**The City Of Pharr Receives Recognition for Transparency Efforts from Texas Comptroller**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced the City of Pharr is the latest local government to achieve specific debt transparency goals through the Comptroller’s Transparency Stars program. The City of Pharr received a Transparency Star in the area of debt obligations, which recognizes entities whose websites show visual and narrative detail on outstanding debt, tax-supported debt obligations, historical bond elections and more.

Transparency Stars recognizes local governments that provide easy online access to important financial data.

“By providing taxpayers with essential debt information in a variety of formats, the City of Pharr has shown a true commitment to Texas taxpayers. This effort achieves the goals set by our Transparency Stars program,” Hegar said. “I am pleased to award the City of Pharr a star for its accomplishments.”

The Comptroller’s office launched the Transparency Stars program in March 2016 to recognize cities, counties, school districts and special purpose districts making important strides toward greater government transparency. After receiving a Traditional Finances star, local entities can go on to apply in other areas, for up to five stars:

* Traditional Finances
* Contracts and Procurement
* Economic Development
* Public Pensions
* Debt Obligations

For more on the program, including specific guidelines and information on how to apply, visit the Comptroller’s [Transparency Stars website](https://comptroller.texas.gov/transparency/local/stars/).