



## **Project Description**

**Project Name:**

Hidalgo County Precinct 1 City of Weslaco Judge Gilbert Garza Park Equipment

**Project Number:**

ARPA-24-121-354

**Program:**

The Hidalgo County Precinct 1 City of Weslaco Judge Gilbert Garza Park Equipment Project will be part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Recreational Development Program.

**Department Name:**

Hidalgo County Precinct 1

**ARPA Expenditure Category:**

2: Negative Economic Impacts

**ARPA Eligibility Category:**

2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety<sup>^</sup>

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The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear that parks are crucial to a community's quality of life. People turned to parks for fresh air, exercise and solace from pandemic-related stressors. The Hidalgo County Precinct 1 City of Weslaco Judge Gilbert Garza Park Equipment project will create safe spaces that will promote health and safety outcomes for its residents by providing healthy play, wellness, and recreation areas to help mitigate the ongoing effects of COVID-19. The playground equipment for the Judge Gilbert Garza Park, 320 E. Mile 11 N. Rd, Weslaco, TX, 78596, will directly benefit an underserved community as it is located near a qualified census tract (QCT), 1.1 miles away, and is in a low-to-moderate area. The project includes but is not limited to park equipment, amenities, supplies, materials, and other necessary provisions to enable installation. These neighborhood features will respond "to the needs of disproportionately impacted communities by promoting healthier living environments."<sup>1</sup>

Treasury recognizes the connection between neighborhood built environment and physical health outcomes as discussed in the research and analysis provided by commenters, including risk factors that may have contributed to disproportionate COVID-19 health impacts in low-income communities. The final rule includes enumerated eligible uses in disproportionately impacted communities for developing neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes, such as parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian safety features like crosswalks, projects that increase access to healthy foods, streetlights,

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<sup>1</sup> Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4372



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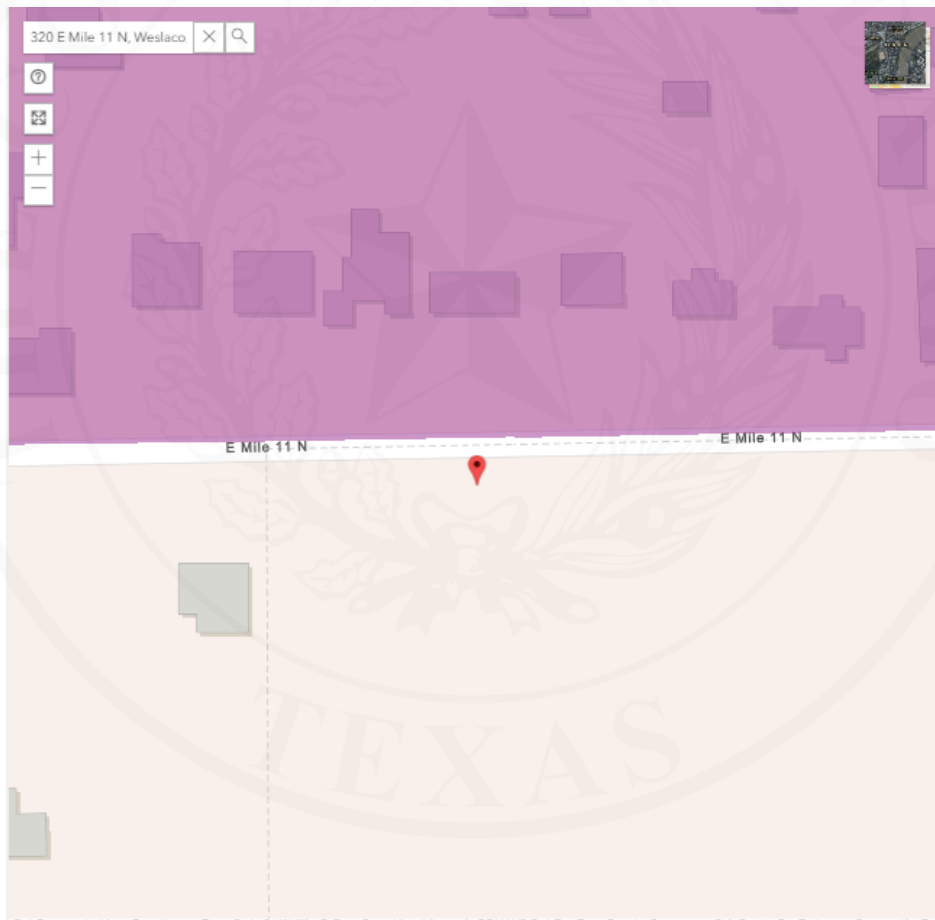
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neighborhood cleanup, and other projects to revitalize public spaces.<sup>2</sup> In the final rule, to further decrease administrative burden and enhance recipient flexibility, Treasury is allowing recipients to also presume that low-income households 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: \$150,000.00

^Below is the 2023 Qualified Census Tract Analysis for Judge Gilbert Garza Park, 320 E. Mile 11 N. Rd, Weslaco, TX, 78596.



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<sup>2</sup> Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4373

<sup>3</sup> Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4441



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

[https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda\\_qct.html](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda_qct.html)

Below is the Low to Moderate Information for 320 E. Mile 11 N. Rd, Weslaco, TX, 78596.

### LMISD by Block Group: Block Group 3, Census Tract 225.01, Hidalgo County, Texas

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Source	2015ACS
geoname	Block Group 3, Census Tract 225.01, Hidalgo County, Texas
Stusab	TX
Countyname	Hidalgo County
State	48
County	215
Tract	022501
Blckgrp	3
Low	1360
Lowmod	1890
Lmmi	2195
Lowmoduniv	2690
Lowmod_pct	70.26
ucLowmod	
ucLowmod_p	0.00
MOE_Lowmod	+/-21.71
MOE_ucLowm	