

Rep. Cuellar Supports Humanitarian Reimbursements at the Border
Providing Funding to Local Communities and Additional Law Enforcement Resources

Active / Passed Legislation

- Rep. Cuellar Introduced the *Southern Border Communities Reimbursement Act of 2021*, which will provide funding for humanitarian relief at the southern border of the United States. [Introduced in House]**
- Authorizes \$30 million for each of fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023 within the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (ESFP), for providing humanitarian reimbursement of costs.
 - Directs that \$25 million of these funds shall be allocated to entities in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas.
 - Allows for Emergency Preparation Expenditures; not solely based on reimbursement requests to be submitted in advance.
 - Follows the National Board and Local Board model; state bypass model is maintained.

- Rep. Cuellar Implemented a legislative fix to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (ESFP) in the *FY19 Border Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill, in 2019*. [LAW]**
- Allowed funding to bypass the state and directly reimburse local government and non-profits.
 - Allocated \$30,000,000 through the ESFP to directly reimburse our local governments and non-profits who had sheltered and cared for migrants crossing the border.
 - Our border communities have continued to commit local resources to food and shelter, transportation, and other costs of housing migrants.

- Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$750,000,000 to implement the *United States Strategy for Engagement in Mexico and Central America, in 2015*.**
- Supporting the “Plan of the Alliance for Prosperity in the Northern Triangle of Central America.”
 - Helping to reduce illegal immigration to the United States.
 - Bolstering regional governance, prosperity, and security.

- Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$510,000,000 in federal funding for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (ESFP) in the *American Rescue Plan* [LAW]**
- Out of the total amount, \$110,000,000 is specifically reserved for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist local border communities with humanitarian relief efforts and care of migrant families and individuals.

FY22 Homeland Security Appropriations Provisions

- Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$140,000,000 in federal funding for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (ESFP), an increase of \$10,000,000 from FY21.**
- Included language that ensures proper oversight by directing FEMA, in conjunction with the Emergency Food and Shelter Board National Board, to report the methodology used to determine funding allocations to local food and shelter boards.
 - Directed oversight reporting for distribution supplemental funding appropriated in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

- Rep. Cuellar secured \$9,147,000 in federal funding for the hiring of new Border Patrol Processing Coordinators.**
- Border Patrol Processing Coordinators are tasked with assisting CBP officers with the influx of migrants at the southern border.

- Will perform humanitarian related tasks such as transportation, processing, and escorting migrants in CBP custody, instead of utilizing personnel vital to trade and border security.
- In FY20, Rep. Cuellar secured \$10,000,000 and language directing the hiring of 200 new Border Patrol Processing Coordinators.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure language mandating additional training for CBP personnel who interact and care for migrants at the southern border.

- Directs CBP to provide training on trauma-informed care for all personnel who interact with migrants due to the high incidence of physical and mental trauma experienced by many migrants, particularly women and children, during their journey to the United States.
- Training will include field personnel as well as mission support personnel.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure language increasing Family Reunification and Child Welfare efforts at the southern border.

- Whenever possible and consistent with the best interests of the child, DHS shall ensure separated family units are reunited prior to removal or release from CBP custody.
- Individuals in DHS custody or under supervision will have opportunities to report family separation incidents; to verify the status, location, and disposition of family members; and to regularly communicate by telephone with family members.
- DHS shall ensure that agents and officers are properly trained in child welfare screening for child victims of trafficking.

FY22 State & Foreign Operations Appropriations Provisions

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$860,600,000 in foreign aid and law enforcement funding to Central American countries to help stabilize the region.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$158,910,000 in foreign aid and law enforcement funding to Mexico.

- \$100,000,000 for Mexico under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement.
- \$50,000,000 for Mexico under Economic Support.
- \$6,000,000 for Mexico under Foreign Military Financing Program.
- \$1,750,000 for Mexico under International Military Education and Training.
- \$1,160,000 is from Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs

FY21 Homeland Security Appropriations Provisions

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Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$505,925,000 in foreign aid and law enforcement funding to Central American countries to help stabilize the region.

- \$215,650,000 for Development Assistance
- \$101,040,000 for Economic Support Fund
- \$155,000,000 for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement
- \$19,900,000 for Foreign Military Financing Program
- \$3,835,000 for International Military Education and Training
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- \$10,000,000 for Inter-American Foundation

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