



**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!**



**Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation (LFCDC)**  
**A Texas 4B EDC, DECEMBER 6th Board Meeting Report**  
**By Desi Martinez, assisted by CDC Intern, & Chamber & City Permits**



**Economic Development:**

**Businesses and area residents looking for sites, information, or technical assistance:**

Small BIZ inquiries and home sites in <b>DECEMBER 2024</b>	<b>__4__ - per month</b>
New or expanding commercial business permits submitted	<b>__8__ - this month</b>
( <b>__6__-New. __2__-Remodeling of Small Businesses</b> )	
Total new residential brick homes construction plans and permits submitted	<b>__5__ - this month</b>
Total wood frames homes construction plans and permits submitted	<b>__1__ - this month</b>
Total duplexes construction plans and permits ( <b>duplexes __4__ or __8__ apts.</b> )	<b>__4__ this month</b>
LFCDC Business matching grants inquiries.	<b>__1__ - this month</b>

*(Note: Information above from Los Fresnos Permits Office.)*

**LFCDC R&D and business outreach:**

The following have been visited or contacted with the objective of advocating Los Fresnos affordable housing;

- Community Development Corporation of Brownsville (CDCB), a non-profit org is an affordable housing provider for low and moderate income (LMI) families in the Coastal Counties of Cameron, Willacy and Nueces County. The CDCB Barn Modular Home Factory and land is located in the Los Fresnos ETJ,
- Cameron County Housing Finance Corporation (CCHFC) has public bond financing capability for affordable housing projects. Consultant has outreached to CDCB to start a project on their existing ETJ property or buy land inside the city. A model CDCB project could include CCHFC bond financing of an affordable single family housing subdivision or planned development with a request for matching state and federal grants for infrastructures; water, sewer, streets, drainage, and homes to be built and sold by CDCB to eligible Los Fresnos area customers.
- Los Fresnos CDC would support a CDCB project with information, public and grants search, outreach and promotion of a project to eligible customers qualifying for USDA 502 Single Family Housing Loan Program presently at a 4.37% interest rate for 33-year term (changes monthly).
- Texas State Representative Janie Lopez, San Benito, and Texas Senator-Elect, Corpus Christi, for 2025 Legislative Session state matching funding for a CDCB for a model affordable single family housing subdivision or planned development and grants for water, sewer, utility taps, streets and drainage,
- The U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA, and HUD are also being contacted on grants search options.)

**Community Development:**

The following outreach and technical assistance is on-going by Consultant and 2 university interns during the holidays break

- ❖ Developing a flyer for the Los Fresnos Boys and Girls Clubs
- ❖ Designing flyers for commercial vacant sites available in Los Fresnos.
- ❖ Drafting information flyers for USDA and other programs available to distribute to locals.
- ❖ Preparing 2025 Commercial Promotional blitz mail-out in January to banks, ports, and many others.

**LFCDC Sponsored Promotion:**

- ✚ Interns started distribution of 2025 RODEO posters in the RGV. I will distribute in Kleberg, Nueces and Brooks counties.
- ✚ Interns preparing 2025 Commercial Promotional Blitz mail-out to banks, ports, and others.

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