



## **Project Description**

**Project Name:**

Hidalgo County Edinburg Pulmonary Health Center Improvements Project

**Project Number:**

ARPA-24-340-351

**Program Name:**

Hidalgo County Edinburg Pulmonary Health Center Improvements Project will be a part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Expanding Access to Healthcare Program.

**Department Name:**

Hidalgo County Health Department

**ARPA Expenditure Category:**

1: Public Health

**ARPA Eligibility Category:**

1.14: Other Public Health Services<sup>^</sup>

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The purpose of the Hidalgo County Edinburg Pulmonary Health Center Improvements Project is to expand health care capacity and meet community pandemic-related needs. Operational needs can be met through renovations to the existing building. Furthermore, efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic through this clinic include, but are not limited to, vaccination programs, medical care, testing, and support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services. The Hidalgo County Edinburg Pulmonary Health Center is located at 1304 S. 25th Ave., Edinburg, TX, 78539. Improvements will include but are not limited to outdoor mitigation structures and door access systems to protect physical assets and ensure safety. These provisions will provide a safe and sustainable environment and enable employees to continue performing essential services for the residents of Hidalgo County to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, TB and other communicable/infectious diseases.

The Final Rule states that 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.<sup>1</sup> Treasury enumerates that the following projects are examples of eligible capital expenditures...capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs, such as physical plant improvements to public hospitals and health clinics or adaptations to public buildings to implement COVID–19 mitigation tactics. These enumerated

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



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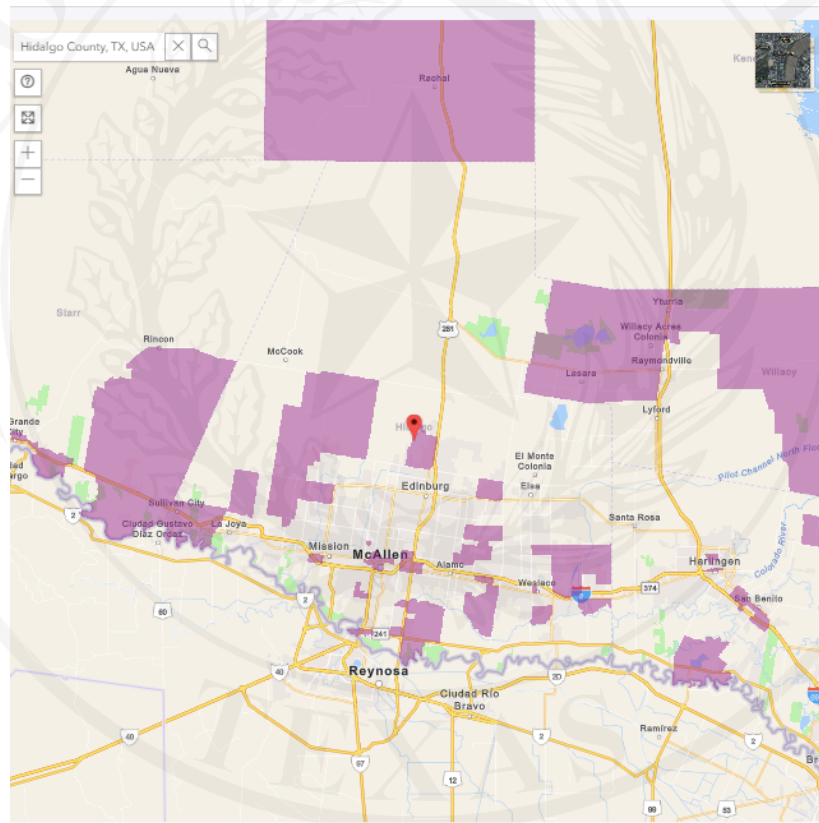
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uses are consistent with guidance from public health authorities, including the CDC.<sup>2</sup> In the final rule, to further decrease administrative burden and enhance recipient flexibility, Treasury is allowing recipients to also presume that low-income households were disproportionately impacted. Treasury anticipates that adding low-income households as a presumed eligible population will maintain targeting of funds to populations and communities most likely to have experienced severe pandemic impacts, while providing a more flexible approach for recipients.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

Estimated Budget: \$97,828.43

^Below is the Qualified Census Tract Analysis for Hidalgo County.



Source: Office of Policy Development and Research [2023 and 2024 Small Difficult Development Areas \(DDAs\) and Qualified Census Tracts \(QCTs\)](#)

<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. 4441