

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT:

AGENDA DATE:

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:

STRATEGIC GOAL:

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

NAME	AMOUNT (\$)

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

Nickole H. Rodriguez

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

WHEREAS, the Community and Human Development Department of the City of El Paso desires to submit an application to the Texas Health and Human Services Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso is requesting grant funding in the amount of \$15,000,000.00, with a \$500,000.00 cash match and \$956,700.00 as in-kind match required from the City, and \$13,543,300.00 as in-kind match contributions from Program Partners, for the El Paso Helps Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The El Paso City Council authorizes the submission of an application to the Texas Health and Human Services Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) Grant Program.
2. The City Manager, or designee, after consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to sign any documents necessary for the proper submission of the Application including any documents necessary to accept a grant resulting from the Application; to explore funding sources and partnerships that leverage the strength of the Application and any grant resulting from the Application; conduct any revisions to the project scope of work, revisions that increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds, revisions to the operation plan, and documents to reject, amend, correct, and/or terminate the grant.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

CITY OF EL PASO:

Renard U. Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Russel T. Abeln

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Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Nickole H. Rodriguez

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Director
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10/21/2025

City of El Paso
Department of Community and Human Development
801 Texas Avenue
El Paso, Texas 79901

The United Way of El Paso County (UWEPC), through its Center for Resiliency (CFR), is pleased to partner with the City of El Paso in the Healthy Community Collaborative (HCC) Grant Program.

CFR will advance the HCC goals by providing trauma-informed navigation and case management, counseling services, non-traditional healing sessions, and community education presentations promoting behavioral health, recovery, and housing stability for persons experiencing homelessness with unmet behavioral health needs.

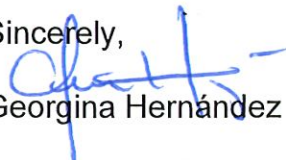
These activities support HCC's performance framework and the following deliverables:

- Outputs: Participant Retention, Program Completion, Community Education Events, Encounter-Based Services, and High Utilizer Count.
- Outcomes: Improved Daily Living, Resiliency, Quality of Life, Resiliency, and Social Supports

UWEPC commits to an in-kind match valued at \$300,000 in coordination with a total funding request of \$665,000, ensuring high-quality, culturally responsive service delivery.

Through this collaboration, UWEPC and the City of El Paso reaffirm a shared commitment to building a coordinated system of care that strengthens healing, housing stability, and community resilience across our region.

Sincerely,


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October 21, 2025

Adela Alonso
Department of Community and Human Development
City of El Paso
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El Paso, Texas 79901

Subject: Funding Request and Associated Match
Healthy Community Collaborative
Opportunity Center for the Homeless
El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

Dear Ms. Alonso:

This letter is to confirm our discussion of the same date as it relates to our funding request under the above-mentioned opportunity.

Services to be provided are generally summarized as follows.

- Provision of emergency shelter, with a focus on the Welcome Center, under the El Paso Helps Initiative.
- Access to transitional and permanent housing for the homeless
- Provision of basic necessities and case management support.

We will include Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso as a subrecipient to provide mental health counseling and treatment to the homeless.

The costs to be provided with the above-mentioned services are summarized below.

Agency/Partner	Total Cost / Annual	Annual Match
Welcome Center/OC	\$768,225.00	\$768,225.00
TTUHSC El Paso / OC Subrecipient	\$383,500.00	TBD

The match for TTUHSC is yet to be determined.

If you require further information, please contact us.

Respectfully,

John W. Martin
Deputy Director



EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

Deputy County Administrator

October 21, 2025

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Joel Bishop, Deputy County Administrator

Subject: Tentative Grant Match Commitments for Healthy Community Collaborative Grant

To Whom it May Concern,

El Paso County is committed to supporting the City's leadership in pursuing the Healthy Community Collaborative grant opportunity focused on homelessness, mental health, and substance use intervention. As part of this partnership, the County is providing the following information regarding potential matching contributions.

Please note that these figures are tentative estimates provided for planning purposes only. I am not certifying or guaranteeing the accuracy of these amounts at this stage. All figures remain subject to verification, adjustment, and confirmation of eligibility under the final grant requirements, particularly regarding allowable match sources. They also remain subject to the approval of the El Paso County Commissioners Court.

Due to the last-minute notice and stringent timelines associated with this submission, I have not yet been able to verify these numbers fully.

The County's potential contributions include:

Funding Source / Program	Description	Estimated Amount
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Budget	County allocation supporting crisis response for individuals with behavioral health needs	\$1,400,000.00

Re-Entry Staff	Two positions focusing on homeless caseloads, including mental health and substance abuse	\$87,200.00
Opioid Settlement Funding	Supports a high-level position overseeing re-entry, substance use, mental health, and homeless CJC services. These are not state abatement funds, and they were approved for County general funds.	\$158,000.00
Emergence Health Network (EHN) Jail Mental Health Budget	Funding specifically for mental health services for homeless individuals in our County jail.	\$200,000.00

Total (Tentative): \$1,845,200.00

It is important to emphasize that we do not yet know whether all of these funding sources will qualify as match under the grant's rules. In particular, the figures related to EHN are rough estimates and remain subject to confirmation and possible revision.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the City to strengthen our community's response to homelessness and behavioral health needs.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if additional documentation or clarification is needed.

Sincerely,



Joel Bishop
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Adela Alonso
Community Development Program Manager
Community and Human Development
City of El Paso

RE: RFA No. HHS0016125 (HCC): Healthy Community Collaborative Grant Program

Dear Adela Alonso,

As a partner under the Healthy Community Collaborative, Aliviane, Inc. commits to providing services to address homelessness, such as BHS, coordinated intake services, and substance use treatment through HCC's community partnerships and infrastructure. The service population will consist of residents who physically reside in Texas and who have a clinical diagnosis of a mental illness and/or Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Aliviane will be responsible for provisions of mental/behavioral health services and substance use treatment throughout the 5-year project period between September 1, 2026, and August 31, 2031. Aliviane requests \$500,000 per year to provide services, and the organization will offer \$50,00 in match and in-kind contributions per year. The following behavioral health and substance use treatment services will be provided by Aliviane using Evidence-Based Practices (EBP):

- screening
- assessment
- treatment planning
- individual and family behavioral health therapy
- peer recovery support services

For 55 years, Aliviane, Inc. has been a prominent leader in substance use and mental health co-occurring disorder services and a respected client advocate in El Paso and across Texas. The organization is a community-based nonprofit providing substance use treatment services since 1970. It has developed a broad range of promotion, prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery programs in the areas of substance use, behavioral health, and homelessness. As an organization, Aliviane started in the community for the community and, for nearly 55 years, has served forgotten or ignored populations throughout El Paso and West Texas. We look forward to collaborating with the City of El Paso and other partners.

Sincerely,



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October 21st, 2025
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Ms. Adela Alonso,

I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of the City of El Paso's submission to the Healthy Community Collaborative Grant Program Request for Application released by Texas Health and Human Services.

As part of this collaboration, PHIX's role would be to address gaps in data sharing, analysis, and evaluation across hospitals, emergency departments, jails, and agencies providing housing services. Specifically, PHIX's role would include:

- Collect and analyze data from across collaborators. PHIX is well-positioned for this work given our role as the regional Health Information Exchange because we can leverage our existing real-time data connections with public and private hospitals and emergency departments, federally qualified health centers, and mental health providers, including the Local Mental Health Authority. Additionally, we are committed to integrating jail and housing data into our data systems for analysis. For example, we are currently in the process of integrating data from the Opportunity Center.
- Develop and track outcome measures across sectors to support this project. For example, PHIX can identify cohorts of individuals served by different programs and leverage our data and expertise with health care data to evaluate the impact of these programs on key health outcomes (eg, depression screening results) over time.
- Evaluate the program by leveraging our expertise in data collection, analysis, and statistics.

To support this work, PHIX is proposing a budget of \$250,000 per year. PHIX is also positioned to support \$700,000 annually in matching from in-kind contributions, including staff time, technology, software, and hospital/provider financial contributions to PHIX. This match is pending final review by PHIX's accountant and approval by PHIX's Board of Directors.

The partnership between the County of El Paso and PHIX has been instrumental in achieving our shared goal of improving the overall health of our community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Hartmann'.

Emily Hartmann
Executive Director



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October 21, 2025

Department of Community and Human Development
City of El Paso
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Dear Department of Community and Human Development:

We are writing to formally confirm Amistad's commitment to the Healthy Community Collaborative. We fully understand the expectations and responsibilities under this collaboration. We look forward to working alongside all partnering agencies involved in the joint dedication to achieving shared objectives.

Amistad is committed to the following activities:

- Street Outreach Services
- Permanent Housing Placement
- Intensive Case Management Services
- Transportation for the Unhomed to:
 - Shelter
 - Permanent Housing
 - Medical/Mental Health Services
 - Detox/Rehabilitation Services
 - Food Pantries
 - Support/Service Animal Care

Amistad is requesting an annual budget of \$491,901 and will provide an in-kind match in the amount of \$212,759 per fiscal year.

For further information, please feel free to contact us at the undersigned.

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