



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

Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 3 El Paraiso Community Resource Center

Project Number:

ARPA-22-123-075

Precinct/Department Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 3

ARPA Expenditure Category:

2: Negative Economic Impacts

ARPA Eligibility Category:

2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)*^

Project Description:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 3 El Paraiso Community Resource Center (CRC) intends to utilize ARPA Relief funds to construct a community resource center located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) area. The CRC's objective is to respond to the negative effects that the pandemic has exacerbated in terms of unemployed and underemployed community members. The Community Resource Center would provide learning opportunities, training and other related services (special lectures, guest speakers, career fairs, counseling, etc.) to all community members within the vicinity of the center. The programs are intended to improve the opportunities of the disadvantaged and most vulnerable Hidalgo County Community members during and after the COVID-19 public health emergency through assistance to unemployed workers including job training, rehiring efforts, and childcare assistance to assist in the reduction of the unemployment rate within the community.

In addition to programs and services, the final rule clarifies that recipients may use funds for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response.¹ In the Final Rule, Commenters also requested use of funds for capital expenditures that support community needs apart from health care, such as new construction or improvements to schools, affordable housing (beyond presumed disproportionately impacted communities), childcare facilities, and community centers.² The Treasury is also enumerating that job and workforce

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4339

² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4389

training centers are eligible capital expenditures...³

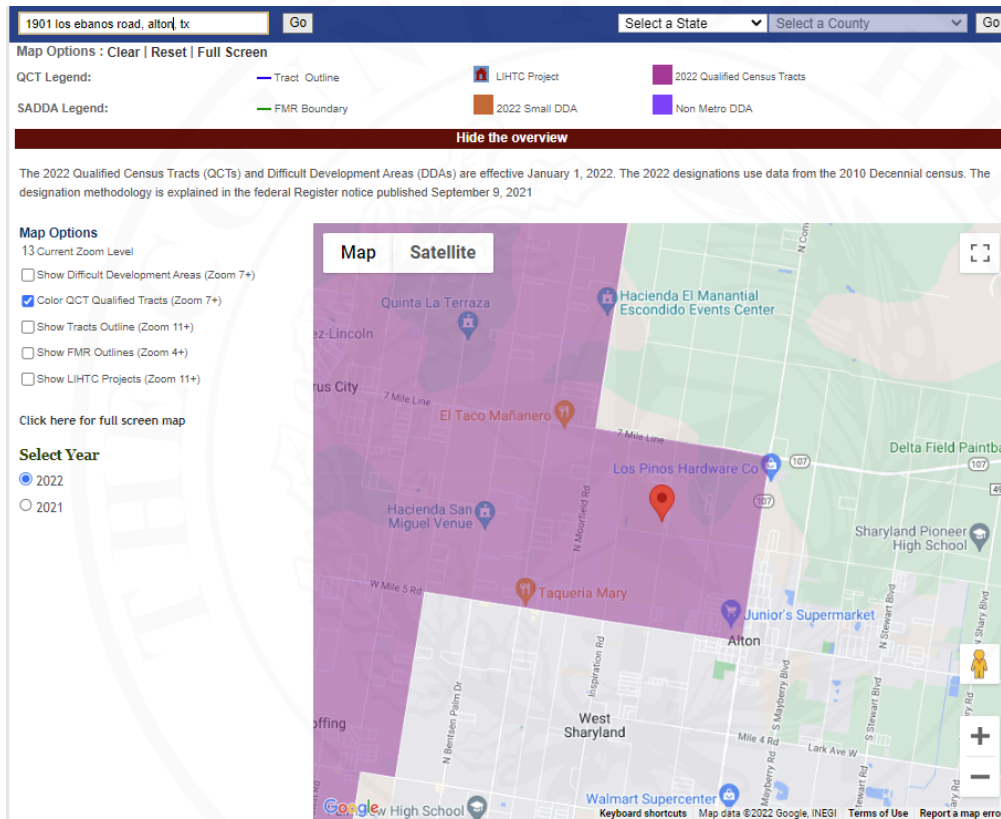
Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$5,000,000.00

*Evidence-Based:

<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/take-action-to-improve-health/what-works-for-health/strategies/adult-vocational-training>

^Below is the 2022 Qualified Census Tract Analysis for El Paraiso Community Resource Center which is located at 1901 N. Los Ebanos Rd. Alton, Texas, 78573, within a QCT area.



Source: Office of Policy Development and Research 2021 and 2022 Small Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) and Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)

³ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4369