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City of **BROWNSVILLE**

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HACB is one of twenty-three Texas Housing Authorities to receive HUD funding for the Mainstream Voucher Program that will provide Affordable Housing to people with disabilities

BROWNSVILLE, TX NOVEMBER 22, 2019—The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$11,547,127 to 23 Texas Public Housing Authorities to fund a total of 1,546 Housing Choice Vouchers to provide affordable housing for non-elderly persons with disabilities. Nationally, HUD awarded a total of \$131.3 million to 325 local public housing authorities across the county to help approximately 15,363 additional individuals with disabilities.

The Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville (HACB) is honored to have been selected as one of twenty-three Public Housing Authorities in Texas and three-hundred and twenty-five in the nation to receive 13 vouchers totaling \$60,739, providing us the opportunity to assist new families in securing affordable housing. This housing assistance is provided through HUD's *Mainstream Housing Choice Voucher Program* which provides funding for vouchers to housing agencies to assist non-elderly individuals with disabilities, particularly those who are: transitioning out of institutional or other separated settings; at serious risk of institutionalization; currently experiencing homelessness; previously experienced homelessness; and are currently a client in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project, or at-risk of becoming homeless.

This program helps to further the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act by helping individuals with disabilities live in the most integrated setting, also encouraging partnerships with health and human service agencies to coordinate voluntary services and support to enable individual to live independently in the community.

“With this award, HACB has continued to diversify and increase the number of programs and funding received but importantly, this program will help more families in our community to secure quality affordable housing.” said Carla Mancha, CEO for HACB. “We thank HUD for allowing us to administer this very much needed program that will positively impact not only the families that will receive the voucher but the entire community.”

We would like to thank Chairman Patricio Sampayo and the Board of Commissioners for their support and leadership. On behalf of Administration we also want to recognize Grants and Special Projects Manager Ana Trejo and Client Services Director Leticia Gonzalez for taking the lead in this application.

ABOUT HACB:

The Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville is a High Performing Housing Authority for both the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing program. HACB serves over 3,700 low-income families in our community. HACB is the twelfth largest housing authority in the State of Texas and the largest south of San Antonio, Texas. HACB has authority to administer 2,582 Housing Choice Vouchers, operates and manages five Public Housing developments, six RAD properties and is the General Partner to nine tax credit developments all located within the City of Brownville. It is the mission of the HACB to provide access to affordable, quality housing, and achieve self-sufficiency through education and collaborative partnerships, for all residents of our community.

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