



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Facilities Improvements Project

Project Number:

ARPA-24-115-372

Department Name:

Budget and Management

ARPA Expenditure Category:

6: Revenue Replacement

ARPA Eligibility Category:

6.1: Provision of Government Services

Project Description:

The Hidalgo County Facilities Improvements Project consists of modifications and improvements to be in compliance with the health guidelines throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency for county owned buildings throughout Hidalgo County. This will include, but is not limited to, interior and exterior improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment and other necessary expenses to ensure employee, public, and resident health and safety in the facilities. County owned buildings will be assessed, identified and reported as work is performed. Amid COVID-19, these provisions will provide a safe and sustainable building and will enable employees to guide and develop residents throughout the necessary treatment programs.

To comply with the COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, several Hidalgo County buildings require 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: \$1,500,000.00

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