

# 2022

## TX-28 Year End Report



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# Dear Friends,

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As the year comes to a close, I want to take a moment and reflect on everything that we have accomplished as a community and as a nation.

This year, the nation continued to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic while facing rising costs and a humanitarian crisis along the border. But Congress responded by finding common ground and passing laws that have lowered prescription drug costs, created jobs, and reduced inflation.

Congress has accomplished great things for TX-28, but there's still more to be done and I look forward to working with you to make it happen!



Henry Cuellar, Ph. D.  
Congressman, TX-28





# Legislative Update

117th Congress



## 11 Bills Introduced

### *Bipartisan Border Solutions Act of 2021*

Reduces the impact of migration surges on local communities and ensures migrants are treated fairly.



## 245+ Bills Cosponsored

### *Invest to Protect Act of 2022*

Makes critical, targeted investments in police departments with fewer than 125 sworn officers for the recruitment, retention, and training they need to protect our communities.



## 200+ Bills Passed into Law

### *Jaime Zapata and Victor Avila Federal Law Enforcement Protection Act*

Closed extradition loopholes, allowing those who cause harm to federal agents in foreign countries to be tried in the US.



# Inflation Reduction Act

“The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) makes urgent investments to lower prescription drug costs, health care costs, and energy costs to create opportunities for America’s 33 million small businesses and startups.” \*



**38,000** people in TX-28 were ensured access to affordable health care because of the IRA. Otherwise, these individuals would have lost their coverage.\*\*



Annual premiums for the Affordable Care Act insurance plans have been brought down by an average of **\$564** in Texas.\*\*



The Inflation Reduction Act puts an annual **\$2,000 cap** on seniors’ out of pocket spending on prescription drugs.



The IRA prevents Medicare beneficiaries from paying more than **\$35 per month** for insulin.

\*White House Fact Sheet: How the IRA Will Help Small Businesses

\*\*US Joint Economic Committee, Majority Staff





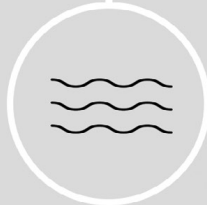
# Infrastructure Funding

Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in November 2021. Since then, we have already seen millions in investments come to South Texas including:



**\$7.4 Million**

for City of Laredo's El Metro Transit



**\$325,000**

for Mitchell Lake



**\$110,000**

for Jim Hogg County Airport



**\$159,000**

for Pleasanton Municipal Airport



**\$1.9 Million**

for Olmitos and Garcias Creek



# Appropriations

Congressman Henry Cuellar is a senior member on the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for funding the federal government. As a member of the Homeland Security, Defense, and Agriculture subcommittees, he works to secure funding for TX-28.

**\$227.7 Million**

for student breakfast and lunch meals during the 2021-2022 school year

**\$15 Million**

for local law enforcement to address border security challenges

**\$17.5 Million**

in grant funding for mental health and physical care

**Rep. Cuellar Secured More than \$298 Million For TX-28**

**\$37.8 Million**

for laptops, hotspots, and other digital services for students and teachers

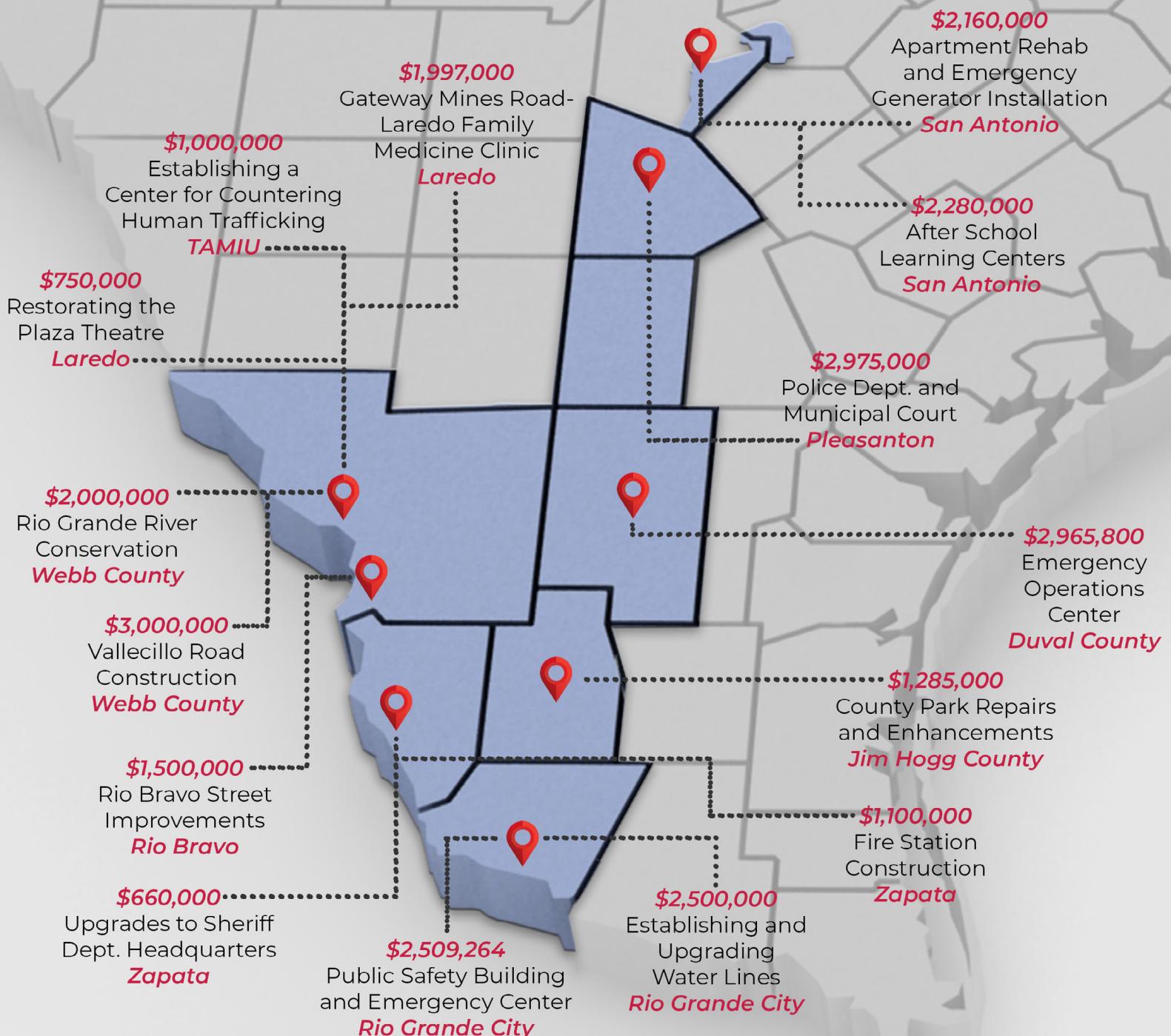
**\$950,575**

for school violence prevention



# Community Project Funds

## \$28.6 Million Secured







# Casework

## 438 Cases Resolved

“One of my primary roles as your Representative is to help constituents interact with federal agencies to get you the help and assistance you need. This year, my staff helped **over 400 constituents** with passport/visa issues, Social Security benefits, educational assistance and more. If you need assistance, please reach out to one of my district offices.”

**Mr. Odsy Luna** fought for nearly an entire year for his Small Business Administration loan to save his business. District staff helped expedite the process and **kept Spartan Fitness open.**

*“It was a great help. We really didn’t have anywhere to turn to, but Mr. Cuellar helped us. Mr. Cuellar is truly there for the people.”*

- Mr. Odsy Luna

**Mr. Daniel E. Gregor** was owed thousands in retroactive Social Security payments. With the help of district staff, he received **over \$57,000** in social security payments that he deserved.

*“I am grateful that Mr. Cuellar got involved. He was very quick to act on our behalf. He is a good man, and he truly does care about the people.”*

- Marin Santana, Legal Rep. for Mr. Gregor



# TX-28 By the Numbers

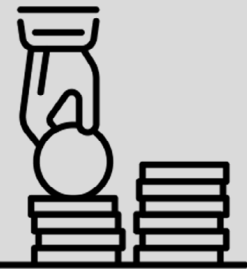


Population

**788,000**

**26,900**

Jobs Created Since January 2021\*



**\$689,174**

Returned to constituents

## **71 grant announcements**

securing millions for projects in TX-28, like road improvements, health centers, and more.

## **16,582 Miles**

traveled in TX-28, attending townhalls, community events, and connecting with constituents.



# Traveling TX-28

“This past year, I’ve traveled over 16,000 miles in South Texas visiting with officials and constituents to ensure I represent your ideas in Washington. Check out some of our exciting trips below!”

Announcing more than \$7 million in federal funding for the City of Laredo’s El Metro bus system.



The grand opening of the Wilson Community Health Center in Floresville, which received a \$2 million USDA loan.

Serving lunches funded by the USDA National School Lunch Program at the Boys and Girls Club of Zapata County.



Meeting with constituents and visiting the Mission Open Air Market in San Antonio.

Announcing nearly \$200,000 in federal funds for school violence prevention in Charlotte ISD.



Joining Roma PD and City of Roma officials to discuss law enforcement issues in Starr County.





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