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Project Description

Project Name:

ARPA Consultant

Project Number:

ARPA-23-110-324

Department Name:

County Judge's Office

ARPA Expenditure Category:

7: Administrative

ARPA Eligibility Category:

7.1: Administrative Expenses

Project Description:

The ARPA Consultant will assist the County Judge's Office with the administrative duties of the Office's ARPA projects. The consultant will provide expert opinions and analysis with eligibility determinations of proposed ARPA projects in alignment with compliance documents, reporting requirements, and third party contracts for those parties receiving funds from the County. The consultant will be responsible for ensuring that each project is maintained, responsive, and expended on qualifying issues to support their efficacy to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. This position would administer the ARPA projects for the Hidalgo County Judge's Office, including but not limited to expenditures under Public Health, Negative Economic Impacts, Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities, Premium Pay, Infrastructure, Revenue Replacement, and other Administrative services. Any other ARPA allowable expenditures and/or categories subsequently added by the federal government may be administered as well.

Following release of the interim final rule, Treasury issued Compliance and Reporting Guidance that provided that "recipients may use funds for administering the SLFRF program, including costs of consultants to support effective management and oversight, including consultation for ensuring compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements..."¹ In the final rule, Treasury is clarifying that direct and indirect administrative expenses are permissible uses of SLFRF funds and are a separate eligible use category from "expenses to improve efficacy of public health or economic relief programs," which refers to efforts to improve the effectiveness

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4435



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of public health and economic programs through use of data, evidence, and targeted consumer outreach.²

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$2,000,000.00

² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4436