received - all of which are documented in Social Solutions. Participants entering employment are tracked for three years post-graduation, and their wages, positions, and employers are reported in the database.

A recent economic impact study conducted by UT - Rio Grande Valley, reports that for every \$1.00 invested in VIDA, there is a return on investment of \$15.69 to the communities we serve. Additionally, the Institute for Women's Policy Research featured VIDA in a report on innovations to address unmet needs in job training programs. The report states: "case management can have the added effect of creating a sense of accountability to the program that increases persistence and completion among trainees. Having a primary point person who participants can go to for advice, support, and to access program resources lead them to feel a greater sense of responsibility or commitment to their program...the relationships that case managers establish with participants create bonds of accountability that enhance participants' chances of success within their programs."



**City of Mercedes Project Budget
5 Participants/Students**

Post-Secondary Occupational Training (PSOT):

Allied Health, Specialized Trades, and STEM

Associate Degrees, College/Industry Recognized Certificates, Bachelor Degrees (last 2 years only)

BUDGET ITEMS	10/01/24 – 9/30/25 PROJECTED EXPENDITURES
<p>Curriculum Based – Training Expenses</p> <p>South Texas College (STC); University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV); Texas State Technical College (TSTC); Texas Southmost College (TSC); Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition & Fees, Textbooks, Exam Fees, Equipment Tools, Uniforms, Transportation Assistance, Child Care Assistance, Other <p>Direct Program Services Intensive Career Counseling & Case Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Outreach, Profile Assessment, & Aptitude Testing Peer learning, effective studying skills, & test taking strategies Soft Skills Training: Guest Speaker Forums, Professional Development Workshops, Financial Literacy, Time Management, Stress Management, Mental Health, etc. Employability Skills: Conflict Resolution in the Workplace, Resume Writing, Business Etiquette, Job Search, & Interview Preparation Individualized Career Coaching and Academic Advisement Individual and Group Counseling Sessions Job Placement Services & Career Tracking three years post-graduation Building Accountability - Monitoring Academic Performance and Progress for Intervention and Completion Direct Program Related Expenses 	
Training & Direct Program Expenses	\$ 21,250
General & Administrative Costs	\$ 3,750
Total Project Budget	\$ 25,000
City of Mercedes Funding Request	\$ 25,000

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8B

Management Items

DATE: August 19, 2024

FROM: Marisol Vidales, Library Director

ITEM: Discussion and possible action to appoint members to the Library Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The purpose of the Library Board is to educate and engage citizens to use the library and its many services as well as help it grow. This can be library can be by advertising the library and its services, programming, and material whenever possible, by fundraising for the library through events and campaigns, by advocating literacy, and finally by reviewing and approving pertinent policies and procedures that will be beneficial to the community. They are expected to provide a link between the citizens of the community, elected officials of the City, and the professional staff of the Library Department. The Board shall act in a review and advisory capacity. The Director shall consider all recommendations and, within the scope of the City fiscal and management policies, carry out such recommendations within that context.

Joan Jensen, Dahlia Saldana, and Roy De Leon all reached the end of their current term in June. Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Saldana wish to continue to serve.

Mr. De Leon while willing to continue to serve was also open to stepping down if any applicants existed.

At this time, we have one applicant a Mrs. Shantel Garay. Mrs. Garay was raised in Mercedes but currently resides in Weslaco. In speaking with her she did state she is an avid reader, is interested in helping her community, and would have no issue committing to our quarterly meetings.

If renewed/appointed their new terms would be for a total of three years and would end in June 2027.

BOARD REVIEW/CITIZEN FEEDBACK: Approved

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS: Shantel Garay

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/(Revenue):	Account Number(s):

Finance Review by:

LEGAL REVIEW:

ATTACHMENTS:

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends renewing the term for Joan Jensen and Dahlia Saldana and giving Mrs. Garay an opportunity to serve.

2024 LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE RECORD

Board Member		2/1/24			5/2/24		
Yolana Cruz **		X					
Deborah Benedict *							
Diane R. Goldsberry		X			O v e r w h e l w m i S e t R d h P		
Lorri Marchant		X					
Joan Jensen		X					
Dahlia Saldana							
Roy De Leon							

X-Denotes presence at meeting

** Denotes Chairperson

*Denotes Vice-chairperson

8/1/24		11/14/24		Total Absences



APPLICATION TO SERVE ON
BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Name: Shontel Garay Date: 6/24/24

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED] () Inside City Limits (X) Outside City Limits

Email: [REDACTED]

Occupation

(Note: If "Retired", what was your predominant occupation?): Casa De Hilo
- Beauty Stylist.

I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE FOLLOWING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS,
OR COMMITTEES:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Zoning Commission* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings & Standard Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development Corporation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Review |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Adjustment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep Mercedes Beautiful | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Committee |

Please declare reason(s) for desired service:

Getting to know the community & grew up in
Mercedes as well as helping as much as I can.

Shontel Garay
Signature

6/24/24
Date

NOTE: Citizens interested in serving on city boards and commissions are encouraged to fill out and return this form to City Hall. It is designed to assist the Mercedes City Commission in making board appointments.

*For Planning & Zoning Commission, applicants must be property owners.

RESOLUTION 2024-25

A RESOLUTION BY THE CTY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERCEDES, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A (MERCEDES HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDRAISER) BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY OF MERCEDES, AND APPOINTING THE SIGNATORY AGENTS FOR THIS ACCOUNT.

WHEREAS, the City of Mercedes desires to establish a new bank account for the Mercedes Historic Preservation Fundraiser, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Mercedes is creating the account at the City's depository bank for the projects to be funded with the Mercedes Historic Preservation Fundraiser.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Mercedes that:

SECTION 1: A bank account can be established for the purpose of maintain City funds for the projects to be funded with the Mercedes Historic Preservation Fundraiser

SECTION 2: The members of the City Commission are hereby authorized to be signatory agents on said account. Two (2) signatures will be required for any transfer or disbursement.

DISCUSSED, PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of August In the Year of Our Lord, 2024 by the City Commission of the City of Mercedes, Texas.

Oscar Montoya – Mayor

ATTEST:

Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

Management Items

DATE: August 19, 2024

FROM: Marisol Vidales, Library Director

ITEM: **Discussion and possible action to approve grant reimbursement for historically designated property 402 S. Texas**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Historic Preservation Grant Fund was established on November 5, 2013. The reimbursement amounts are \$5,000 for leveling and façade and \$10,000 for roofs. The property owners must pay for all the work initially and, based on the final expended amount, the funds may be reimbursed up to 50% of said expended amount.

Mr. Trey Cooper started his roof application process on January 29th, 2024 by submitting his Certificate of Appropriateness application.

The Historic Commission reviewed his application on March 6, 2024 and after reviewing the application and the quotes provided, the board approved the application.

The work on the property was completed on July 22, 2024 and all the necessary photographs with the invoice were received on July 25, 2024.

The Historic Commission met on August 13, 2024 to review the documents & evidentiary photographs. The Commission reviewed the work, and found it to be complete and that everything necessary had been submitted and approved the reimbursement.

Mr. Cooper spent a total of \$22,000 on the roof of her property. The total reimbursable amount is \$10,000 based on the cap for roof grants.

The total 2023-2024 budget for the Historical Grant Program was approved by the City Commission at \$50,000 - - funding coming from the Hotel/Motel Fund.

Thus far this fiscal year, \$10,000 of the allocated \$50K have been expended. Before you today we have this grant in the amount of \$10,000 to be considered.

Pursuant to the Historic Preservation Grant Fund policies, the City Commission has to consider approving the reimbursement of \$10,000 to finalize this project.

BOARD REVIEW/CITIZEN FEEDBACK: Approved

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

FISCAL IMPACT: \$10,000

Proposed Expenditure/(Revenue):	Account Number(s):
	16-5402040

Finance Review by:

LEGAL REVIEW:

ATTACHMENTS: One packet with application, quotes, invoice, photos, and agendas from MHPC.

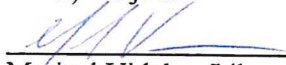
Staff Recommendation: To approve reimbursement as it met all requirements.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mercedes Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Mercedes, Texas will hold a **SPECIAL MEETING** on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. at the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library located at 434 South Ohio, Mercedes, Texas to consider and take formal action regarding the following item (s):

- 1.) Call Meeting to Order.
- 2.) **Public Comments.** Maximum length of time of public comment is forty-five minutes with individual presentations limited to a maximum of five minutes. The Preservation Commission can take no formal action on any city related matter discussed during the public comment. No public comments will be allowed during any agenda item unless recognized by the Chair or if the item requires a public hearing. State your name and address before beginning your presentation. There can be no comments about specific employees. By Charter, the City Manager is exclusively given authority over personnel matters, including complaints against city personnel. All complaints against city personnel will be addressed pursuant to Mercedes Personnel Policies. Comments must not be repeated and the Preservation Commission is not required to answer any question from the public. Any person who decided to directly question any member of the Preservation Commission will be asked to discontinue their comments. The Historic Preservation Officer will be responsible for notifying each presenter that their five-minute time limit has expired.
- 3.) Approval of minutes for meeting held Tuesday, February 13, 2024.
- 4.) Review, discussion and possible action on grant application for 402 S. Texas Ave.
- 5.) Review, discussion and possible action on use or donation of façade pieces.
- 6.) Adjourn.



Marisol Vidales, Library Director
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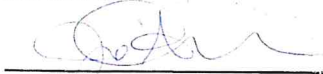
3/1/24

Date

* * * * *
This notice is given in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 et. seq.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

ATTEST:



Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

**CITY OF MERCEDES
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION**

Applicant: Bexar Triple Jeopardy, LLC

Address: PO Box 91065

San Antonio, TX 78209

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: 210. 845-6410

Email: trey @ bexar-capital . com

Historic Property Address:

402 S. Texas

APPLICATION REVIEW

Date Received: _____

HPO Administrative Review: / /

[] Approved [] Denied

[] Referred to MHPC

HPO Signature: _____

MHPC Review: / /

[] Approved [] Denied

MHPC Chair: _____

Legal Description: Mercedes Original Townsite N 1/2 Lot - Lot 11 + ALL LOT 12 ALL 23

Check box if property has the following designation or listing

☐ National Register of Historic Places

☐ Recorded Texas Historic Landmark

☒ Mercedes Historic Landmark

Proposed Work (check the appropriate boxes to indicate the type of project)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior alteration | <input type="checkbox"/> New construction / addition | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign or light fixtures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doors / Windows | <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior paint/stucco/repainting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roof | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence or railing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Leveling | <input type="checkbox"/> Porch | <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Steps | <input type="checkbox"/> Awning/Canopy | <input type="checkbox"/> Power Washing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | | | |

Description of Work: (Please describe in detail all proposed exterior work. Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

Roof coating (please see attached bid for more information)
We will be doing the "full coating" option

Items Required with Application (please attach)

- ☐ A simple map of the property (can be hand-drawn) indicating all current structures, driveways, sidewalks, fencing, and permanent fixtures
- ☐ Current photographs of the building and adjacent properties, including detail photos of affected areas
- ☐ Historic photographs or renderings of the property
- ☐ A list of materials, specifications, and colors to be used

Signature of Property Owner: _____ Date: 1/26/24

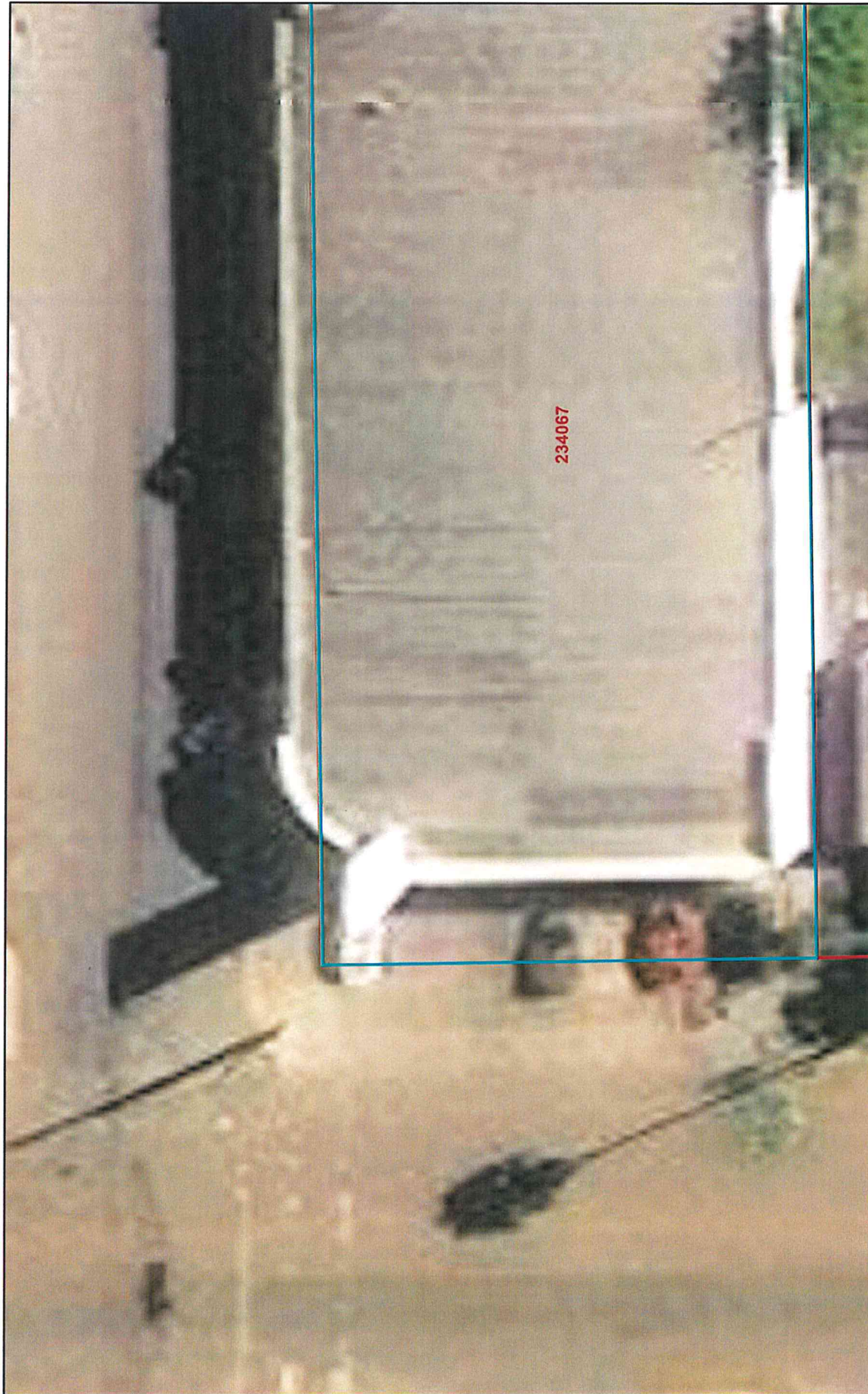
Signature of Authorized Agent (if different from property owner): _____



Mail or hand-deliver to Historic Preservation Officer
Marisol Vidales
Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library
434 South Ohio Avenue, Mercedes, TX 78570

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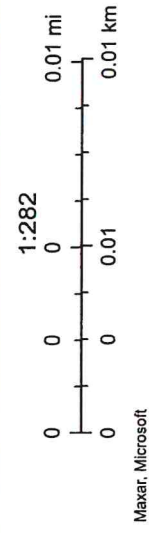
Hidalgo CAD Web Map



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☐ Parcels

☐ Abstracts



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city of
mercedes
It Starts Here!

Mercedes Historic Preservation Commission

Grant Application

1. Property Owner/ Owners	
First Name <u>Sexar Triple Jeopardy LLC</u>	First Name _____
Last Name _____	Last Name _____
Address <u>PO Box 91065, San Antonio, TX 78209</u>	Address _____
Phone <u>210. 845. 6410</u>	Phone _____
Email <u>tracy @ sexarcapital. com</u>	Email _____

2. Historic Property Address
Address <u>402 S. Texas</u>

3. Grant/ Amount Requested	
Roof <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount <u>\$10,000</u>
Leveling <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount _____
Façade <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount _____

4. Brief Summary of Project (If additional space is required please attach another page).
<u>Roof coating system</u>

5. Have you ever applies for a grant before? If so, was it granted and when?
<u>NO</u>

I hereby agree to the guidelines set forth by the Mercedes Historical Preservation Commission Grant	
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made by me in this	
application are true and the information provided is correct.	
Signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>2/9/24</u>
Signature _____	Date _____

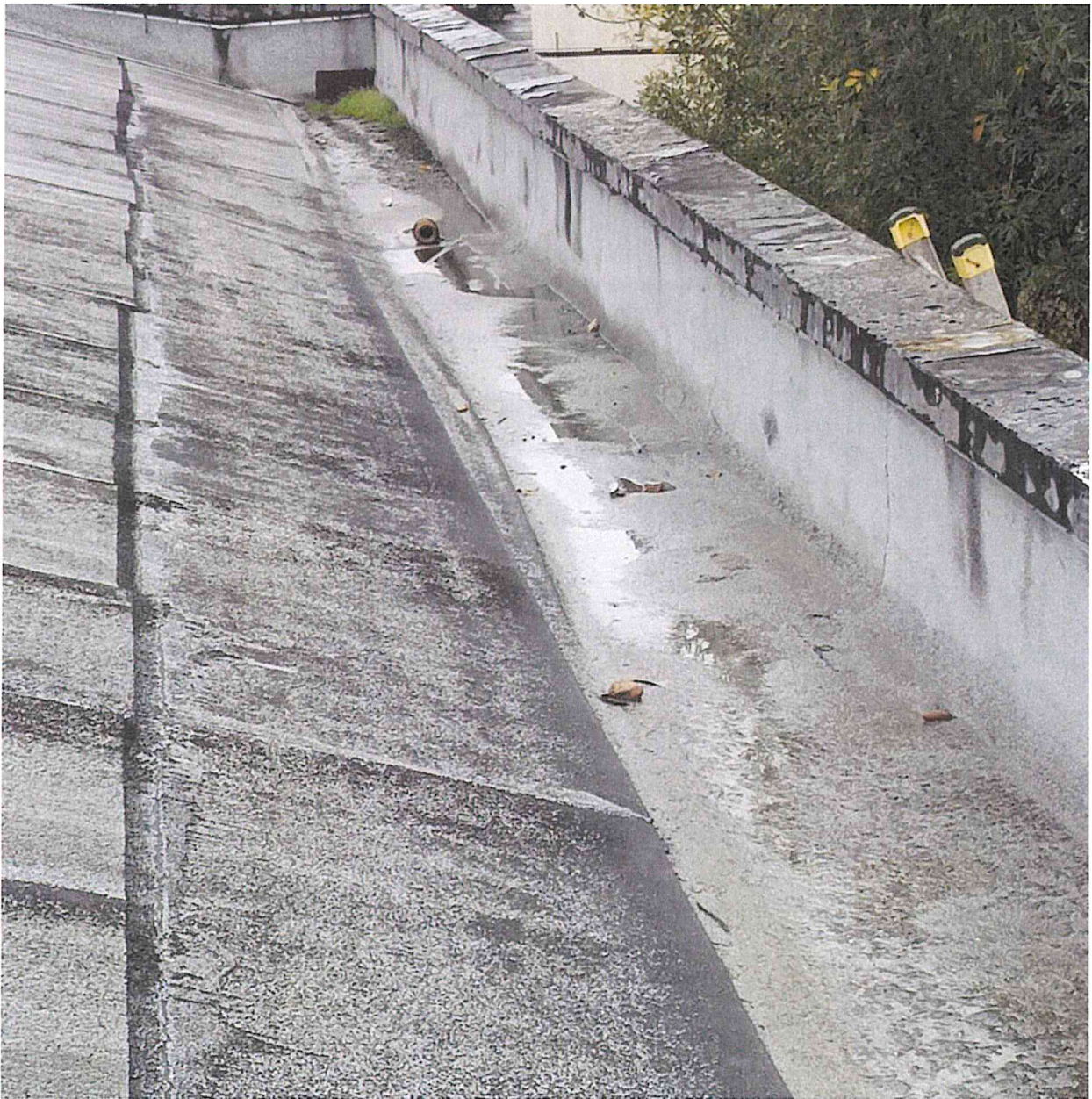
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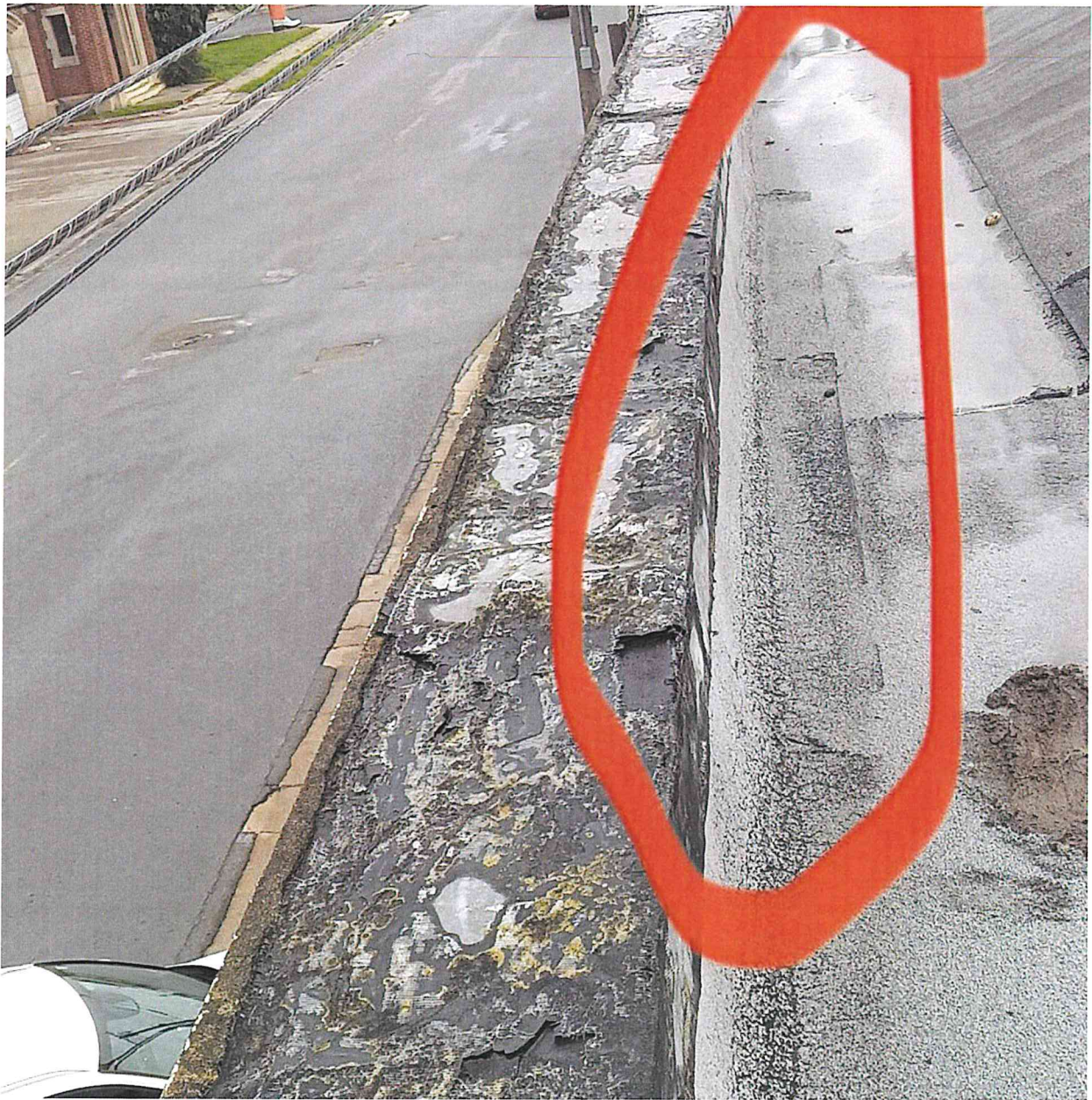
Grant Request Approved:

Quotes Submitted:

Photos Submitted:

Samples Submitted:











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COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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Hidalgo County, Texas

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SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED WITH VENDOR'S LIEN

STATE OF TEXAS §
 § **KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:**
 COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

That **CONTINENTAL CONCEPTS COMPANY**, a Texas corporation, whose address is 11825 IH-10 West, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas 78230 ("**Grantor**") for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and the execution by **BEXAR TRIPLE JEOPARDY, LLC**, a Texas limited liability company, ("**Grantee**"), whose address for notice hereunder is 6011 Broadway, Suite 202, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas 78209, of a Promissory Note of even date herewith in the principal amount of \$208,550.00 payable to the order of **BANK OZK, an Arkansas banking corporation, formerly known as BANK OF THE OZARKS, successor by merger with OmniBank, N.A.** (hereinafter called "Beneficiary"), whose address is 1314 E. SONTERRA BLVD., STE 101, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78258, said Promissory Note being secured by a Vendor's Lien retained in favor of Lender and by a Deed of Trust of even date herewith from Grantee to John N. Gambrell, Trustee, Grantor has GRANTED, BARGAINED, SOLD, CONVEYED AND ASSIGNED, and by these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has GRANTED, BARGAINED, SOLD, CONVEYED AND ASSIGNED, and by these presents does GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL, CONVEY AND ASSIGN unto Grantee, its successors and assigns forever, that certain real property legally described on the attached **Exhibit A** (the "**Property**") together with (i) all easements and other rights and privileges appurtenant to the Land, including any utility capacities, development approvals or permits relating to that Land, (ii) all improvements located on the Land, and (iii) Seller's right, title and interest in and to all (a) contractual warranties, and (b) plans, drawings, specifications, surveys, engineering reports, environmental reports, and other similar technical information in Seller's possession or control that relate to the Property, and all improvements located on the Property, SUBJECT TO those matters described on **Exhibit B** attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes (the "**Reservations**").

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the Property unto the Grantee and its successors and

assigns forever. Grantor shall warrant and defend title to the Property unto the Grantee, against every person lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof by, through or under the Grantor, but not otherwise; provided that Grantor's covenant to warrant and defend title to the Property shall not extend to the Permitted Exceptions.

Ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the Property for the current year have been prorated as of the date hereof. By acceptance of this deed, Grantee assumes and agrees to pay ad valorem real property taxes relating to the Property (excluding rollback taxes) for the 2023 tax year and all subsequent tax years.

EXCEPT FOR THE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE BETWEEN GRANTOR AND GRANTEE CONCERNING THE PROPERTY AND THE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS DEED ("**GRANTOR WARRANTIES**"), GRANTOR EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES OR OTHER ASSURANCES WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES AS TO THE PHYSICAL CONDITION, ENVIRONMENTAL AND/OR ECOLOGICAL CONDITION, OPERATING HISTORY OR PROJECTIONS, VALUATIONS, GOVERNMENTAL APPROVALS AND/OR GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PROPERTY. EXCEPT FOR THE GRANTOR WARRANTIES, GRANTEE ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY IT IS NOT RELYING ON ANY STATEMENT OR INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE GRANTOR OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES, AND GRANTEE WILL RELY UPON ITS OWN INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF THE PROPERTY, OR ITS DETERMINATIONS NOT TO INSPECT THE SAME. EXCEPT FOR THE GRANTOR WARRANTIES, GRANTEE ACCEPTS THE PROPERTY IN AS-IS, WHERE-IS CONDITION, WITH ALL FAULTS AND WITHOUT REFERENCE TO MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has executed this Special Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien to be effective the 31 day of October, 2022.

#Signatures on Page 3#

GRANTOR:

CONTINENTAL CONCEPTS COMPANY, a
Texas corporationBy: Valerie Katz
Valerie Katz
Its: President**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF BEXAR §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the ____ day of _____, 2022, by VALERIE KATZ, President of CONTINENTAL CONCEPTS COMPANY, a Texas corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission Expires: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

See Attached
California-Compliant
Notarial Certificate
Signed by Alex A. Allen

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

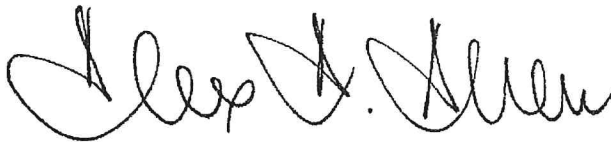
County of Los Angeles

On 31 OCT 2022 before me, Alex A. Allen, a notary public, personally appeared
Valerie Katz

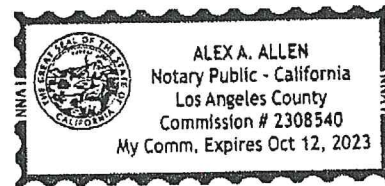
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



(Notary Public's Signature)



(Notary Public's Seal)

CA Civil Code § 1189

Optional Information About the Document This Notarial Certificate is Attached to and Made a Part of:

Title or Type: Special Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien (TX)

Date: 31 OCT 2022

Number of Pages: 6 (Six)

Additional Notes: None

Optional Information About the Notary Public:

Name: Alex A. Allen

State of Commission: California

Commission Number: 2308540

Commission Expires: October 12, 2023

Primary County: Los Angeles

Mailing Address: 530 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena, California, 91101 USA

Email Address: alex@alexthenotary.com

Phone Number: (626) 808-3030

★★★

GRANTEE:

BEXAR TRIPLE JEOPARDY, a
Texas limited liability company

By: 

Trey Cooper

Its: Manager

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF TEXAS

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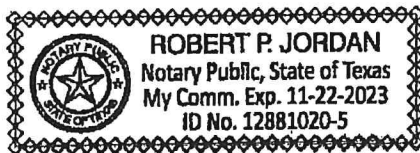
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COUNTY OF BEXAR

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 31 day of October, 2022, by TREY COOPER, Manager of BEXAR TRIPLE JEOPARDY, a Texas limited liability company, on behalf of said company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and official seal.




NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

THIS INSTRUMENT IS TO BE RETURNED TO:

EXHIBIT "A"**Legal Description Property**

The West half of Lot 1, all of Lot 2, the North half of Lot 11, and all of Lot 12, Block 23, THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF MERCEDES, an Addition to the City of Mercedes, Hidalgo County, Texas, according to the Plat or Map thereof recorded in Volume P, Page 243, Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

END OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION#

EXHIBIT "B"**RESERVATIONS**

- a. All leases, grants, exceptions or reservations of coal, lignite, oil, gas and other minerals, together with all rights, privileges, and immunities relating thereto, appearing in the Public Records.
- b. Rights of parties in possession.
- c. Visible or apparent easement(s) and/or rights of way on, over, under or across the Land.
- d. Easements and Conditions as shown on the Map or Plat thereof, filed for record in Volume P, Page 243, Deed Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.
- e. Easements or claims of easements which are not a part of the public record.
- f. Terms, conditions, and stipulations as set out in Memorandum of Lease dated March 18, 1994, executed by and between H. E. Butt Store Property Company No. One, a Texas corporation, and Family Dollar Stores of Texas, Inc., filed for record on May 17, 1994 in the Office of the County Clerk of Hidalgo County, Texas, under Clerk's File No. 386860; as affected by Memorandum of First Amendment to Lease Agreement dated September 5, 2008, executed by and between Continental Concepts Company, a Texas corporation, successor-in-interest to H.E. Butt Store Property Company No. One, and Family Dollar Stores of Texas, L.P., a Texas limited partnership, successor-in-interest to Family Dollar Stores of Texas, Inc., filed for record on September 15, 2008 in the Office of the County Clerk of Hidalgo County, Texas, under Clerk's File No. 1928220.

END OF RESERVATIONS#



Gollely Guadalupe Gutierrez... 8:19 AM



to me ▾

ESTIMATE



FROM

GONSEROOF Services and Solutions

1724 Boca Chica Blvd
Brownsville Tx. 78520

BILL TO

Family Dollar Trey Cooper
402 S Texas Ave Mercedes, Tx
78570
210-8456410

ESTIMATE

1490

ESTIMATE DATE

02/15/2024

DESCRIPTION

Tear off, haul and dispose of comp. shingles - 3 tab 113 SQ
Torch roofing - w/out felt 113 SQ
Flat roof
R&R Drip edge LF
R&R Valley Metal
R&R Flashing - Pipe Jack
20 Lineal Feet of Fascia if necessary
Includes of 10 sheets of Plywood if necessary
City Permits
Water Leaks
Repairs to Affected Seams, edge Coverage
Insulation 10 Sheets if Necessary
Totally new Accessories
Certificate of manufacturer on labor
Haul debris - per pick up truck load - including dump fees

0 DOWN PAYMENT

TOTAL

\$24,600.00

TERMS & CONDITIONS

LIFETIME GUARANTEE
ESTIMATED VALID FOR 15 DAYS
ESTIMATED WORKING TIME: 8 DAYS
CUSTOMER AGREES WITH COST AND IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR TOTAL PAYMENT LEAVE YOUR VALUE
IN THE HANDS OF EXPERTS



Dear Trey my apologies to you this is our new offer to you sorry about the inconvenience and the delay
Hope you have a Great Day!

Thanks

Sincerely

Gollely Gutierrez

Administration Assistant

Gonseroof Services and Solutions

(956)338-7812

ESTIMATE



FROM

GONSEROOF Services and
Solutions

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TOTAL

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Dear Trey, my apologies to you this is our new offer to



Skyview Roofing LLC
 1302 E. Tamarck Ave.
 McAllen, TX 78501
 956-800-1623

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
2/5/2024	3655

Name / Address
Attn: Trey C.

Ship To
402 S Texas Mercedes

Project
402 S Texas Mercedes

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Roof Coating for Perimeter and Lap & Seam Of Entire Roof - Powerwash Roof with Concentrated Cleaner - Apply Mastic Overlaps and Seams On Entire Roof (Reinforced With Fabric Mesh) - Apply One Coat of Coating On Lower Perimeter Roof and Walls - Perform Water Test to Confirm Water Tight Repair ** One Year Craftmanship Warranty Ptovided By Skyview Roofing Lump Sum- Tax included	1	22,000.00	22,000.00T
		0.00	0.00
		0.00%	0.00
Total			\$22,000.00

Signature Accepted: _____



McALLEN ROOFING

Commercial

3903 W US Highway 83
McAllen, TX 78501
Phone: (956) 279-8292 Fax: (956) 391-1710

To:
Trey Cooper
Family Dollar - Mercedes
402 S. Texas Ave
Mercedes, TX

Date: 01/29/2024

Construction Agreement

JOB DESCRIPTION: McAllen Roofing LLC shall supply all of the labor and materials required to perform the following work for the Owner as an independent contractor. By this Agreement, Owner irrevocably awards McAllen Roofing LLC the job to do all the work that is included in the Price and Scope of work and agreed to by Owner(s) or Authorized Representative and McAllen Roofing LLC.

Price and Scope of Work for Selected Areas Only (See Diagram A)

- Preparation for Laps, Seams and penetrations Only for Area highlighted in Red
- Clear existing modified roof system of loose debris haul and dispose
 - Pressure wash roof with light detergent to ensure adequate adhesion
 - Apply a primer for an improved adhesion for coating system
 - Three course (embedded fabric and coating) polyester mesh on open seam areas
 - Special mastic treatment for modified laps a proper seal
 - Seal around pipe stacks, pitch pockets and curbs
 - Apply 2 coats of Platinum Plus Thermotek high volume commercial grade acrylic.
 - Clean work area selected of accumulated trash, wash staging area and dispose of construction debris from job when completed
 - Note: This proposal is valid for 30 days due to material fluctuation

PROJECT AS LISTED COMPLETE FOR..... \$ **\$29,548.72**
Plus Applicable Tax

COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT: Owner agrees to pay Company the total amount for the job as follows: (1) 50% contract amount as down payment to initiate notice to proceed, the ordering of materials and scheduling (2) 50% balance shall be paid upon completion.

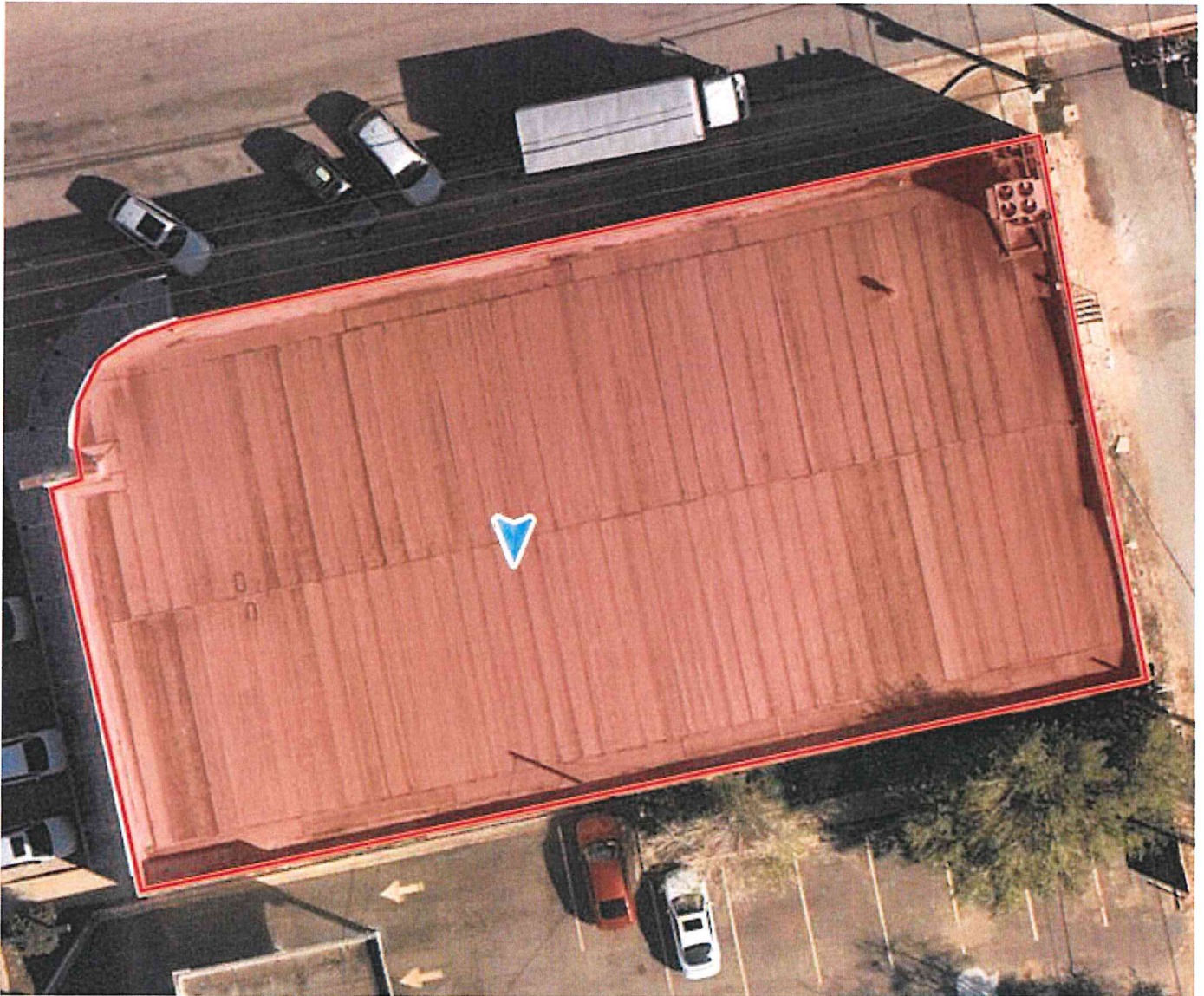
LIMITED WARRANTY: A 2 year leak free warranty will be issued at company receives final payment

15 Year Limited Manufacture Warranty will be processed at the time of final payment is received. Manufacture Warranty includes coverage on materials for a period of 15 years. Company will provide a 2 year leak free warranty.

Warranty Terms:
Roof must be paid for in full and on time.



Diagram A



INITIALS _____

This contract and any agreement made pursuant thereto is between McAllen Roofing LLC hereinafter referred to as the "Company" and the customer(s) named herein on the reverse side will be subject to all appropriate laws, regulations, and ordinances in the state record.

1. All contracts are **subject to approval** of our credit department and office without exception. The person executing this contract must obtain the approval of the officer of the Company for this contract to be effective under any conditions in the state of record.
2. Should **default be made in payment** of this contract, charges shall be added from the date thereof at a rate of one and one half (1 ½) percent per month (18% PER ANNUM) with a minimum charge of \$2.00 per month, and if placed in the hand of an attorney for collection, all attorney's fees and legal filing fees shall be paid by customer accepting said contract.
3. Company holds the right to place a **lien** on the property if payment is past due or defaulted. Customer will be charged a \$500 lien fee if lien is recorded with the county.
4. The Company shall have no **responsibility for damages from rain, fire, tornado, windstorm or other perils**, as is normally contemplated to be covered by PROPERTY OWNERS INSURANCE or BUSINESS RISK INSURANCE or unless a specified written agreement be made therefore prior to commencement of the work.
5. Replacement of **deteriorated decking, fascia boards, roof jacks, ventilators, flashings** or other materials unless otherwise stated in the contract, are not included and will be charged as an extra on a time and material basis.
6. The Company shall not be liable for failure of performances due to **labor controversies**, strikes, fires, weather, inability to obtain materials from usual sources, or any other circumstances beyond the control of the Company, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature.
7. The Company is not responsible for any damage on or below the roof due to leaks by wind driven rain, ice or hail during the period of the warranty. **Excessive Wind is 40 MPH**. The warranty is non transferable.
8. If material has to be recorded or restocked because of **cancellation by the customer** there will be a restocking fee equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the contract price. If the material was custom ordered and may not be restocked, one hundred percent (100%) of the material and shipping cost will be the property owner's responsibility to pay.
9. Moisture that has entered into the building prior to our installation or repair of the roofing system may result in mold growth. We disclaim any and all responsibility for damages to person's property arising from or relating to the presence of **mold in the building**. By executing this agreement for repairs owner and any other party releases us from any and all claims from any penalties, actions, liabilities, cost, expenses and damages arising from or related to the presence of mold in Owners building.
10. The **Buyer can cancel this contract within three (3) days** of signature date without penalty, only if signed off of McAllen Roofing premises. However, if work has begun or materials have been ordered contract cannot be cancelled. McAllen Roofing, LLC. can cancel at anytime without cause before work begins.
11. This contract cannot be cancelled once **work is commenced** accept by mutual written agreement of the parties.
12. **Estimated time of completion** is given in good faith to the customer by the Company based off of prior work that has been completed. Deviations from the timeline based off weather, materials, or acts of God that provide an obstacle to complete project within the original estimated time of completion will grant the Company an additional 90 days for completion. Company holds the right to subcontract the scope of work listed in this contract.
13. Customer will allow for the Company to **store material and/or equipment** on owner's property.
14. If any **provision of this contract** should be held to be invalid or unenforceable the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this contract shall not be affected thereby.
15. ANY REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS, OR **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS NOT WRITTEN ON THIS CONTRACT ARE AGREED TO BE IMMATERIAL**, and not relied on by either party, and do not survive the execution of this contract.
16. The **maximum liability** for the Company shall be the original cost of labor and materials for the repair which customer agrees shall be a liquidated sum, under any event of default of company herein.
17. During the duration of the work the property owner's insurance will be responsible for any **interior damage** as long as the company has taken action to protect the roof during the repair of the roof.
18. If there are any **solar panels** on the roof, the company will not be responsible for damage during the repair, so property owner agrees to have solar panel Company take the appropriate action to protect it if necessary.

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3.) Approval of minutes for meeting held Wednesday, April 23, 2024.

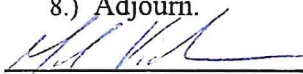
4.) Review, discussion, and possible action on extension for grant for 402 S. Texas Ave.

5.) Update on Certified Local Government status and discussion and possible action on training dates.

6.) Review, discussion and possible action on 2022 South Texas Farm Festival.

7.) Discussion and possible action for outstanding violations.

8.) Adjourn.


Marisol Vidales, Library Director

Time of Posting: 4:00 PM

6/7/2024
Date

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This notice is given in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 et. seq.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS THE 7TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

ATTEST:


Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary

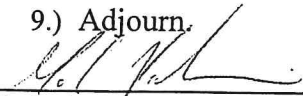


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- 5.) Review, discussion, and possible action on violation for 224 S. Texas.
- 6.) Report on violation for 320 S. Missouri.
- 7.) Discussion and possible action on recommendations of use for hotel/motel funds.
- 8.) Review, discussion, and possible action on the guidelines and criteria for the Mercedes Historic Preservation Grant.

9.) Adjourn.



Marisol Vidales, Library Director
Time of Posting: 11:00 AM


8/9/24
Date

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, THIS THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

ATTEST:



Joselynn Castillo, City Secretary



Skyview Roofing, LLC

1302 E. Tamarack Ave.
McAllen, TX 78501

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
7/23/2024	PO022299

Bill To
Attn: Trey C.

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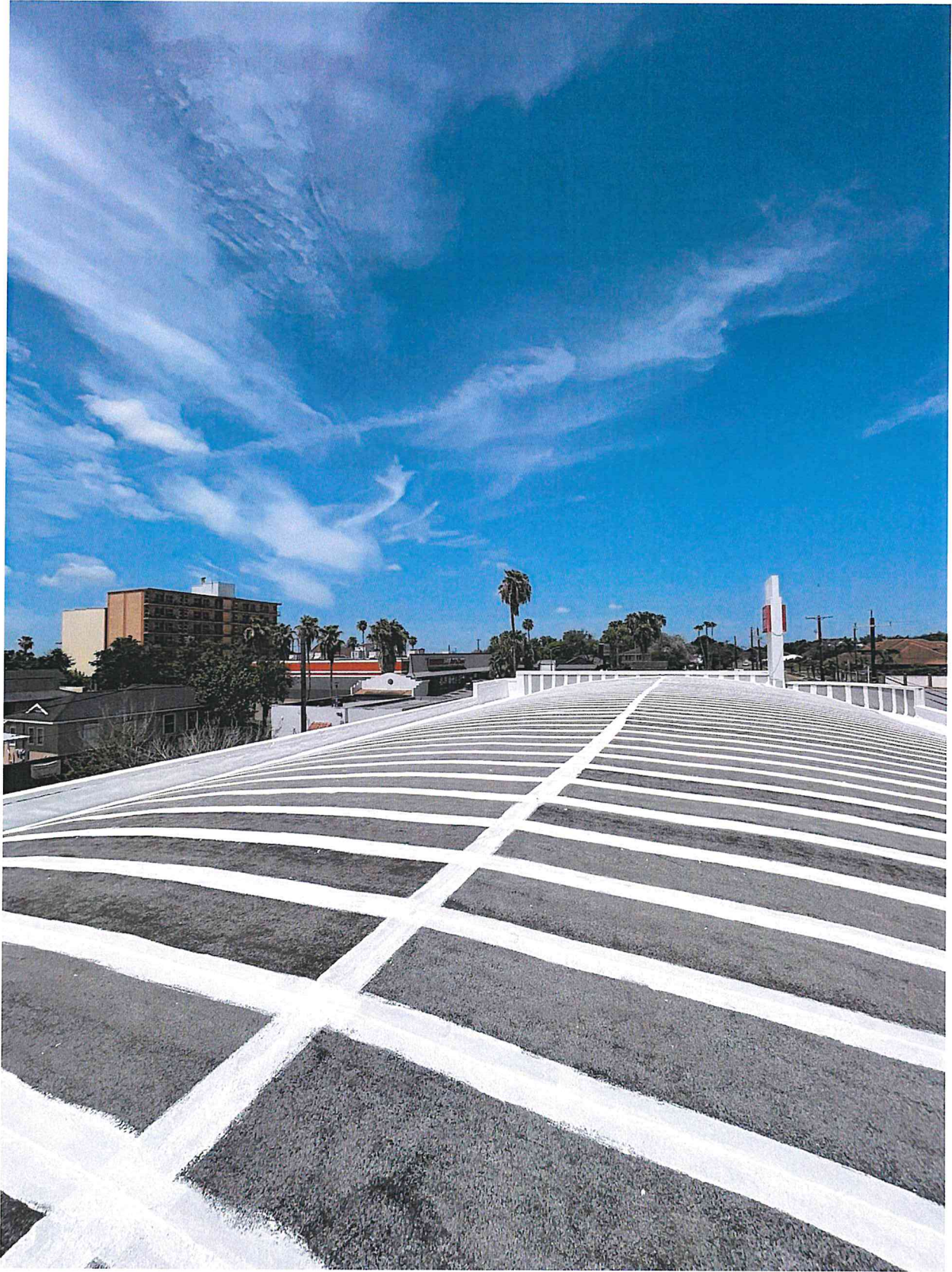
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CONSENT ITEM: YES**DATE:** August 19, 2024**FROM:** Orlando Diaz, Lieutenant**ITEM:** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve The Interlocal Agreement For Police Services Between The City of Mercedes And The Mercedes Independent School District

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City of Mercedes and the Mercedes Independent School District (MISD) seek approval for an Interlocal Agreement for Police Services for the 2024-2025 school year. This agreement establishes a collaborative effort between the City and MISD to enhance school safety and maintain a secure learning environment. Under this agreement, the City will provide five (5) certified police officers to serve on MISD campuses. These officers will perform a range of duties, including law enforcement, traffic enforcement, and participation in school activities, while ensuring compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The agreement also outlines cost-sharing measures, where MISD will reimburse the City for officer salaries, fringe benefits, and other associated costs.

This agreement is authorized under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, which permits local governments to contract for shared services. Additionally, Texas Education Code §37.081 grants MISD the authority to employ security personnel and peace officers to ensure school safety.

The primary objective of this agreement is to foster a cooperative approach to law enforcement within MISD, thereby ensuring the safety of students, staff, and visitors. This collaboration between the City and MISD is seen as a crucial step in addressing safety concerns and maintaining a secure educational environment.

BOARD REVIEW/CITIZEN FEEDBACK:**ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:****FISCAL IMPACT:**

Proposed Expenditure/(Revenue):	Account Number(s):
\$	01-522-1013 Regular-MISD
	01-522-1083 Overtime-MISD

Finance Review by:**LEGAL REVIEW:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Memo
2. Interlocal Agreement FY24-25
3. Interlocal Agreement FY23-24
- 4.

DRAFT MOTION:



MERCEDES POLICE DEPARTMENT

316 S Ohio Ave.
Mercedes, Texas 78570
(956) 565-3102 Fax (956) 565-2583

Francisco J. Sanchez
Chief of Police

MEMO

Date: August 19, 2024

From: Orlando Diaz, Lieutenant

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Background Information:

1. Legal Authority:

- This agreement is authorized under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, which permits local governments to contract for shared services. Additionally, Texas Education Code §37.081 grants MISD the authority to employ security personnel and peace officers to ensure school safety.

2. Purpose:

- The primary objective of this agreement is to foster a cooperative approach to law enforcement within MISD, thereby ensuring the safety of students, staff, and visitors. This collaboration between the City and MISD is seen as a crucial step in addressing safety concerns and maintaining a secure educational environment.

3. Key Provisions:

- **Assignment of Officers:** The City will assign five certified police officers to MISD campuses for the 2024-2025 school year. These officers will perform various duties, including law enforcement, traffic control, and participation in school activities. They will also serve as a visible deterrent to crime and educate faculty on safety measures.
- **Cost Reimbursement:** MISD will reimburse the City for all costs associated with officer salaries, benefits, and other expenses. The estimated cost for the agreement is \$368,504.65, and MISD will also cover fuel, maintenance, and other vehicle-related expenses.

MERCEDES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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- **Supplemental Duty Pay:** MISD agrees to pay for additional officers needed for extracurricular activities, sporting events, and other special events.
- 4. **Jurisdiction and Authority:**
 - The agreement specifies the jurisdiction and authority of the assigned officers, ensuring they have the necessary powers to enforce laws and maintain safety within MISD properties, both within and outside the city limits.
- 5. **Duration and Terms:**
 - The agreement is set to commence on September 1, 2024, and will conclude on August 31, 2025. It also includes provisions for mediation in case of disputes and clarifies that neither party waives governmental immunity.

Recommendation:

Approval of this Interlocal Agreement for Police Services is recommended as it aligns with the shared goal of promoting a safe and secure environment for students and staff within the Mercedes Independent School District. The agreement is a proactive measure to ensure the well-being of the community and strengthen the partnership between the City of Mercedes and MISD.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Lt. Orlando Diaz

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE SERVICES

This INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE SERVICES (Agreement) is made by and between the City of Mercedes, Texas (Contractor) and the Mercedes Independent School District (Agency) on this the 1st day of September, 2024.

PREMISES

Whereas, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code authorizes local governments to contract with each other to provide governmental functions and services, and

Whereas, the Texas Education Code §37.081 gives the Board of Trustees of AGENCY the power to employ security personnel and commissioned peace officers to carry out the effects of that Chapter, and

Whereas, the City of Mercedes, Texas is a Texas Municipality and Home Rule City as set forth in VTCA Government Codes §791.003 (4), and

Whereas, the Mercedes Independent School District is a Texas School District and local government entity as set forth in the VTCA Government Code §791.003, and

Whereas, the Mercedes Independent School District School Resource Officers and the City of Mercedes all have the authority to perform law enforcement actions within their respective jurisdictional areas, and

Whereas, the Parties are of the opinion that achieving the objectives of law enforcement, the protection of students, and maintenance of a safe learning environment within the Mercedes Independent School District can be facilitated by establishing a cooperative approach to law enforcement, and that the performance of this Agreement is in the common interest of both parties and that the division of cost fairly compensates the performing party for the services under this contract,

Whereas, the parties, in performing governmental functions or in paying for the performance of governmental functions hereunder shall make the performance, or those payments from current revenues legally available to each party:

Now therefore, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants herein contained, it as agreed, under the authority of Section 791.001-791.029 of the Texas Government code, as follows:

AGREEMENT

ARTICLE 1. STATEMENT OF WORK:

CONTRACTOR agrees to perform the following, in a good professional manner:

- I. CONTRACTOR shall assign and provide to AGENCY'S campuses Five (5) Texas Certified Police Officers during the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with the dates set forth in Article 5 of this agreement. Specific campus and time assignments will be mutually agreed to by the Contractor and AGENCY. Time assignments are not limited to any time of day. CONTRACTOR agrees that officers may be assigned to sporting events or other extra-curricular activities.
- II. CONTRACTOR will Assign contracted Police Offices to provide police presence on and around school campuses and all AGENCY property, including, without limitation, traffic enforcement and pedestrian crosswalk policing, etc. The Chief of Police shall assign the duties of each officer considering the safety of each student, school district employee, and non-school person.
- III. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that assigned officers comply with all departmental policies and procedures, including but not limited to, city policies and state and federal statutes, procedures, and directives.
- IV. Contracted Police Officers may execute investigative and arrest authority.
- V. Contracted Police Officers shall function as Certified Peace Officers of the State of Texas and shall comply with all duties and obligations, which they have under state and federal law as licensed peace officers.
- VI. CONTRACTOR will supply five (5) police vehicles as available.
- VII. AGENCY agrees to pay overtime for additional officers for sporting events, parades, other extra-curricular activities that require more than the number of Contracted Police Officers.

ARTICLE 2. OBJECTIVES:

CONTRACTOR with the cooperation of the AGENCY is employed to carry out the purposes of Chapter 37, Texas Education Code, Safe Schools to include, but not limited to the following:

1. Provide a safe learning environment by fulfilling their obligations as licensed peace officer.
2. Serve as visible deterrent, through their presence and action as peace officers to reduce drug abuse, alcohol abuse and other crime amongst students.
3. Educate faculty in the following:
 - Identification of gangs and their effects
 - Identification of drugs and their effects
 - Training and preparation for safety measures; active shooter training(s)
4. Participate in other school activities and events when appropriate.
5. Report incidents (in writing) of a delinquent criminal nature to the campus Principal and the Chief of Police.
6. Take positive enforcement action as a law enforcement officer when confronted by a violation of Federal Law, State Law and any City Ordinance.
7. Promote and support organizational strategies of the district to address the causes and reduce the fear of crime and social disorder through problem solving tactics and their work as peace officers within the district.

ARTICLE 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AGENCY:

The AGENCY will provide the following to the CONTRACTOR:

1. Reimburse the City of Mercedes for all costs associated with Salaries and Fringe Benefits for the Contracted Peace Officers.
2. Will assign office space on campus.
3. Access to telephones.
4. Administrative and clerical support whenever possible from the campus and central office.
5. Supplies and materials within an approved budget
6. Costs associated with uniforms and training as needed to maintain school-based policing; and

7. Other support as requested.

ARTICLE 4. JURISDICTION AND SCOPE OF DUTIES OF EMPLOYED OFFICERS

The AGENCY hereby determines that the jurisdiction of any officer exercising the terms under this agreement shall include all territory, within the boundaries of the AGENCY and also all property outside the boundaries of the AGENCY that is owned, leased or rented by or otherwise under the control of the AGENCY. The AGENCY further determines that the Police Officers assigned under this agreement shall have the following powers:

- I. All the powers, privileges and immunities as police officers when working as police officers for the AGENCY.
- II. The powers to enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, and state laws and may, in accordance with Chapter 52, Texas Family Code, take a juvenile into custody.
- III. The power to enforce any and all laws of the State of Texas and the rules of the AGENCY which have a direct bearing on the safety and welfare of students within the AGENCY.
- IV. The power, jurisdiction and lawful authority to provide police services under the terms of this agreement even if said police officers are off duty. However, nothing in this agreement shall require any Mercedes Police Officer to provide police services pursuant to this agreement if off duty.
- V. With regards to the jurisdiction of police officers exercising their authority in areas owned, leased or rented by or otherwise under the control of the AGENCY not located within the city limits of the CONTRACTOR. Police Officers will exercise their authority and shall detain any juvenile or adult for the violations of state law and then contact the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction of the AGENCY School in question for the purpose of proceeding forward with the proper reporting and processing of cases to the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department of the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- VI. Any other powers necessary to carry out the effects of Texas Education Code Chapter 37, particularly 37.081.

ARTICLE 5. TERMS AND DATES OF CONTRACT:

The period of performance of the agreement shall commence on the 1st day of September, 2024 and shall end on the 31st day of August, 2025. This is based on a regular City of Mercedes Police Officer work year. No cost will be incurred or charged on the agreement prior to the starting date or after the ending date. All days are payable based on eight (8) hour day terms.

ARTICLE 6. SUPPLEMENTAL DUTY PAY:

Agency agrees to pay supplemental duty pay for the services of any and all uniformed, sworn law enforcement personnel for the purposes of providing security and crowd control for athletic and special events sponsored by the Agency. Arrangements will be made between the Safe Schools Coordinator and/or the Athletic Director. The Contractor will provide the number of officers reasonably necessary as requested by the Agency for any such event subject to availability of officers. The Agency shall reimburse Contractor for the actual rate of pay Contractor expends and/or is responsible for compensating individual officer(s) for the time spent in providing Agency Supplemental Duty services.

ARTICLE 7. CONSIDERATION:

It is estimated that the total cost of the basic agreement (excluding supplemental duty pay) will not exceed \$368,504.65 and the CONTRACTOR agrees to use its best effort to perform all work described for this estimated cost. If at any time it is determined by the CONTRACTOR that the total cost for performance of said work will be greater than the above estimated cost, then CONTRACTOR shall notify AGENCY of such excess cost, giving its revised estimate of the total cost. AGENCY is not obligated to pay any amount exceeding the estimated cost indicated in this section unless such amount is approved by AGENCY in writing before the cost is incurred nor is the CONTRACTOR obligated to perform any such work after such determination until approved of such excess amount.

Item	Qty	Unit Cost	Total
Certified Police Officers	5	\$73,700.93 (annual salary including FICA/MED and fringe benefits)	\$368,504.65
TOTAL			\$368,504.65

Mercedes ISD (agrees to reimburse the City of Mercedes for costs associated with fuel, maintenance and/or repair of vehicles and equipment incurred during the time the Contracted Peace Officers are on duty for Mercedes ISD.

ARTICLE 8. PAYMENT:

Payment for services will be processed only when proper documentation has been provided for the AGENCY business office for payment. Proper business accounting will be utilized. CONTRACTOR shall bill AGENCY on a monthly basis and shall not bill AGENCY for a service period that exceeds thirty days (30) of service to AGENCY. Once proper documentation has been provided to the AGENCY, payment will be processed within 15 - 30 days.

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It is the policy of the State of Texas to encourage resolution of any disputes through alternative dispute resolution procedures such as non-binding mediation. Any dispute between the parties to this agreement, which is not resolved through informal discussion, may be submitted to a mutually acceptable mediation service or provider for non-binding mediation. The parties involved in the mediation shall equally share the costs of mediation. This paragraph does not preclude a party from seeking legal or equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 10. VENUE AND JURISDICTION:

The parties acknowledge that exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any such action for breach of this agreement shall be Hidalgo County, Texas.

ARTICLE 11. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT:

This document constitutes the entire agreement between the AGENCY and CONTRACTOR and may be modified only by written agreement executed by both the AGENCY and CONTRACTOR.

ARTICLE 12. DUTIES:

Officers shall only be assigned duties by the AGENCY which are consistent with their existing obligations as licensed police officers under state law and which arise pursuant to their employment under Chapter 37, Texas Education Code (Exhibit C).

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Neither the AGENCY nor CONTRACTOR, via this contract, waive governmental immunity from suit, or from liability, except as expressly set forth by the Texas Legislature in the Texas Local Government Code. The fact that the AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR have entered into this agreement shall not in any way, constitute a deliberate waiver of immunity by either entity,

which immunities are expressly reserved by both parties.

ARTICLE 14. CITY NOT LIABLE FOR ACTIONS DIRECTED BY DISTRICT:

CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to the AGENCY or to any third party for any act or omission Mercedes of any Mercedes Police Officer who is at the time acting under the direction of any officer, administrator or employee of the district.

CONTRACTOR:

City of Mercedes

Oscar D. Montoya
Mayor

Alberto Perez
City Manager

Francisco J. Sanchez
Chief of Police

Joselynn Castillo
City Secretary

AGENCY:

Mercedes Independent School District

Marcos J. Garcia IV
President, Mercedes I.S.D.
Board of Trustees

Jeanne Venecia
Mercedes I.S.D. Acting Superintendent of Schools

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Whereas, the Parties are of the opinion that achieving the objectives of law enforcement, the protection of students, and maintenance of a safe learning environment within the Mercedes Independent School District can be facilitated by establishing a cooperative approach to law enforcement, and that the performance of this Agreement is in the common interest of both parties and that the division of cost fairly compensates the performing party for the services under this contract,

Whereas, the parties, in performing governmental functions or in paying for the performance of governmental functions hereunder shall make the performance, or those payments from current revenues legally available to each party:

Now therefore, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants herein contained, it as agreed, under the authority of Section 791.001-791.029 of the Texas Government code, as follows:

AGREEMENT

ARTICLE 1. STATEMENT OF WORK:

CONTRACTOR agrees to perform the following, in a good professional manner:

- I. CONTRACTOR shall assign and provide to AGENCY'S campuses Five (5) Texas Certified Police Officers during the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with the dates set forth in Article 5 of this agreement. Specific campus and time assignments will be mutually agreed to by the Contractor and AGENCY. Time assignments are not limited to any time of day. CONTRACTOR agrees that officers may be assigned to sporting events or other extra-curricular activities.
- II. CONTRACTOR will Assign contracted Police Offices to provide police presence on and around school campuses and all AGENCY property, including, without limitation, traffic enforcement and pedestrian crosswalk policing, etc. The Chief of Police shall assign the duties of each officer considering the safety of each student, school district employee, and non-school person.
- III. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that assigned officers comply with all departmental policies and procedures, including but not limited to, city policies and state and federal statutes, procedures, and directives.
- IV. Contracted Police Officers may execute investigative and arrest authority.
- V. Contracted Police Officers shall function as Certified Peace Officers of the State of Texas and shall comply with all duties and obligations, which they have under state and federal law as licensed peace officers.
- VI. CONTRACTOR will supply five (5) police vehicles as available.
- VII. AGENCY agrees to pay overtime for additional officers for sporting events, parades, other extra-curricular activities that require more than the number of Contracted Police Officers.

ARTICLE 2. OBJECTIVES:

CONTRACTOR with the cooperation of the AGENCY is employed to carry out the purposes of Chapter 37, Texas Education Code, Safe Schools to include, but not limited to the following:

1. Provide a safe learning environment by fulfilling their obligations as licensed peace officer.
2. Serve as visible deterrent, through their presence and action as peace officers to reduce drug abuse, alcohol abuse and other crime amongst students.
3. Educate faculty in the following:
 - Identification of gangs and their effects
 - Identification of drugs and their effects
 - Training and preparation for safety measures; active shooter training(s)
4. Participate in other school activities and events when appropriate.
5. Report incidents (in writing) of a delinquent criminal nature to the campus Principal and the Chief of Police.
6. Take positive enforcement action as a law enforcement officer when confronted by a violation of Federal Law, State Law and any City Ordinance.
7. Promote and support organizational strategies of the district to address the causes and reduce the fear of crime and social disorder through problem solving tactics and their work as peace officers within the district.

ARTICLE 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AGENCY:

The AGENCY will provide the following to the CONTRACTOR:

1. Reimburse the City of Mercedes for all costs associated with Salaries and Fringe Benefits for the Contracted Peace Officers.
2. Will assign office space on campus.
3. Access to telephones.
4. Administrative and clerical support whenever possible from the campus and central office.
5. Supplies and materials within an approved budget
6. Costs associated with uniforms and training as needed to maintain school-based policing; and

7. Other support as requested.

ARTICLE 4. JURISDICTION AND SCOPE OF DUTIES OF EMPLOYED OFFICERS

The AGENCY hereby determines that the jurisdiction of any officer exercising the terms under this agreement shall include all territory, within the boundaries of the AGENCY and also all property outside the boundaries of the AGENCY that is owned, leased or rented by or otherwise under the control of the AGENCY. The AGENCY further determines that the Police Officers assigned under this agreement shall have the following powers:

- I. All the powers, privileges and immunities as police officers when working as police officers for the AGENCY.
- II. The powers to enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, and state laws and may, in accordance with Chapter 52, Texas Family Code, take a juvenile into custody.
- III. The power to enforce any and all laws of the State of Texas and the rules of the AGENCY which have a direct bearing on the safety and welfare of students within the AGENCY.
- IV. The power, jurisdiction and lawful authority to provide police services under the terms of this agreement even if said police officers are off duty. However, nothing in this agreement shall require any Mercedes Police Officer to provide police services pursuant to this agreement if off duty.
- V. With regards to the jurisdiction of police officers exercising their authority in areas owned, leased or rented by or otherwise under the control of the AGENCY not located within the city limits of the CONTRACTOR. Police Officers will exercise their authority and shall detain any juvenile or adult for the violations of state law and then contact the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction of the AGENCY School in question for the purpose of proceeding forward with the proper reporting and processing of cases to the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department of the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- VI. Any other powers necessary to carry out the effects of Texas Education Code Chapter 37, particularly 37.081.

ARTICLE 5. TERMS AND DATES OF CONTRACT:

The period of performance of the agreement shall commence on the 1st day of September, 2023 and shall end on the 31st day of August, 2024. This is based on a regular City of Mercedes Police Officer work year. No cost will be incurred or charged on the agreement prior to the starting date or after the ending date. All days are payable based on eight (8) hour day terms.

ARTICLE 6. SUPPLEMENTAL DUTY PAY:

Agency agrees to pay supplemental duty pay for the services of any and all uniformed, sworn law enforcement personnel for the purposes of providing security and crowd control for athletic and special events sponsored by the Agency. Arrangements will be made between the Safe Schools Coordinator and/or the Athletic Director. The Contractor will provide the number of officers reasonably necessary as requested by the Agency for any such event subject to availability of officers. The Agency shall reimburse Contractor for the actual rate of pay Contractor expends and/or is responsible for compensating individual officer(s) for the time spent in providing Agency Supplemental Duty services.

ARTICLE 7. CONSIDERATION:

It is estimated that the total cost of the basic agreement (excluding supplemental duty pay) will not exceed \$344,396.85 and the CONTRACTOR agrees to use its best effort to perform all work described for this estimated cost. If at any time it is determined by the CONTRACTOR that the total cost for performance of said work will be greater than the above estimated cost, then CONTRACTOR shall notify AGENCY of such excess cost, giving its revised estimate of the total cost. AGENCY is not obligated to pay any amount exceeding the estimated cost indicated in this section unless such amount is approved by AGENCY in writing before the cost is incurred nor is the CONTRACTOR obligated to perform any such work after such determination until approved of such excess amount.

Item	Qty	Unit Cost	Total
Certified Police Officers	5	\$68,879.37 (annual salary including FICA/MED and fringe benefits)	\$344,396.85
TOTAL			\$344,396.85

Mercedes ISD (agrees to reimburse the City of Mercedes for costs associated with fuel, maintenance and/or repair of vehicles and equipment incurred during the time the Contracted Peace Officers are on duty for Mercedes ISD.

ARTICLE 8. PAYMENT:

Payment for services will be processed only when proper documentation has been provided for the AGENCY business office for payment. Proper business accounting will be utilized. CONTRACTOR shall bill AGENCY on a monthly basis and shall not bill AGENCY for a service period that exceeds thirty days (30) of service to AGENCY. Once proper documentation has been provided to the AGENCY, payment will be processed within 15 - 30 days.

ARTICLE 9. MEDIATION:

It is the policy of the State of Texas to encourage resolution of any disputes through alternative dispute resolution procedures such as non-binding mediation. Any dispute between the parties to this agreement, which is not resolved through informal discussion, may be submitted to a mutually acceptable mediation service or provider for non-binding mediation. The to the mediation shall bear the mediation costs equally. This paragraph does not preclude a party from seeking legal or equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 10. VENUE AND JURISDICTION:

The parties acknowledge that exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any such action for breach of this agreement shall be Hidalgo County, Texas.

ARTICLE 11. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT:

This document constitutes the entire agreement between the AGENCY and CONTRACTOR and may be modified only by written agreement executed by both the AGENCY and CONTRACTOR.

ARTICLE 12. DUTIES:

Officers shall only be assigned duties by the AGENCY which are consistent with their existing obligations as licensed police officers under state law and which arise pursuant to their employment under Chapter 37, Texas Education Code (Exhibit C).

ARTICLE 13. NO WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY:

Neither the AGENCY nor CONTRACTOR, via this contract, waive governmental immunity from suit, or from liability, except as expressly set forth by the Texas Legislature in the Texas Local Government Code. The fact that the AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR have entered into this agreement shall not in any way, constitute a deliberate waiver of immunity by either entity, which immunities are expressly reserved by both parties.

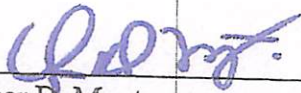
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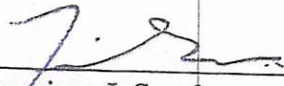
ARTICLE 14. CITY NOT LIABLE FOR ACTIONS DIRECTED BY DISTRICT:

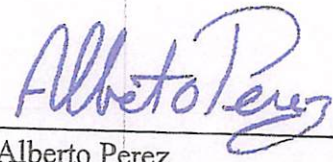
CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to the AGENCY or to any third party for any act or omission Mercedes of any Mercedes Police Officer who is at the time acting under the direction of any officer, administrator or employee of the district.


CONTRACTOR:

City of Mercedes


Oscar D. Montoya
Mayor

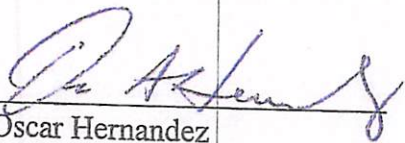

Francisco J. Sanchez
Interim Chief of Police

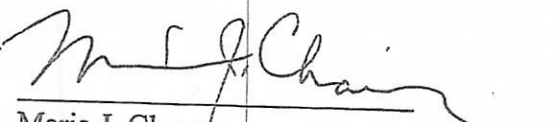

Alberto Perez
City Manager


Joselynn Castillo
City Secretary

AGENCY:

Mercedes Independent School District


Oscar Hernandez
President, Mercedes I.S.D.
Board of Trustees


Maria J. Chavez
Mercedes I.S.D. Superintendent of Schools

DEPARTMENT: Mercedes Recreation Center

MONTHLY REPORT: July 2024

Report Summary:

This report tracks membership, programs and project activities for the Recreation Center for the month.

Registration for membership conducted year-round:

Summer Program: **June & July - Registration start date May 1, 2024**

Fall Program: **Registrations start date Aug. 1, 2023**

Fall Program: **Aug. 2023 - May 2024**

Mercedes Recreation Center Program Registration Numbers: **July**

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|---|--------------------|
| • Membership Registration | 60 |
| • Membership Daily Attendance | 40 - 50 |
| • Youth Soccer League Registration | 180 |
| • Swimming Lesson 2 nd Session | 32 |
| • CO-ED Volleyball League Registration | 40 |
| Inter-League w/ Weslaco | |
| • Total Registration | 312 members |

Community:

- **United-Way of South Texas:**
 - Speakers Bureau Training 7/18
- **RGV FOOD DRIVE**
 - July Food-drive Dome Site - 7/10
- **Llano Grande**
 - Hidalgo Co. "Back to School" Meeting - 7/10 & 7/18

Out-Reach Summer Agency Programs & Presentations:

- MISD Summer Food Program
- RGV - Foster Grand Parent Program
- Aqua Dental
- Tropical Behavioral Health Solutions
- Texas A&M Agri-Life
- Mercedes P.D.

Foster Grandparent Program:

- **Senior Corps Program**
 - 3 Foster Grandparent Volunteers / Jorge Gutierrez - Supervising Coordinator
 - Training for FGP Volunteers 7/1 & 7/2

Summer Food Program:

- **MISD Summer Meals**
 - Mrs. Marquez Food Nutrition Program - meeting 7/2
 - Starts June 3rd and Ends July 18th
 - Mon. - Thurs.
- **MYB Summer Meals**
 - Member's meals Mon. -Thurs.
 - Starts July 22nd and Ends Aug. 8th

Projects/Maintenance Work Orders & Special Task:

- **Public Works - Work Order submitted:**

- Dome Facility**

- Dome - Monthly AC Filter replacement 7/2
 - Dome - MKC Game room Lighting 7/18

- Rec Facility**

- Rec Center - Tile panel Computer Room 7/4
 - Rec Center - Banner Food Program 7/19
 - Rec Center - Driveway post 7/22
 - Rec Center - Restroom Lights MKC Electric 7/26

- Pool Facility**

- AEP Lighting - 7/2
 - Bath-house Lighting 7/9

- **Rec & Dome Center - AC Units:**

- Service Pro - Dome York Units 7/17
 - Service Pro - Dome inspect York Unit levels / Minisplit Unit 7/29

- **Safe-House Shelter / Dome Center:**

- Hidalgo Co. Sheriff's Department - Deputy Moises Robledo 7/8
 - Hidalgo Co. Sheriff's Department - Dome Walk-through 7/19
 - Hidalgo Co. Sheriff's Department - Event setup 7/30
 - Hidalgo Co. Sheriff's Department - Dome "Back to School Event" 7/31

- **Swimming Pool Maintenance Daily/Equipment Inspection**

- Daily facility maintenance - pool vacuuming, netting & clean skimmers
 - Weekly Test water levels / Weekly Pool water testing - Leslie's
 - Daily inspection - pumps, check valves, chlorinators, gauges & filters
 - Motor & filter pumps daily inspection
 - Backwash filters once monthly
 - Bath-house/Chemical room facility inspection

Swimming Pool Programs:

- **RGV Aquatics**
 - July Meeting TBA - Rescheduled
- **Mercedes Aquatics Program**
 - Life-guard Skills Training 7/9
 - Public Pool Hours Wed. - Fri 3:00pm - 6:00pm
 - Pool Rental Sat. & Sun. 3:00pm - 5:00pm & 6:00pm - 8:00pm
 - Swimming Lessons 7/10 - 7/26 - 2nd Session
 - Ages 0-3 (1 participants)
 - Ages 4 - 12 (30 participants)

Youth Summer Program:

- **Registration & Summer Program**
 - Registration Summer Program July
 - Summer Program Mon. - Thurs. 8am - 5:00pm

Youth Leagues:

- **Soccer League**
 - June 15th - July 27th League Play
 - Ages Divisions 5 - 12 Yrs.
 - Saturday Games 8:00am - 11:00am - Dome Fields

Adult Leagues:

- **CO-ED Adult Volleyball League**
 - 50 Registration Participants
 - Inter-League w/ Weslaco
- **Men's Soccer League**
 - TBA

After-school Food Program:

- **Programs Attendance February:**

<u>Program/Activites Desciption</u>	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
Membership Daily Attendance	213	180	173	172	738
MISD Food Program (Breakfast / Lunch)	132/176	108/165	106/163	101/161	447/665
Game-room	165	130	158	150	603
Computers	130	125	120	120	495
PS4 Room	145	145	130	120	540
Arts & Crafts	80	50	50	35	214
Sports & Fitness / Out-door Activities	213	180	173	172	738
Out-Reach Programs	85	45	N/A	75	205
Adult CO-ED Volleyball Leagues Games	50	50	50	50	200
Youth Soccer League Games - Saturdays	180	180	180	180	720
Pool Attendance : Public Hrs./Party Rentals	N/A	100/50	83/60	52/0	235/110

Mission Statement

Mercedes Recreation Center, in conjunction with the City of Mercedes, is responsible for the development and implementation of youth programs for youth that reside in the City of Mercedes. The Recreation Center is a Non-Profit Organization for Youth age 6 to 18, which are targeted for programs that will increase pro-social behavior. These programs include recreation activities, community service events/projects, youth leadership programs and cultural events.

Mercedes Recreation Center

“Impacting the youth in our community”

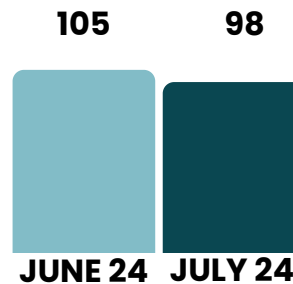


DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY (JULY 2024)

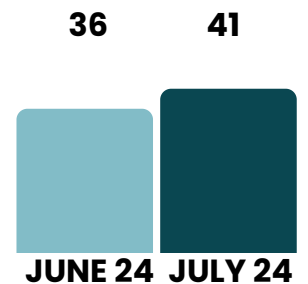
PERMITS ISSUED

	JUNE 24	JULY 24
Residential	105	110
Multi-Family	-	4
Commercial	16	5

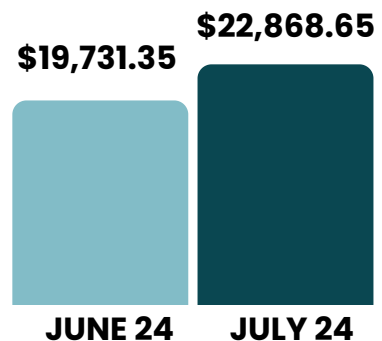
Building Inspections



Plan Reviews

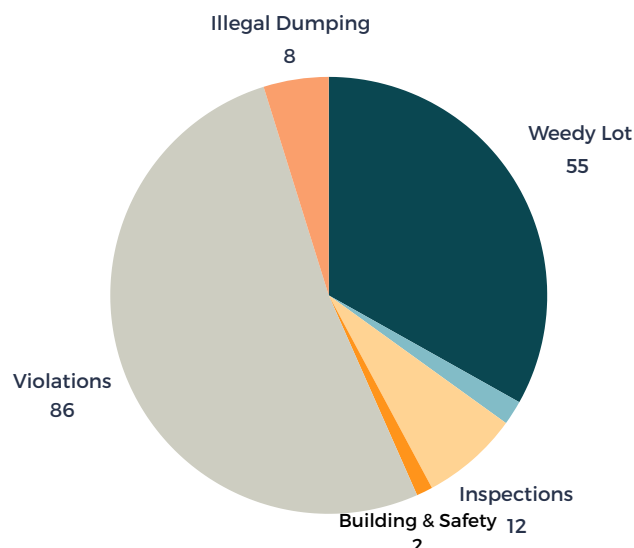


Department Revenue



CODE COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY (JULY 2024)

New Code Compliance Cases - 166



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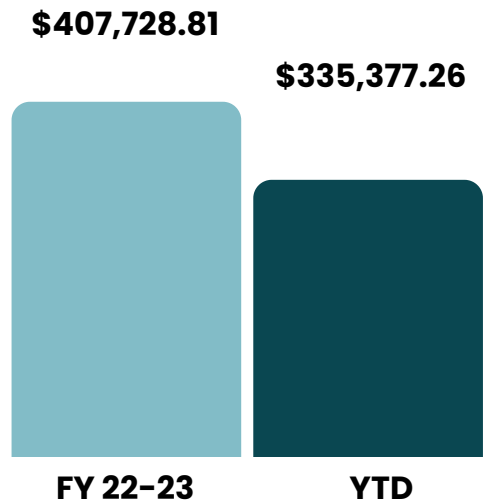
ACTIVITY (FY 22-23 VS YTD)

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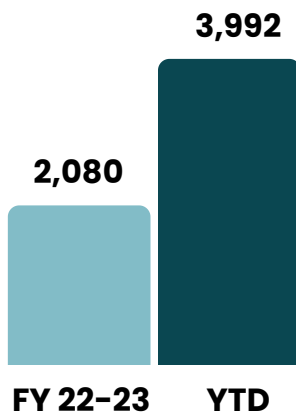
	FY 22-23	YTD
New Residential Construction	236	625
New Commercial Construction	32	39
Other Permits	1,440	1,283

Other Permits: Repairs, Remodel, Re-roof, Driveway, Carport, Fences, ROW, Irrigation, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Meter reset, Moving a Building, Solar Panel, Storage Shed

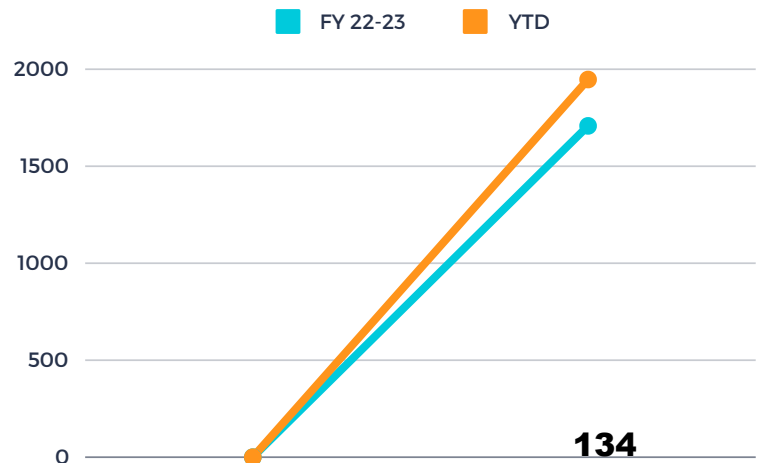
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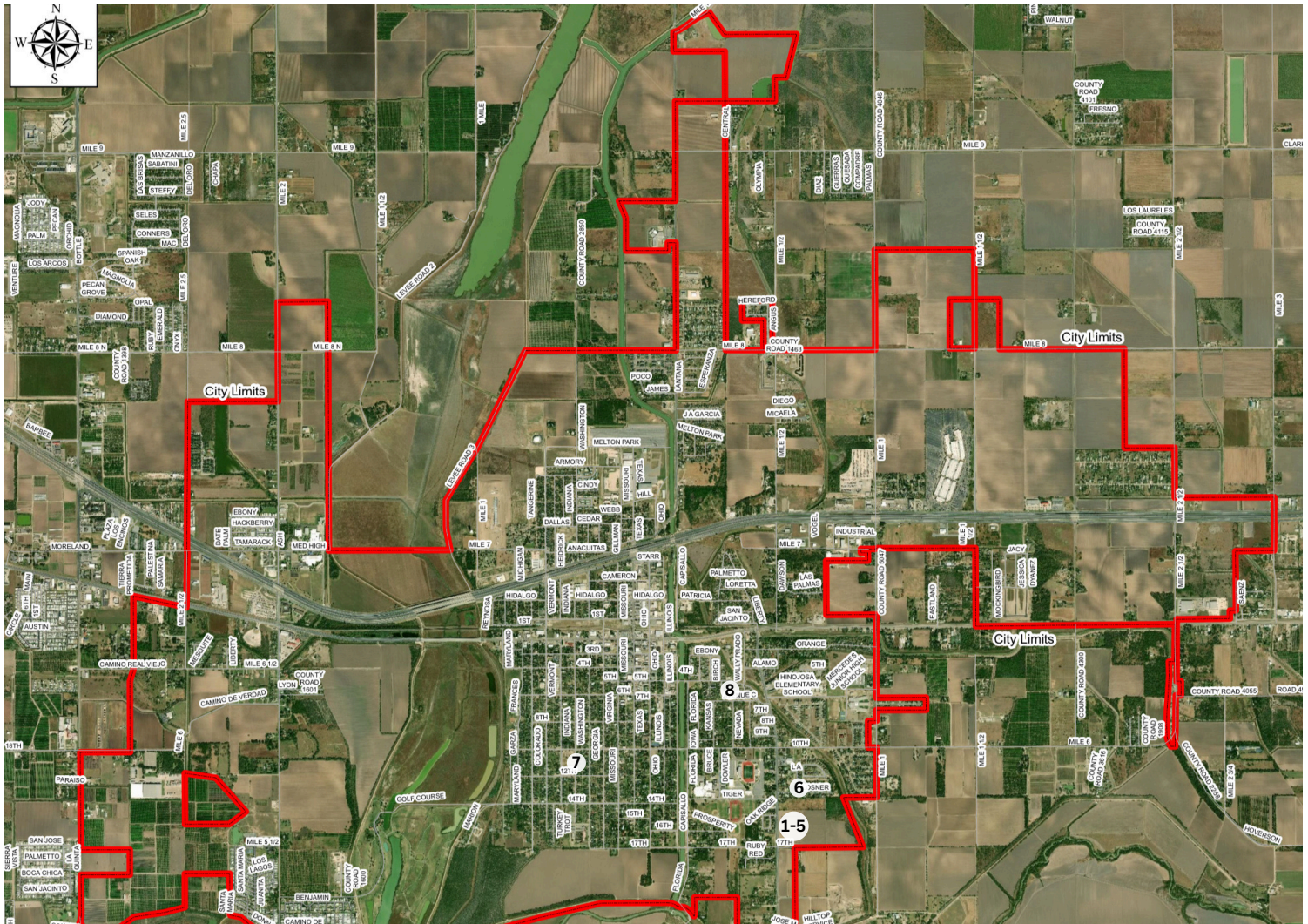
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Total of Permits Issued

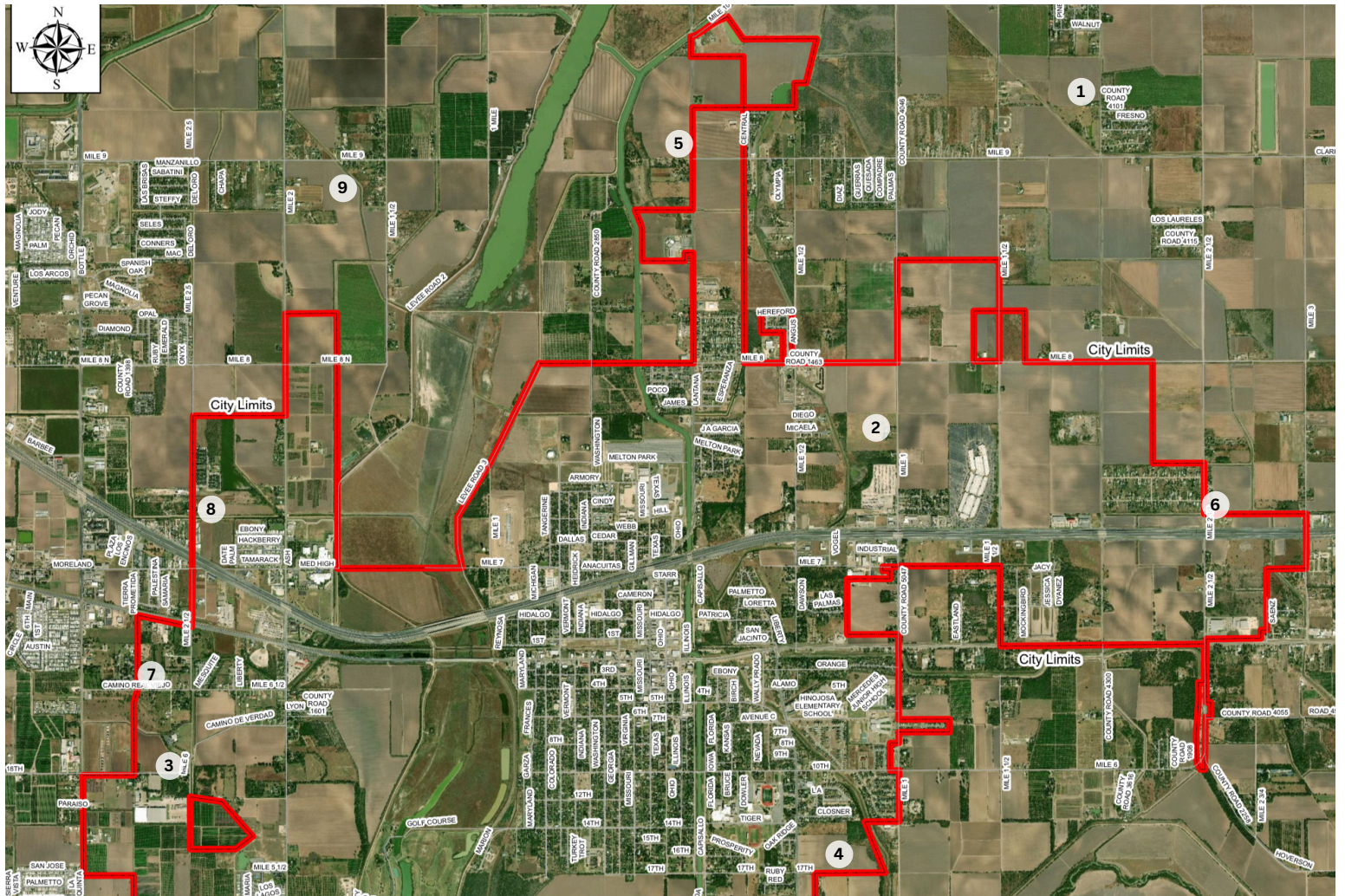


NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION



	Project Address	Type	SQ FT	Subdivision
1	1106 Arden St	Single Family	1,826	Hacienda Olivia
2	1114 Arden St	Single Family	1,826	Hacienda Olivia
3	1110 Jay St	Single Family	1,826	Hacienda Olivia
4	1210 Arden St	Single Family	1,826	Hacienda Olivia
5	1101 Jay St	Single Family	2,936	Hacienda Olivia
6	927 Closner	Single Family	2,520	Closner Estates
7	1101 S Washington Ave	Single Family	1,563	Crown Haven
8	685 Chapman	Multi Family	1,500	Mercedes Palms

SUBDIVISIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

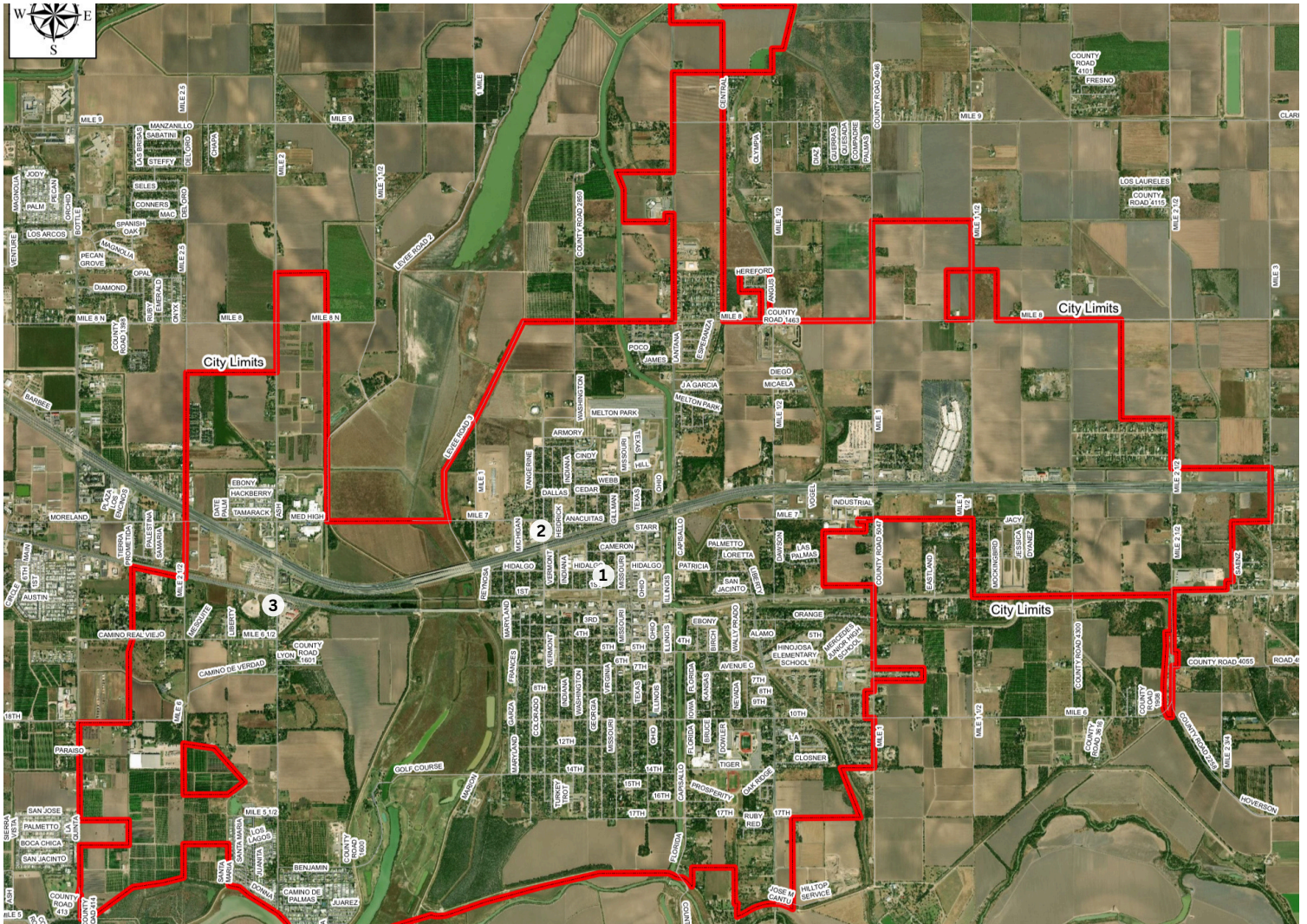


	Subdivision	Location	Acres	Number of lots	Status	Type
1	Mile 2 East Meadows	Mile 2 East Road and Mile 9 North	30	122	Under Construction	Single Family
2	Stable Estates	1 Mile N of Express way 83 on Mile 1 E. West of Mile 1 E/South of Mile 8	30	96	Under Construction	Multi-Family & Single Family
3	Camino de Verdad Ph 2	FM 1015 & Camino de Verdad	22.76	63	Under Construction	Single Family
4	Hacienda Olivia Ph 2	South of Bus 83 on FM 491/ Rio Rico Rd. And east of FM 491/Rio Rico Rd	13.80	60	Starting construction soon	Single Family 136

SUBDIVISIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

	Subdivision	Location	Acres	Number of lots	Status	Type
5	Los Prados Ph 1	2 Mile N of Exp 83 on FM 49. NW corner of Fm 491/Mile 9 North	9.09	48	Under Review	Single Family
6	Mirasol Country Estates	East Side of Mile 2 1/2 East and North of Expwy	59	19	Under Review	Single Family
7	Camino Heights	S Mile 2 1/2 W and Camino Real Viejo	2.93	18	Under Review	Multi-Family
8	Red Stone	Mile 2 1/2 and north of Expressway 83	6.0	20	Rezone, waiting for subdivision plat	Single Family
9	Las Cabanas	Mile 9 North and between Mile 2 W & Mile 1 1/2 W	24.90	73	Undergoing the annexation process	Single Family

NEW COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION/BUSINESSES



	Business	Project Address	Type of Business	Sq Ft	Status
1	EETC	546 Hidalgo	Retail	478	Business License Issued
2	Bubbas Feed & More	601 N Vermont	Restaurant	-	Business License Issued
3	Karla's Barbacoa	2002 US-Bus 83	Limited Service Restaurant	-	Business License Issued

Health & Code Compliance

Health & Code Compliance Inspections, July

	July 2024
Code Compliance Inspections	160
Citations Issued	3
Health Inspections	5

Health Inspections Results, July 2024

Business Name	Business Type	Address	Pass/Fail
Pizza Hut	Restaurant	826 W 2nd St	Pass
Auntie Annes	Restaurant	5001 E Exp 83 ste. 313	Pass
Easy Learning Preschool	Day Care	502 S Texas Ave	Pass
Go Loco Tacos & Burritos	Restaurant	8001 E Exp 83	Pass
Sonic Drive-In	Restaurant	602 E 2nd St	Pass

**CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE
2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

TYPE	JAN. 2024	FEB. 2024	MAR. 2024	APR. 2024	MAY. 2024	JUN. 2024	JUL. 2024	AUG. 2024	SEPT. 2024	OCT. 2024	NOV. 2024	DEC. 2024	YTD Total
CITY SECRETARY													
Agenda													
Reg./Special/Wkshp	2	2	3	2		2	5						16
Minutes													
Reg./Special	2	2	3	2		2	5						16
Ordinances	2	4	0	0		0	2						8
Resolutions	1	11	3	0		2	4						21
Contracts	0	2	2	6		2	6						18
Bids	0	0	0	0		0	1						1
PERMITS													
Sound/Dance	5	2	1	1		2	3						14
TABC	0	1	0	0		0	0						1
VITAL STATISTICS													
Filling w. State	1	7	12	0	12	6	13						51
Issuing Birth	17	16	22	6		17	26						104
Issuing Death	5	1	0	0		1	8						15
RISK MANAGEMEN													
Vehicle Claims	3	0	3	1		1	0						8
Liability Claims	2	0	1	1		1	2						7
OPEN RECORDS													
Received	42	55	39	49		16	20						221
Responded	34	45	32	46		13	18						188
HUMAN RESOURCI													
New Hires	5	5	5	3		2	4						24
Resignations	4	5	4	7		5	3						28
Retirements	4	2	4	3		7	6						26
Workers Comp	0	0	0	1		0	1						2

Significant Comments:

Memo

To: Alberto Perez, City Manager
From: Marisol Vidales, Library Director & Historic Preservation Officer
CC: Javier Ramirez, Assistant City Manager
Date: August 15, 2024
Re: Library Department Monthly Report

Attached you will find the Library Department's monthly statistical report, please let me know if you have any questions regarding the information. Also, Library Staff participated in the following meetings, trainings, and events during the month of July 2024.

Meetings

- Event Planning meeting (7/1) – Marisol Vidales & Michelle Muniz
- Budget meeting (7/3) – Marisol Vidales
- Staff meeting (7/4) – Marisol Vidales, Michelle Muniz, Isabel Mendoza, Anthony Cardenas, Daniela Alejo, and Anna Agueros
- National Night Out meeting (7/8) – Marisol Vidales
- Outreach Event meeting (7/8) – Marisol Vidales & Frank Rivas
- Grant meeting (7/8) – Marisol Vidales & Michelle Muniz
- Precinct 2 Funding meeting (7/9) – Marisol Vidales
- Back to School Bash meeting (7/10) – Marisol Vidales
- Benton Institute meeting (7/10) – Michelle Muniz
- HEB Park & Library Electrical/Lighting meeting (7/10) – Marisol Vidales
- Administrative meeting (7/11) – Marisol Vidales & Michelle Muniz
- TLC & Auto-Graphics meeting (7/11) – Marisol Vidales, Mary Jane Hernandez & Isabel Mendoza
- Historic Developer meeting (7/15) – Marisol Vidales
- CloudLink meeting (7/15) – Marisol Vidales
- Weeding Progress meeting (7/15) – Marisol Vidales & Michelle Muniz
- Library Board Member meeting (7/15) – Marisol Vidales
- Personnel meeting (7/15) – Marisol Vidales, Michelle Muniz, & Josie Mancias
- Interlocal Funds meeting (7/16) – Marisol Vidales
- Insignia Migration meeting (7/16) – Marisol Vidales
- City Commission meeting (7/16) – Marisol Vidales
- Department Head meeting (7/17) – Marisol Vidales

- Room Rental meeting (7/17) – Michelle Muniz
- South Texas Author meeting (7/18) – Marisol Vidales
- Historical property research meeting (7/18) – Marisol Vidales
- Code 'n Craft Camp recap meeting (7/18) – Marisol Vidales, Frank Rivas & Anthony Cardenas
- Hotspot Status meeting (7/19) – Marisol Vidales, Michelle Muniz, & Anthony Cardenas
- Staff meeting (7/19) – Marisol Vidales, Michelle Muniz, Frank Rivas, Isabel Mendoza, Daniela Alejo, Anthony Cardenas, Anna Agueros, & Josie Mancias
- Community Tech Network meeting (7/19) – Michelle Muniz
- Matterhackers Vendor meeting (7/19) – Anthony Cardenas
- HOT Funds meeting (7/22) – Marisol Vidales
- Earth X Science meeting (7/23) – Marisol Vidales & Michelle Muniz
- Centers for Disease Control Site Visit meeting (7/22) – Marisol Vidales
- Family Place purchasing meeting (7/23) – Michelle Muniz & Marisol Vidales
- Texas Children in Nature Network presentation meeting (7/23) – Marisol Vidales
- Workforce Solutions Job Fair meeting (7/25) – Marisol Vidales & Michelle Muniz
- National Night Out Haunted House Walkthrough (7/25) – Marisol Vidales & Michelle Muniz
- Back to School Bash meeting (7/26) – Michelle Muniz
- Hidalgo County Library System meeting (7/26) – Marisol Vidales
- Playaway Launchpad grant meeting (7/26) – Marisol Vidales, Michelle Muniz, & Frank Rivas

Trainings

- Safety Rally (7/3) – Marisol Vidales, Michelle Muniz, Isabel Mendoza, Daniela Alejo, Tristan Garza, Anthony Cardenas, Josie Mancias, & Anna Agueros
- KnowBe4 IT Phish Alert Button (7/1) – Tristan Garza
- Share IT User Training (7/2) – Isabel Mendoza
- Meet Orange Dot Studio (7/17) – Daniela Alejo
- Savannah Academy & The Basics (7/18) – Daniela Alejo
- Food Handler's Certification Training (7/26) – Marisol Vidales, Michelle Muniz, Frank Rivas, Mary Jane Hernandez, Isabel Mendoza, Daniela Alejo, Tristan Garza, Anthony Cardenas, Kathy Suarez, & Briana Carrillo
- Increasing Card Usage (7/31) – Daniela Alejo

Events/Programming

Adult Programming

Delta Independent Living Story Time & Craft by Frank Rivas

- Story Time (7/23)
Adults: 24
- Story Time (7/30)
Adults: 24

The Crochet Club is managed by Frank Rivas

- Crochet Club (7/09)
Adults: 12

- Crochet Club (7/30)
Adults: 5 Teen: 1

Digital Learning Classes are created & taught by Digital Navigators, Tristan Garza & Anthony Cardenas. This course focused on Smartphones.

- Adults: 10 (7/18)
- Adults: 8 (7/23)
- Adults: 7 (7/25)
- Adults: 8 (7/30)

The book club is managed by Michelle Muniz. This month's pick was What Lies in the Woods by Kate Alice Marshall

- Adults: 6 (7/24)

Children's Programming – The majority of the children's programming is planned and executed by Frank Rivas with the exception of the art class which is taught by Diane Roman-Goldsberry.

Code 'N Craft was a partnership event between the University of Michigan and library staff. Both Frank Rivas and Anthony Cardenas received training during the camp and the library was given 15 new laptops for programming purposes.

- Code 'N Craft Camp – Food Chains
Teens: 14 Adults: 9
- Code 'N Craft Camp – Threats to Biodiversity
Teens: 17
- Code 'N Craft Camp – Sea Turtles
Teens: 9 Adults: 1
- Code 'N Craft Camp – Bycatch
Teens: 12 Adults: 1
- Code 'N Craft Camp – Windmills
Teens: 8 Adults: 1
- Code "N Craft Camp – Family Day at Estero Llano Grande
Teens: 9 Adults: 8

Art classes by Diane Roman – Goldsberry

- Ages 6-9 (7/15)
Children: 2
- Ages 10-12 (7/17)
Children: 3

Reading with Royalty (7/16)

- Children: 11 Adults: 2

Lego Day (7/17)

- Children: 31 Adults: 14

Tea Time w/Princess Joie (7/23)

- Children: 2 Adults: 4

Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas Craft (7/24)

- Children: 2 Adults: 1

Movie Day – Kung Fu Panda 4 (7/25)

- Children: 12 Adults: 5

Harry Potter Movie Marathon (7/31)

- General attendance: 9

Outreach – The library visits and participates in different festivals & events outside of library grounds to promote library services.

- Rec Center Story Time & Craft (7/03) – Frank Rivas
Children: 20
- Rec Center Story Time & Craft (7/10) – Frank Rivas
Children: 18
- Rec Center Story Time & Craft (7/17) – Frank Rivas
Children: 15
- Rec Center Story Time & Craft (7/24) – Frank Rivas
Children: 17
- Rec Center Story Time & Craft (7/31) – Frank Rivas
Children: 17

Events – The Library attends or assists these events.

- Texas Street Festival Press Conference Mixer (7/18) – Marisol Vidales
- Presented to UT Dell Medical School (7/30) – Marisol Vidales

Other Projects/Duties

Café

- We sold 500 individual items for the 21 days that we were open and we made \$2,004.70 in sales.

Marketing (The majority of these items involve the creation of flyers, taking and posting photos, filming and editing videos, responding to citizens via direct message, and interacting with the public on social media platforms)

- Created 3 newsletter which were: *New Book Releases*, *Gallery 434*, & *August newsletter*
- Created a total of 28 flyers for the Library, Café, and City.
- Posted 154 items for the library, 15 for the café, and 70 for the city on various platforms.
- Posted 6 stories on social media platforms and updated Library Facebook Banner.
- Responded to 7 library direct messages and 10 City direct messages.
- A total of 10 updates were done to the city website.
- Created 2 book rivers on TLC Catalog to honor monthly observances highlighting our collection, which were: *FBI Day (books featuring the FBI)* & *Summertime Fun*

- Created 1 shelf in cloudLibrary in honor of monthly observances highlighting our collection, which was: *Books to Keep You Occupied for Anti-Boredom Month*
- Created 2 book displays in the adult section: *Sunny Days - yellow book covers & Books set on Beaches*
- Created 1 young adult books display: *Books for National Blueberry Month*
- Created 1 book display in the juvenile section: *Learn About America*

Administration/Collection Management/Development

- Have been diligently working to schedule one-on-one conversations with each Hidalgo County Commissioner to discuss funding for the Hidalgo County Library System. Created a booklet which included the current funding, needs & potential improvements, & requested funding increases and met with Commissioner Cantu. Based on his recommendations we revised the booklet one more time and are still working on meetings with Precinct 1 and 3.
- Worked on creating all the carts, purchase orders, and placing the actual order for the Family Place Grant. Items have to involve different segments of childhood development such as dramatic play, motor skills, music, etc. Some items must be available for our permanent space and other items for workshops. The deadline to submit all invoices is August 30th. Received many of the items and ensured nothing was damaged or missing.
- Onboarded two new part-time employees and began their training process.
- Onboarded a new volunteer for the library.
- Began the weeding process of Juvenile Reference & Nonfiction titles in order to make room for the Family Place collection related to the grant.
- Worked on preparations for the Job Fair, Earth X Space Event, and Back to School Bash. This included sorting books to give away. Preparing flyers and calendars to provide at all events. As well as creating a layout for the Job Fair and responding to employer inquiries for the event.
- Dealt with a hotspot inventory concern. This involved pulling overdue reports, Verizon usage reports, patron information, etc. Compiled a list of lost hotspots along with the patron information and fine amount as well as sent certified letters to the patrons in an attempt to recover the devices. One device has been returned and one patron has set up a payment plan. Three devices are still missing. Those have been turned over to the police department and we will be working on a policy to attempt to minimize loss.
- Prepared for the staff meeting in order to discuss city policy, new procedures, and other concerns.
- Reviewed and made corrections to the Gallery 434 Exhibit Form.
- Prepared the agenda for the library board meeting.
- Updated our calendar for the 2024-2025 year to include all board meetings, book club dates, and conferences.
- Prepared slides for the presentation to Dell Middle School, had a review session with other members of the panel and finally presented on the LEAP backpacks and Nature Smart Libraries.
- Submitted the mid-year report to Methodist Healthcare Ministries along with an update on financials.
- Worked on inventory to assign city barcodes to the correct fixed assets form.

- Created a detailed project management list in order to track all the ongoing projects and desired projects.

Historic Preservation Officer

- Had to get a printed copy of the Certification Agreement for Certified Local Government as all docuSign documents had failed to submit. With the City Secretary's assistance, we finally obtained the signature and also provided the resume of our newest member – Kristen Gonzalez, Attorney. Our application is finally under review by the National Park Service.
- Continued communication with Mr. Trey Cooper, owner of 402 S. Texas, who is seeking grant funding. Mr. Cooper wanted to make a change to the type of roof repair he would be doing. He was selecting a higher-grade material which would last longer. As such I had him complete a new Certificate of Appropriateness Application and the revised quotation. Upon receiving the information, a certificate was issued. We also assisted him by taking photos of the interior improvements made to Family Dollar as he resides in San Antonio.
- Communicated with various county offices to determine what documentation would need to be filed for tax abatement or incentives. Was finally assisted by Julio Espinosa who provided me with some information from other counties and the tax status for all the historical properties. The next step would be to draft an ordinance similar to those of other cities but this is now until the following budget year.
- Met with Gabriel Ozuna and developer Mr. Jim Sari to discuss historical properties that he could develop into low-income housing similar to Baxter Lofts in Harlingen or El Jardin in Brownsville. Mr. Sari will be visiting all valley cities to see which buildings offer the most potential and will be scoring them and reaching back out to the City Manager.
- Reviewed ordinance for historical designation removal drafted by the City Secretary as well as provided it to Vice-Chair Gabriela Ozuna. Made some adjustments to the language and provided it back to the City Secretary. Pending the Planning & Zoning meeting to then take it before City Commission.

Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library Statistical Report

Jul-24

Circulation	2024	2023
Check-Outs & Renewals:	896	753
Year to Date Total:	7,221	6,583
In-House Book Circulation:	327	302
Year to Date Total:	2,241	1,798
In-House Magazine Circulation:	18	21
Year to Date Total:	530	168
In-House Newspaper Circulation:	31	35
Year to Date Total:	417	407
New Borrowers:	33	39
Year to Date Total:	273	342

Book & Media Donations	2024	2023
Donations Received:	2	88
Year to Date Total:	280	1,063
Donations Selected:	2	47
Year to Date Total:	56	126

Computer Sessions	2024	2023
Adult Lab Sessions:	458	461
Year to Date Total:	3,970	3,921
Juvenile Lab Sessions:	58	141
Year to Date Total:	626	989
WiFi:	2,098	1,040
Year to Date Total:	20,345	22,741

Reference Assistance	2024	2023
By Phone:	189	178
Year to Date Total:	2,272	1,134
In-Person:	261	140
Year to Date Total:	1,746	916

Meeting Room Sessions	2024	2023
Sessions:	76	33
Year to Date Total:	669	371

Digital Resources	2024	2023
cloudLibrary Checkouts:	200	173
Year to Date Total:	2,217	1,705
NewsStand Checkouts:	516	422
Year to Date Total:	4,374	3,488
Biblio+ Views:	118	0
Year to Date Total:	1,034	0

Library Services	2024	2023
Directional/Basic Questions:	300	290
Year to Date Total:	2,627	1,113
Research Questions:	182	138
Year to Date Total:	1,710	441
Digital Assistance:	108	98
Year to Date Total:	1,247	396
Fax Assistance:	49	40
Year to Date Total:	551	733
Copy Assistance:	141	111
Year to Date Total:	1,382	3,587
Scan Assistance:	9	10
Year to Date Total:	148	165
Print Outs:	1,980	2,535
Year to Date Total:	18,941	17,182

Technical Services	2024	2023
New Items Added:	101	110
Year to Date Total:	952	1,896
Items Processed:	68	72
Year to Date Total:	654	777
Items Withdrawn:	23	207
Year to Date Total:	627	1,978
Items Recataloged:	85	131
Year to Date Total:	402	598
Items Repaired:	2	12
Year to Date Total:	124	66

Interlibrary Loans (ILL's)	2024	2023
Items Requested:	123	78
Year to Date Total:	922	791
Items Sent:	78	53
Year to Date Total:	517	477

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Jul-24

Adult Programming	2024	2023
Adult Events:	10	3
Year to Date Total:	82	74
Adults in Attendance:	104	24
Year to Date Total:	751	467
Live Views:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	0
Recorded Counts:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	0

Teen Programming	2024	2023
Teen Events:	6	2
Year to Date Total:	9	7
Teens in Attendance:	69	6
Year to Date Total:	107	27
Live Views:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	0
Recorded Counts:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	0

Children's Programming	2024	2023
Children Events:	7	6
Year to Date Total:	57	61
Children in Attendance:	63	64
Year to Date Total:	1,102	779
Adults in Attendance:	24	48
Year to Date Total:	130	291
Live Views:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	5
Recorded Views:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	260

Toddler Programming	2024	2023
Children Events:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	4
Children in Attendance:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	9
Adults in Attendance:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	6
Live Views:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	0
Recorded Views:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	0

General Programming	2024	2023
Events:	1	1
Year to Date Total:	14	9
Toddlers in Attendance:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	93
Children in Attendance:	0	6
Year to Date Total:	0	296
Teens in Attendance:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	92
Adults in Attendance:	0	4
Year to Date Total:	19	223
Total General Programing:	9	0
Year to Date Total:	1,852	439
Live Views:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	0
Recorded Views:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	0

Outreach Programming	2024	2023
Events:	5	4
Year to Date Total:	25	23
Toddlers in Attendance:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	205
Children in Attendance:	87	136
Year to Date Total:	904	1,258
Teens in Attendance:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	226
Adults in Attendance:	0	6
Year to Date Total:	594	539
General Attendance:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	1,253	0

Reading Programs	2024	2023
Toddler Reading Logs:	0	0
Children Reading Logs:	0	0
Teen Reading Logs:	0	0
Adult Reading Logs:	0	0
Total:	0	0

Volunteer Hours	2024	2023
Total:	252.00	222.00
Year to Date Total:	1,910.25	1,855.00

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Jul-24

Curbside Services	2024	2023
Curbside Café:	0	11
Year to Date Total:	32	152
Curbside Circulation:	2	1
Year to Date Total:	8	21
Curbside Crafts:	0	0
Year to Date Total:	0	0
Curbside Other Services:	2	3
Year to Date Total:	17	31

Library Visits	2024	2023
Visits:	2,254	2,405
Year to Date Total:	26,084	22,293

Café Visits	2024	2023
Visits:	434	580
Year to Date Total:	4,732	5,487

Café Sales	2024	2023
Net Sales:	\$ 1,851.66	\$ 1,704.45
Year to Date Total:	\$ 15,021.69	\$ 18,290.33
Sales Tax:	\$ 153.04	\$ 140.12
Year to Date Total:	\$ 1,221.08	\$ 1,508.95

Social Media	2024	2023
Library Posts:	154	263
Year to Date Total:	1,281	2,324
Library DMs:	7	8
Year to Date Total:	72	52
Cafe Posts:	15	26
Year to Date Total:	173	460
Café DMs:	0	2
Year to Date Total:	2	5
City Posts:	70	63
Year to Date Total:	463	497
City DMs:	10	2
Year to Date Total:	108	11
Videos Created:	6	1
Year to Date Total:	63	3
Website Updates:	22	31
Year to Date Total:	209	246
HCLS Posts:	0	3
Year to Date:	8	22

Work Order Report: July 2024

Mercedes Public Works • July 2024



STREETS DIVISION

Location:

TEXAS AVE.

work order #148515

STREET SWEEPING

- Early morning work hours to avoid street traffic
- Uses the brushes to sweep, vacuums dirt and debris, as well as spray water to wash the curbs
- Multiple passes to ensure proper cleaning as needed

Goals:

Maintaining a regular schedule of street sweeping and avoiding any build of dirt, gravel or grass along the curbs.

Pothole Patching

515 CAMERON ST.

Work order #143946

Progress:

- 60 work orders were created
- 42 have been completed
- Various at each location

Goals:

Using the new Hot Box to allow us to work on larger areas to ensure that the asphalt will be laid smoothly and when set, it should have a longer lasting and stronger finish.



Inlet Maintenance

Clogged Inlets

- Most inlets were covered with grass that flowed to the area after lawn care maintenance.
- Other trash such as bags, cans and papers were also blocking the inlets.

What can we do?

- We can remind our residents of the grass clippings ordinance and the importance of them following through with it.
- Promote more cleanliness around their properties as needed.
- Work together to keep mercedes flowing in the right direction.

1046 W. 2nd St.

Work Order # 144565



MANHOLE MAINTENANCE



3rd St. & S. Vermont

Work Order #147280

- Frequent maintenance allows our utilities division to ensure proper flow of wastewater through the cities sewer lines. Using the Vactor truck they can vacuum excess sludge and also provide high pressured water to clean the lines.

Fire Hydrant Flushing



1213 E. 8th St.

Workorder#147390

- High pressure water flowing through our fire hydrants also help clear up the water lines. Especially after major rainfall or flooding.
- Testing the water monthly for the chlorine levels is also a way to ensure the city provides exceptional water.

Water Leaks and Repairs



169 Lyon St. work order #143806

A slow water leak over time has saturated the ground and when the issue is reported the utilities crew knows how to handle it.

Working throughout the day and then handling the after hours standby calls they take pride in attacking the problem. Ensuring the residents are not left without running water.

529 S. Virginia work order #144743

Replacing Cut-Offs and installing new pipes is some of the jobs that are done daily.



Utilities Division Summary

Water Leaks & Water Meter Leaks

Average Work time: 2-4 hours

56 reported

54 completed

Sewer Stops, Sewer Smells and Sewer Maintenance

38 reported

37 completed

PARKS DIVISION

1. Maintaining all city parks
2. Cutting grass at the City Buildings and Properties
3. Keeping the City nice and clean with regular maintenance as needed.

Las Flores Del Valle Park

WORK ORDER #144277



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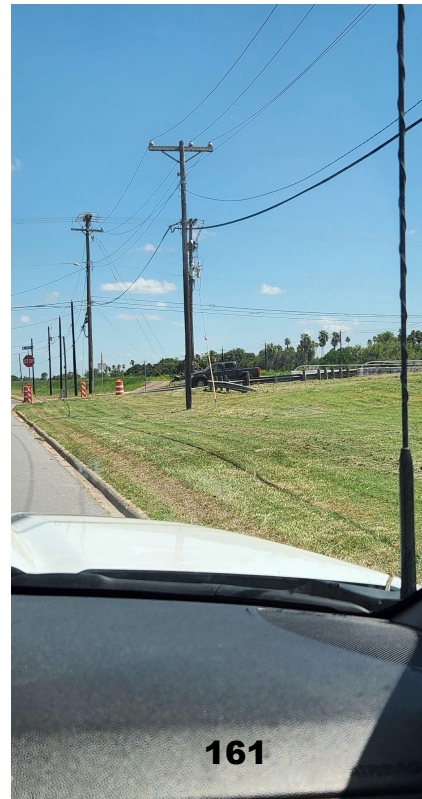
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FLORIDA ST.

work order #144275



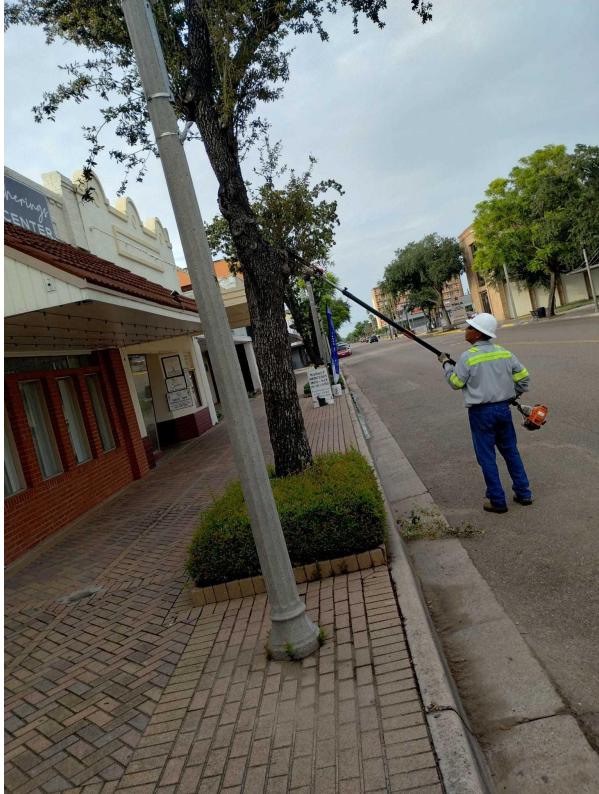
MELTON PARK #2

WORK ORDER #144302



TEXAS STREET

WORK ORDER #145313



Early Morning tree trimming along Texas Street. Providing a nice view as residents and visitors cruise the Queen City.

Parks Division has outdone themselves as they got caught up after the heavy rainfall and overgrown grass in the month of July

Coming this August: Preparation for T.S.F. & Enforcing the New Plan

TEXAS STREET FEST

Quadrant #1 & #2

**We are doing
great things in the
QUEEN CITY!**

Mercedes Public Works ** July 2024 Recap

Schedule

CITY OF MERCEDES
 Budget vs Actual FY 2023-2024 (UNAUDITED)
 As at 7/31/2024

01 GENERAL FUND

Budget Completed 83.33%				
REVENUES	Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Balance	% of Budget
Taxes	10,122,989	10,346,534	(223,545)	102.21%
Licenses & Permits	514,500	577,587	(63,087)	112.26%
Fines & Services	2,470,450	2,081,019	389,431	84.24%
Intergovernmental	17,400	6,276	11,124	36.07%
Miscellaneous	1,960,722	450,015	1,510,707	22.95%
	15,086,061	13,461,431	1,624,630	89.23%
EXPENDITURES				
Commission	34,900	31,571	3,329	90.46%
Exe. Adm	268,412	232,092	36,320	86.47%
Human Resources	68,879	54,103	14,776	78.55%
City Secretary	82,951	66,616	16,335	80.31%
Mun. Court	136,149	97,388	38,761	71.53%
Finance	244,809	182,989	61,820	74.75%
IT	512,459	415,849	96,610	81.15%
Planning	401,943	338,366	63,577	84.18%
Police	3,142,342	2,326,931	815,411	74.05%
Animal Control	99,452	54,537	44,915	54.84%
Fire	1,534,116	1,292,493	241,623	84.25%
Ambulance	-	-	0	#DIV/0!
PW	141,603	105,980	35,623	74.84%
Streets	955,671	839,497	116,174	87.84%
Build. Maint.	353,974	341,690	12,284	96.53%
Veh. Maint.	468,450	288,577	179,873	61.60%
Parks & Rec	523,402	322,015	201,387	61.52%
Rec. Center	76,534	50,365	26,169	65.81%
Library	515,436	401,879	113,557	77.97%
Projects	-	118,717	(118,717)	#DIV/0!
Sanitation	1,591,055	1,314,635	276,420	82.63%
Dome Shelter	289,694	203,643	86,051	70.30%
Non-Departmental	3,643,830	2,493,186	1,150,644	68.42%
	15,086,061	11,573,120	3,512,941	76.71%
Rev. Over/Under	-	1,888,312	(1,888,312)	

NOTE: Vehicle Maint-123K attributed to new vehicle leases.

CITY OF MERCEDES
 Budget vs Actual FY 2023-2024 (UNAUDITED)
 As at 7/31/2024

02 UTILITY FUND

Budget Completed 83.33%				
REVENUES	Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Balance	% of Budget
Water & Sewer Sales	6,068,760	4,853,613	1,215,147	79.98%
Fees & Penalties	529,150	430,888	98,262	81.43%
Miscellaneous	10,100	357,977	(347,877)	3544.32%
	6,608,010	5,642,477	965,533	85.39%
EXPENDITURES				
Information Tech	98,539	72,321	26,218	73.39%
Utility Billing	186,737	164,310	22,427	87.99%
Meter Readers	297,161	358,150	(60,989)	120.52%
W/S Field Crew	987,384	1,029,154	(41,770)	104.23%
W/S Treatment Plant	3,556,000	2,443,254	1,112,746	68.71%
Debt Service Int.	947,292	848,553	98,739	89.58%
Non-Departmental	534,897	202,581	332,316	37.87%
	6,608,010	5,118,324	1,489,686	77.46%
Revenue Over/Under	-	524,154	(524,154)	

NOTE:

CITY OF MERCEDES
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 As at 7/31/2024

15 INTEREST & SINKING FUND

Budget Completed 83.33%				
REVENUES	Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Balance	% of Budget
Property Taxes	2,328,143	2,464,272	(136,129)	105.85%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	0.00%
Miscellaneous	15,000	54,086	(39,086)	360.58%
	2,343,143	2,518,359	(175,216)	107.48%
EXPENDITURES				
Debt Service	2,343,143	1,974,923	368,220	84.29%
	2,343,143	1,974,923	368,220	84.29%
Revenue Over/Under	-	543,436	(543,436)	

NOTE:

16 HOTEL/MOTEL FUND

Budget Completed 83.33%				
REVENUES	Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Balance	% of Budget
Taxes	150,000	129,841	20,159	86.56%
Reserves/Misc.	36,500	28,949	7,551	79.31%
	186,500	158,789	27,711	85.14%
EXPENDITURES				
Advertisement	109,100	98,660	10,440	90.43%
Historic Preservation	50,000	10,000	40,000	20.00%
Arts Promotion	12,900	12,900	0	100.00%
Signage	14,500	-	14,500	0.00%
Bank/Credit Card Fees	-	-	0	#DIV/0!
	186,500	121,560	64,940	65.18%
Revenue Over/Under	-	37,229	(37,229)	

NOTE:

CITY OF MERCEDES

Budget vs Actual FY 2023-2024 (UNAUDITED)

As at 7/31/2024

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REVENUES	Budget	JTD Actual	Budget Balance
Bond Revenue	9,991,085	9,991,085	-
Interest Income	129,793	131,576	(1,783)
Miscellaneous	34,602	34,602	-
	10,155,480	10,157,263	(1,783)
EXPENDITURES			99.97%
Ambulance Services	519,644	519,644	-
PD Vehicles	534,243	534,243	-
PW Vehicles	670,119	670,119	-
Rescue Vehicles	33,165	33,165	-
Drainage Improv.	513,612	481,310	32,302
Sewer Improv.	1,484,309	1,484,309	-
Lift Station Improv.	1,352,229	1,352,229	-
Street Overlays	3,460,085	3,460,085	-
Street Improvements	104,946	104,946	-
Water Improv.	1,281,911	1,311,384	(29,473)
Non-Departmental	201,218	201,218	-
	10,155,480	10,152,650	2,829
Revenue Over/Under	(0)	4,612	(4,613)

NOTE: This fund is reported as Job to Date.

CITY OF MERCEDES
Budget vs Actual FY 2023-2024 (UNAUDITED)
As at 7/31/2024

46 EMS FUND

Budget Completed 83.33%				
REVENUES	Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Balance	% of Budget
EMS Service Fees	600,000	450,340	149,660	75.06%
Intergovernmental	120,000	24,923	95,077	20.77%
Misc	-	14,992	(14,992)	#DIV/0!
	720,000	490,256	229,744	68.09%
EXPENDITURES				
Personnel Costs	125,836	101,186	24,650	80.41%
Contractual Sev. & Other	187,300	176,645	10,655	94.31%
Maintenance	51,864	35,599	16,265	68.64%
Supplies	117,000	58,163	58,837	49.71%
Paramedic Course	70,000	30,988	39,012	44.27%
Capital Outlay	18,000	-	18,000	0.00%
Non-Departmental	150,000	151,691	(1,691)	101.13%
	720,000	554,272	165,728	76.98%
Revenue Over/Under	-	(64,016)	64,016	

NOTE:

51 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

REVENUES	Budget	JTD Actual	Budget Balance
Intergovernmental	4,118,303	2,060,378	2,057,925
Miscellaneous	123,927	50,022	73,905
	4,242,230	2,110,400	2,131,830
EXPENDITURES			
Contractual Services	123,427	123,427	-
Drainage Improvements	488,000	266,383	221,617
Water Rate Study	37,725	37,725	-
Impact Fee Study	31,500	4,725	26,775
TCEQ Comp. Self Audit	49,250	15,954	33,296
Revenue Loss	1,030,000	1,030,000	-
PD Renovation	780,843	-	780,843
Mile 1 East	270,000	171,837	98,163
Utility Improvements	1,307,478	1,058,292	249,186
Street Improvements	124,007	-	124,007
	4,242,230	2,708,344	1,533,887
Revenue Over/Under	-	(597,944)	597,944

NOTE: This fund is reported as Job to Date.

CITY OF MERCEDES

Budget vs Actual FY 2023-2024 (UNAUDITED)

As at 7/31/2024

52 SERIES 2021 CO

REVENUES	Budget	JTD Actual	Budget Balance
Bond Revenue-Other Financ	8,250,000	8,250,000	-
Interest Income	68,981	265,363	(196,382)
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
	8,318,981	8,515,363	(196,382)
EXPENDITURES			
			72.85%
EMS/FIRE Equipment	796,765	720,000	76,765
PD Vehicles/Renovation	1,341,445	1,131,197	210,248
PW Equipment	607,618	947,965	(340,347)
Planning Equipment		-	-
Library	17,586	17,586	-
Other Equipment	273,089		273,089
Build. Improvements	70,000	-	70,000
Water/Sewer Utility Improv	3,577,633	2,507,243	1,070,390
Lift Station Improv.	495,000	-	495,000
Street Improvements	400,000	400,000	-
Drainage Imprprov.	218,000	164,723	53,278
Other Infrastructure Imp	350,260		350,260
Non-Departmental	171,585	171,750	(165)
	8,318,981	6,060,464	2,258,517
Revenue Over/Under	(0)	2,454,899	(2,454,899)

NOTE: This fund is reported as Job to Date.

**CITY OF MERCEDES
SALES TAX COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS
BY MONTH RECEIVED**

FY 2022-2023

Recvd	Period	State Comptroller	EDC (25%)	Outlet Mall	Mth % Inc/Dec	City (75%)	Outlet Mall	Mth % Inc/Dec
Oct	Aug	664,414.83	123,909.52	42,194.19	0.39%	456,644.45	41,666.67	-0.36%
Nov	Sept	616,158.09	119,350.90	34,688.62	-3.68%	420,451.90	41,666.67	-7.93%
Dec	Oct	565,272.27	108,481.38	32,836.69	-9.11%	382,287.54	41,666.66	-9.08%
Jan	Nov	745,641.02	130,152.48	56,257.78	19.98%	517,564.10	41,666.67	35.39%
Feb	Dec	1,049,157.09	178,300.34	83,988.93	36.99%	745,201.15	41,666.67	43.98%
Mar	Jan	564,062.91	111,994.65	29,021.08	-37.19%	381,380.52	41,666.66	-48.82%
Apr	Feb	579,258.68	110,918.33	33,896.34	-0.96%	392,777.34	41,666.67	2.99%
May	Mar	721,359.85	137,855.67	42,484.29	24.29%	499,353.22	41,666.67	27.13%
Jun	Apr	646,327.57	118,664.87	42,917.02	-13.92%	443,079.02	41,666.66	-11.27%
Jul	May	625,862.92	120,745.20	35,720.53	1.75%	427,730.52	41,666.67	-3.46%
		4,783,964.89	883,107.60	312,883.63	4.30%	3,296,307.00	291,666.67	11.35%

FY 2023-2024

State Comptroller	EDC (25%)	Outlet Mall	Mth % Inc/Dec	City (75%)	Outlet Mall	Mth % Inc/Dec
737,168.13	140,625.26	43,666.77	-1.65%	511,209.43	41,666.67	-4.98%
671,741.73	132,450.69	35,484.74	-5.81%	462,139.63	41,666.67	-9.60%
658,279.45	130,991.12	33,578.74	-1.10%	452,042.93	41,666.66	-2.18%
950,403.38	174,621.61	62,979.24	33.31%	671,135.87	41,666.67	48.47%
1,233,256.76	215,140.69	93,173.50	23.20%	883,275.90	41,666.67	31.61%
672,702.52	133,524.29	34,651.34	-37.94%	462,860.23	41,666.66	-47.60%
630,693.66	124,376.41	33,297.01	-6.85%	431,353.58	41,666.67	-6.81%
876,246.43	166,728.84	52,332.77	34.05%	615,518.15	41,666.67	42.69%
659,163.96	128,128.64	36,662.35	-23.15%	452,706.30	41,666.67	-26.45%
666,202.10	124,912.90	41,637.63	-2.51%	457,984.92	41,666.66	1.17%
8,490,351.54	1,655,123.81	467,464.09	87.42%	5,951,097.01	416,666.67	80.54%

Yearly Total Sales Tax Comparison

	2022-2023	2023-2024	Yr % Inc/Dec
Oct	664,414.83	737,168.13	10.95%
Nov	616,158.09	671,741.73	9.02%
Dec	565,272.27	658,279.45	16.45%
Jan	745,641.02	950,403.38	27.46%
Feb	1,049,157.09	1,233,256.76	17.55%
Mar	564,062.91	672,702.52	19.26%
Apr	579,258.68	630,693.66	8.88%
May	721,359.85	876,246.43	21.47%
Jun	646,327.57	659,163.96	1.99%
Jul	625,862.92	666,202.10	6.45%
	4,783,964.89	8,490,351.54	77.48%

Yearly City Sales Tax Comparison

	2022-2023	2023-2024	Yr % Inc/Dec
Oct	498,311.12	552,876.10	10.95%
Nov	462,118.57	503,806.30	9.02%
Dec	423,954.20	493,709.59	16.45%
Jan	559,230.77	712,802.54	27.46%
Feb	786,867.82	924,942.57	17.55%
Mar	423,047.18	504,526.89	19.26%
Apr	434,444.01	473,020.25	8.88%
May	541,019.89	657,184.82	21.47%
Jun	484,745.68	494,372.97	1.99%
Jul	469,397.19	499,651.58	6.45%
	3,587,973.67	6,367,763.68	77.48%

BUDGET	5,173,800
% OF BUDGET	33.86%
TO EDC	1,724,600
Total Projection	6,898,400

FY 23-24

Gain/(Loss) 3,706,387

FY 23-24

Gain/(Loss) 2,779,790

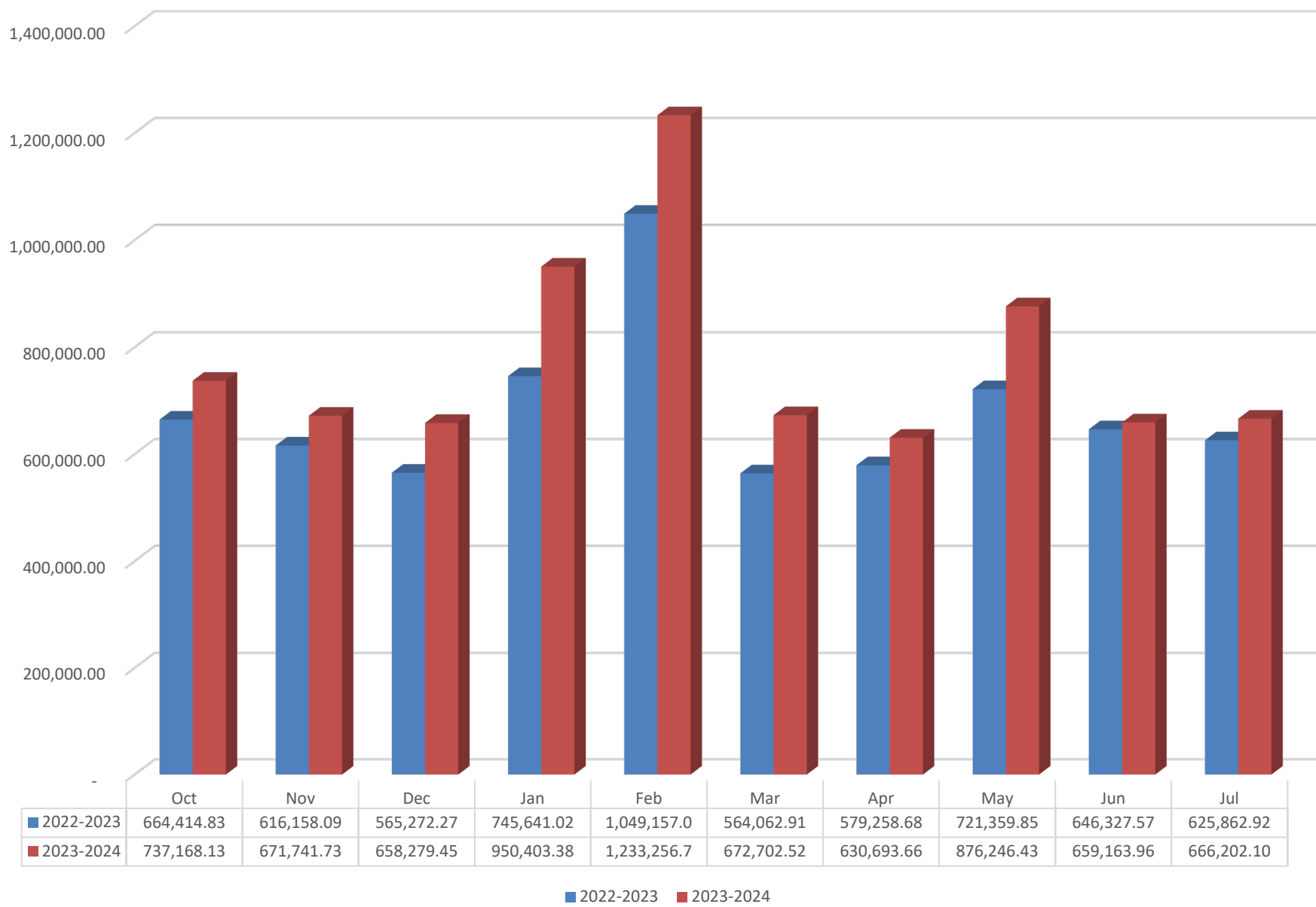
Note: Mth % Inc /Dec compared to prior month.

Note: Yr % Inc /Dec compared to prior year.

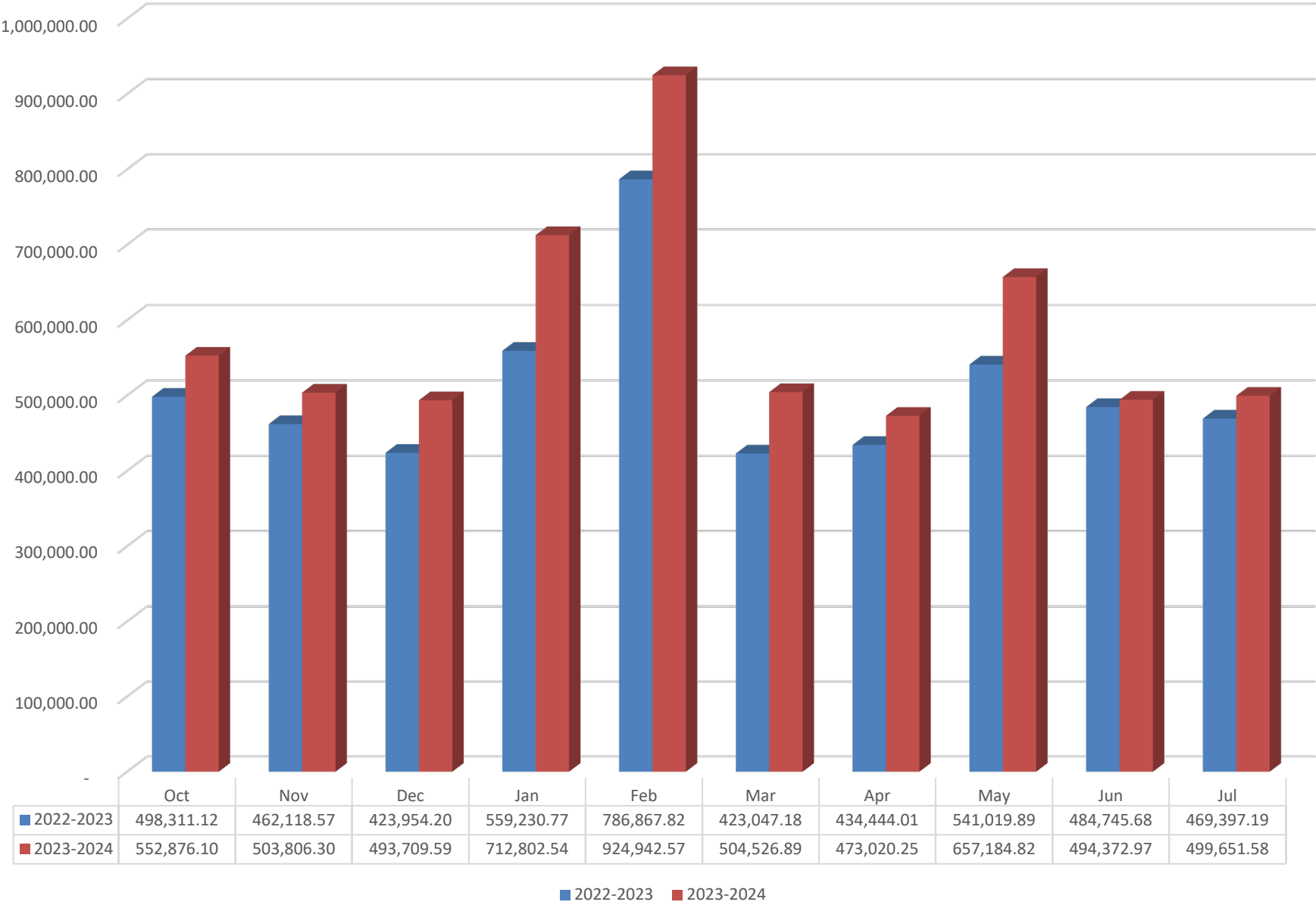
Note: Revenue generated 2 months prior receipt. Ex: Generated in Oct will be received Dec

Received	Generated	Received	Generated
October	August	April	February
November	September	May	March
December	October	June	April
January	November	July	May
February	December	August	June
March	January	September	July

Total City Sales Tax Received



City Sales Tax after Contributions/Payouts



DEPARTMENT	FUND	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	GENERAL FUND	TEXAS MUNICIPAL RET. SYST	PENSION PLAN PAYABLE	13,164.98
			PENSION PLAN PAYABLE	12,668.91
		DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES TEXAS NATIONAL BANK	JULY 2024 SALES TAX	166,550.52
			FEDERAL W/H	12,078.99
			FEDERAL W/H	10,596.10
			FICA W/H	12,464.96
			FICA W/H	11,491.61
		SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, LP STATE COMPTROLLER	07/09/24 3RD QTR 23-24 OUT	125,000.00
			2ND QTR 2024 STATE CRIMINA	9,873.77
			TOTAL:	373,889.84
CITY SECRETARY	GENERAL FUND	DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES	SALARIES-5 MARKETING COORD	6,245.22
			TOTAL:	6,245.22
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	GENERAL FUND	SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS TELEVON PLACER LABS INC.	DELL OPTIPLEX 7020	9,478.00
			11506 CO-MANAGED ON-PREM S	7,500.00
			12.5359 PLATFORM ACCESS AN	8,750.00
			TOTAL:	25,728.00
PLANNING	GENERAL FUND	FREESE AND NICHOLS	0001373294 PROFESSIONAL SE	22,022.00
			TOTAL:	22,022.00
POLICE	GENERAL FUND	TEXAS MUNICIPAL RET. SYST	PENSION PLAN PAYABLE	11,703.09
			PENSION PLAN PAYABLE	10,702.91
		BLUECROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS	JULY 2024 EMPLOYEE INSURAN	17,889.44
			TOTAL:	40,295.44
FIRE DEPARTMENT	GENERAL FUND	TEXAS MUNICIPAL RET. SYST	PENSION PLAN PAYABLE	6,559.70
			PENSION PLAN PAYABLE	5,910.66
		DELTA FIRE & SAFETY INC.	HONEYWELL COAT	8,292.96
			HONEYWELL PANTS	5,685.72
		BLUECROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS	JULY 2024 EMPLOYEE INSURAN	11,049.36
			TOTAL:	37,498.40
STREETS	GENERAL FUND	BLADES GROUP, LLC ISRAEL POSADAS	ASPHALT	11,179.51
			1307 10ST STREET IMPROVEME	22,526.00
			1308 10TH STREET IMPROVEME	94,927.00
		ARMADILLO SEAL LLC CITY OF MERCEDES/ FUND 52 - SERIES 202	CALICHE	8,400.00
			07082024 CAPISALLO TERRACE	93,737.00
			TOTAL:	230,769.51
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	GENERAL FUND	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	FBN5075145 LEASE OF F150	15,649.48
			TOTAL:	15,649.48
SANITATION DEPARTMENT	GENERAL FUND	WASTE CONNECTIONS OF TEXAS	2434501V113 JUNE 2024 GARB	130,965.89
			TOTAL:	130,965.89
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	GENERAL FUND	DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES VIDA	FY22-23:01 PMT FOR PURCHAS	125,302.75
			03 JOB TRAINING AGREEMENT	6,250.00
		DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MERCEDES BORDER AFFAIRS LLC	74 VTX NOTE PAYMENT	10,416.67
			2024-06 PROFESSIONAL CONSU	7,000.00
		LAW OF OF MARTIE GARCIA VELA, PC.	APRIL 2024 LEGAL SERVICES	20,000.00
			1020 DUE TO PERFORMANCE AG	50,000.00
		ISRAEL POSADAS	1306 CITY HALL EVALUATION	13,500.00
			2031703 ELECTRICAL CHARGES	17,569.47
		SHELL ENERGY	2041639 ELECTRICAL CHARGES	17,722.69

DEPARTMENT	FUND	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
			TOTAL:	267,761.58
METER READERS	UTILITY FUND	AGUAWORKS PIPE & SUPPLY, LLC	2" KAMSTRUP WATER METER	15,001.60
			TOTAL:	15,001.60
WATER/SEWER FIELD CREW	UTILITY FUND	AGUAWORKS PIPE & SUPPLY, LLC	3/4" FIPxFIP BALL VA	5,656.00
			BRONZE SADDLE	6,270.19
		MUNICIPAL SERVICES, LLC	200354 INSTALLATION OF MAN	13,958.90
		BI MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION LLC	PURCHASE OF PIPES	110,400.00
		G&S DIRECTIONAL DRILLING, LLC	GS24-041 8"VALVE CONNECTIO	12,300.00
			GS24-042 8" WATER LINE DIS	17,500.00
			GS24-043 8"ASBESTOS LINE	16,500.00
			GS24-046 10TH STREET PROJE	68,350.00
			TOTAL:	250,935.09
WATER/SEWER TREATMENT	UTILITY FUND	HIDALGO & CAMERON COUNTIES	2600 WATER PURCHASES	19,674.57
		U.S. WATER SERVICES CORPORATION	S198310 MONTHLY COMPENSATI	101,222.62
			S198311 MONTHLY COMPENSATI	103,230.24
		BORDER AFFAIRS LLC	2024-02.01 2018&2019 GRANT	80,000.00
		SHELL ENERGY	2031703 ELECTRICAL CHARGES	21,977.10
			2041639 ELECTRICAL CHARGES	24,059.45
			TOTAL:	350,163.98
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	HOTEL,MOTEL TAX	LONESTAR LOGOS MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC	151116 2025 RENEWAL AGREEM	14,130.00
			TOTAL:	14,130.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERV	EMS FUND	ARMANDO MARTINEZ	MONTHLY EMS CONTRACT SERVI	5,000.00
			TOTAL:	5,000.00
AMERICAN RESCUE FUND	AMERICAN RESCUE FU	GENERAL FUND	07/08/2024 MASTER DRAINAGE	147,172.82
			TOTAL:	147,172.82
PW EQUIPMENT	SERIES 2021	KINLOCH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY, INC	REGEN X REGENERATIVE	233,740.00
			TOTAL:	233,740.00
SEWER/WATER UTIL IMPRO	SERIES 2021	SAENZ UTILITY CONTRACTORS, LLC	PAY APP#11 SANITARY SEWER	153,044.99
			PAY APP #12 CAPISALLO TERR	348,926.30
			TOTAL:	501,971.29

DEPARTMENT	FUND	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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===== FUND TOTALS =====				
01	GENERAL FUND			1,150,825.36
02	UTILITY FUND			616,100.67
16	HOTEL,MOTEL TAX			14,130.00
46	EMS FUND			5,000.00
51	AMERICAN RESCUE FUND			147,172.82
52	SERIES 2021			735,711.29

	GRAND TOTAL:			2,668,940.14

TOTAL PAGES: 3

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FY 2023-2024**

Finance

	<i>FY 2021-2022</i>	<i>FY 2022-2023</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024</i>				<i>FY 2023-2024</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024</i>
<i>Invoices</i>	<i>Totals</i>	<i>Totals</i>	<i>1st Qtr</i>	<i>2nd Qtr</i>	<i>3rd Qtr</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>4th Qtr</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Invoices Received	3,222	2,481	404	522	590	281			281	1,797
Payment Requests Received	2,481	2,419	585	643	639	232			232	2,099
Emergency Payment Requests		25	3	0	0	0			0	3
Total	5,703	4,925	992	1,165	1,229	513	0	0	513	3,899
<i>Payments Processed</i>	2,638	2,779	555	723	742				0	2,020
Total Paid	\$ 21,530,131.74	\$ 23,785,090.17	\$ 5,930,038.08	\$ 8,305,422.84	\$ 6,606,691.08	\$ 2,629,629.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,629,629.11	\$ 23,471,781.11
(01) General Fund	\$ 10,762,818.74	\$ 11,604,361.90	\$ 2,844,018.58	\$ 3,305,374.85	\$ 3,269,742.74	\$ 1,298,462.14			\$ 1,298,462.14	\$ 10,717,598.31
(02) Utility Fund	\$ 5,166,272.07	\$ 4,925,956.14	\$ 1,563,751.07	\$ 1,901,461.05	\$ 1,729,409.95	\$ 384,152.48			\$ 384,152.48	\$ 5,578,774.55
(03) Municipal Court	\$ 3,451.67	\$ 2,753.76	\$ 2,414.80	\$ 400.95	\$ 26,542.00	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 29,357.75
(05) Library Fund	\$ 5,693.27	\$ 5,509.02	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 420.00			\$ 420.00	\$ 1,920.00
(07) Special Rev/Grants	\$ 237,279.44	\$ 206,122.68	\$ 4,907.86	\$ 47,748.82	\$ 14,329.18	\$ 9,950.51			\$ 9,950.51	\$ 76,936.37
(10) Local Forfeiture	\$ 832.04	\$ 13,246.27	\$ 3,836.34	\$ 15,998.00	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 19,834.34
(12) KMB	\$ 5,501.29	\$ 5,354.65	\$ 389.40	\$ -	\$ 3,394.41	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 3,783.81
(15) I & S	\$ 2,274,584.23	\$ 2,281,284.81	\$ -	\$ 1,974,322.77	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 1,974,322.77
(16) Hotel Motel	\$ 211,615.95	\$ 130,569.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 86,550.00	\$ 16,830.00	\$ 15,480.00			\$ 15,480.00	\$ 122,210.00
(30) TIRZ		\$ 700,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,866.70	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 58,866.70
(43) Series 2018	\$ 343,844.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,472.50	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 49,472.50
(46) EMS	\$ 392,336.87	\$ 419,731.42	\$ 81,463.84	\$ 109,238.77	\$ 85,561.22	\$ 33,421.42			\$ 33,421.42	\$ 309,685.25
(49) Emergency Manage.	\$ 576.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
(51) ARPA	\$ 315,272.44	\$ 1,135,464.99	\$ 744,003.72	\$ 92,595.54	\$ 65,337.00	\$ 147,172.82			\$ 147,172.82	\$ 1,049,109.08
(52) Series 2021	\$ 1,810,052.56	\$ 2,352,678.57	\$ 680,402.47	\$ 771,732.09	\$ 1,285,265.90	\$ 737,753.69			\$ 737,753.69	\$ 3,475,154.15
(54) Parks Fund		\$ 2,056.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,939.48	\$ 2,816.05			\$ 2,816.05	\$ 4,755.53

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Finance

<i>Purchase Orders</i>	<i>FY 2021-2022 Totals</i>	<i>FY 2022-2023 Totals</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024 1st Qtr</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024 2nd Qtr</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024 3rd Qtr</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024 4th Qtr</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024 Totals</i>
PO Requisitions (Regular)	1,525	1,275	279	284	345	63			63	971
Emergency PO Requisitions		284	93	108	73	10			10	284
Total	1,525	1,559	372	392	418	73	0	0	73	1,255
Purchase Orders Issued	1,525	1,492	361	388	433	77			77	1,259
Purchase Orders Issued	\$ 4,117,535.26	\$ 2,736,129.00	\$ 1,183,905.67	\$ 657,090.34	\$ 1,483,802.32	\$ 205,157.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205,157.18	\$ 3,529,955.51
Purchase Orders Received	\$ 2,901,261.64	\$ 1,952,309.76	\$ 673,407.58	\$ 423,248.11	\$ 457,119.99	\$ 138,745.89	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138,745.89	\$ 1,692,521.57
Purchase Orders Voided	\$ 1,216,273.62	\$ 783,819.24	\$ 9,943.45	\$ 3,993.35	\$ 273,422.50	\$ 1,071.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,071.72	\$ 288,431.02
Purchase Orders Outstanding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,554.64	\$ 229,848.88	\$ 753,259.83	\$ 65,339.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,339.57	\$ 1,549,002.92

<i>Budget Amedments</i>	<i>FY 2021-2022 Totals</i>	<i>FY 2022-2023 Totals</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024 1st Qtr</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024 2nd Qtr</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024 3rd Qtr</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024 4th Qtr</i>	<i>FY 2023-2024 Totals</i>
Budget Amendments Received		77	10	15	4	2			2	31
<i>Approved</i>										
General Fund		69	9	14	4	2	0	0	2	29
Utility Fund		7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMS Fund		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KMB			1	1	0				0	2
Total		77	10	15	4	2	0	0	2	31

ACTIVE ACCOUNTS	5260	NEW ACCOUNTS	51		
Monthly Statistics Report July 2024					
Total of Work Orders:	500				
Job Code	Total Completed	Total outstandig (pending)	Total Void		
Regular connects (on)	44	7	1		
Reinstate (reins)	48	0	36		
Regular disconnects (off)	36	1	1		
Meter swap (swap)	5	7	0		
Disconnects no paymet (lock)	76	6	185		
Miscellaneous (misc)	2	7	0		
Ert replacement (entre & mxu)	1	0	0		
High reads (gt-rd)	0	0	0		
Get Missed Meter Read (gt-rd)	1	0	34		
Service change (srvch)	1	0	0		
Miscellaneous Public Works (mech)	0	0	0		
Account on Temporary H (hold)	0	0	0		
Occupant change (tran)	0	0	0		
Re-read Meer After (re-rd)	1	0	0		
Check leak/fix leak (leak)	0	0	0		
Mechanical inspection	0	0	0		
TOTAL OF CODES	215	28	257		
Disconnects no paymet (voided)	These are usually customers who make their payment before the meter is closed.				
Unread meters (SENSUS) read manually			Unread meters (Kamstrup)		
Meter Blank (screen)	0		Broken antenna	0	
Parts	0		Innactive	0	
Wire damaged	0		Meter covered	0	
Meter Low Battery	0		Meter reprogramed	0	
Meter Swap	0		Meter Swap	0	
Meter covered	0		Under water	0	
MXU damaged	0		Meter OFF (not connected)	0	
MXU missing	0			0	
Reprogramed	0				
Disconnected	0		Traveling meters	4	
Under water	0				
Everything ok (no read)	0		La Herencia Apparts.	7	
Meter inside property	0				
	0				
Available Water Meters:	5/8"	786	STAND-BY 1 (EMERGENCY)		
	3/4"	4			
	1"	7	STAND-BY 1 (EMERGENCY)		
	1 1/2"	4			
	2"	11			
Smart Sensus Water Meter	3/4"	10	To replace meters inside properties		

Mercedes Municipal Court
Revenue Collected by Citations
July 1, 2024 - July 31, 2024

City of Mercedes Revenue **\$4,491.15**

State of Texas Revenue **\$4,092.28**

Total Revenue Collected **\$8,583.43**

Total Number of Cases (Dockets) Heard by Court – **18**



Eduardo Mendoza, Municipal Court Coordinator

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FY 2023-2024
July 31, 2024

Municipal Court

Citation By Violation	FYE 2022 Totals	FYE 2023 Totals	1st Qtr Totals	2nd Qtr Totals	3rd Qtr Totals	July	August	September	4th Qtr Totals	FYE 2023 Totals
Defective Equipment	7	22	0	0	1	3			3	4
DLR "A"-Corrective Lenses			1	0		0				1
DLR "B"-Licensed Driver 18 Yrs		1	1	0	0	0			0	1
Driving W/O Stop Lamps		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failed to Display Vehicle Registration	1	1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failed to ID Truthfully	1	0	0	0	1	0			0	1
Failed to Obey Traffic Control Sign	8	0	0	0	0	1			1	1
Expired Registration-Moto Vehicle	174	160	24	17	11	14			14	66
License Plate Registration-Fictitious	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
License Plate Registration-Trailer	1	1	0	0	0	0			0	0
No Cover on Load	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
No Front License Plate	10	7	2	0	4	1			1	7
No Rear License Plate	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Wrong License Plate	10	8	5	0	0	0			0	5
No Tail Light(s)	1	1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Parking Violation		1	1	0	0	0			0	1
Parking-Fire Lane	1	0	1	0	0	0			0	1
U-Turn Between Street Intersection	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Speeding	58	36	4	1	1	8			8	14
Speeding in Construction Zone						2			2	2
Speeding in a School	3	3	0	0	0	0			0	0
Unsafe Speed (Too Fast for Conditions)						1			1	1
Failed To Yield Right of Way	8	6	1	1	2	0			0	4
Ran Stop Sign	134	88	3	4	8	4			4	19
Ran Red Light	33	25	1	3	13	3			3	20
Change Lane when Unsafe	14	6	1	0	2	2			2	5
Turned Left From Wrong Lane	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Turned Right From Wrong Lane		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Improper Turn	1	1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Drove Wrong Way On One-Way Roadway	15	1	2	0	2	0			0	4
Following Too Closely	3	4	1	0	2	0			0	3
Unsafe Start from Park or Stopped Positio		2	0	0	1	0			0	1
Child Passenger Safety Seat Off	26	8	2	0	1	1			1	4
No Seat Belt-Driver	121	86	3	3	5	11			11	22
No Seat Belt-Passenger		2	0	0	0	0			0	0
Child (4-14) Not Secured by Safety Belt	9	1	4	0	1	0			0	5
Possession of Alcoholic Bev. in Vehicle		2	0	0	0	0			0	0
Operate Vehicle with Child in Open Bed	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Driving Under the Influence-Minor		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Use of Wireless Device By Motorist	4	1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failed to Maintain Financial Resp	272	224	40	49	58	50			50	197
Failed to Control Speed	5	2	1	10	1	2			2	14
Failed to Yield at Stop	3	1	1	1	0	0			0	2
Failed to Yield Row at Open Intersection		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failed to Yield Row at Open Intersection	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failed to Yield Row Leaving Private Drive	3	0	1	0	0	0			0	1
Failed to Yield Row to Emergency Veh		1	0	1	2	0			0	3
Disregard Traffic Control Device		2	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failed to Stop-Designated Point At Stop Sign	7	4	3	1	2	1			1	7
Failure to Stop at Traffic Light		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failed to Stop at Flashing Red Light		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failed to Drive in Single Lane	7	14	0	0	1	1			1	2
Turned Right Too Wide	1	1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Turned When Unsafe	1	0	0	0	1	0			0	1
Failed to Signal Lane Change	7	15	0	2	2	1			1	5
Failed to Give One Half of Roadway		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Illegally Passed Street Car	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failed to Signal Turn	13	24	2	1	0	1			1	4
No Drivers License	301	254	36	32	49	41			41	158
Driving While License Invalid	8	0	1	0	0	0			0	1
Reckless Driving	6	3	0	0	1	0			0	1
Fail to Dim Headlights meeting						1			1	1
No Head Lamp(s)-Not Equipped	4	3	0	0	0	0			0	0
Defective Head Lamp(s)	3	4	0	0	0	0			0	0
No Tail Lamp(s)-Not Equipped	4	5	0	2	0	1			1	3
Defective Tail Lamp(s)		3	0	0	0	0			0	0
No Stop Lamp(s)	2	2	0	0	0	0			0	0
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	2	5	2	0	0	1			1	3
Driving W/O Head Lights	4	1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Motor Vehicle Inspection Violation		5	0	0	0	0			0	0
Expired Operators License	38	10	7	4	2	4			4	17
Failed to Display DL	8	8	1	0	0	1			1	2

Monthly Statistics Report
FY 2023-2024
July 31, 2024

Municipal Court

Citation By Violation	FYE 2022 Totals	FYE 2023 Totals	1st Qtr Totals	2nd Qtr Totals	3rd Qtr Totals	July	August	September	4th Qtr Totals	FYE 2023 Totals
Failure to Report Change of Address/Name		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failure to Report Striking Fixture/Sign	0	0	1	0	0	0			0	1
No License Plate Light	7	4	0	0	0	0			0	0
Illegal Backing (Unsafe Backing)	1	0	1	0	0	0			0	1
Leaving Scene of Accident			1	0		0			0	1
Open Container In Vehicle	11	5	0	1	3	0			0	4
Unauthorized Glass Coating Material	9	1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Driving While Impaired	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Driving Under the Influence	1	1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Stopping in Prohibited Area		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Speeding>10% Above Posted Limit	191	88	3	9	28	42			42	82
Minor In Possession	8	7	0	0	0	0			0	0
Consumption of Alcohol-Minor	0	0	1	0	0	0			0	1
Failed to Secure Load	1	1	0	0	0	0			0	0
All Terrain Vehicle on Public Street						0			0	0
Assault-Physical Contact	30	26	3	2	1	0			0	6
Assault-Threat	2	1	1	0	2	1			1	4
Assault-Family Violence	12	9	6	2	1	2			2	11
Criminal Mischief	2	2	1	1	0	0			0	2
Disorderly Conduct	11	4	2	0	0	0			0	2
Disorderly Conduct-Urinating	1	0	0	1	0	0			0	1
Disorderly Conduct-Abusive Language	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Disorderly Conduct-Noise (Public)	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Failure to Identify-False Info.		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Minor In Possession of Alcohol		2	0	0	0	0			0	0
Leaving A Child In A Vehicle	2	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Theft	16	11	3	2	0	1			1	6
Criminal Trespass		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	39	96	12	6	18	1			1	37
Public Intoxication	26	35	3	11	4	3			3	21
Consuming Alcoholic Beverage		1	0	0	1	0			0	1
Solicitation W/O A Permit		2	0	0	0	0			0	0
Tabacco Products Law	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
City Code (Dog At Large)	6	3	0	2	13	4			4	19
City Code (Vaccination Required)	6	0	0	0	0	1			1	1
City Code (Dog Tags)	5	1	0	0	0	1			1	1
Dog Bite	6	3	0	0	3	1			1	4
Violation of City Ordinance #10	2	3	1	1	0	0			0	2
City Code (Abandoned & Junked Vehicle)	7	11	2	2	0	0			0	4
City Code (Vendors Permit)		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
City Code Violation (Nuisance)	3	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Fire Code Violation			1	0	0	0			0	1
City Code (Register Dangerous Dog)	2	1	0	0	9	2			2	11
Illegal Dumping	3	2	0	5	1	0			0	6
Littering		1	0	0	0	0			0	0
Curfew Violation	9	8	1	0	0	0			0	1
Violation of City Ord. 83-16	30	27	10	3	10	1			1	24
Violation of City Ord. 99-22 (Weedy Lot)	8	6	2	0	2	1			1	5
Violation of City Ord. #26 (Zoning-Running a Bus	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Ordinance 2000-03 (Signs)	1	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
City Ordinance (Junked Vehicle)	11	11	6	11	5	0			0	22
Total	1,824	1,450	213	191	275	217	-	-	217	896
Dismissals	237	186	37	22	50	12			12	121
	\$ 68,853.61	\$ 49,079.98	\$ 10,736.66	\$ 7,918.10	\$ 11,204.56	\$ 3,931.00			\$ 3,931.00	\$ 33,790.32

Mercedes Fire Department

July 2024

Monthly Report

"Through dedicated, professional members, the Mercedes Fire Department EMS care for and protects the lives and property of our community through incident response, comprehensive training, public education and fire prevention."



Fire Chief/EMC

Javier Campos Jr.

Mercedes Fire Department

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July 2024

Mercedes Fire Incidents

Count of Total Fire Incidents

Count of Incidents

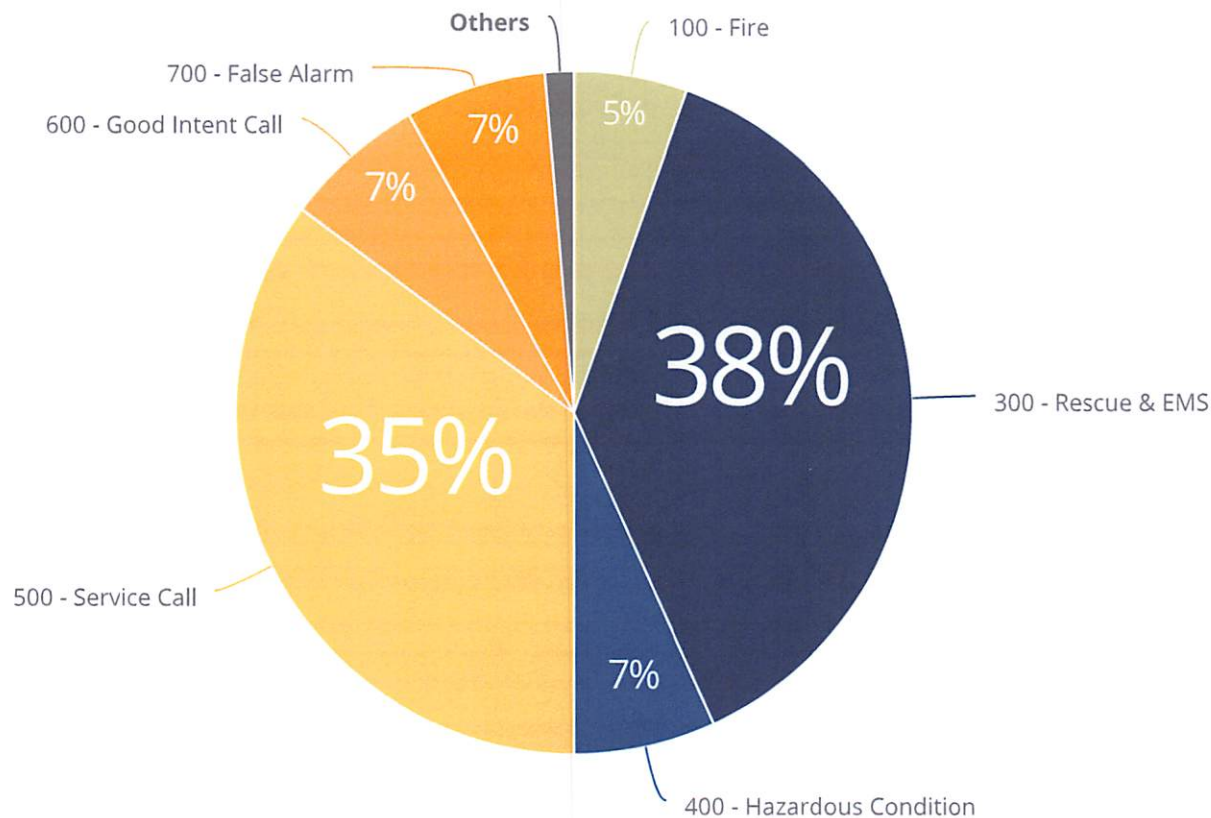
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Average Dispatch to Arrival Time

Average Response Time Alarm To Arrival

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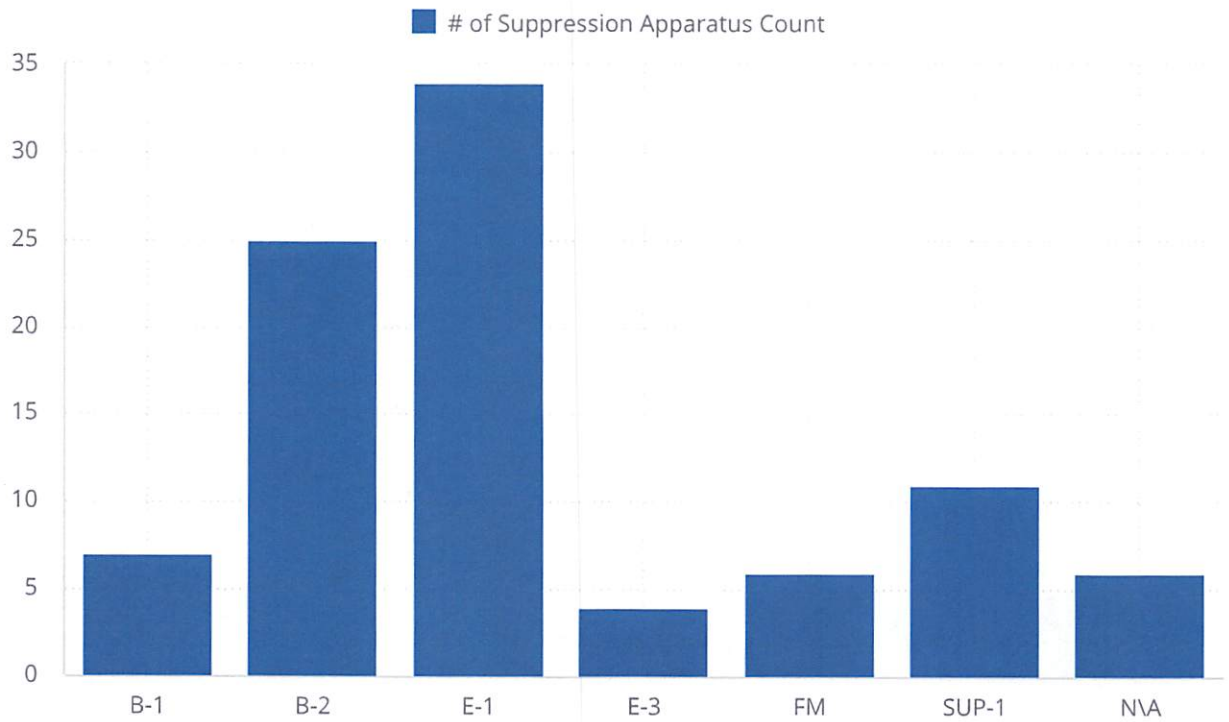
Percentage of Incident Type Group



Incident Count by Shift



Total Count Per Unit



Count of Incidents by Type

Incident Type	Count of Incidents
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
Animal problem	2
Animal problem, other	21
Animal rescue	1
Authorized controlled burning	1
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
Cooking fire, confined to container	1
Dispatched & canceled en route	2
False alarm or false call, other	4
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3
Lightning strike (no fire)	1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	16
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	8
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
Passenger vehicle fire	1
Power line down	2
Public service assistance, other	1
Smoke or odor removal	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
Count of Incidents	73

July 2024 - FIRE INCIDENTS

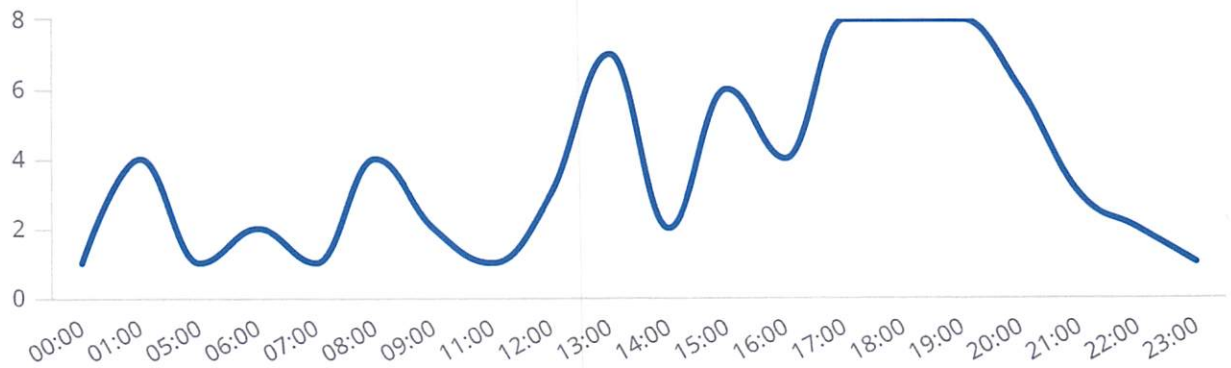
Total Incidents

Count of Incidents
74

Average Time On Scene

Average Time On Scene
22m:14s

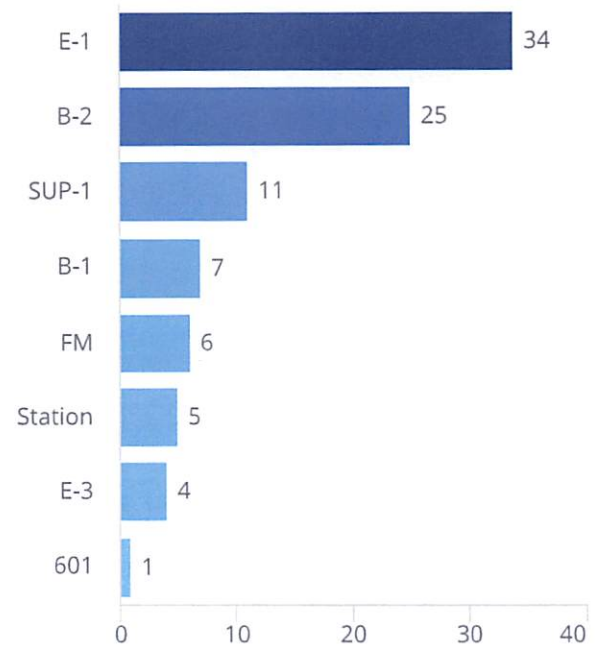
Call Volume over Time



Breakdown of Calls by Unit

Unit Name	Percentage of Calls	Averag
601	1.35%	
B-1	9.46%	
B-2	33.78%	
E-1	45.95%	
E-3	5.41%	
FM	8.11%	
SUP-1	14.86%	
Station	6.76%	
Grand Total	100.00%	

Count of Calls by Unit



July 2024 EMS Incidents

Total Responses

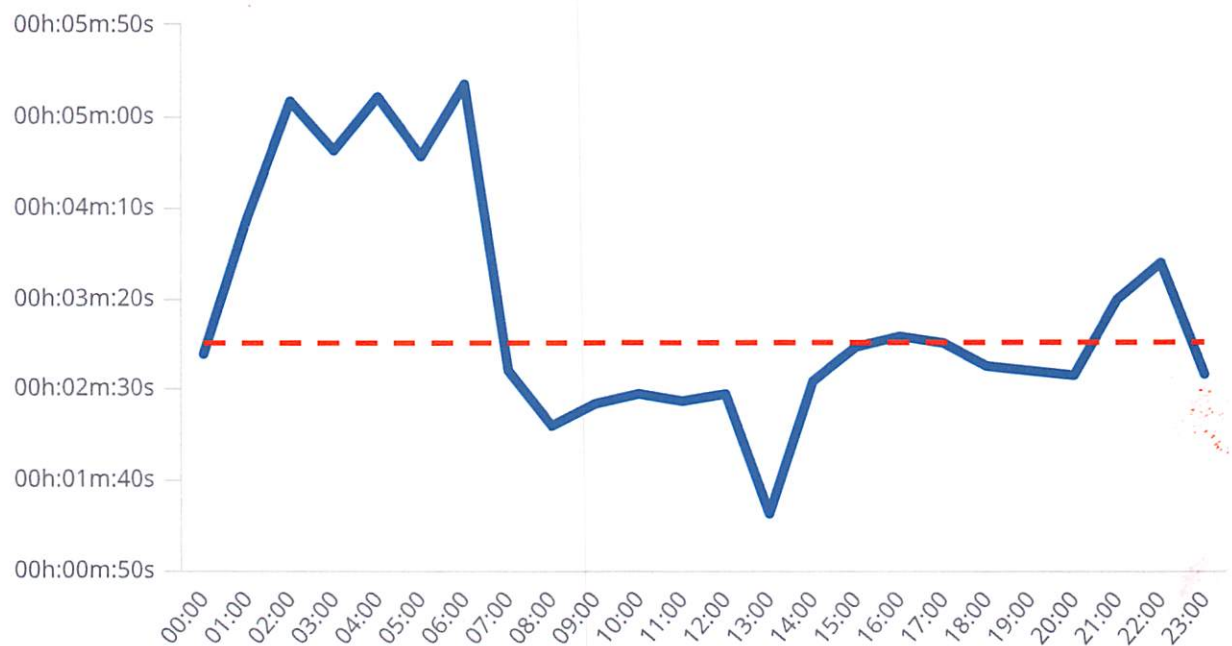
Total Responses
247

Average Chute Time

Average Chute Time
02m:55s

% Chute Time < 4min **85%**

Average Chute Time by Hour of Day



Custom Jul 1, 2024 - Jul 31, 2024

15:19

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Average Scene Time

85%

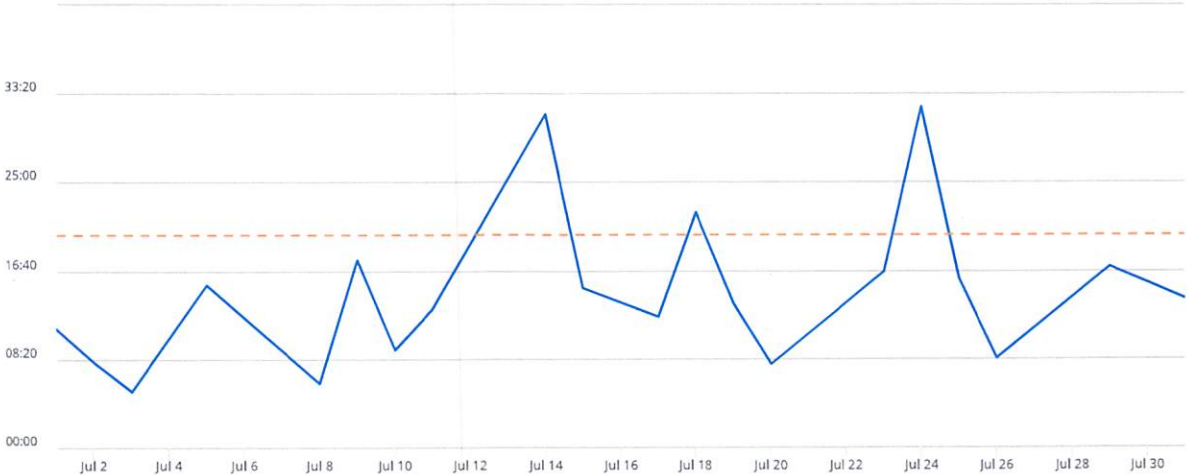
OF PATIENT
ENCOUNTERS
Scene Time < 20:00

25:58

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90th Percentile Scene
Time

33

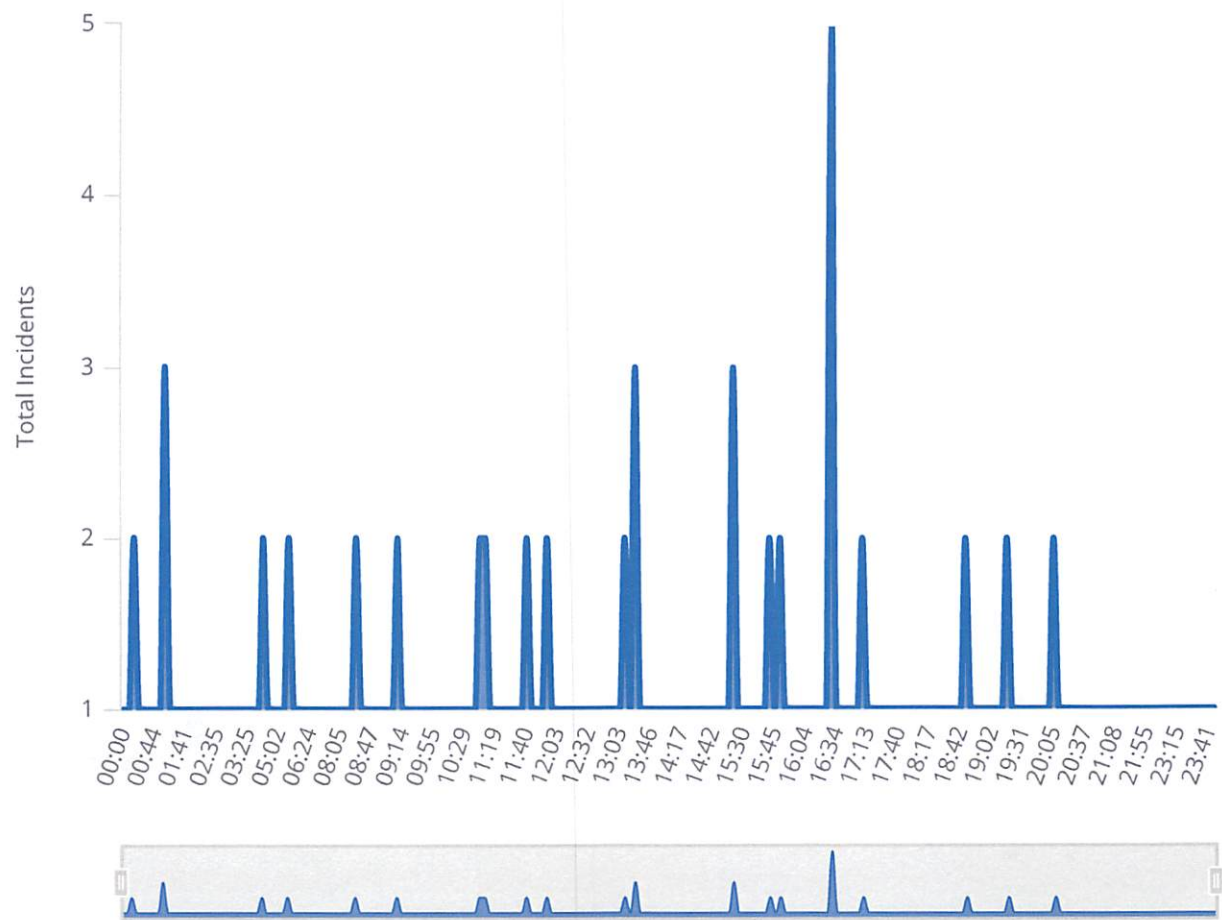
PATIENT
ENCOUNTERS
In Selected Time Slice



Counts % Rows % Columns % All

Week Ending	7/7/24	7/14/24	7/21/24	7/28/24	8/4/24	8/11/24	8/18/24	8/25/24	9/1/24	9/8/24	9/15/24	9/22/24	9/29/24	Total
00:00 - 09:59	3	2	2	3										10
10:00 - 14:59	1	1	3	2	1									8
15:00 - 19:59		1	2	3	4									10
20:00 - 29:59	1		1	1										3
30:00 - 39:59		1												1
40:00 - 49:59														
50:00 - 59:59				1										1
60:00 - 2:59:59														
Total	5	5	8	10	5									33
Exceptions														0

Call Volume by Hour



Aggregation of Total Incidents by Shift

Shift	Total Incidents
	07/2024
A Shift	91
B Shift	72
C Shift	83
Volunteers	1

Aggregation of Total Incidents by Unit Contribution

Unit	Contribution to Total Incidents	
	07/2024	Grand Total
E-1	0.81%	0.81%
MED-1	2.02%	2.02%
MED-2	22.27%	22.27%
MED-3	20.24%	20.24%
MED-4	54.25%	54.25%
SUP-1	0.40%	0.40%

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MERCEDES POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 1-JULY 31

Prepared by: Chief Francisco Sanchez

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Monthly Report Summary

National Night Out Planning

In July, the Mercedes Police Department has been actively engaged in the planning of our National Night Out, scheduled for October 26, 2024. Key activities and updates include:

- **Coordination with Mercedes Outlet Mall:** The department has conducted several walkthroughs with the outlet mall staff to ensure smooth event execution. These meetings have focused on logistics, safety, and overall event coordination.
- **Engagement with Haunted House Personnel:** We have also met with the personnel from the haunted house attraction that will be part of the event. This collaboration is aimed at integrating their activities seamlessly with the National Night Out festivities.
- **Addition of Car Show Competition:** This year, we are excited to announce the addition of a car show competition to our National Night Out. This new feature is anticipated to attract more attendees and add a vibrant element to the event.
- **Live Band Performance:** We are in the process of hiring a live band to perform during the event. This will enhance the entertainment experience for attendees and contribute to a lively atmosphere.
- **Master of Ceremony (MC):** Currently, we are seeking a suitable Master of Ceremony for the event. We are exploring various options and will confirm the selection soon.
- **Vendor Coordination:** Contact has been made with numerous vendors who will be participating in National Night Out. We are working to finalize their involvement and ensure a diverse and engaging selection of booths and activities.

2nd Annual Backpack Giveaway

This month, the Mercedes Police Department, in collaboration with the Mercedes Fire Department, Hidalgo County Health Department, Llano Grande, and other community agencies, successfully hosted our 2nd Annual Backpack Giveaway. Key highlights include:

- **Meetings and Coordination:** We attended various planning meetings leading up to the event to ensure a coordinated effort among all participating agencies.

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- **Event Success:** The giveaway was a resounding success, with backpacks distributed to children in need within our community. The collaborative efforts with our partner organizations helped us reach a larger number of families and ensure a positive impact.
- **Community Engagement:** This event exemplifies our ongoing commitment to supporting and engaging with our community, providing essential resources to families and fostering a spirit of cooperation among local agencies.

Winter Wonderland Event Planning

Planning for the upcoming Winter Wonderland Event is underway. Here are the key developments:

- **Sponsorship and Donations:** Chief Sanchez has proactively sent out sponsor and donation letters to both returning and new companies and entities. This effort aims to secure a strong turnout and support for the event.
- **Flyer Development:** A flyer for the event has been initiated. We are currently finalizing the details and securing a date for the event.
- **Venue Selection:** A meeting with the City Manager is pending to discuss potential locations for hosting the Winter Wonderland Event. We are exploring various options to accommodate expected attendance and address previous challenges.
- **Traffic Concerns:** Based on last years' experience, traffic management is a significant concern. We are addressing this issue early in the planning process to ensure smoother operations and a better experience for attendees.
- **Early Planning:** The department is committed to starting the planning process early to ensure a successful event. This proactive approach will help us address any potential issues and optimize event execution.

Recruiting Video

To enhance our recruitment efforts and provide potential candidates with an insightful look into life as a police officer in Mercedes, the department produced a recruiting video in collaboration with Brand Genuiz. Key aspects of the video include:

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- **Focus Areas:**
 - **Work Schedule:** The video highlights the work schedule of officers, offering a realistic view of their day-to-day responsibilities and routines.
 - **Quality of Life:** Showcasing the quality of life for officers working in the city of Mercedes, emphasizing the benefits and community support available.
 - **Community Engagement:** Illustrating the department's active role in community engagement and how officers interact with and contribute to the community.
- **Filming Locations:**
 - **Mercedes Outlet Mall:** Capturing the vibrant commercial environment where officers engage with local businesses and residents.
 - **Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show:** Highlighting the department's involvement in significant local events and community festivals.
 - **Llano Grande RV Park:** Featuring recreational and community spaces that enhance the quality of life for officers and their families.
 - **Police Department Building:** Providing an inside look at the police department's facilities and the professional environment within.

The video is designed to attract potential recruits by showcasing the positive aspects of working for the Mercedes Police Department and the supportive community environment.

Grant Proposal Process

1. Initial Meetings and Planning

- **Meeting with Lt. Orlando Diaz:** Chief Frank Sanchez met with Lt. Orlando Diaz to discuss the feasibility of securing a grant for a police simulator. The goal was to explore funding opportunities to acquire state-of-the-art equipment that would enhance our training programs.
- **Vendor Meeting at FBI LEEDA Conference:** In May 2024, Chief Sanchez attended the FBI LEEDA Conference and met with a vendor specializing in police simulators. This meeting provided valuable insights into the equipment's benefits and potential impact on our training.

2. Collaborative Efforts

- **Tasking Lt. Diaz:** Following the conference, Chief Sanchez tasked Lt. Diaz with collaborating with Border Affairs to explore grant opportunities for the simulator. This involved researching available grants and assessing eligibility requirements.
- **Research and Discovery:** Thanks to Lt. Diaz's diligent efforts and coordination with Border Affairs, a suitable grant opportunity was identified. The team worked

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to understand the grant's requirements and prepared the necessary documentation.

3. Grant Submission

- **Application Process:** The grant application for the police simulator was completed and submitted, following a thorough review of the grant criteria and ensuring all required information was included.
- **Pending Outcome:** We are currently awaiting the outcome of the grant application. Approval of this grant would significantly enhance our training capabilities by providing access to advanced simulation technology.

Grant Acquisition and Equipment Enhancements

- Securing grants and acquiring new equipment are pivotal in enhancing the capabilities of the Mercedes Police Department. This chapter covers two significant updates: the grant proposal for a police simulator and the recent acquisition of Polaris UTVs and a new charger through Operation Stone Garden.

Equipment Acquisitions

- **Polaris UTVs**
 - **Grant from Operation Stone Garden:** The Mercedes Police Department received two Polaris UTVs through Operation Stone Garden. These vehicles were acquired to enhance our operational capabilities, particularly in areas requiring off-road access.
 - **Purchase and Outfitting:**
 - **Eliff Motors:** The UTVs were purchased from Eliff Motors in Harlingen, Texas.
 - **Outfitting:** The grant funds were also used to outfit the UTVs with essential equipment. Dana Fleet, also located in Harlingen, provided the lights and decals.
 - **Pending Equipment:** We are currently waiting for additional lights that are on back order to complete the outfitting of the UTVs.
- **New Charger**
 - **Acquisition and Outfitting:** A new charger, also funded through Operation Stone Garden, was outfitted with all necessary equipment. This charger is now operational within our patrol division.

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- **Usage:** The new charger is actively being used for traffic enforcement, enhancing our ability to manage and respond to traffic-related incidents effectively.

The following are patrol notes:

- 12 CITY STREET LIGHTS WERE REPORTED FOR REPAIR FOR NOT WORKING
- TRAINING WAS CONDUCTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL
 1. Ofc. Valdez – attended & completed Field Training Instructor Certification @ UTRGV
 2. Ofc. Longoria – attended Use of Force Training @ Cameron County Sheriff's Ofc.
 3. Ofc. Ortiz – attended Alert Level 1 @ Cameron County Sheriff's Ofc.
- CONTINUED ON INSERVICE TRAINING WITH DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO MEET MANDATED TCOLE TRAINING
 1. Seven officers have completed the mandated trainings
 2. Three officers need one training to complete the trainings
 3. 75 % of all officers have completed most of the trainings
- STARTED ON NEEDED MANDATED TRAININGS FOR OFFICERS WITH A BASIC CERTIFICATION
 1. List was put out to patrol
 2. Registered officers to attend training on newly assigned schedule
 3. Ofc. Campos, Ofc. Valdez, Ofc. Granados, Ofc. Garcia and Sgt. S. Gonzalez with be attending De – Escalation Training

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- ASSIGNED OFFICERS TO ATTEND S.F.S.T. REFRESHER COURSE FOR NEXT WEEK ON MONDAY JULY 29TH

1. Sgt. Cuba, Ofc. Felipe Sanchez, Ofc. Samuel Longoria, Ofc. Eugenio Salinas, Ofc. Jesus Campos, Ofc. Sergio Flores, Ofc. Zenaida Hernandez, Ofc. Donato Torres, Ofc. Mike Ortiz
Ofc. Ileana Granados

- ASSIGNED OFFICERS TO ATTEND NAT'L NIGHT OUT AT LA FERIA, ALAMO, AND CITY OF SAN JUAN POLICE DEPARTMENTS

1. ALAMO PD – Ofc. J. Campos and Ofc. M. Ortiz
2. SAN JUAN PD – Ofc. S. Flores and Ofc. I. Granados
3. LA FERIA PD – Ofc. S. Longoria and Ofc. B. Valdez

- FINALIZED TRAINING TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER HOSTED BY MERCEDES POLICE DEPT.

1. Training Title – Support that Saves a Guide to Building & Sustaining a Peer Support 24 hr. Training.

2. Training to be held on October 21st thru 23rd training to held at LRGVDC in Weslaco originally was to be held at Pd

- IMPLEMENTED SERGEANT'S DAILY LOG FOR PATROL

• Log will track – reports submitted, and left pending, citations issued along with warnings, unit

used on patrol, officers working and those that are ill, in training, comp-time or vacation, along with an area for special attention based on what occurred on patrol.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francisco Sanchez', written over a horizontal line.

Chief Francisco Sanchez



Francisco J. Sanchez
Chief of Police

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July 1st – July 31st Report 2023 / 2024

ARREST BY OFFENSE

2023

2024

• AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: (FAMILY VIOLENCE) WITH DEADLY WEAPON	2	0
• AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: WITH DEADLY WEAPON	1	0
• AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	5	0
• ASSAULT: (CLASS C) FAMILY VIOLENCE	2	2
• ASSAULT: CAUSING BODILY INJURY	0	1
• ASSAULT: CAUSING BODILY INJURY (FAMILY VIOLENCE)	3	2
• ASSAULT: CAUSING PHYSICAL CONTACT (FAMILY VIOLENCE)	1	0
• ASSAULT: THREATENS BODILY INJURY	0	2
• BURGLARY OF HABITATION	1	0
• BURGLARY OF VEHICLE	1	1
• CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION	1	0
• CRIMINAL ATTEMPT-AGGRAVATED ROBBERY	2	0
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF>=\$100<\$750	1	0
• CRIMINAL TRESPASS	2	0
• CRIMINAL TRESPASS HABIT/SHLTR/SUPRFUND/INFSTR	1	0
• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	0	2
• DUTY ON STRIKING FIXTURE/HWY LANDSCAPE>=\$200	2	0
• EMERGENCY DETENTION OF MENTALLY ILL PERSON	1	0
• ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY	3	0
• ESCAPE:WHILE ARRESTED/CONFINED FOR FELONY	1	0
• EVADING ARREST DETENTION	1	0
• EVADING ARREST DETENTION W/VEHICLE	1	1
• FAILURE TO IDENTIFY-GIVING FALSE/FICTITIOUS INFO	0	1
• FORGERY FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT>=\$100<\$750	0	1
• HARASSMENT	0	1
• ILLEGAL DUMPING >5LBS<500 LBS	0	1
• INDECENCY WITH A CHILD BY SEXUAL CONTACT	0	1
• ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT>=\$100<\$750	2	0
• POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IN MOTOR VEHICLE	1	0
• POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PG 1A<20AU	1	0
• POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	3	1
• PUBLIC INTOXICATION	10	3
• RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT	1	0
• RUNAWAY	5	0
• THEFT<\$100	3	2
• THEFT<\$100 W/ PREVIOUS CONVICTION	0	1
• THEFT>=\$100<\$750	3	4
• THEFT>=\$2500<\$30K	1	0
• WARRANT (OTHER AGENCY)	1	2

Total = 63

Total = 29

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• 911 HANG UP –ABUSE	2	3
• 911 HANG UP - INVESTIGATION	3	9
• ABANDONED VEHICLE	2	2
• ABANDONING OR ENDANGERING CHILD	1	0
• ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	5	8
• ACCIDENT WITH NO INJUIRES	25	23
• AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ALREADY OCCURRED	1	1
• AGGRAVATED ROBBERY IN PROGRESS	1	0
• ANIMAL BITE – DOG	2	5
• ANIMAL BITE- OTHER	0	1
• ANIMAL CARCASS	0	25
• ANIMAL PROBLEM - NON-VICIOUS	5	73
• ANIMAL PROBLEM – VICIOUS	6	11
• ANIMAL RESCUE / DANGER TO LIFE	0	4
• ANIMAL RESCUE / NO DANGER TO LIFE	1	5
• AREA CHECK	1641	968
• ASSAULT ALREADY OCCURRED	8	15
• ASSAULT IN PROGRESS	1	0
• ASSAULT JUST OCCURRED	6	0
• ASSIST OTHER AGENCY / BACK UP	11	12
• BEE ATTACK	1	3
• BEE CALL	6	27
• BUILDING CHECK	7	44
• BURGLARY ALARM – COMMERCIAL	71	114
• BURGLARY ALARM – RESIDENTIAL	14	13
• BURGLARY OF BUILDING ALREADY OCCURRED	1	1
• BURGLARY OF HABITATION ALREADY OCCURRED	1	2
• BURGLARY OF HABITATION JUST OCCURRED	1	0
• BURGLARY OF VEHICLE ALREADY OCCURRED	2	2
• BURGLARY OF VEHICLE JUST OCCURRED	1	0
• CARDIAC ARREST	0	1
• CHILD CUSTODY	17	10
• CITY CODE VIOLATION	1	0
• CIVIL MATTER	19	13
• COMPLAINT FOR SGT	4	0
• CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD ABUSE	1	0
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	12	11
• CRIMINAL TRESPASS-SUSPECT LEFT	1	0
• CRIMINAL TRESPASS- SUSPECT ON LOCATION	1	2
• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE JUST OCCURRED	1	0
• DOWN POWER LINE	0	3
• DUMPSTER FIRE	1	0
• ESCORT – FUNERAL	5	2
• ESCORT – GENERAL	3	1
• EXTRA PATROL REQUEST	20	16
• FIGHT IN PROGRESS	4	7
• FINGERPRINTS	0	1
• FIRE ALARM / BOX ALARM	23	9
• FIRE INVESTIGATION CALL	10	3
• FIREWORKS	14	10
• FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION	3	4
• FORGERY	0	1
• FOUND PROPERTY	1	2
• GAS LEAK	1	5
• GRASS FIRE	14	2
• HARASSMENT	19	18
• HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT JUST OCCURRED	5	13
• IDENTITY THEFT	6	4
• IMPR PHOTOGRAPHY OR VISUAL RECORDING	1	1
• IMPROPERLY PARKED VEHICLE	9	6
• INDECENCY WITH A CHILD	0	1

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• INFORMATIONAL CALL	135	109
• INTOXICATED DRIVER	3	5
• JUNK VEHICLE	1	0
• LIGHT POLE OUTAGE	2	1
• LIVESTOCK ON HIGHWAY	3	6
• LOCKED VEHICLE	0	3
• LOST ITEM	6	7
• MEAL BREAK	6	2
• MEDICAL CALL	158	212
• MEET WITH COMPLAINT	0	1
• MEET WITH SERGEANT	1	0
• MESSAGE FOR OFFICER	0	1
• MISSING PERSON-ADULT	0	1
• MISSING PERSON – JUVENILE	12	3
• MUTUAL AID	2	1
• NARCOTICS VIOLATION/COMMENT FIELD	2	0
• NUISANCE / NOISE / LOUD MUSIC	21	28
• OPEN DOOR / WINDOW	4	2
• PICK UP ITEM	8	8
• PRISONER ARRAIGNMENT	4	3
• PRISONER CARE	4	1
• PRISONER RELEASE	6	0
• PRISONER TRANSPORT	4	3
• PROPERTY DAMAGE	10	5
• PUBLIC LEWDNESS ALREADY OCURRED	0	1
• RECKLESS VEHICLE	40	24
• REFUELING UNIT	3	0
• REPORT WRITING	65	18
• REPOSSESSION	12	15
• REQUEST TO SPEAK WITH AN OFFICER	54	35
• RESTROOM BREAK	83	14
• SECTION 26 / 28	5	2
• SERVICE POLICE UNIT	11	4
• SEWER LINE BACKUP	1	3
• SEXUAL ASSAULT ALREADY OCCURRED	2	0
• SHOTS FIRED	7	11
• SMOKE IN STRUCTURE	0	1
• STALKING	0	1
• STALLED VEHICLE	29	53
• STOVE FIRE	0	1
• STRUCTURE FIRE	4	1
• SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	19	26
• SUSPICIOUS PERSON	30	32
• SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	42	12
• TERRORISTIC THREAT	3	1
• THEFT ALREADY OCCURRED	55	60
• THEFT IN PROGRESS	3	0
• TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	6
• TRAFFIC HAZARD	11	20
• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE	2	3
• UNWANTED PERSON	43	46
• VEHICLE FIRE	1	2
• VERBAL DISPUTE	22	26
• VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	1	0
• WARRANT SERVICE	1	1
• WATER LINE BREAK	16	15
• WAVE DOWN	23	18
• WELFARE CHECK	26	38

Total = 3324

Total = 2792

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UCR SUMMARY

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• ARSON	1	0
• ASSAULT	32	33
• AUTO THEFT	2	1
• BURGLARY	3	3
• ROBBERY	1	0
• SEX OFFENSES	2	0
• THEFT	56	39

Total = 97

Total = 76

TRAFFIC STOPS

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• TOTAL TRAFFIC STOP	195	383
• TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED	91	408

Note: Monthly report reflects both UCR and CAD data

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