

Grant Agreement Number: 7219055

Grant Recipient Name: El Paso County

Practical Result of the Project:

The completion of the El Conquistador & Lourdes First-Time Wastewater Project brought tangible, life-changing improvements to the residents of these rural communities. Here's what the project accomplished in real, practical terms:

1. Health and Environmental Improvements

Eliminated the use of failing septic tanks, which often overflowed and posed risks of groundwater contamination.

Reduced exposure to waterborne diseases by providing safe, sanitary wastewater collection and disposal.

Improved air and soil quality, removing issues caused by leaking wastewater.

2. Increased Quality of Life for Residents

96 households (277 residents) now have access to a modern wastewater system, eliminating the stress of system failures.

Reliable infrastructure means fewer disruptions, allowing families to focus on daily life without worrying about sanitation issues.

No more costly septic system maintenance, saving residents hundreds of dollars annually.

3. Economic and Community Development

Increased property values as homes are now connected to a public wastewater system, making them more attractive to future buyers.

Encourages future investment by creating a more livable and sustainable environment for businesses and new housing developments.

Strengthened local infrastructure, paving the way for further utility expansions in the area.

4. Long-Term Sustainability

Project handed over to LVWD (Lower Valley Water District) for continued maintenance and operation, ensuring lasting benefits.

No need for costly individual upgrades, as residents are now part of a professionally managed wastewater system.

Improved compliance with environmental regulations, helping the County avoid potential fines or restrictions.

5. A Model for Future Infrastructure Investment

Demonstrated the effectiveness of TxCDBG funding in supporting rural communities. Showcased how local, state, and federal partnerships can successfully deliver essential services. Serves as a blueprint for similar projects in other underserved areas of Texas. The completion of this project has transformed daily life in El Conquistador and Lourdes, ensuring that residents can enjoy clean, safe, and reliable wastewater services for generations to come.

Brief Quotes from elected officials and local stakeholders regarding project:

County Commissioner:

"This project is a testament to what happens when communities, local leaders, and state partners come together to address critical needs. Clean water and wastewater services are fundamental to public health and economic growth, and this investment will have lasting benefits for El Conquistador and Lourdes."

Resident Beneficiary:

"Before this, every heavy rain meant worrying about our septic system failing. Now, we have peace of mind knowing our wastewater is properly managed. This project has truly changed our lives."

Additional Comments:

These projects are more than just infrastructure—they represent what investment in rural communities can achieve. TxCDBG funding has provided critical support for small towns and unincorporated areas, helping them modernize, grow, and improve quality of life. With important federal funding decisions approaching, stories like these highlight the real-world impact of investing in Texas communities.

By supporting projects like those in Morning Glory, El Conquistador, and Lourdes, we're not just improving infrastructure—we're investing in people, in families, and in the future of rural Texas.

Partners:

Lower Valley Water District