



## **El Paso County Agenda Item Details**

<b>Item Title:</b>	Economic Development - 381 Workforce Development Agreement with Project Arriba (2025-0238)
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Roberto Ransom, Director
<b>Department:</b>	Economic Development Department
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<b>Subject:</b>	Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Agreement with Project Arriba for the development and implementation of workforce development programming in El Paso County from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027, up to the amount of \$150,000 per year. Funds are available in GF-381-ARRIBA-PROP TAXRBT. (Contract No. 2025-0238)
<b>Background:</b>	<p>Each year the County contracts with Project Arriba for workforce development and education programs in partnership with local academic and vocational institutions targeting students in rural, underserved areas of the County. Chapter 381 of the Texas Local Government Code grants counties authority to promote economic development through incentive agreements, financial assistance, and contractual partnerships. A key provision of this law allows counties to contract with private entities, including nonprofit organizations, to support workforce development initiatives. This enables counties to use economic development funds to enhance job training programs, workforce pipelines, and industry-specific skills development as part of their broader economic development strategies.</p> <p>Project Arriba has engaged in workforce development activities for several years, supported by key regional stakeholders and partners, including the County. Their focus on developing the local workforce in targeted industries such as healthcare, promotes the County's goal of increasing wages and providing the market with a competitive and skilled employee base.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	Fiscal Impact Historical GF-GADM-CONTR SV-PRO ARRIBA-EP

Previous Contracts:

2024-2024: \$150,000  
2022-2023: \$150,000  
2021-2022: \$75,000  
2020-2021: \$75,000  
2018: \$75,000  
2017: \$75,000  
2016: \$50,000

Fiscal Impact Projected  
GF-381-ARRIBA-PROP TAXRBT

\$150,000 for three years.  
Total: \$450,000

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**Budget or Unbudgeted Match:**

**Recommendation:**

Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Agreement with Project Arriba for the development and implementation of workforce development programming in El Paso County from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027, up to the amount of \$150,000 per year. Funds are available in GF-381-ARRIBA-PROP TAXRBT. (Contract No. 2025-0238)

**Prior Action:**

8/7/23 - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Workforce Development Services Agreement with Project Arriba beginning August 7, 2023. Funding is available in GF-GADM-CONTR SV-PRO ARRIBA-EP. (Contract No. 2023-0582)

3/27/23 - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Service Agreement for Workforce Development Services with Project Arriba from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$150,000. Funds are available in GF-GADM-CONTR SV-PRO ARRIBA-EP. (Contract No. 2022-1064)

12/12/22 - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Workforce Development Services agreement with Project Arriba in the amount of \$150,000 from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

10/4/21 - Item 4F 2021-0769 Amount: \$75,000  
12/14/20 - Item 4G 2020-1068 Amount: \$75,000  
10/15/18 - Item 16: 2018-0657 Amount: \$75,000  
12/18/17 - Item 14: 2017-0867 Amount: \$75,000  
9/19/16 - Item 21: 2016-0512 Amount: \$50,000

**Strategic Plan:**

Goal:

## 2. Transform Economic Development

Objective:

**Strategic Plan Information:**

**Estimated Time Needed  
For This Item:**