

In 2000, Carla M. Rodriguez began her local government career as grant writer for the Engineering Department at the City of McAllen. Within three months, she was asked to develop a Grant Administration Office to serve as the centralized hub for all City grants. She created policies and procedures for how McAllen applied for and administered grant awards and under her leadership as Director of Grant Administration, McAllen became the first city to have a fully-functioning grant office south of San Antonio.

Ms. Rodriguez has successfully secured grant dollars that provide the community with services that impact lives every day, such as parks, hike & bike trails, and public safety projects. She managed \$55 million in grant funds, and wrote and managed grant applications to Federal, State and local agencies including the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Parks and Wildlife and various foundations.

She also oversaw approximately \$4.5 million provided to nonprofit organizations the City of McAllen funded. Her office ensured compliance of these allocations by conducting compliance audits, a process of examining and verifying accounts and records.

Ms. Rodriguez also served as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator by ensuring compliance of disaster-awarded funding that reimburses McAllen for resources used during the preparedness and recovery phases of a catastrophic incident.

She provided her services to the McAllen Mayor's Prayer Committee, Leadership McAllen Alumni Association Board, McAllen Citizens League and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee under the LRGVDC. She is also a proud member of the Grant Professionals Association and the National Grants Management Association.

In July of 2018, Ms. Rodriguez became Assistant City Manager in the City of Edinburg where she now oversees community services and the following departments and programs: Parks & Recreation, Public Information, golf course, CDBD/Grants management, the airport, and library.

Ms. Rodriguez lives in McAllen with her husband Omar and their twin boys. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and a Master's degree in Communication Studies.