

## 87th LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

# COLONIAS PROGRAM

The Colonias Program recruits and leads collaborative teams of public and private agencies who use their resources to help pave a way forward for residents. From providing education and health services, to improving utility services and infrastructure, the Colonias Program delivers an impressive return on the State's investment.

## COLONIAS FACTS

- ▶ **Since 1991**, the program has leveraged local, regional and national resources to help meet the health, education, infrastructure and economic development needs of communities.
- ▶ Extends basic services to underdeveloped communities, serving nearly one million Texans in **2,300 colonias** to create sustainable solutions for local challenges.
- ▶ Enhances the **quality of life** and place for residents in unincorporated, unregulated, sub-standard settlements.
- ▶ Housed in Texas A&M College of Architecture, the program is an important part of the college's outreach efforts.



## REQUEST

FUND THE COLONIAS PROGRAM AT  
**\$356,298/YR (FY22-23)**

## IMPACTS

Residents in several South Texas communities are receiving health services, including COVID-19 testing at mobile or mini-clinics that were secured by the Colonias Program.



## DID YOU KNOW?

▶ The Colonias Program sponsored a school supply drive in 2017, **delivering backpacks full of supplies to more than 1,400 students in Bexar, Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy counties**. Local organizations were recruited to coordinate the school supply drives, all of which continue in their respective counties today.