

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Community Development Board convened in a regular meeting on **Thursday, April 2, 2025** in the City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 1300 Houston, and McAllen, Texas at 5:30 P.M. with the following present:

Erica Perez	Chairperson
Madeleine Aubrey Treu	Secretary
Joe A. Califa	Member
Jesus "Jesse" Barba	Member
Heriberto Manrique	Member
Steve Muenich	Member
Karen Valdez	Member

Absent:	Andrea L. Rodriguez	Vice-Chair
	Alejandro Aguirre	Member
	Alex Lamela	Member
	Matthew Gabriel	Member
	Leonel Guerrero	Member
	Jaime Solis	Member

Staff:	Julia D. Lash	Director of Grant Administration
	Priscilla Avila	Asst. Director of Grant Administration
	Christina Garcia	Program Coordinator
	Natalie Manzanares	Housing Program Coordinator
	Ryan Patlan	CV Program Coordinator
	Carla Castillo	Compliance Officer
	Michelle Rivera	Assistant City Manager
	Martin Canales	Assistant City Attorney III

Call to Order

Chairperson Erica Perez called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

1. Invocation

Steve Muenich delivered the invocation.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2025

Jesse Barba moved to approve minutes for March 26, 2025. Joe Califa seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes with no abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

3. Recommendation of Community Development Funds

a. Recommendation of FY 2025-2026 CDBG Projects/Activities

During the discussion of the Construction proposals, the following CD members abstained from discussion and voting:

- Karen Valdez – Affordable Homes of South Texas
- Heriberto Manrique – Boys and Girls Club of McAllen

After discussion of the construction projects, the following recommendations were made:

McAllen Fire Dept. - Hydraulic Rescue Tools	\$100,000.00
McAllen Fire Dept. - Rescue Boats	\$ 70,000.00
McAllen ISD - Seguin Elem.	\$ -
McAllen ISD - Roosevelt Elem.	\$ -
McAllen ISD - Dorothea Brown Middle School – Parking Lot	\$200,000.00
McAllen ISD - Travis Middle School Community Track	\$ -
Engineering - Zavala Subdivision Pavement Improvements	\$ -
Engineering - 29th and Jordan Drainage Improvements	\$191,210.25
McAllen PARD - Escandon Field Restroom Improvements	\$ 30,000.00
McAllen PARD - Idela Park Restroom Improvements	\$ 20,000.00
McAllen PARD - Lions Park Solar Lighting	\$ -
McAllen PARD - Hackberry Park Improvements	\$ -
MPU - Balboa Acres Waterline Replacement Phase IVB	\$432,898.40
MPU - Hackberry and 6th Waterline Replacement	\$ -
MPU - Balboa Acres Waterline Replacement Phase IIC	\$ -
AHSTI - Rehabilitation Program	\$ -
Women Together Transitional Housing	\$ -

In the event that additional funds are awarded, these funds will be allocated to fully cover the cost of Balboa Acres Waterline Phase IVB. Should the awarded funds be less than anticipated, the funding for the Fire Department will be adjusted to accommodate only one Jaws of Life.

Joe Califa made a motion to accept the CDBG Construction projects as presented. Karen Valdez seconded the motion. All voted in favor with one abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

During the discussion of the Social Services proposals, the following CD members abstained from discussion and voting:

- Karen Valdez – First United Methodist Church
- Heriberto Manrique – Boys and Girls Club of McAllen

After thorough discussion of the Social Service activities, the following recommendations were made:

C.A.M.P. University	\$15,387.67
Make A Wish RGV	\$ 8,593.49
LRGVDC	\$19,831.12
LRGVDC	\$10,000.00
Comfort House Services, Inc.	\$50,000.00
CASA of Hidalgo County	\$ 5,000.00
Easter Seals Rio Grande Valley	\$ 8,659.59
The Salvation Army	\$11,568.16
First United Methodist Church	\$ 3,000.00
Sisters Inspiring Success	\$ -

Community Hope Projects, Inc.	\$20,000.00
Women Together	\$ -
Access Esperanza Clinics, Inc.	\$10,577.00
South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Asso.	\$15,000.00
Silver Ribbon Community Partners	\$ -
Capable Kids Foundation	\$ 3,500.00
McAllen Food Pantry, Inc.	\$30,000.00
Team Mario	\$ 5,000.00

If additional funds are awarded, these funds will be allocated to fully cover the cost of C.A.M.P. University, Boys and Girls Club and Community HOPE Projects. Should the awarded funds be less than anticipated, funding is to be reduced from Comfort House Services Inc., The Salvation Army and South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association.

Jesse Barba made a motion to accept the CDBG Social Services Activities with the exception of Boys and Girls Club, as presented. Mr. Manrique seconded the motion. All voted in favor with one abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

Boys and Girls Club of McAllen	\$24,831.12
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Mr. Muenich made a motion to accept the recommendation for Boys and Girls Club as presented. Ms. Valdez seconded the motion. All voted in favor no one abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

b. Recommendation of FY 2025-2026 HOME Projects/Activities

During the discussion of the HOME Project, Ms. Valdez abstained from discussion and voting.

After discussion, the following recommendations were made:

A.H.S.T.I.	\$461,563.27
COM – General Administration	\$ 51,285.00

Mr. Barba made a motion to accept the recommendation for HOME projects as presented. Mr. Muenich seconded the motion. All voted in favor with one abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

c. Recommendation of FY 2025-2026 ESG Projects/Activities

After thorough discussion of the ESG activities, the following recommendations were made:

Catholic Charities of the RGV- Homeless Prevention	\$27,396
Catholic Charities of the RGV- HMIS	\$ 2,000
Women Together- Emergency Shelter Operations	\$30,000
Women Together- HMIS	\$20,680
The Salvation Army - Emergency Shelter Operations	\$62,000
Administration- MCA	\$11,519

Mr. Califa made a motion to accept the recommendation for HOME projects as presented. Mr. Manrique seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

4. CD Board 2024-2025 Calendar

- a. **Proclamation for National Community Development Week: Monday, April 14, 2025 at 5:00 P.M., City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall**

Julia Lash encouraged all board members to attend the Proclamation for National Community Development Week.

- b. **City Commission approval of CDBG Funds: Monday, June 9, 2025 at 5:00 P.M., City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall**

Ms. Lash stated that this date is tentative due to receiving the HUD allocation.

5. Other Business

This item was dispensed.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Manrique moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Muenich seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjourning with no abstentions and no objections. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

These minutes were approved on the 15 day of January, ~~2025~~ 2026

By:

Erica Perez, Chair Person

(Vice) for

Attest:

Madeleine Aubrey Treu, Secretary