



Project Description

Project Name:

Boys and Girls Club of McAllen, South Community Development Project

Project Number:

ARPA-23-122-329

Program Name:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Boys and Girls Club Community Development Project will be part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Recreational Development Program

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 2

ARPA Expenditure Category:

2: Negative Economic Impacts

ARPA Eligibility Category:

2.22: Strong and Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety^

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According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the COVID-19 public health emergency exacerbated the health and well-being inequities that previously existed within marginalized communities, including Hispanics and those living in poverty. In fact, research continues to support that minority communities have a higher propensity of being negatively impacted by the pandemic especially in the following areas: income, education, and health.

In 2021 Bonham Elementary, found south of the expressway, closed its doors and immediately displaced families from accessing critical resources schools often bring to neighborhoods. With transportation issues plaguing south McAllen, especially after the pandemic, proximity is an important factor when meeting the needs of our most vulnerable populations. With schools closing in the summer and holidays, many families are left with no option for quality and cost effective childcare during out of school time.

Investing in infrastructure south of the expressway in McAllen gives families a safe alternative to leaving children at home while parents work- a response to the public health emergency, the aftereffects and negative economic impacts for the safety and well-being of children as well as a solution to workforce.



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The new Boys & Girls Club recreational facility will providing new, expanded, and enhanced, child care and after school enrichment programs, which increase access to healthy food, tutoring, career preparation programs, safe recreational spaces, and support for students social, emotional, and mental health needs in a disproportionately impacted community

Treasury included as an enumerated eligible use in disproportionately impacted communities projects to develop neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes, such as parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian safety features like crosswalks, projects that increase access to healthy foods, streetlights, neighborhood cleanup, and other projects to revitalize public spaces.¹ In the final rule, to further decrease administrative burden and enhance recipient flexibility, 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: \$ 1,000,000.00

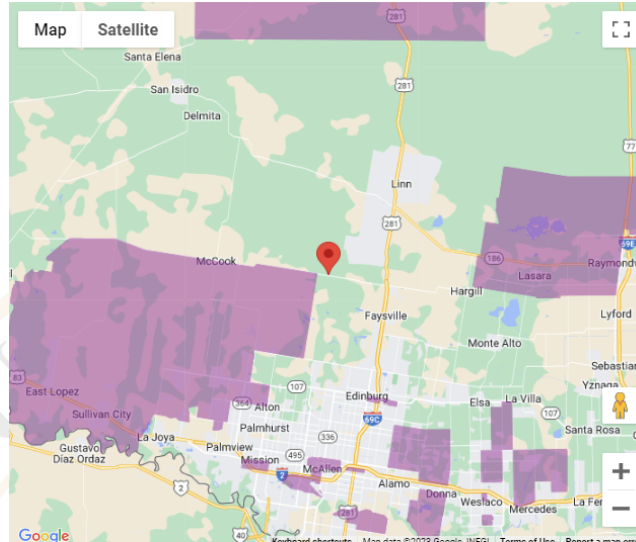
¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4373

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



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^Below is the 2023 Qualified Census Tract (QCT) for Hidalgo County.



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

^Low to Moderate-Income Area Data for Proposed Location: 2501 Jordan Rd W, McAllen, TX 78503

LMISD by Block Group: Block Group 2, Census Tract 205.04, Hidalgo County, Texas

Source	2015ACS
geoname	Block Group 2, Census Tract 205.04, Hidalgo County, Texas
Stusab	TX
Countyname	Hidalgo County
State	48
County	215
Tract	020504
Bkcgpr	2
Low	1740
Lowmod	2120
Lmmi	2365
Lowmoduniv	4190
Lowmod_pct	50.60
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ucLowmod_p	0.00
MOE_Lowmod	+/-21.22
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Source: HUD Exchange Low and Moderate Income Survey Data (LMISD) Map Application
 (<https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ffd0597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd>)