



Project Description

Project Name:

Mission CISD Youth Wellness Camp

Project Number:

ARPA-22-110-086

Precinct/Department Name:

County Judge's Office

ARPA Expenditure Category Group:

2: Negative Economic Impacts

ARPA Eligibility Category:

2.26: Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services

Project Description:

Mission CISD has requested assistance with establishing a Pilot Wellness Camp for middle school students in grades 6-8, in response to the mental health disparities resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. Moreover, the camp will utilize "Texas A&M AgriLife Mindful-Self Curriculum" which is geared toward mental and behavioral health. Each camp will last four hours, where 60 minutes will consist of the "Texas A&M AgriLife Mindful-Self curriculum." The remaining time will be filled utilizing additional evidence-based curriculum which will promote overall mental wellness of the students. The County Judge's office intends to partner with Mission CISD School District to implement this public health service. Mission CISD is eligible to offer up to twelve (12) Youth Camps. Based on participation levels of enrichment activities and curriculum completion rates of youth camp students of the "pilot program," and subject to continued ARPA funding, the County of Hidalgo may establish a full program wherein all Hidalgo County School Districts that may have a campus(s) which meet Qualifying Census Tract (QCT) eligibility.

According to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule, "recipients may also provide services for special populations, for example, enhanced services in school to address increased rates of behavioral health challenges for youths".¹

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$60,000.00

¹ Department of the Treasury. (n.d.). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. (pg. 68.)