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## Congresswoman Veronica Escobar to Present Community Funding Project Checks to Three El Paso County Initiatives

**EL PASO, TX**— Congresswoman Veronica Escobar will present three El Paso County Departments with checks funded by the Consolidated Appropriations Act championed by her office in late December 2022. The check presentation will be held on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at the Ysleta Annex, 9521 Socorro Road.

“Throughout the 117th Congress, my Democratic colleagues and I have worked hard to deliver for the American people. From passing legislation that will create good-paying jobs to fighting to lower healthcare costs, investing in infrastructure and manufacturing and so much more, we’ve achieved historic accomplishments and this year’s Consolidated Appropriations Act is no different,” **said Congresswoman Escobar**. “In El Paso, we’re feeding more people through the Senior Meal and Community Kitchen. We’re investing in businesses and entrepreneurs along Mission Trail. We’re ensuring our pets have access to the care they need. The wins for our community in the final funding bill are monumental, and I am excited to see these dollars invested, and I am excited to see these dollars continue to improve El Pasoans’ lives.”

“We are appreciative of Congresswoman Escobar’s consistent efforts to support El Paso County,” said El Paso County Judge Ricardo Samaniego. “She is one of our greatest advocates and the support of these latest initiatives are just the latest example of how Congresswoman Escobar keeps the people of El Paso County top of mind.”

Out of 14 total projects chosen within El Paso, the following three County Departments will be receiving funding:

- The **Economic Development Department** will receive \$500,000 for the Heritage Tourism Business Connection that will launch business retention and expansion efforts for businesses along El Paso County’s Historic Mission Trail.
- The **Animal Welfare Department** will receive \$1.3 million in funding that will renovate an existing property in an animal wellness clinic that will offer high-volume spay and neuter programs, 500 E. SAN ANTONIO, ROOM 302<sup>a</sup>, EL PASO, TEXAS 79901-2427, PHONE: (915) 546-2215  
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as well as vaccinations and microchips to track responsible ownership.

- The **Community Services Department** will receive \$4 million, alongside a partnership with El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank, for their Senior Meal and Community Kitchen project. The funding will be used to build a full-scale community kitchen utilizing an existing kitchen concept at the main food bank with the capacity to prepare, serve and deliver 10,000 plus meals daily to elderly, disabled homebound, and youth populations as well as meet any emergent meal needs of the community during natural disasters or public health emergencies such as a pandemic.

The Community Funding Projects are part of a \$1.7 trillion Consolidated Appropriations Act that was voted by Congresswoman Escobar to invest in hardworking families, critical infrastructure, and local quality of life.

**WHAT:** Congresswoman Veronica Escobar Check Presentation

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ysleta Annex, 9521 Socorro Road, El Paso, Texas 79927

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