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NEWS RELEASE

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Hidalgo County COVID Condolence Program now available

EDINBURG – Hidalgo County has established the Hidalgo County COVID Condolence Program to assist eligible individuals who have lost a loved one due to COVID-19 with up to \$2,000 for funeral expenses. This program is being administered by the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department.

"We understand the heartbreak and hardships our residents are facing as they deal with the untimely death of their loved one," said Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez. "This program will help alleviate some of the financial burden they are facing."

More than \$2 million was allocated for the program, which was provided through funding from the CARES Act. The program will remain in effect until the funds are completely disbursed.

Eligibility is based on the following:

- Must be a resident of Hidalgo County
- Cause of death must be COVID-19 related
- Must be affected by COVID-19 due to loss of income
- Income must be below 300% Federal Poverty Income Limits ([click for more information](#))
- Household composition
- Must have signed quote or contract from the funeral home
- Other worksheet criteria

If eligible for services, an Eligibility Specialist will sign and fax or email the funeral home a voucher for assistance from the program in the amount up to \$2,000 and instructions on how to submit for payment. If an applicant is eligible under this program, the funeral home will invoice Hidalgo County.

Interested applicants can apply for assistance online at www.hidalgocares.org/covidcondolenceprogram or at one of the [Hidalgo County Health and Human Services offices](#).

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Hidalgo County is home to one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. We provide health and justice to the over 800,000 residents of our county. We strive to be accessible and responsive to our citizens by providing excellent public service through the values of leadership, transparency, fairness, collaboration, respect and fiscal responsibility. Follow our social media feed at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/followus