



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

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## **Project Description**

**Project Name:**

Quick Response Emergency Units

**Project Number:**

ARPA-23-110-318

**Program Name:**

Hidalgo County Emergency Services Program

**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 is experiencing increased medical emergencies due to the Covid-19 Pandemic Public Health Emergency. Concurrently, shortages with medical response personnel and equipment are also occurring, and emergency medical service providers are unable to provide optimal services to certain communities. The purchase and implementation of 5 Quick Response Emergency Units, equipped to provide EMS first-response services, will directly respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic Public Health Emergency. Emergency Management Coordinators (EMCs) will be assigned to the Quick Response Emergency Units thereby responding to medical emergencies, performing lifesaving treatments and providing assistive services prior to and in conjunction with an ambulance's arrival to a scene. The Units will be housed at strategic locations in Hidalgo County to provide quick response times for medical emergencies. The use of this project in conjunction with our other current projects will be critical in order to reduce the effects of Covid-19 and increase our emergency medical response capabilities to our community.

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>

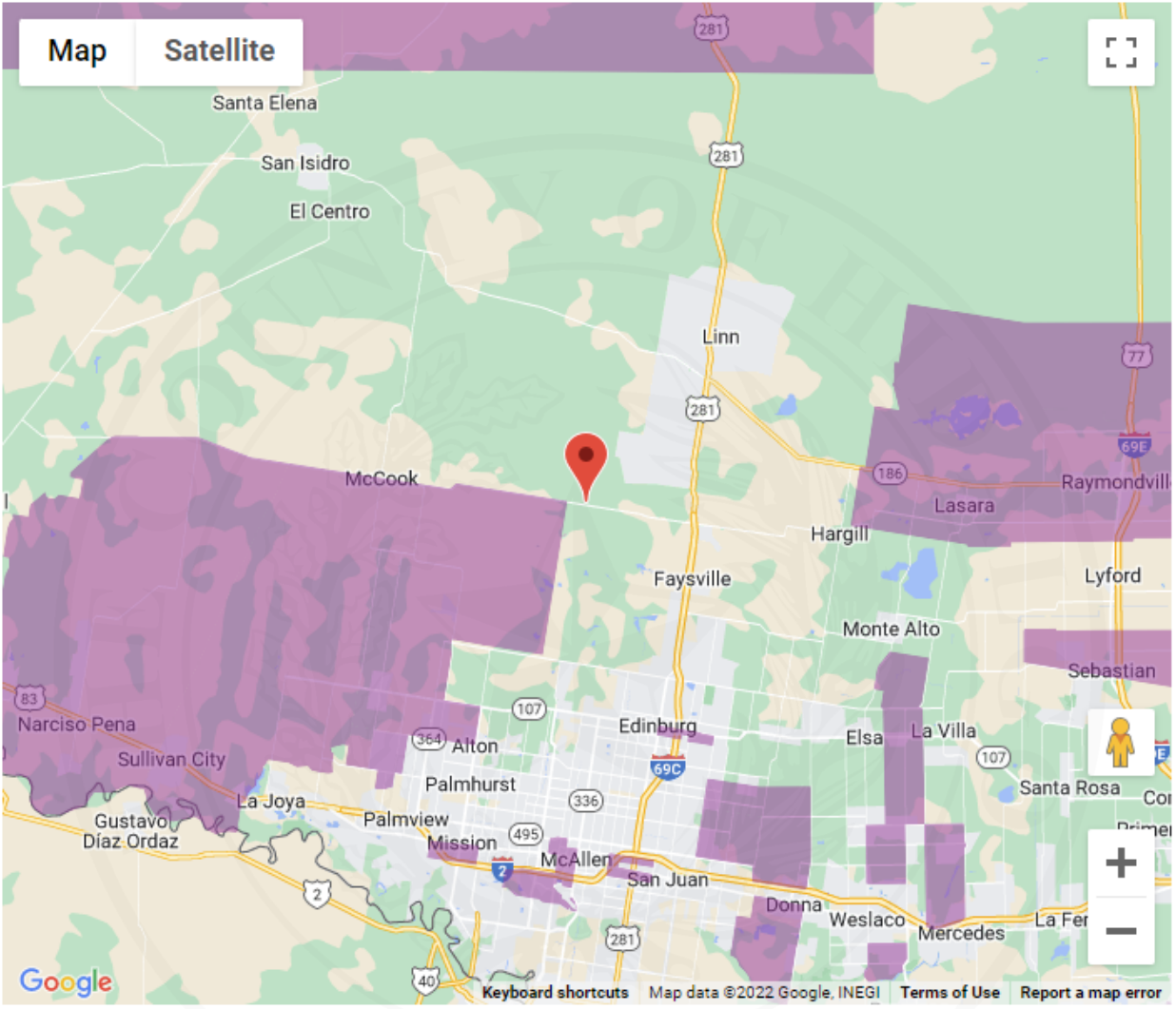
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<sup>1</sup> Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4354

**Fiscal Impact:**

Estimated Budget: \$375,490.00

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)