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## West Texas Communities Join Forces and Aid Socorro in Storm-Water Relief

For Immediate Release

Socorro, Texas - Cities around West Texas are partnering with the City of Socorro to utilize the region's allocation of the 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to improve the culvert on I-10, which funnels the flow of storm-water coming the north of the freeway into the Sparks Arroyo. This improvement will be one of many projects that Socorro is targeting in an effort to alleviate the flood situation in the community.

Communities located in the Rio Grande Council of Governments (COG) region are eligible to apply for a \$180,000-\$250,000 CDGB allocation for infrastructure improvements. The COG, which is the agency responsible for implementing the system to score and allocate the CDGB tuning in the region on behalf of the Texas Department of Agriculture, has received confirmation from eligible grantees that they are willing to allow the City of Socorro to use the full regional allocation to fund this very important project.

This is tremendous news for Socorro, as it will be able to implement a \$700,000-\$800,000 project. The grant application will be completed by February of this year and, if funded, funding will be available at the end of 2015.

It is outstanding to see local West Texas communities come together and support one another in their time of need. We sincerely thank all of our neighboring communities and look forward to being able to adequately deal with the storm-water that flows from the north of I-10.

### About Socorro

Socorro is a historically rich and ever expanding community. Located in El Paso county, Socorro is home to over 32,000 residents and counting. It's a great day to be from Socorro! Visit: <http://www.ci.socorro.tx.us/>

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