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Kobe B. Marquez, Grant Manager

Kobe B. Marquez currently works as the Grant Manager for the City of McAllen's Grant Administration Department. In his role, he oversees the research, drafting and submission of funding proposals to various Federal and State entities, as well as the compliance for all active awards. Working closely with various City leaders, he ensures that all programmatic and fiscal terms and conditions are aligned in order to maximize funding opportunities and outcomes.

A Rio Grande Valley native, Kobe has developed a passion for public policy and public service. He currently holds a Master's Degree in Political Science, with a concentration in Public Policy and U.S.-Mexico Relations. This academic background has equipped Kobe with a tailored understanding of the complexities inherent to government, which he applies to his everyday role.

With a commitment to the advancement of his community, Kobe plays an active role in his local church, Iglesia Viva Global, serving as the Sound Engineer and Lead Guitarist, as well as the Logistics Coordinator for the Children's Hunger Fund: Pharr Campus.

Andrea Cantu, Grant Development Specialist

Andrea Cantu serves as a Grant Development Specialist with the City of McAllen's Grant Administration Department, where she supports the development and submission of funding proposals to federal and state agencies on behalf of city departments. She is committed to fostering growth and innovation through research, planning, and collaboration—contributing to projects that strengthen community development and promote economic vitality.

Drawing from her background in banking, Andrea brings strong analytical skills and financial insight to her work in the public sector. She is especially passionate about initiatives that expand opportunity, support sustainability, and drive long-term community growth.

A native of the Rio Grande Valley and raised in Mexico City, Andrea is deeply committed to her community both professionally and personally. Outside of work, she is active in her local church, participates in young adult ministry programs, and engages in activities that support her continued growth in faith, leadership, and service.