

## RESOLUTION 2012-23

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FY 2012 PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR A REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITIES OF DONNA, WESLACO, MERCEDES, LA FERIA, AND HARLINGEN, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration provides funding for projects that promote job growth and business expansion and retention in areas of economic distress; and

**WHEREAS**, the well-being of the people of the Cities of Harlingen, La Feria, Mercedes, Weslaco and Donna share a common climate, culture, topography and desire to improve the prosperity and well-being of their communities and citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Harlingen, La Feria, Mercedes, Weslaco and Donna are connected by a common regional economy and the major transportation and commercial corridor that physically links them together—U.S. Expressway 83 and U.S. Business Highway 83; and

**WHEREAS**, the communities comprising the Mid-Valley Corridor seek to improve their ability to participate in and benefit from regional economic opportunities and growth and to strategically plan to respond to changing dynamics in the regional, national and global economies; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will support long-term sustainable development of the Mid-Valley Corridor consisting of the Cities of Donna, Weslaco, Mercedes, La Feria and Harlingen; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will facilitate international commerce and the long-term development of the Mid-Valley Corridor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the total population of the Mid-Valley Corridor in 2010 was 139,189 as follows: Harlingen—64,849, Weslaco—35,670, Donna—15,798, Mercedes—15,570 and La Feria—7,302; and

**WHEREAS**, La Feria's population equals 5.2% of the Mid-Valley Corridor's total regional population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Donna, Weslaco, Mercedes, La Feria and Harlingen, with the cooperation, support and participation of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, intend to submit an application for funding in the amount of \$800,000 to the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration for the development of a Regional Comprehensive Plan for the Mid-Valley Corridor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS THAT:**

1. The City Manager is authorized to participate in the preparation and submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration for the development of a Regional Comprehensive Plan for the Mid-Valley Corridor, a region including the Cities of Donna, Weslaco, Mercedes, La Feria, and Harlingen.
2. The total funds to be requested from the Economic Development Administration are \$800,000, with each city responsible for a local match of 25% of their request, as well as its proportionate share of the local match for the Mid-Valley Corridor Development Plan component of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (\$37,500) plus an administrative fee to be paid to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) (\$20,000).
3. The amount of funding to be requested for a Strategic Economic Development Plan for the City of La Feria, as part of the overall Regional Comprehensive Plan for the Mid-Valley Corridor, is \$150,000, to be matched by a City contribution of \$37,500.
4. The City of La Feria will also contribute \$3,017 towards the local match for the Mid-Valley Corridor Development Plan and the administrative fee to be paid to the LRGVDC; \$3,017 being 5.2% of the \$57,500 in local funds needed to support the Corridor Plan and the administrative fee.
5. Upon approval of the application to the U.S. EDA, the Mayor, or his representative, is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary, and to perform any act necessary to implement the project.

**PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of La Feria on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012.**

**APPROVED:**



**Steve Brewer, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
**Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney**