



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

Project Description

Project Name:

Emergency Response Ambulance Initiative

Project Number:

ARPA-22-110-126

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 been experiencing a shortage in medical emergency response personnel and equipment. Consequently, emergency medical service providers and agencies are experiencing difficulty in responding to the overwhelming 911 emergency assistance requests. To support the increasing medical emergencies, Hidalgo County will initiate the Emergency Response Ambulance Initiative by purchasing 3 ambulances to be used as a collaboration within our community. This initiative will increase medical emergency response capabilities to properly and strategically respond to our vulnerable population. Ambulances will be housed at strategic locations in Hidalgo County and utilized in the direct response to the Covid-19 Pandemic Public Health Emergency.

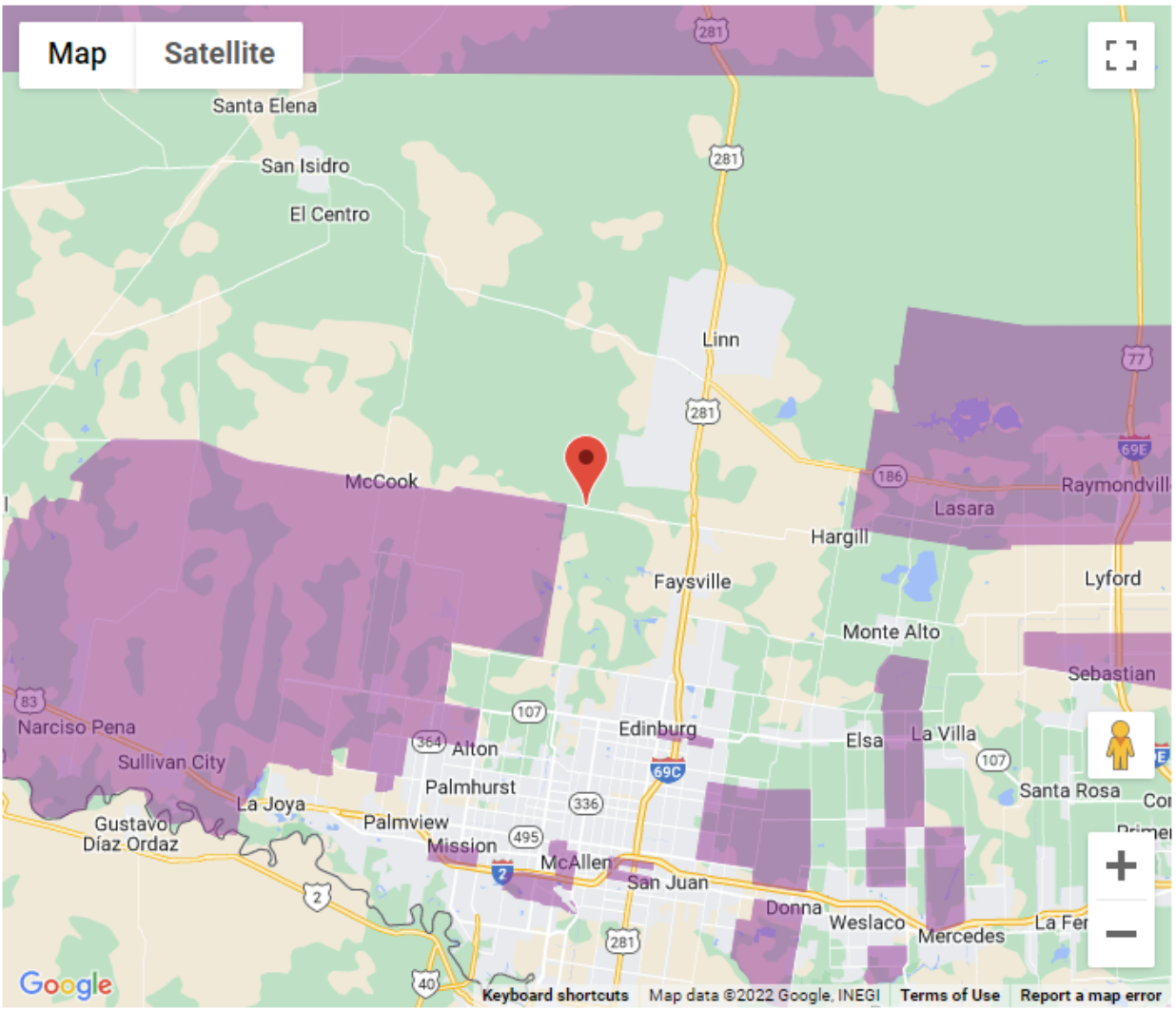
The Treasury has addressed the eligibility standard for capital expenditures, or investments in property, facilities, or equipment...Acquisition of equipment for COVID-19 prevention and treatment, including ventilators, ambulances, and other medical or emergency services equipment.¹ This initiative in conjunction with our paramedic training program will be critical in maintaining emergency medical services to our community.

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$814,000.00

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)