



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

Project Description

Project Name:

Schuerbach Health Clinic Improvement Project

Project Number:

ARPA-21-340-020

Program Name:

Schuerbach Health Clinic Improvement Project will be a part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Expanding Access to Healthcare Program.

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Health Department

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.14: Other Public Health Services^

Project Description:

The purpose of the Schuerbach Health Clinic Improvement Project is to expand health care capacity and meet community pandemic-related needs. Operational needs can be met through renovations to the existing Schuerbach Health Clinic. Furthermore, efforts to mitigate COVID-19 include COVID-19 vaccination programs, medical care, testing, and support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services. The Schuerbach Health Clinic will provide services, including but not limited to family planning, immunization, and wellness health. The Schuerbach Health Clinic, located at 211 S. Schuerbach Rd, Mission, Texas, 78572, will provide services to Hidalgo County residents, including the residents that have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Treasury received a few comments from recipients seeking to use SLFRF funds to build new medical facilities, such as hospitals or public health clinics, to serve disproportionately impacted communities. Given the central role of access to high-quality medical care in reducing health disparities and addressing the root causes that led to disproportionate impact COVID-19 health impacts in certain communities, the final rule recognizes that medical equipment and facilities designed to address disparities in public health outcomes are eligible capital expenditures. This includes primary care clinics, hospitals, or integrations of health services into other settings.¹ In the final rule, to further decrease administrative burden and enhance recipient flexibility,

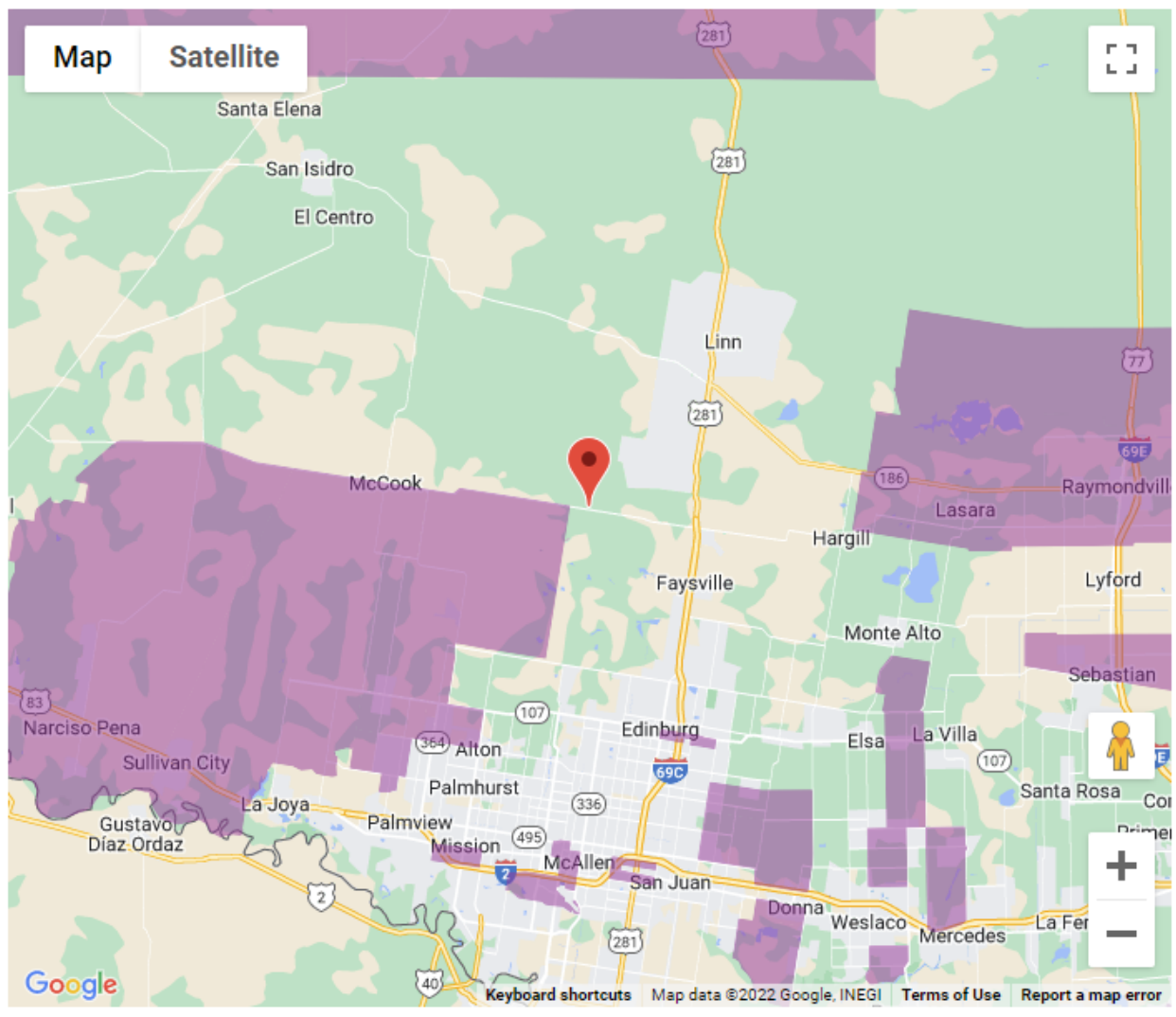
¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4372

Treasury is allowing recipients to also presume that low-income households were disproportionately impacted. Treasury anticipates that adding low-income households as a presumed eligible population will maintain targeting of funds to populations and communities most likely to have experienced severe pandemic impacts, while providing a more flexible approach for recipients.²

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$3,000,000.00

^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)

² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4441