



## **Project Description**

**Project Name:**

Assistance to the City of Weslaco - Airport Stormwater Improvements

**Project Number:**

ARPA-24-110-361

**Department Name:**

Hidalgo County Judge's Office.

**ARPA Expenditure Category:**

5: Infrastructure

**ARPA Eligibility Category:**

5.6: Clean Water: Stormwater

**Project Description:**

The area located at 1909 Joe Stephens Ave., Weslaco, TX, 78599, was impacted by the 2018 flood specifically blocking access to Joe Stephens and Airport Drive which hindered emergency operations. The airport was the base for vaccines, medical resources, sanitizing supplies and transport for medical personnel during the COVID-19 public health emergency and continues to provide similar services. The City of Weslaco is requesting assistance to address stormwater deficiencies and improve stormwater infrastructure. This project will address the inadequate stormwater systems that cause flooding, the spread of diseases, and eroded roads during the rainy season thereby increasing community quality of life in response to the negative impacts of COVID-19.

Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure all involve the provision of essential services to residents, businesses, and other consumers. As the pandemic has made clear, access to broadband has itself become essential for individuals and businesses to participate in education, commerce, work, and civic matters and to receive health care and social services.<sup>1</sup> The Treasury states that CWSRF includes a broad range of stormwater infrastructure projects, and as such these projects were eligible under the interim final rule and continue to be eligible under the final rule. These projects include gray infrastructure projects, such as traditional pipe, storage, and treatment systems. Projects that manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or

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<sup>1</sup>Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4410



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subsurface drainage water are also eligible, including real-time control systems for combined sewer overflow management, and sediment control.<sup>2</sup>

**Fiscal Impact:** \$750,000.00



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<sup>2</sup> Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4413-4414