



Hidalgo County • Department of Budget & Management

American Rescue Plan Act 2021

Project Description

Project Name:

Mobile Medical Sprinter Vans

Project Number:

ARPA-22-340-110

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Health Dept.

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.14: Other Public Health Services[^]

Project Description:

Health services play an important role in the lives of low-income rural residents. Unfortunately, many rural communities lack access to adequate health services for their residents. The purchase of two Mobile Medical Sprinter Vans would give the department the ability to perform Covid 19 testing, vaccinations (Moderna and Pizer), and boosters in these rural areas efficiently.

Hidalgo County was impacted by COVID-19 pandemic and continues to impact our area. As of 6-6-2022, Hidalgo County had 3,915 Covid related Deaths and 204,292 Covid Cases. Hidalgo County rural populations consist of older adults and individuals with serious underlying medical conditions face increased risk for developing severe COVID-19 symptoms, which contributes to higher hospitalization and death rates. As the COVID-19 pandemic surges in rural communities, the need for closing the rural-urban health gap is more critical than ever.

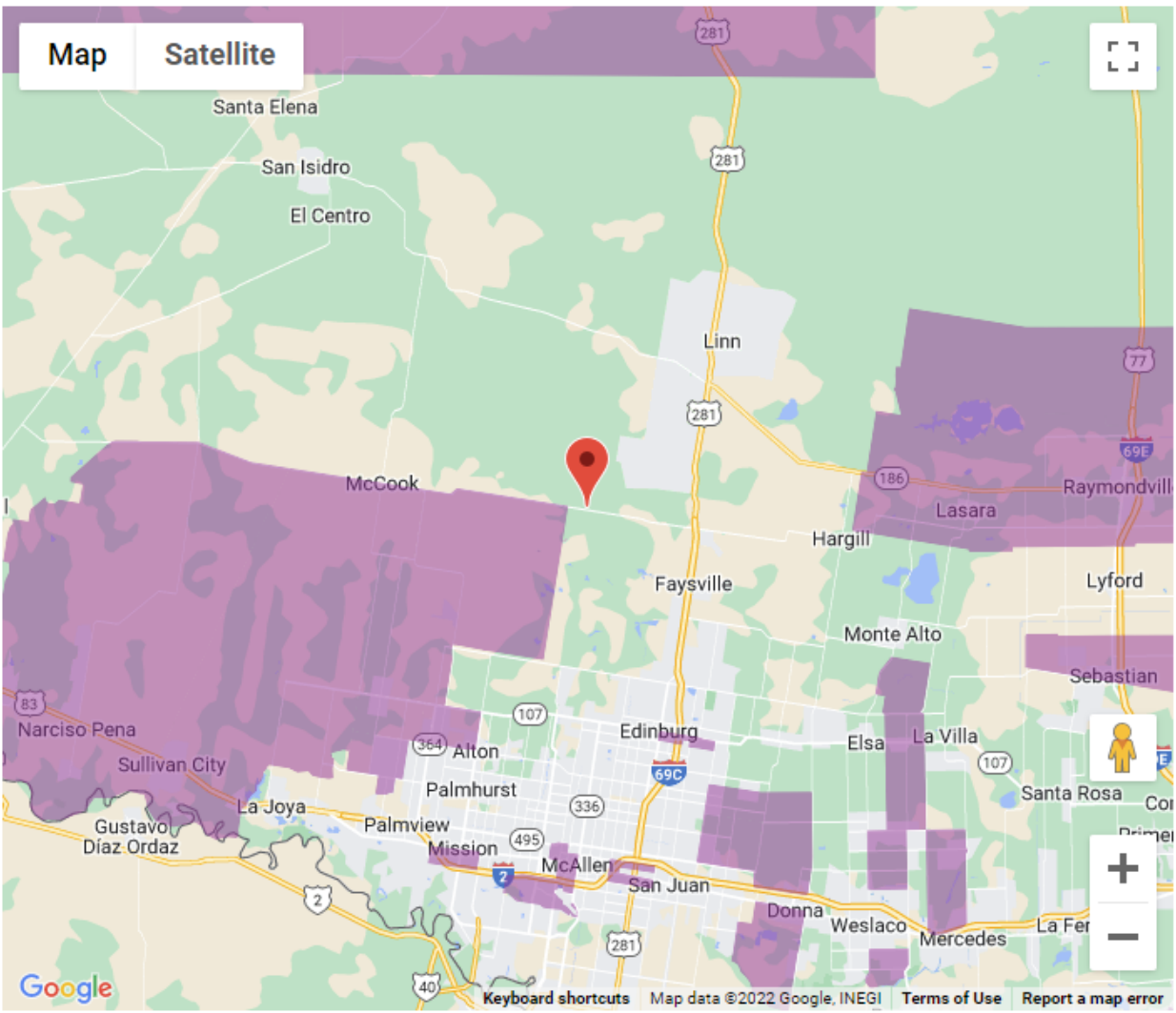
Treasury has addressed the eligibility standard for capital expenditures, or investments in property, facilities, or equipment...Acquisition of equipment for COVID-19 prevention and treatment, including ventilators, ambulances, and other medical or emergency services equipment is an enumerated eligible use.¹

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$420,267.43

¹ Department of the Treasury (n.d.) Federal Register, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (p. 4354)

Below is the Qualified Census Tract Analysis for Hidalgo County.



Source: Office of Policy Development and Research 2021 and 2022 Small Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) and Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)