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Exhibit A - Budget Amendments

#	ARPA Project No.	ARPA Project Name	Prior Budget	New Budget
1	23-115-339	Hidalgo County Technology Modernization	\$1,607,076.00	\$4,000,000.00
2	21-125-015	McColl Building Retrofits	\$715,000.00	\$2,715,000.00
3	23-125-332	Hidalgo County Facilities Management Retrofit Project	\$1,055,685.00	\$1,305,685.00
4	22-121-046	Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Delta Region Stormwater Project	\$11,500,000.00	\$8,500,000.00
5	21-121-037	Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Hike and Bike Trail	\$6,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Technology Modernization

Project Number:

ARPA-23-115-339

Department Name:

Budget and Management

ARPA Expenditure Category:

3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

ARPA Eligibility Category:

3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Project Description:

The rapidly escalating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic affected technology infrastructure by making it more difficult for government agencies to provide essential services and to execute the delivery of these services. To mitigate these effects, Hidalgo County will implement the Hidalgo County Technology Modernization Project for its departments countywide and aims to increase efficiency, productivity and safety. This project will include but is not limited to new technology application solutions, cybersecurity modernization, and other hardware and software upgrades. Better government systems will permit employees to continue performing essential services for the county and be responsive to the needs of the community.

Treasury also received comments seeking clarification on using funds for investments in data and technology, including whether upgrading government websites to improve community outreach and investing in technologies that support social distancing were eligible uses. Treasury is clarifying that recipients may use SLFRF funds toward the following non-exhaustive list of uses to address the data, evidence, and program administration needs of recipients. Technology infrastructure resources to improve access to and the user experience of government information technology systems, including upgrades to hardware and software as well as improvements to public-facing websites or to data management systems, to increase public access and improve public delivery of government programs and services are eligible expenses.¹

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$4,000,000.00

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4488



Project Description

Project Name:

McColl Building Retrofits

Project Number:

ARPA-21-125-015

Department Name:

Executive Office

ARPA Expenditure Category:

6: Revenue Replacement

ARPA Eligibility Category:

6.1: Provision of Government Services

Project Description:

The McColl Building Retrofits project consists of facility improvements to the Hidalgo County Administration Building to be in compliance with health guidelines throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency. This will include both interior and exterior modifications included but not limited to additions for social distancing and exterior improvements to lock out moisture and corrosive chemicals and help with insulation. Features such as these will provide a safe and sustainable building and will enable employees to continue performing essential services.

To comply with COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, the recent acquisition of the McColl Building located at 505 S. McColl Road, Edinburg, TX 78539, 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.

As per the State and local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule, Government services can include, but are not limited to, maintenance or pay-go funding building.¹

Fiscal Impact: \$2,715,000.00

¹ Department of the Treasury (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4408



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:¹ ...capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic

¹ 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.² : 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...³

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$1,305,685.00

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

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



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Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Delta Region Stormwater Project

Project Number:

ARPA-22-121-046

Program Name:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Delta Region Stormwater Project will be part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Stormwater System Improvement Program.

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 1

ARPA Expenditure Category:

5. Infrastructure

ARPA Eligibility Category:

5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Description:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Delta Reclamation Stormwater Project is a regional mitigation project that will provide flood control for the most populated areas of Hidalgo County and establish a process to reclaim the water for municipal and irrigation use. Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Delta Reclamation Project is proposed to be constructed in three phases and includes an off-line stormwater detention reservoir and treatment facility. Efficient sewage services directly translate into a healthier community by providing clean water and avoiding potential environmental disasters. These basic needs are critical to the health and ability to work and learn of low-income minorities.

As per the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds FAQ document, in question 6.15, recipients are able to use ARPA funds for road repairs and upgrades directly related to an eligible water or sewer project. Efficient sewage services directly translate into a healthier community by providing clean water and avoiding potential environmental disasters. These basic needs are critical to the health and ability to work and learn of the residents of the County of Hidalgo, particularly for the disadvantaged and low-income minorities.

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$8,500,000.00



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Hike & Bike Trail Project

Project Number:

ARPA-21-121-037

Program Name:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Hike & Bike Trail 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[^]

Project Description:

Hidalgo County Precinct 1 is planning on developing a Hike & Bike Trail in their Mid-Valley area that will pass by the Cities of Mercedes, Weslaco, Donna, Alamo, and Pharr. The Precinct 1 Hike & Bike Trail is designed to build stronger neighborhoods and communities and address health disparities and the social determinants of health.

Treasury's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) Interim Final Rule recognizes parks, hike & bike trails and other recreational spaces as methods of creating stronger communities, addressing social determinants of health and confronting public health disparities.

Need Assessment:

The purpose of the Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Hike & Bike Trail is congruent with the overall objective of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Recreational Development Program, which is to improve the accessibility and function of recreational spaces to constituents living in, near and around Qualified Census Tract areas.

By creating access to more recreational space together with park amenities including but not limited to lighting, park benches, and exercise equipment, the hike and bike trails are intended to provide outdoor recreational spaces that will be responsive to the needs of disproportionately impacted communities by promoting healthier living environments and socialization which



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helps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 throughout and beyond the ongoing public health emergency.

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$4,000,000.00

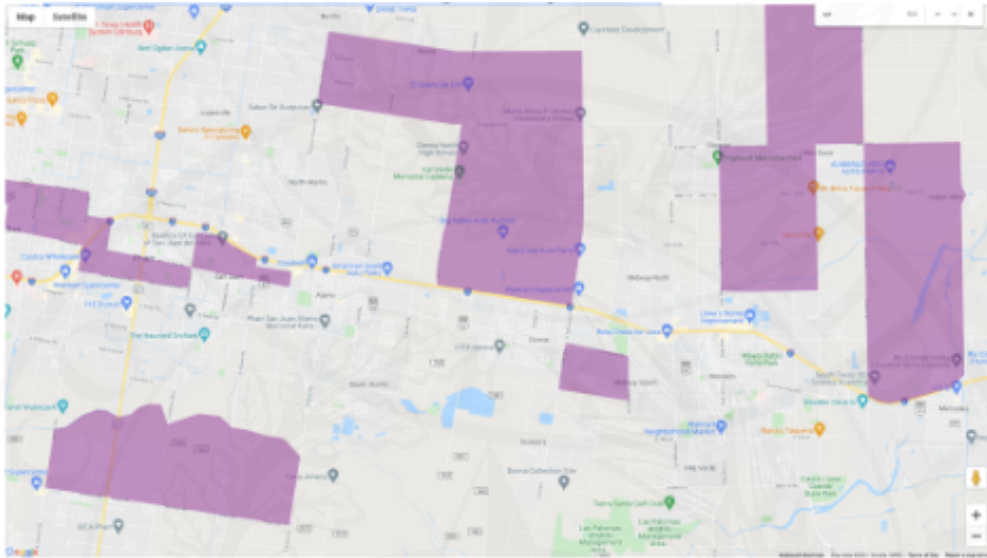
Proposed Hike and Bike Trail Map





^QCT Preliminary Analysis

- Precinct 1 Hike & Bike Trail QCT Analysis 2021



- Precinct 1 Hike & Bike Trail QCT Analysis 2022

