

Congressman Henry Cuellar

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CONGRESSMAN HENRY CUELLAR ANNOUNCED \$3.193 MILLION FOR TMC IN STARR AND ZAPATA COUNTIES

Washington, D.C. –Congressman Henry Cuellar announced today a \$3.193 million grant for TMC in Starr and Zapata counties, which has been awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The funds will be used to continue services for the Starr County and Zapata County Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. In total, more than 600 Head Start and pre-school-aged children will be served by TMC in these two counties. Congressman Cuellar announced the grant together with Mary G. Capello, TMC CEO, TMC board members and Ana Garcia, office of U.S. Sen. John Cornyn.

“One of my greatest concerns is the well-being and education of our children,” said Congressman Cuellar. “One of my top priorities is to help provide funds for these wonderful programs that strive to help children of low income families achieve school readiness. I congratulate TMC for working hard to obtain these funds that will certainly prove beneficial for many families and their children throughout my district.”

Senator Cornyn, said this grant will help ensure that the children of Zapata and Starr counties are well-prepared when they enter elementary school.

“The Head Start and Early Head Start programs help children grow and develop so they can achieve full educational success,” said Cornyn. “I want to thank Mary G. Capello, CEO of TMC, the Board of Directors and the TMC staff for their hard work and dedication. With this funding, TMC can continue their commitment of providing opportunities for advancement to children and families in communities all across Texas.”

The Head Start program provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families. The program promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children and families. Early Head Start is a program for children aged zero to three that promotes healthy prenatal outcomes, healthy family functioning, and strengthens the development of infants and toddlers.

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Congressman Henry Cuellar is a member of the House Homeland Security, Small Business, and Agriculture Committees in the 110th Congress; accessibility to constituents, education, health care, economic development and national security are his priorities. Congressman Cuellar is also a Senior Whip.