



## Project Description

**Project Name:**

Facilities Management Building Retrofit Project

**Project Number:**

ARPA-23-125-332

**Department Name:**

Facilities Management Department

**ARPA Expenditure Category:**

6: Revenue Replacement

**ARPA Eligibility Category:**

6.1: Provision of Government Services

**Project Description:**

The facilities management retrofit project consists of improvements to the new location for the Hidalgo County Facilities Management Building to be in compliance with the health guidelines throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency. This will include, but is not limited to, interior and exterior improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment and other necessary expenses to ensure employee health and safety in the workplace. These provisions will provide a safe and sustainable building and will enable employees to continue performing essential services related to maintenance infrastructure of all county-owned buildings.

To comply with the COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, the recent acquisition of the Hidalgo County Facilities Management Building, located at 1920 Industrial Drive, Edinburg, TX, 78542, requires additional renovations to be in compliance with health and safety guidelines outlined by the CDC and ARPA requirements. Retrofits include, but are not limited to, adequate space to adhere to social distancing guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

...the interim final rule provided an extensive list of enumerated eligible uses to prevent and mitigate COVID-19 and made clear that the public health response to the virus is expected to continue to evolve over time, necessitating different uses of funds. Enumerated eligible uses of funds in this category included:<sup>1</sup> ...capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic

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<sup>1</sup> Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4352



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operational needs, such as physical plant improvements to public hospitals and health clinics or adaptations to public buildings to implement COVID–19 mitigation tactics.<sup>2</sup> : 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, maintenance or pay-go funded building of infrastructure...<sup>3</sup>

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

Estimated Budget: \$905,685.00

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<sup>2</sup> Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4353

<sup>3</sup> Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4408