



## South Texas

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Dear Scott Harris, President of the Type B Corporation and Board Members,

The United Service Organization (USO) of South Texas respectfully request an extension of the City of Corpus Christi Type B funding in the amount of \$ 250,000.00 until February 28, 2022.

Due to the following conditions the renovation project of the USO allocated spaces, we do not expect to have the Certificate of Completion until February 2022.

First, we are aware the impacts COVID-19 had on our workforce and supply chains for materials. Second, we did expect to have to install a fire suppression system in our new spaces, however the Navy Fire Protection Staff in Jacksonville came back to us at the 70 percent project completion and informed us we would require a fire protection system.

Lastly, the merger with United Service Organization, Incorporated (USO, Inc.) in August 2020 required a full review of all contracts. Because of the threshold of the contracts USO Inc. required a lot more paperwork and review of the document by corporate personnel that we did not anticipate and coupled the design and approval of the fire suppression system by Navy Southeast Region Fire Protection Engineer. We decided the prudent thing to do is to halt the project until all building stakeholders were satisfied.

The good news is the project is back on track with 45 percent of the fire suppression system installed and other ancillary items are being completed.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, I hereby respectfully request your favorable consideration to this amendment.

Sincerely,

Sarah E. Banta  
USO South Texas  
Executive Director