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Exhibit A - Budget Amendments

#	ARPA Project No.	ARPA Project Name	Prior Budget	New Budget
	22-124-049	Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Mile 17 Rd Stormwater Project	\$741,239.64	\$752,657.14
	23-115-339	Hidalgo County Technology Modernization	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,096,628.00
	23-123-328	Hidalgo County Precinct 3 5K Mansion Linear Park	\$1,750,000.00	\$2,703,400.61
	24-121-362	Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Sunrise Hill Park Improvements	\$343,000.00	\$1,743,000.00



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Mile 17 Rd Stormwater Project

Project Number:

ARPA-22-124-049

Program:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Mile 17 Rd Stormwater Project will be part of the Hidalgo County Stormwater System Improvement Program.

Precinct/Department Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 4

ARPA Expenditure Category:

5. Infrastructure 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

ARPA Eligibility Category:

5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Description:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Mile 17 Rd Stormwater Project will manage and reduce stormwater for the project area. The project is located along Mile 17 and Terry Road from Alamo Road to the North Branch Drain. Project consists of a pipe network with inlets improvements and roadside grading from Alamo Road due east along Mile 17 Road with an ultimate outfall into the North Branch Drain system. Inlets will be placed throughout the project limits along with roadside grading to manage stormwater during and after rain events.

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: \$752,657.14



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: \$3,096,628.00

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



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 3 5K Mansion Linear Park Trail

Project Number:

ARPA-23-123-328

Program Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 3 5K Mansion Linear Park Trail Project will be part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Recreational Development Program.

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 3

ARPA Expenditure Category:

2: Negative Economic Impacts

ARPA Eligibility Category:

2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety[^]

Project Description:

The spread of COVID-19 resulted in widespread social distancing measures. Outdoor activities pose a lower risk of spread and provide opportunities for physical activity that may help improve overall well-being. The Hidalgo County Precinct 3 5K Mansion Linear Trail Project aims to build stronger communities through investing in neighborhood development by utilizing existing resources (Drainage District, Moorfield Road ROW, Mansion property) to construct a 5 kilometer trail. The trail will include exercise stations, rest stops and other features that encourage physical exercise as this is already a venue for walk/run races and events and passes next to three public schools which will provide easy access for school exercise programs or events. This trail will service a larger portion of the Hidalgo County community and provide safe recreational spaces for constituents living in, near and around Low and Moderate Income (LMI) locations, and support people's physical, social, emotional, and mental health.

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.¹ 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. As such, neighborhood features that promote

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4441



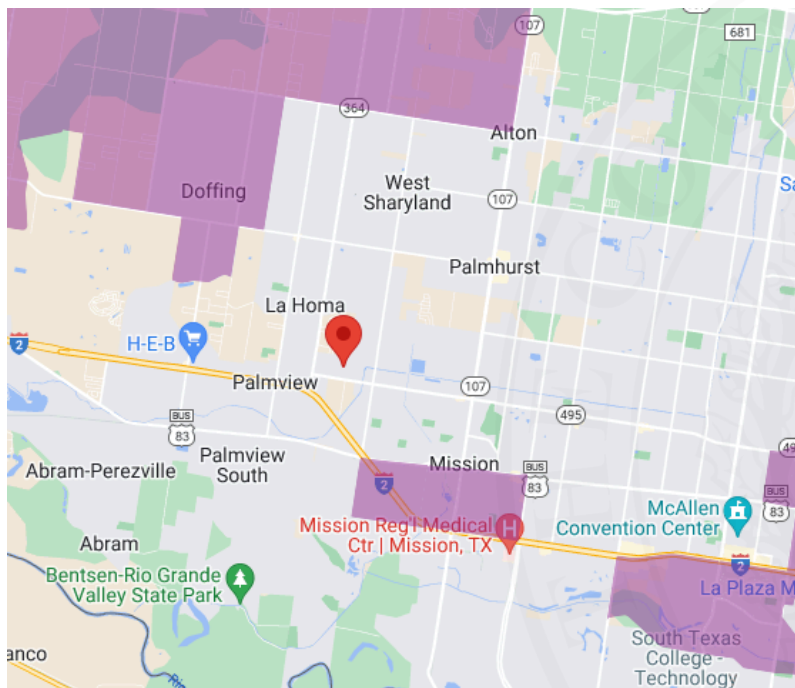
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improved health and safety outcomes respond to the preexisting disparities that contributed to COVID-19's disproportionate impacts on low-income communities. The final rule includes enumerated eligible uses in disproportionately impacted communities 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, neighborhood cleanup, and other projects to revitalize public spaces.²

Fiscal Impact: \$2,703,400.61

^Below is the 2023 Qualified Census Tract Analysis for various sections of the 5K Mansion Linear Park Trail



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

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



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Below is the Low to Moderate Analysis for three locations where the trail will run through.

Location 1: 724 Breyfogle, Mission, TX, 78572

LMISD by Block Group: Block Group 3, Census Tract 202.02, Hidalgo County, Texas

Source	2015ACS
geoname	Block Group 3, Census Tract 202.02, Hidalgo County, Texas
Stusab	TX
Countyname	Hidalgo County
State	48
County	215
Tract	020202
Blckgrp	3
Low	880
Lowmod	1300
Lmmi	2090
Lowmoduniv	2570
Lowmod_pct	50.58
ucLowmod	
ucLowmod_p	0.00
MOE_Lowmod	+/-12.96
MOE_ucLowm	



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Location 2: 2218 Moorefield, Mission, TX, 78572

LMISD by Block Group: Block Group 3, Census Tract 202.02, Hidalgo County, Texas

Source	2015ACS
geoname	Block Group 3, Census Tract 202.02, Hidalgo County, Texas
Stusab	TX
Countyname	Hidalgo County
State	48
County	215
Tract	020202
Blckgrp	3
Low	880
Lowmod	1300
Lmmi	2090
Lowmoduniv	2570
Lowmod_pct	50.58
ucLowmod	
ucLowmod_p	0.00
MOE_Lowmod	+/-12.96
MOE_ucLowm	



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Location 3: 2401 Moorefield, Mission, TX, 78574

LMISD by Block Group: Block Group 1, Census Tract 202.02, Hidalgo County, Texas

Source	2015ACS
geoname	Block Group 1, Census Tract 202.02, Hidalgo County, Texas
Stusab	TX
Countyname	Hidalgo County
State	48
County	215
Tract	020202
Blckgrp	1
Low	990
Lowmod	1230
Lmmi	1835
Lowmoduniv	2860
Lowmod_pct	43.01
ucLowmod	
ucLowmod_p	0.00
MOE_Lowmod	+/-12.76
MOE_ucLowm	



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Sunrise Hill Park Improvements

Project Number:

ARPA-24-121-362

Program:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Sunrise Hill Park Improvements 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:

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 Sunrise Hill Park is in need of improvements. The project will directly benefit this underserved community as the park, located at 5230 Mile 11 N, Mercedes, TX, 78570, is in a qualified census tract area. The Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Sunrise Hill Park Improvements Project aims to 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 project includes but is not limited to professional services, park equipment, amenities, safety features, supplies, materials, and other necessary provisions.

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,



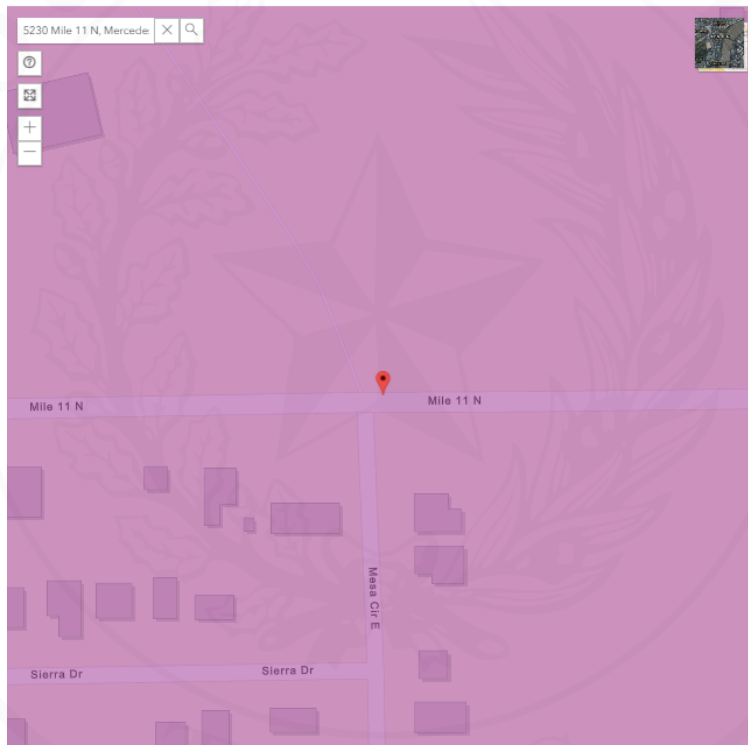
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neighborhood cleanup, and other projects to revitalize public spaces.¹ In the final rule, to further decrease administrative burden and enhance recipient flexibility, Treasury is allowing recipients to also presume that low-income households were disproportionately 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: \$1,743,000.00

^Below is the 2024 Qualified Census Tract Analysis for Sunrise Hill Park, located at 5230 Mile 11 N, Mercedes, TX, 78570.



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

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