



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Housing Project

Project Number:

ARPA-22-122-098

Program:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Housing Project will be part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Hidalgo County Housing Program.

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 2

ARPA Expenditure Category:

2: Negative Economic Impacts

ARPA Eligibility Category:

2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance*^

Project Description:

The County of Hidalgo precinct 2 will partner with Proyecto Azteca Inc., located at the Corner of Business 83 and Cesar Chavez, San Juan, Texas 78589. Proyecto Azteca is a non-profit self-help construction company that serves low-income families in colonias and other rural areas in Hidalgo County. The Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Project will grant \$500,000.00 to Proyecto Azteca Inc., to implement a new program called “Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Housing Program.” The Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Housing Program will provide funds for minor repairs or rehabilitation of homes for income-eligible applicants. The program will seek to benefit all applicants deemed eligible and funding will carryover to other eligible applicant projects until funds have been extinguished.

Once the application process is complete, an inspection of the house and a determination as to the estimated cost to bring the home up to standard will be done. The evaluation will be completed by a certified home inspector and construction supervisor to determine the costs of repairs and rehabilitation. If the cost of repairs exceeds 100% of the total estimated improved value, a rehabilitation grant would not be eligible under this program, as only minor repairs to the most critical problem can be done. The designated project area is the area of Precinct 2 Hidalgo County, Texas. All assisted units under this program shall be provided in scattered site locations throughout the area of Precinct 2 and need to be in a Qualified Census Tract, QCT.



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The applicant must reside in Hidalgo County Precinct 2 for a minimum of one year prior to receiving assistance. The applicant must occupy the property as a principal residence, they must not sublease the property, and all property taxes must be current and no liens may exist on property.

Community Need Assessment:

The Interim Final Rule states, in assessing whether a household or population experienced economic harm as a result of the pandemic, a recipient may presume that a household or population that experienced unemployment or increased food or housing insecurity, or is low-or moderate-income experienced negative economic impacts resulting from the pandemic.

The investment in the development of housing and home repairs would directly address the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been most acute to residents living in QCT areas and negatively impacted.

Fiscal Impact

Estimated Budget: \$500,000.00

QCT and Low -To moderate Income Analysis

The QCT and low to moderate-income analysis will be conducted on a case-to-case basis upon receipt of applications and registration to the program. The Small Repairs and Rehabilitation Housing Program will require the community to apply to the program to determine eligibility.