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American Rescue Plan Act 2021

Exhibit A - Projects

#	ARPA Project No.	ARPA Project Name	Final Rule Category
1	ARPA-23-115-339	Hidalgo County Technology Modernization	6.1: Provision of Government Services
2	ARPA-23-115-340	Assistance for Hidalgo County Ambulance Response Services	6.1: Provision of Government Services
3	ARPA-23-115-341	Hidalgo County Public Facilities Survey and Maintenance Services	6.1: Provision of Government Services



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Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Technology Modernization

Project Number:

ARPA-23-115-339

Department Name:

Budget and Management

ARPA Expenditure Category:

6: Revenue Replacement

ARPA Eligibility Category:

6.1: Provision of Government Services

Project Description:

The rapidly escalating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic affected technology infrastructure by making it more difficult for government agencies to provide essential services and to execute the delivery of these services. To mitigate these effects, Hidalgo County will implement the Hidalgo County Technology Modernization Project for its departments countywide and aims to increase efficiency, productivity and safety. This project will include but is not limited to new technology application solutions, cybersecurity modernization, and other hardware and software upgrades. Better government systems will permit employees to continue performing essential services for the county and be responsive to the needs of the community.

“Treasury continues to believe that the lists of activities that either are or are not providing government services are accurate but is clarifying here that, generally speaking, services provided by the recipient governments are “government services” under the interim final rule and final rule, unless Treasury has stated otherwise. Government services include, but are not limited to...modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure.”¹

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$500,000.00

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4408



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Project Description

Project Name:

Assistance for Hidalgo County Ambulance Response Services

Project Number:

ARPA-23-115-340

Department Name:

Budget and Management

ARPA Expenditure Category:

6: Revenue Replacement

ARPA Eligibility Category:

6.1: Provision of Government Services

Project Description:

The escalating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic affected and increased the demand for ambulance response services in Hidalgo County, specifically in unincorporated areas and the adult detention facility, which have made it difficult to provide emergency medical services. In response, affected Hidalgo County precincts and the adult detention facility have made first response emergency medical providers available in unincorporated areas and the adult detention facility to ensure the effective delivery of emergency health care services. To continue providing these critical services, Hidalgo County will implement the Assistance for Hidalgo County Ambulance Response Services project which will include the provision of ambulance response and related-services in Hidalgo County to serve its most vulnerable residents in unincorporated areas, the adult detention facility and other areas as needed to ensure access to emergency medical services.

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Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$2,500,000.00

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4408



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Public Facilities Survey and Maintenance Services

Project Number:

ARPA-23-115-341

Department Name:

Facilities Management Department

ARPA Expenditure Category:

6: Revenue Replacement

ARPA Eligibility Category:

6.1: Provision of Government Services

Project Description:

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic affected public facilities, services and safety, making it essential to create and implement mitigation and prevention tactics to limit the spread of COVID-19. Prioritizing health and safety, Hidalgo County took immediate action to ensure that county-owned buildings and facilities were surveyed and that potential problem areas were addressed to meet the diverse needs of both residents and employees. To continue these efforts, Hidalgo County will implement the Hidalgo County Public Facilities Survey and Maintenance Services project, which includes but is not limited to assessment and maintenance services for buildings, recreational facilities, parks, equipment and other necessary provisions to improve the serviceability of infrastructure. These provisions will provide safe and sustainable buildings and facilities which will enable employees to continue performing essential services for Hidalgo County residents.

As described in guidance and the interim final rule, SLFRF funds may be used to address administrative needs of recipient governments that were caused or exacerbated by the pandemic. Guidance following the interim final rule included several examples of this.... This also includes using funds for increased repair or maintenance needs to respond to significantly greater use of public facilities during the pandemic (e.g., increased use of parks resulting in damage or increased need for maintenance).¹

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4388-43899



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Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$250,000.00

² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4408