



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

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## **Project Description**

**Project Name:**

Assistance to Valley Grande Institute Nursing Program

**Project Number:**

ARPA-22-110-053

**Program:**

The Assistance to Valley Grande Institute Nursing Program will be part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Healthcare Professionals Program.

**Department Name:**

Hidalgo County Judge's Office

**ARPA Expenditure Category:**

1: Public Health

**ARPA Eligibility Category:**

1.14: Other Public Health Services^

**Project Description:**

The Assistance to Valley Grande Institute Nursing Program intends to respond to the public health crisis by investing in the Valley Grande Institute Nursing program which produces healthcare professionals. The ongoing pandemic has shown healthcare professionals, especially nurses, continue to be in high demand due to shortages in faculty members at local nursing programs. The project aims to utilize ARPA Relief Funds to assist in obtaining supplemental faculty positions and expand class sizes. This investment will also assist in providing the necessary resources for training future nurses and assistance in COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

Furthermore, this project is in alignment with the Healthcare Professionals program, which has as an objective to assist local institutions in recruitment and retention of faculty and students. Assistance to Valley Grande Institute will allow the County of Hidalgo to address the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and any future public health emergencies more effectively.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Estimated Budget: \$234,209.26