



CITY OF SOCORRO
TEXAS

ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014

OCTOBER 1, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014



PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

MAYOR

JESUS A. RUIZ

COUNCIL MEMBERS

AT LARGE: RENE RODRIGUEZ
DISTRICT 1: MARIA REYES / SERGIO COX
DISTRICT 2: GLORIA MACIAS RODRIGUEZ
DISTRICT 3: VICTOR PEREZ
DISTRICT 4: JOSEPH E. BOWLING

CITY MANAGER

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

CITY CLERK

SANDRA HERNANDEZ

RECREATIONAL CENTERS SUPERVISOR

DANIA DIAZ
VICTOR RETA

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

ADRIANA RODARTE

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

ELIA GARCIA

PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR

SAMUEL A. LEONY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

EDMUNDO MONTOYA
CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.

RECREATION PARKS SUPERVISOR

JESSICA DIAZ

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

KARINA HAGELSIEB

SPECIAL PROJECTS/GRANTS DIRECTOR

ANIBAL OLAGUE

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Socorro, Texas is a Home Rule City with five Council Members and Mayor. The Mayor and one Council Member were elected at large and the remaining four Council Members were elected in single-member districts. By ordinance, the City is required to have a City Manager. The City Council appoints the City Manger, City Attorney, Police Chief, and Municipal Judge.

The City Council implements the legislative affairs of the City by representing the Citizens of Socorro before other governments; conducting City Council meetings to establish public policy and to respond to Citizen inquiries and requests. The City provides general services, public safety, public works, public health, and community development.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The City Council conducted 24 Regular Meetings, 22 Special Meetings, and cancelled one Regular Meeting.

The City Council approved 15 Resolutions and adopted 36 Ordinances.

The City Council appointed 15 Board Members to various Commissions, which includes Civil Service Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Park Commission, Historical Land Mark Commission, and Board of Adjustment Commission.

The City Council presented six Awards, two Proclamations and heard 31 Presentations.

The City Council honored members of the Police Department for saving a child who was left in a car.

The City Council appointed a new Municipal Judge, Ms. Elia Garcia.

The City Council appointed Chief Carlos Maldonado as the Police Chief.

The City Council established a Transportation Reinvestment Zone to promote Transportation Projects within the proposed zone. The zone is located on the westside of the City of Socorro. All parcels located within a half mile from the center line of Old Hueco Tanks Road beginning at the city's boundary to the north, along the I-10 Interstate Highway and extending south and ending just prior to Socorro Road, but excluding those parcels adjacent to Socorro Road.

The following City Council Members were elected to the City Council in November 2013: Mr. Sergio Cox, District 1, Ms. Gloria Macias Rodriguez, District 2, and Mr. Victor Perez, District 3.

The City Council of Socorro was the first government in El Paso County to add electronic cigarettes to the City's Public Smoking Ban.

Though the efforts of Mayor Ruiz, the City of Socorro participated with the Socorro Independent School District to distribute 5,000 books to students to encourage reading in the elementary schools.

The City Council issued \$9.8 million dollars of Certificate of Obligations to finance Capital Improvement Projects over the next 3 years.

The City Council approved of a \$13 million Tax Credit Project to built a 152 housing units near Vineyard and Socorro Road called "Socorro Palms".

The City Council approved of a Flood Plan which is activated after one half hour of rain.

The City Council approved of the City's first Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

The City Council co-sponsored the Health Fair conducted at the Socorro High School. The Police Department conducted a booth relating to safety car seats for children.

The City Council recognized various organizations that helped the City of Socorro to alleviate the effects of the flooding in September 2013.

Several City Council Members met with the Rio Grande Council of Government to discuss the City's Flooding Mitigation Plan and to obtain Community Development Block Grants Funds for a flood project in the City of Socorro.

Several City Council Members met with the El Paso County Water Irrigation District Number 1 to discuss cleaning out the Mesa Spur Drain, opening up a drain at Paradise Park, and obtaining a permit to place storm water in the drains.

Several City Council Members met with the Lower Valley Water District Number 1 to discuss providing sewer services for Old Hueco Tanks Road, Fray Olguin Road, and other subdivisions in the City. There were discussions concerning fixing the streets that were damaged while installing sewer lines in the Mc Adoo Subdivision.

At-Large City Council Member Mr. Rene Rodriguez was appointed Texas Municipal League Area Four Representative at Pecos, Texas.

District 4 City Representative Mr. Joseph "Chito" Bowling passed away on September 9, 2014.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager is the chief executive and administrative officer of the City and is responsible to the City Council for the proper administration of the affairs of the City. As such, he is responsible for the appointment and discipline of City employees, the direction and supervision of the various City Departments, the preparation of the annual operating and capital improvements budgets, keeping the Council advised of City operations, enforcing City ordinances and carrying out such other duties as the City Council may desire.

The Receptionist is in the City Manger's Office. The Receptionist responds to public contact with Citizens by providing the appropriate information and/or directing them to the proper department. This position has a high level of visibility, as it is the public's initial contact, both via the phone and in person. Work also involves the performance of clerical support to the administrative staff.

The Information Technology (IT) personnel is in the City Manger's Office. The Information Technology staff is responsible for the purchase and maintenance of a majority of the City's technological equipment, both software and hardware. This includes replacement and maintenance of computers, servers, and software packages.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

There were 2,034 visitors in the City Hall that the Receptionist greeted.

There were 546 messages recorded by the Receptionist.

A new business account with Best Buy was established by IT to acquire an extra 10% off on all equipment.

IT upgraded ten computers from XP systems to Windows 7 Edition.

IT transferred the Scofflaw files from the City of Socorro to El Paso County FTP Server.

IT set up City Council Members with desktops, laptops and smart phones.

IT installed phone and network lines for 50 computers.

IT maintained servers and computers updates and protected and antivirus for 50 computers.

IT protected the Computer Network by changing old passwords and by applying administrative restrictions to 50 computer users.

In October 2013, Montwood Church of Christ unloaded five trucks valued at almost a half million dollars worth of goods provided by Disaster Relief Fund based in Nashville. The goods were delivered at 317 Vineyard. There was food, water, cleaning supplies, shovels, rakes, wheel barrels, mattress, box springs, sheets, comforters, clothing, mops and brooms issued to people who suffered from the flooding in September 2013.

The Church of God cleaned up a property site on Bovee Road where massive amount of junk and debris were removed from the site.

The Church of God cleaned the 24 Acre lot at Thunder Road and Rio Vista Road, two lots on Thunder Road and properties at Worsham and Coker from flood damage created in September 2013.

On Martin Luther King Holiday, over 150 volunteers from Ameri Corps, Texas Hunger Initiatives of El Paso, New York City Coalition Against Hunger, East-Lake High School, Irvin High School, Starbucks, New Life and Council Member Gloria Macias Rodriguez teamed to clean up debris on two cluttering lots and abandoned homes on Old Hueco Tanks Road that was partly caused by the September 2013 flood.

In January 2014, Rebuilding El Paso Together conducted a clean up along Old Hueco Tanks Road where tires and debris were removed.

CITY CLERK

The City Clerk is the record-keeping officer and is responsible for the preparation, execution, and archiving of all City Council documents as prescribed by State Law and City Code.

The City Clerk Office is responsible for official proceedings, ordinances, and resolutions; maintaining boards and commissions applications and appointments; maintaining City Council meeting and election materials; serves as the City's Election Official, interfacing closely with the El Paso County Elections Department; publicizing of legal notices; recording official documents; notify officials of their appointment or election; acts as a notary public; acts as the custodian of the official City Seal; maintains public information services and furnishes information and material concerning the City government; and officiates at bid openings.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The City Clerk's Office developed the New Website.

The City Clerk's Office finalized the Codification of the City's Ordinance.

The City Clerk's Office put the Municipal Code Book on-line.

The City Clerk's Office instituted the Record Retention Program for the City.

The City Clerk's Office conducted one election in November 2013.

The City Clerk's Office opened six Bids.

The City Clerk's Office implemented the Public Comment Card.

The City Clerk's Office created the New Boards and Commission Application and performed the background checks.

The City Clerk's Office spearheaded the renovation of the City Council Chambers.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Human Resources Department is responsible for the development and training of personnel to provide the best municipal services for the City of Socorro. The Human Resources Department develops, implements and manages the recruitment of city employees, job descriptions and classifications. The Human Resources Department conducts promotional and entry examinations. The Human Resources Department maintains personnel records and provide assistance to the Civil Service Commission as it relates to inquiries and appeals.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Human Resources Department conducted 13 training sessions.

The Human Resources Department conducted 123 interviews.

The Human Resources Department filled 18 positions.

The Human Resources Department updated five job descriptions.

There were 15 Civil Service Commission Meetings during the year.

The Human Resources Department processed five grievances for the Civil Service Commission.

The Human Resources Department helped to organize the Employee Appreciation Dinner and State of Socorro Address on April 19, 2014.

The Human Resources Department updated the City's Organizational Chart twice.

The Human Resources Department updated the Employee Handbook that was approved by City Council in August 2014.

The Human Resources Department organized the employees softball games, birthday and anniversary recognition day, and retirement and going away parties.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is responsible for administration of all financial affairs of the City, including recording revenue collections and disbursements, payroll, cash management, accounting and financial reporting. The Annual Operating Budget and periodic Financial Trend Monitoring Reports were produced by the Finance Department.

This department provides support for all functions by maintaining financial records and monitoring revenues and expenditures. This department coordinates the Annual Audit.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Finance Department updated the Purchasing Policy.

The Finance Department created the Accounting Manual.

The Finance Department created the Fixed Asset Manual.

The Finance Department coordinated the forensic investigation of financial records from 2010-2013.

The Finance Department implemented the Electronic Purchase Requisition Module

The Finance Department assisted with the issuance of 9.8 million dollars of Certificate of Obligation

The Finance Department made three Budget Amendments.

The Finance Department issued 1,886 Vendor Checks.

MUNICIPAL COURT

The Municipal Court has jurisdiction over all cases involving violations of the provisions of the Socorro Charter, Code and other ordinances of the City. The Municipal Court is presided over by the Municipal Judge who is appointed by the City Council on the nomination of the City Manager, for a term of two years.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Municipal Court conducted an amnesty program which generated \$4,618.

The Municipal Court processed 9,054 Citations for \$476,270.

The Municipal Court extended the hours of operation to 7:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M Monday through Friday

The Municipal Court transitioned from manual to electronic reporting to the Department of Public Safety.

The Municipal Court installed Scofflaw and Omni Base programs.

The Municipal Court maintained timely and accurate reporting to the State and was issued the State's discount for early filing.

As per The Texas Office of Court Administration Court Activity Reporting and Directory System Maintained a medium volume citation status.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Police Department is to deter and detect criminal activity, apprehend criminal suspects and provide for the protection of life and property in the City of Socorro. The primary functions of the Police Department are patrol, criminal investigation, traffic control, community relations, and public safety dispatching.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

Purchased one new police vehicle for the Stone Garden Program.

Total number of police reports generated:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
NUMBER	3,443	3,542	2,884	2,752

Traffic Citation Violations Issued:

Operating Motor Vehicle with no License Plate	22
Speeding	1,421
School Zone Speeding	83
Ran Stop Sign	591
Ran Red Light	121
No Seat Belt	71
No Vehicle Liability Insurance	931
Failure to Control Speed	154
Fail to Signal Turn	105
No Driver's License	1,124
Defective Headlamps	102
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	317
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	325
Total Number of Citations:	6,929

Communications Section

During the beginning of 2013, the Socorro Police Department underwent a building renovation at Police Headquarters (670 Poona Rd) and Sub-Station (800 Rio Vista). Our thanks and gratitude goes to the El Paso County 911 District for providing the funds to make this possible. Over \$20,000 was provided in order to accomplish this task.

Also During this fiscal year, our radio equipment was upgraded with two digital and one analog channel. This made our agency P25 Compliant which includes the ability for our agency to communicate with local area law enforcement agencies in the event of a major emergency. During the renovation, the communications section was moved to a

larger area of the building in order to accommodate the necessary work space needed for communications personnel.

The records section was also moved and now provides a larger space for the records clerk to maintain all files necessary in order to provide citizens with copies of police reports.

The Police Department assisted the Fire Department on various calls.

The Police Department assisted the Natural Gas Company on a Gas Leak.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

The Planning and Zoning Department administers the City's land use and development function. By coordinating the City's land development related activities helps to achieve the City's physical, economic and quality of life goals.

The Planning and Zoning Department professionally administers the zoning ordinance, community development activities, and housing quality. The Department promotes economic development, livability and promotes the City to attract new business and residents. It provides staff support to the Planning Commission and other groups and citizen committees as required.

The Code Enforcement Division is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the nuisance abatement program.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

The City opened two major corporations Ace Hardware Store, and the Dollar Tree.

There were seven new commercial units created next to Walmart on Alameda.

There were 22 commercial units created on Alameda near Nevarez.

The Planning and Zoning Department issued 2,643 permits and applications for \$359,514.

The Code Compliance Division was transferred from the Police Department to the Planning and Zoning Department.

A third Building Inspector was hired.

The Planning and Zoning Department coordinated the installation of ADA Ramps at five different schools as a part of the Safe Routes to School Program.

The Planning and Zoning Department coordinated the installation of sidewalks at several residences across the street from Escontrias Elementary School on Buford.

All Planning and Zoning personnel passed the independent study courses from the Emergency Management Institute Program for FEMA (NIMS).

The Planning and Zoning Director continues to work on Flood Mitigation Projects with El Paso County and Army Corps of Engineers.

PERMITS	Number	Amount
Residential Permits- New Construction	410	\$142,714.12
Commercial Permits- New Construction	37	39,772.47
Excavation and Grading Permits	8	2,631.50
Demolition Permits	6	550.00
Utility Gas Permits	72	3,701.00
Utility Water Permit	24	1,300.00
Utility Sewer Permit	26	1,487.00
Utility Plumbing Permit	242	15,167.25
Utility Electric Permit	274	16,199.25
Utility Mechanical Permit	212	13,348.50
Re-Inspection Fees	22	930.00
Vendor Permits	64	3,020.00
Event Permits	13	1,600.00
Sign Permits	15	4,188.95
Special Use Permits	3	2,650.00
Park Fees	28	2,490.00
C.U.P. for Beer and Wine	13	2,348.50
TOTAL PERMITS	1,472	\$256,403.59

BUSINESS		
Business Registration (New)	150	\$ 6,785.23
Business Renewal	491	27,002.82
Car Dealership Annual Application	11	1,214.57
TOTAL BUSINESS	652	\$ 35,002.62

APPLICATIONS		
Conditional Use Applications	1	\$ 650.00
Rezoning Applications	32	22,700.00
Lot Split Application	7	8,250.00
Re-Plat Application	4	5,465.00
Subdivision Application	6	13,783.00
Board of Adjustment Application	10	1,100.00
Mobile Home Placements	23	1,590.00
Mobile Home Transporters	15	765.00
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	98	\$ 54,303.00

LETTERS		
Official Address Changes	59	\$ 885.00
Zoning Confirmation Letters	19	855.00
Certification of Occupancy	184	9,650.00
Letters of Zoning Compliance	158	2,370.00
TOTAL LETTERS	420	\$ 13,760.00

MAPS	1	\$ 45.00
GRAND TOTAL	2,643	\$359,514.21

The Planning and Zoning Department helped to design the Socorro Bridge to relieve traffic on Passmore. The advertisement for bid occurred in September 2014.

The City completed the construction of the \$3.2 million Safe Route to School Program. This program provided new sidewalks and driveways to the four elementary and two middle schools in the City of Socorro.

The Planning and Zoning Department purchased three new trucks.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintenance of roadways, street lights, vehicles, and streets scape through planned and regular investment in the City's infrastructure.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

The Public Works Department overlaid 14 streets for 3.83 miles.
Listed below were the streets overlaid:

District 1 Streets	Miles	Neighborhood
Soya	0.56	Country Green
Robin	0.48	Stockyard
District 2 Streets	Miles	Neighborhood
El Salto St	0.20	La Fuente
Fuente	0.17	La Fuente
Tania	0.35	Lynn Park
Conrad	0.10	Moon
Bean	0.13	Moon
Innsbruck	0.22	Moon
Konja	0.04	Moon
Dijon	0.04	Moon
Jon Koping	0.07	Moon
District 3 Streets	Miles	Neighborhood
Keagle	0.17	Adobe
District 4 Streets	Miles	Neighborhood
Sylvia Ct	0.34	Mesa Verde
La Poblana	0.42	El Campestre
Chisolm	0.10	Aljo
Wetumka	0.19	Aljo
Wewoka	0.25	Aljo
Total Distance	3.83	

The Public Works Department coordinated with El Paso Electric for the purchase and installation of 22 street lights and seven school flashers, at a total cost of \$32,124.

Listed below are the locations of the new street lights and flashers for the Safe Routes To School Program:

Street Lights 2014

Location	Cost	
467 Kleppinn	\$ 1,749	1
10040 Karachi	\$ 1,024	2
660 McAdoo	\$ 464	3
10984 Lydia	\$ 899	4
3X Melissa	\$ 2,262	7
511 El Salto	\$ 464	8
765 Soya	\$ 899	9
330 N. Moon	\$ 999	10
241 Old Hueco Tanks	\$ 899	11
10959 Lydia	\$ 899	12
741 Milo	\$ 1,398	13
11831 Santa Martina	\$ 899	14
316 Buford	\$ 1,055	15
201 Nooch	\$ 899	16
396 Sears	\$ 909	17
358 Panahi	\$ 909	18
334 Passmore	\$ 909	19
10260 Calcutta	\$ 899	20
670 McAdoo	\$ 464	21
Corner Soya/Lydia	\$ 1,498	22

Total \$ 20,397

Flashers 2014

Location	Cost
460 Passmore	\$ 1,784
7 flashers:	\$ 9,943
320 Old Hueco	
412 Bauman	
285 Rio Vista	
370 Old Hueco	
415 Bovee	
765 Rio Vista	
699 Rio Vista	

Total 8 Flashers \$ 11,727

Grand Total \$ 32,124

The City's tire recycling program removed over 2,000 tires from the community with the assistance of the Public Works Department.

For several months the City Public Works Department cleaned out and refined the berms on Stockyard Road and Thunder Road.

The Public Works Department cleaned out the culverts along Stockyard Road in order for rain and drain water to flow west to the Stockyard Bridge.

The City Council approved of a Signalization Program which installed 329 Stop signs and 38 Speed bumps in the City.

There were 103 Stop Signs installed in District 1. There were 58 Stop Signs installed in District 2. There were 95 Stop Signs installed in District 3, and 73 Stop Signs installed in District 4.

There were 11 Speed Bumps installed in District 1 and District 2; there were 8 Speed Bumps installed in District 3 and District 4.

The Public Works Department distributed over 5,800 sandbags to the community to mitigate storm water effects. There were four Volunteer Sandbag Saturdays conducted to fill sand bags.

The City Council, City Staff and Volunteers primarily from the Socorro High School filled thousands of sand bags during the year.

The Public Works Department planted grass in front of City Hall and added flowers

The Public Works Department purchase two new trucks, paint striper, street sweeper, and sand bag machine

The City order a truck-mounted liquid vacuum for \$135,549. The truck is to be custom-built and delivered in November 2014.

RECREATION CENTERS

The City of Socorro has two Recreation Centers that provide various programs, activities and amenities; thus granting the citizens of Socorro holistic opportunities of human development and wellness. We offer social and human services, by facilitating computer and internet use, recreational activities, fitness and educational classes, as well as events that promote community networking and advocacy. Our vision is to encourage and advance participant empowerment.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

The Rio Vista Community Center had 29,720 visitors and the E. G. "Chayo" Apodaca Community Center had 21,535 visitors.

The Rio Vista Community Center added ten computer.

The Rio Vista Center provided space for Fitness and Wellness Programs with annual attendance of 8,864. The various programs were Zuma (2,957), Aerobics (2,240), and Yoga (661).

The Rio Vista Center provided space for Community Enrichment Programs with annual attendance of 14,786. The various programs were English Second Language Class (1,694), Family Violence Group Meeting (5,745), Al-Anon (186), Accion (1,705), and Senior Nutrition Program (6,4544).

The Senior Transportation Program provide services for 3,241 people. The Services were Pick up and drop off (3,013), Church (152) and other (76).

2014 Chayo Apodaca Community Center Usage

Month	Computers	Laptops	Arcade	Volunteers	Visitor	Conference	Total
October	1,568	126	909	6	335	187	3,121
November	1,038	73	502	0	271	13	1,897
December	834	56	423	0	188	12	1,513
January	1,065	52	54	1	248	0	1,907
February	660	20	261	0	151	0	1,092
March	981	0	469	0	166	0	1,616
April	843	39	318	8	145	5	1,358
May	866	24	480	16	183	39	1,608
June	858	45	544	0	231	3	1,681
July	1,042	71	524	1	218	26	1,882
August	1,110	75	573	3	261	76	2,098
September	885	66	479	5	273	54	1,762
TOTAL	8,310	392	4,189	34	1,876	203	5,004

RECREATION PARKS

The Recreation Parks Department is responsible for the Park Maintenance, Building Maintenance, City's Recreation, and Sports.

Building Maintenance consists entirely of repairs, maintenance, utilities (gas, water, electric, sewer, and telephone), supplies and contract services costs. In-house labor is provided by personnel of the Streets Department and Parks Division.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

The Parks and Recreation Divisions conducted the following events:

Fall Festival at Rio Vista Park (October 31,2013)
Winter Celebration at Rio Vista (December 2013)
Easter Egg Hunt at Cougar Park (April 5, 2014)
4th of July Celebration at Cougar Park (July 4,2014)
Chile War Festival at Cougar Park (September 20,2014)
Movies Under the Stars at Bulldog Championship Park
Rio Vista Health Fair

Park Upgrades

Canopies over cement slabs with tables were installed in several parks.

Moon City Park Improvements

- a. Completely painted the hand ball walls
- b. Installed a backstop

Cougar Park Improvements

- a. Planted trees
- b. Added additional yards of dirt to the ball field

301 Place Park Improvements

- a. Graded park area
- b. Planted Grass and mowed

Maintenance Division

Remodeled the rest rooms in the City administration facility
Remodeled and repainted at the City Council Chambers
Renovated the police substation at Rio Vista

Purchased three new trucks

Grants and Special Projects Office

The Grants and Special Projects Office ensures the oversight of grants from the application process to the finalization of the grants. The Office applies for adequate grants, budget for grant match requirements, manages grant compliance, billing, and finalization of grants.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

Disaster Relief

Represented the City of Socorro in the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster Long Term Recovery Committee. Participated in committee meeting twice a month from Sept, 2013-April 2014. Facilitated the delivery of resources to flood victims from the following organizations:

Food by Salvation Army and the local food bank
Shelter red cross and Salvation Army
Temporary Rental Assistance by the County
Gift cards from Project Bravo
Casework assistance from Project Bravo

As part of a VOAD initiative, Project Bravo is managing a data base with information on every resident that received assistance from all VOAD members.

Approximately 15 residents signed up for emergency repairs. VOAD secured the amount of \$8,000 that will be use to help these three families.

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs- Disaster Relief Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Submitted Grant application in January 2014 to help families to transition from County two-month emergency rental assistance to a two-year program.

Grant pays for deposit, rent, and part of utilities. Residents are required to participate in self-sufficiency program. No match requirement from City.

Ten applicants to be assisted by program with an average \$20,000 benefit.

Texas Department of Housing- Reconstruction Program

Submitted grant application to participate in State of Texas Disaster Relief set-aside. A maximum of \$85,000 will be available per home to reconstruct it. Special Projects office is working with three families. The properties are located in the following addresses:

777 Soya
791 Soya
11701 Valle Viejo

This grant will provide approximately \$293,250 benefit.

United States Department of Agriculture- Watershed Assistance Program

In February 2014 submitted request for assistance to USDA under its disaster relief program. USDA engineers completed project assessment and budget in the amount of \$142,000. Submitted final grant application in April. Application was approved by State Office in June. The state is pending federal funds allocation to begin the contract process with the City.

Police Department Network Upgrade

Secured grant in the amount of \$11,500 to upgrade police department server. Funds became available in October 2014.

Homeland Security Grant

Secured grant in the amount of \$33,000 to purchase P25 radios for the Socorro Police Department.

5310 Senior Transportation Grant

In 2013 secured a \$58,000 transportation grant to purchase an ADA bus for the community center. This grant has a match requirement of \$15,000. In September the MPO increased the grant amount to \$60,000 and the match to \$18,000 to address price increases. In August of 2014, the Department submitted a request for an allocation of Transportation Development Credits to cover the City's match. The request was approved in October. Therefore, the City's match in the amount of \$15,000 will be covered by the TDCs. Presently, the Department is providing technical assistance to the Community Center Director to complete his bid package to procure the unit.

Transportation Alternative Program

In August 2014 submitted grant application in the amount of \$500,000 to the Metropolitan Planning Organization with a proposal to expand the City's safe routes to schools.