



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Wellness, Activity, and Community Center (WACC)

Project Number:

ARPA-24-121-358

Program Name:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Wellness, Activity, and Community Center (WACC) 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[^]

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The COVID-19 Pandemic has not only affected the populations worldwide due to the morbidity and mortality associated with COVID-19 but it has also acted as a physical, mental, and social contagion. Hidalgo County Precinct 1 residents, too, are faced with the same challenges as these disruptions have yet to be alleviated. The development of the Wellness, Activity, and Community Center (WACC), located at 1901 N. Bridge Ave., Weslaco, TX 78599 will aid in providing a safe space for all residents to actively participate in their health journey. This facility will be strategically located in a low to moderate income area. The recreation center will also provide learning, growing and developmental opportunities for residents to equip them with the proper instruments and support long-term health goals while fostering community engagement and cohesion. In addition, the center will offer a diverse range of programming tailored to individuals of all ages and abilities, including fitness classes, recreational activities, wellness workshops, and social events in collaboration with partners that include but are not limited to the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services, City of Weslaco, Hidalgo County Juvenile Justice Center and Weslaco ISD in response to the negative impacts of COVID-19. Personnel costs will also be included to ensure center implementation and operation.

Treasury included as an enumerated eligible use in disproportionately impacted communities projects to develop 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, neighborhood cleanup,



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and other projects to revitalize public spaces.¹ 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.²

Fiscal Impact: \$6,562,485.00

^Low to Moderate-Income Area Data for Proposed Location: 1901 N. Bridge Ave., Weslaco, TX 78599

LMISD by Place: Weslaco city

GEOID	4877272
NAME	Weslaco city
PLACE_TYPE	Incorporated City/Town
STATE	48
STUSAB	TX
LOW	12,260.00
LOWMOD	19,620.00
LMMI	26,485.00
LOWMODUNIV	37,965.00
LOWMOD_PCT	51.68
UCLOWMOD	
UCLOWMOD_P	0.00

Source: HUD Exchange Low and Moderate Income Survey Data (LMISD) Map Application (<https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ffd0597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd>)

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4373

² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4441