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### American Rescue Plan Act 2021

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**Project Name:**

Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Jr. Milo Ponce Park Improvements Project.

**Project Number:**

ARPA-21-124-029

**Program:**

The Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Jr. Milo Ponce Park Improvements projects will be part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Recreational Development Program.

**Precinct/Department Name**

Hidalgo County Precinct 4

**ARPA Expenditure Category**

3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

**ARPA Eligibility Category**

3.13: Social Determinants of Health: Other

**Project Description:**

Hidalgo County Precinct 4 is planning on making improvements to the Jr. Milo Ponce Park located at Jr Milo Ponce Dr. Edinburg, TX 78542 which will consist of removal of existing playgrounds to be replaced with new inclusive playgrounds for children ages that range from 2-12 years of age.

This project will improve the accessibility and function of the Jr. Milo Ponce Park to constituents living in, near and around Qualified Census Tract (QCT) areas. The improvements to the Jr. Milo Ponce Park has been designed to benefit the health and well-being of the most vulnerable populations, including residents that reside in QCT areas.

Recreational spaces such as the Jr. Milo Ponce Park has always served a critical function in the mental health of individuals particularly for low income communities. Also the Jr. Milo Ponce Park will be expansive, allowing for safe enjoyment while maintaining social distance.

**Need Assessment**

The purpose of the Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Jr. Milo Ponce Park Improvements is congruent with the overall objective of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Recreational Development program, which is to improve the accessibility and function of parks to constituents living in, near and around Qualified Census Tract areas. Additionally, this project has as a purpose to be responsive and committed in providing essential outdoor areas with the purpose of making our community a more desirable place to live, work, and play.



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The improvements to Jr. Milo Ponce Park aims to promote wellness among low- to-moderate income communities by providing more recreational space for exercising and socializing. As a direct outcome, the improvement of the Jr. Milo Ponce Park will improve the overall quality of life of the Hidalgo County residents.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Budget: \$365,000.00

#### **QCT Preliminary Analysis**

- Jr Milo Ponce Park Preliminary QCT Analysis 2021



