



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

Project Description

Project Name

RGV Food Bank Contribution

Project Number

ARPA-21-110-022

Department Name

County Judge's Office

ARPA Expenditure Category:

2: Negative Economic Impacts

ARPA Eligibility Category:

2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)^

Project Description:

Food insecurity in Hidalgo County has drastically increased due to the ongoing pandemic and the negative impacts it has created. Much of this insecurity, due to the food shortages, exists in the Colonias, which are usually located within 150 miles from the Texas-Mexico border. For the past two years, COVID-19 has greatly impacted the nation, especially regions of low socioeconomic status. Nonprofits, which provide vital services to communities, have faced economic and financial challenges due to the pandemic. Food banks continue to respond to increased demand due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Hidalgo County will provide ARPA funds to assist the RGV Food Bank with additional expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ARPA funds will help support the RGV Food Bank and ensure there is an abundance of resources to meet the growing demand for food assistance.

“The interim final rule provided for, and the final rule maintains, the ability for recipients to provide direct assistance to nonprofits that experienced public health or negative economic impacts of the pandemic. Furthermore, the final rule presumes that nonprofits operating in QCTs, operated by Tribal governments or on Tribal Lands, or operating in the U.S. territories were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. To summarize, a recipient may determine that certain nonprofits were impacted by the pandemic or were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and provide responsive services¹.

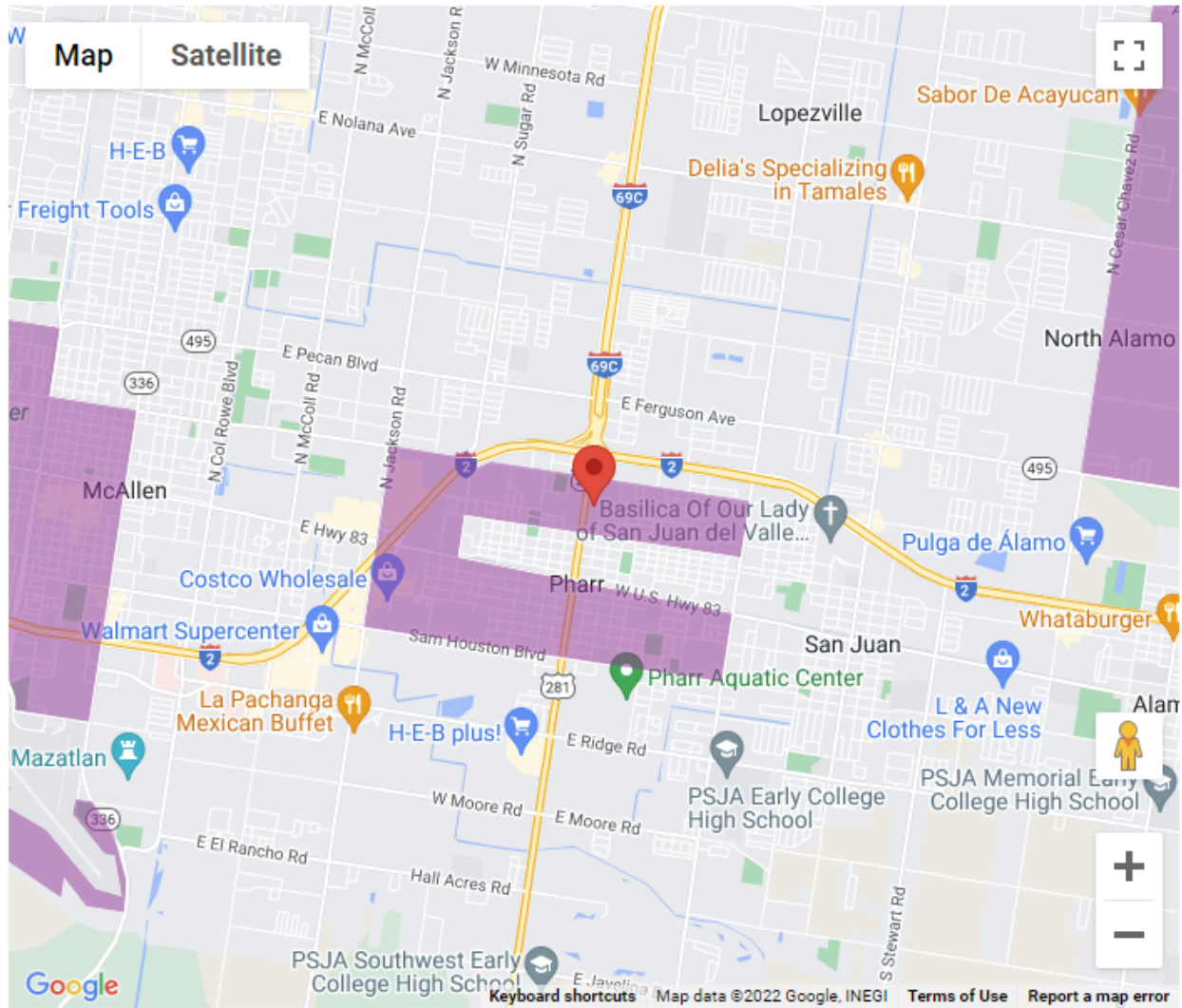
Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$100,000.00

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¹ Department of the Treasury (n.d.) Federal Register, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (p. 4380)

Below is the Qualified Census Tract Analysis for Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, 724 N Cage Blvd, Pharr, TX 78577, which displays that the entity is located and operating in a QCT area.



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