



**Hidalgo County • Department of Budget & Management**  
American Rescue Plan Act 2021

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## **Project Description**

**Project Name:**

Tow Vehicle Initiative

**Project Number:**

ARPA-22-110-125

**Department Name:**

Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management

**ARPA Expenditure Category:**

1: Public Health

**ARPA Eligibility Category:**

1.7: Other COVID 19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)^

**Project Description:**

Hidalgo County has a need for increased logistical equipment to support the public health emergency response. The tow vehicle, which will be housed at the Emergency Operations Center, will increase response capabilities by providing efficient transportation when distributing equipment, supplies and resources during operations including but not limited to mobile emergency vaccinations, testing clinics, and emergency points of distributions to the public. This vehicle will also transport cargo and equipment trailers that are critical to the response and logistical needs to the coronavirus pandemic. By increasing our response and logistics capabilities, we will be able to mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic to our community. The vehicle will be housed and maintained at the Emergency Management Warehouse located at 7517 N Expressway 281 in Edinburg, Texas.

The 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.<sup>1</sup>

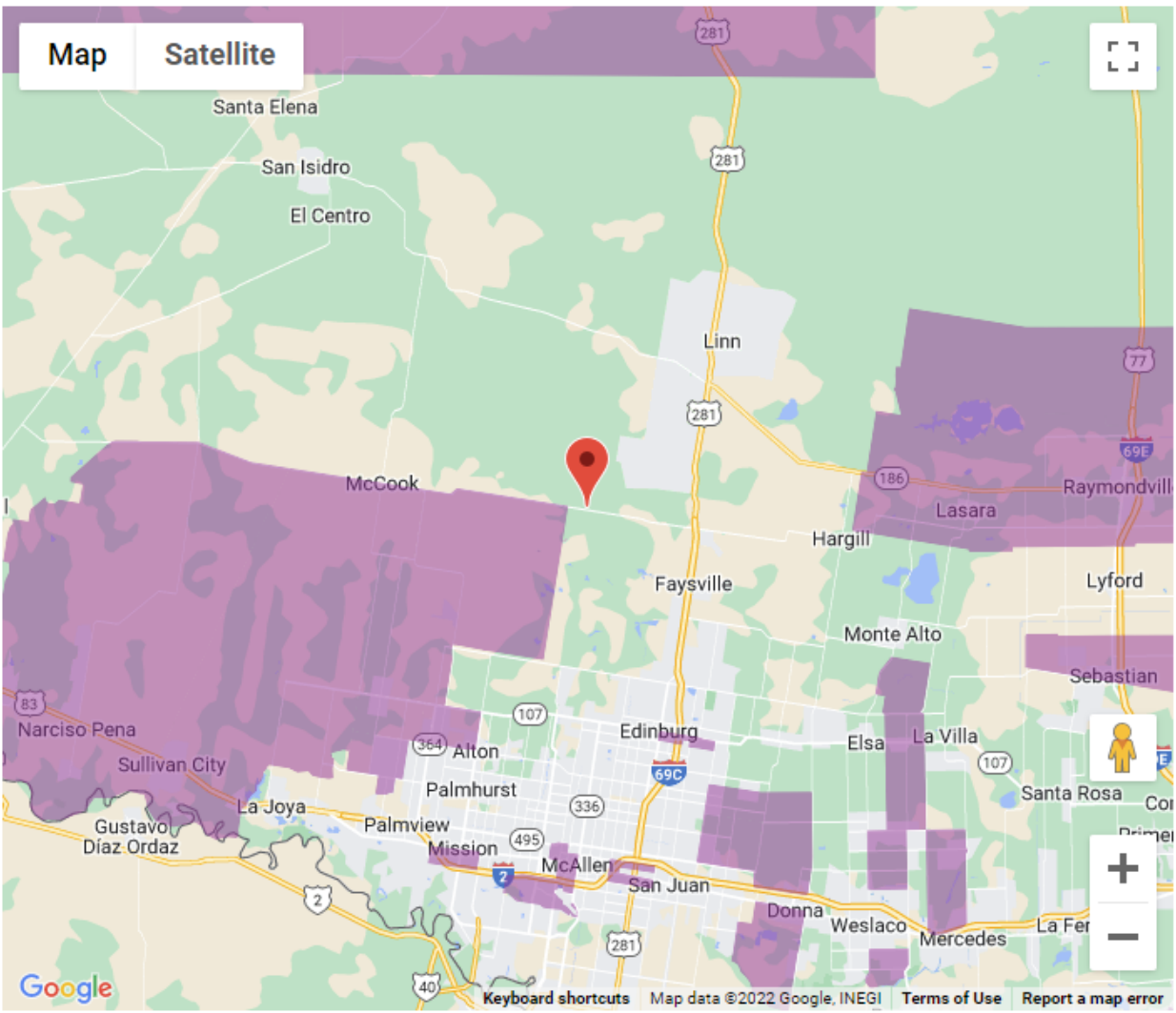
**Fiscal Impact:**

Estimated Budget: \$82,000.00

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<sup>1</sup> 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)