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BROWNSVILLE METRO TO RECEIVE \$7.6 MILLION FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — Brownsville Metro will receive nearly \$7.6 million in federal funds for COVID-19 response according to City of Brownsville officials.

Brownsville Metro's allocation for COVID-19 related expense under the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act is \$7,599,697 according to the Federal Transit Authority.

"Our transit system is vitally important to many in our community — it provides access to grocery stores, jobs, and healthcare," said Mayor Trey Mendez. "We are grateful that the federal government is working with the city to help ensure the stability of our transit system during difficult times."

The CARES Act provides funds to public transit agencies for operating costs to maintain service and lost revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency. Funds can be used for items such as the enhanced sanitation, purchase of personal protective equipment for employees, and paying administrative leave for personnel due to reduction in service.

Brownsville Metro continues to operate on a limited basis during. The transit system has enhanced sanitation and requires social distancing to help protect employee and passenger safety. For more information about Brownsville Metro, please contact 956-548-6050.

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