



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Housing Project

Project Number:

ARPA-22-122-098

Program:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Housing Project will be part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Hidalgo County Housing Program.

Precinct/Department Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 2

ARPA Expenditure Category:

2: Negative Economic Impacts

ARPA Eligibility Category:

2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance*^

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The County of Hidalgo precinct 2 will partner with Proyecto Azteca Inc., located at the Corner of Business 83 and Cesar Chavez, San Juan, Texas 78589. Proyecto Azteca is a non-profit self-help construction company that serves low-income families in colonias and other rural areas in Hidalgo County. The Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Project will grant \$500,000.00 to Proyecto Azteca Inc., to implement a new program called “Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Housing Program.” The Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Housing Program will provide funds for minor repairs or rehabilitation of homes for income-eligible applicants. The program will benefit a minimum of twenty units for low to very low-income families.

Upon the application process is complete and an inspection of the house and a determination as to the estimated cost to bring the home up to standard, an evaluation will be made by a certified home inspector and the Construction Supervisor. If the cost of repairs exceeds \$20,000 or 50% of the total estimated improved value, whichever is less. In that case, a rehabilitation grant would not be eligible under this program, as only minor repairs to the most critical problem can be done. The designated project area is the area of Precinct 2 Hidalgo County, Texas. All assisted units under this program shall be provided in scattered site locations throughout the are of Precinct 2 and need to be in a Qualified Census Tract, QCT.



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The applicant must reside in Hidalgo County Precint 2 for a minimum of one year prio to receiving assistance. The applicant must occupy the property as a principal residence, they must not sublease the property, and all property taxes must be current and no liens may exist on property.

Community Need Assessment:

The Interim Final Rule states, in assessing whether a household or population experienced economic harm as a result of the pandemic, a recipient may presume that a household or population that experienced unemployment or increased food or housing insecurity, or is low- or moderate-income experienced negative economic impacts resulting from the pandemic.

The investment in the development of housing and home repairs would directly address the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been most acute to residents living in QCT areas and negatively impacted.

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$500,000.00

QCT and Low -To moderate Income Analysis:

The QCT and low to moderate-income analysis will be conducted on a case-to-case basis upon receipt of applications and registration to the program. The Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Housing Program will require the community to apply to the program to determine eligibility.