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Exhibit A - Expenditure Categories

#	ARPA Project No.	ARPA Project Name	Interim Final Rule Category	Final Rule Category
1	21-110-006	High Water Rescue Vehicle	6.1: Provision of Government Services	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine) ^
2	21-200-011	World Radio Network Lease Agreement	6.1: Provision of Government Services	5.21 Broadband: Other projects
3	21-200-013	Courthouse Wi-Fi Project and Telephone Connectivity System	6.1: Provision of Government Services	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
4	22-200-074	Ultimate Kronos Group - Human Resources Information System	6.1: Provision of Government Services	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
5	22-200-083	Hidalgo County Gmail Service Project	6.1: Provision of Government Services	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
6	22-200-093	Network Detection and Response System	6.1: Provision of Government Services	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery



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Project Description

Project Name:

High Water Rescue Vehicle

Project Number:

ARPA-21-110-006

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 has a need for increased logistical equipment to support the public health emergency response. The high water rescue vehicle, which is housed at the Office of Emergency Management Warehouse, will support Hidalgo County emergency management services by assisting first responders during high water rescues and emergency transportation situations including but not limited to evacuations, distribution of supplies, especially in inaccessible areas throughout the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and future disasters.

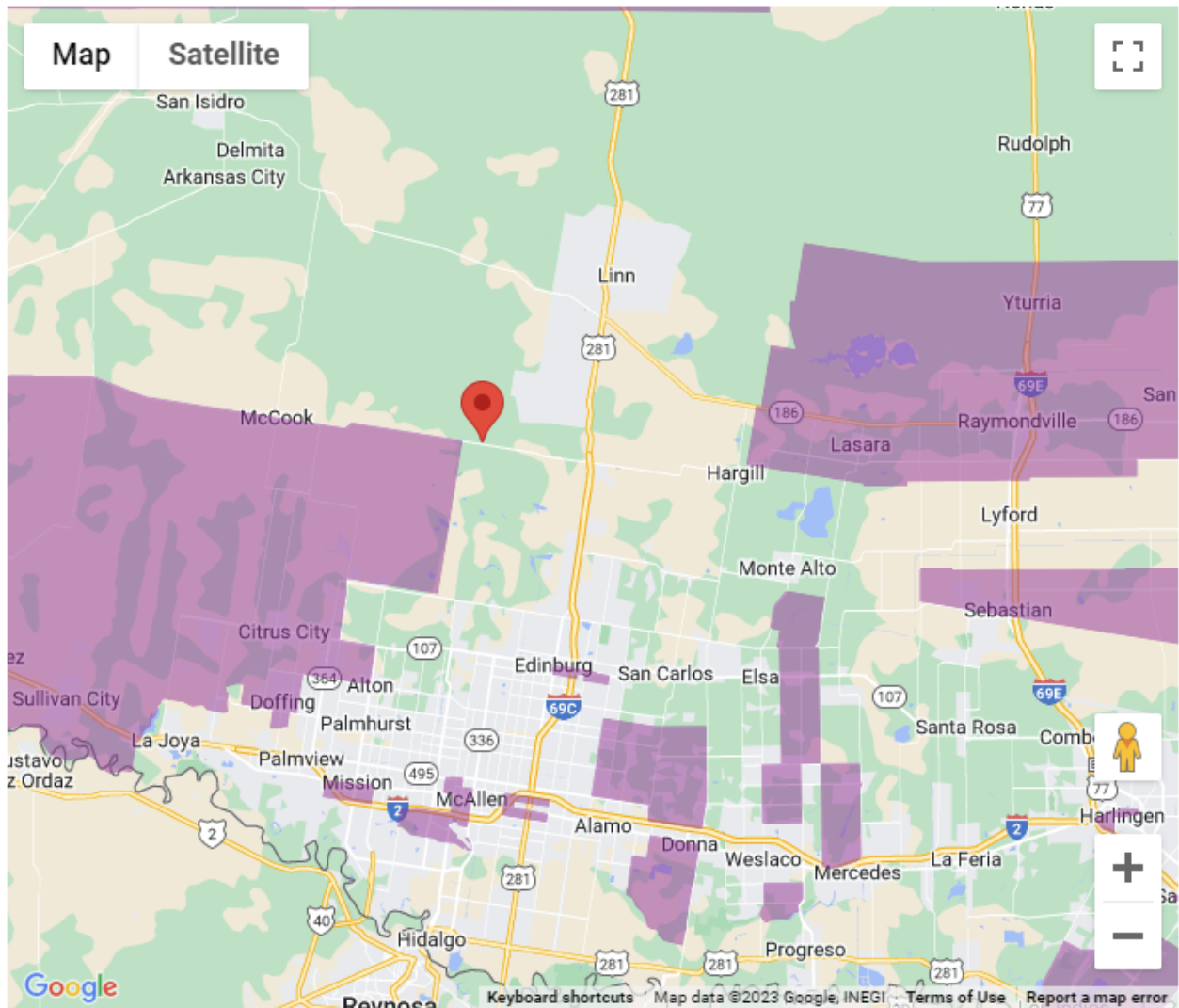
The Treasury has addressed the eligibility standard for capital expenditures, or investments in property, facilities, or equipment...Acquisition of equipment for COVID-19 prevention and treatment, including ventilators, ambulances, and other medical or emergency services equipment.¹

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$195,290.90

¹ Department of the Treasury (n.d.) Federal Register, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (p. 4354)

^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)



Project Description

Project Name:

World Radio Network Lease Agreement

Project Number:

ARPA-21-200-011

Project Department Name:

Information Technology

ARPA Expenditure Category:

5: Infrastructure

ARPA Eligibility Category:

5.21 Broadband: Other projects

Project Description:

This project would consist of a five (5) year lease agreement between Hidalgo County and World Radio Network for the use of a Radio Tower to provide Wi-Fi connectivity as part of the Hidalgo County Public Wi-Fi initiative. The radio tower will assist with County functions and compliance with public health measures related to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency with establishing a Lease of Tower Agreement to mount equipment to provide Wi-Fi connectivity and assist the citizens with distance learning, including technology improvements, as well as improving telework capability.

The COVID–19 public health emergency has underscored the importance of universally available, high-speed, reliable, and affordable broadband coverage as millions of Americans rely on the internet to participate in, among other critical activities, school, healthcare, and work. Recognizing the need for such connectivity, SLFRF funds can be used to make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure that increase access over the long term, as well as the necessary supports to purchase internet access or gain digital literacy skills needed to complete activities of daily living during the pandemic.¹ These commenters recommended that Treasury permit, as assistance to households for internet access, investments in public wi-fi networks, free wi-fi in public housing communities, and other equipment that offers internet access to end users by utilizing existing broadband networks.² Treasury has determined that these services, which expand internet access without constructing new networks, are an appropriate enumerated eligible use as assistance to households to respond to a negative economic impact,

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4361

² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4362



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and they are permitted under the final rule.³

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$40,000.00

³ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4362



Project Description

Project Name:

Courthouse Wi-Fi Project and Telephone Connectivity System

Project Number:

ARPA-21-200-013

Department Name:

Information Technology

ARPA Expenditure Category:

3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

ARPA Eligibility Category:

3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Description:

The Courthouse Wi-Fi and Telephone Connectivity System will ensure the safety of constituents and County employees by establishing reliable communication systems in the newly constructed Hidalgo County Courthouse to comply with COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. The procurement of the telephone and Wi-Fi systems is congruent with Hidalgo County's goal to provide effective delivery of services in light of change in technology, the public's expectations and the area's population and economy.

Treasury also received comments seeking clarification on using funds for investments in data and technology, including whether upgrading government websites to improve community outreach and investing in technologies that support social distancing were eligible uses. Treasury is clarifying that recipients may use SLFRF funds toward the following non-exhaustive list of uses to address the data, evidence, and program administration needs of recipients. Technology infrastructure resources to improve access to and the user experience of government information technology systems, including upgrades to hardware and software as well as improvements to public-facing websites or to data management systems, to increase public access and improve public delivery of government programs and services¹ are eligible expenses.

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$880,749.05

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4388



Project Description

Project Name:

Ultimate Kronos Group - Human Resources Information System

Project Number:

ARPA-22-200-074

Department Name:

Information Technology

ARPA Expenditure Category:

3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

ARPA Eligibility Category:

3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Description:

The Ultimate Kronos Group - Human Resources Information System (UKG - HRIS) project will allow for the procurement and utilization of a comprehensive Human Resources Information System. The UKG-HRIS is a system that provides, among other features, an integrated employee payroll services, scheduler and benefits. The purpose of this project is to create workforce management that is committed to facilitating employee experience. The UKG-HRIS will drastically reduce the need for in-person attestation and, by default, assist with COVID-19 mitigation efforts by allowing online selections to minimize the need for congregate settings.

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Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$2,753,475.50



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Gmail Service Project

Project Number:

ARPA-22-200-083

Precinct/Department Name:

Information Technology

ARPA Expenditure Category Group:

3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

ARPA Expenditure Category:

3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Description:

The Hidalgo County Gmail Service Project will allow Hidalgo County employees access to Google Workspaces which plays a role in protecting county files, digitally sending and receiving emails, and signing official documents, in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Google Workspaces eliminates the need for staff to potentially be at risk of contracting the virus by eliminating the need to physically deliver County documents and agreements to departments, offices, or elected officials during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$1,255,120.00



Project Description

Project Name:

Network Detection and Response System

Project Number:

ARPA-22-200-093

Department Name:

Information Technology

ARPA Expenditure Category Group:

3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

ARPA Expenditure Category:

3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Description:

The purpose of the Network Detection and Response System (NDR) project is to provide visibility into the Hidalgo County network infrastructure on any suspicious and malicious network traffic. The Information Technology Department will utilize the software application to discover all managed and unmanaged devices with insight through a real-time dashboard to provide comprehensive visibility on every connected device and will profile device behavior and risks at a massive scale using Integrated Intrusion Detection System (IDS) and machine learning engine, which has become crucial and essential throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency for the end-users. The proposed outcome is to have full visibility into our network for all network-capable devices in order to secure the data communications on the infrastructure.

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Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$162,000.00