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Exhibit A - Budget Amendments

#	ARPA Project No.	ARPA Project Name	Prior Budget	New Budget
1	22-340-052	Hidalgo County COVID-19 Testing Efforts	\$845,000.00	\$795,000.00
2	22-340-055	Hidalgo County COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts Project	\$2,835,085.60	\$3,160,085.60
3	22-340-056	Hidalgo County Personal Protective Equipment	\$700,000.00	\$675,000.00
4	23-340-325	Hidalgo County Edinburg Health Center Improvements Project	\$153,961.81	\$149,958.44
5	23-340-326	Hidalgo County Weslaco Health Center Improvements Project	\$90,000.00	\$87,992.13
6	23-340-330	La Mansion Health Clinic Improvement Project	\$5,150,000.00	\$4,150,000.00
7	23-115-339	Hidalgo County Technology Modernization	\$3,096,628.00	\$5,310,905.00
8	24-340-352	McAllen Health Center Improvements Project	\$715,000.00	\$1,788,440.49
9	24-121-358	Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Wellness, Activity, and Community Center	\$6,887,485.00	\$7,037,485.00



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County COVID-19 Testing Efforts

Project Number:

ARPA-22-340-052

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Health Department

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.2: COVID-19 Testing^

Project Description:

The COVID-19 Testing Efforts will permit the County of Hidalgo to continue its testing efforts for its residents, primarily for the disadvantaged and most vulnerable Hidalgo County community members. This project will include necessary provisions and essential supplies including but not limited to personnel, equipment and other services to aid with the demand for increased testing and contact tracing. This will allow Hidalgo County to accurately track COVID-19 cases, utilize testing rates and results for COVID-19 communication with county's residents in terms of COVID-19 protocols, and slow the spread of COVID-19 within its community.

In the final rule, Treasury is maintaining an expansive list of enumerated eligible uses to mitigate and prevent COVID–19, given the wide-ranging activities that governments may take to further these goals, including “other public health responses.” Treasury is further clarifying that when providing COVID–19 prevention and mitigation services, recipients can identify the impacted population as the general public.¹ Recognizing the broad range of services and programming needed to contain 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: Vaccination programs; medical care; testing; contact tracing; support for isolation or quarantine; supports

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4353

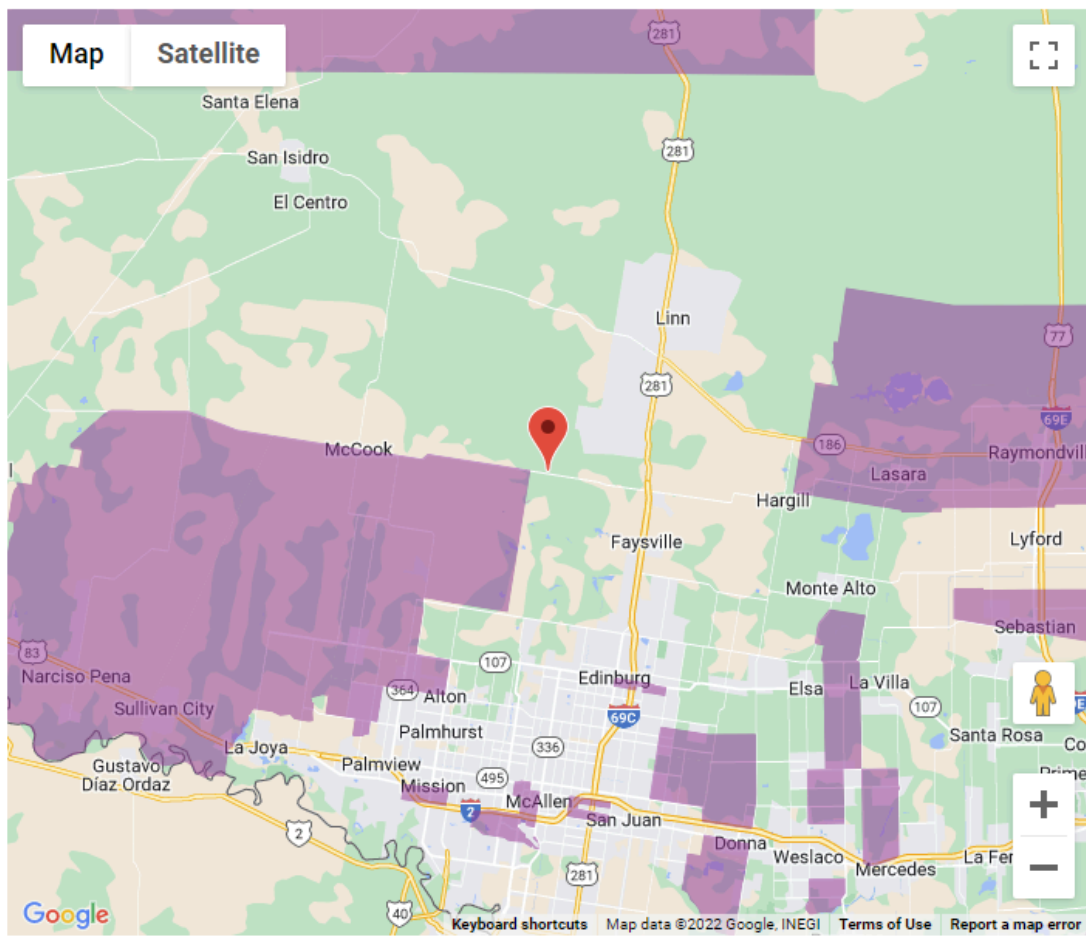


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for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services; public health surveillance (e.g., monitoring case trends, genomic sequencing for variants).²

Fiscal Impact: \$795,000.00

^Below is the Qualified Census Tract Analysis for Hidalgo County.



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

Initiatives Include:

- Warehouse Forklift
- Equipment/Supplies

² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4352



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts Project

Project Number:

ARPA-22-340-055

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Health Department

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.1: COVID-19 Vaccination ^

Project Description:

The COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts project will permit the County of Hidalgo to continue its vaccination initiatives for its residents, primarily for the disadvantaged and most vulnerable Hidalgo County community members. The project will include necessary provisions and essential supplies including but not limited to, syringes, medication, medical supplies, employing personnel, vaccination campaigns, and other services, which are crucial when administering the COVID-19 vaccine and implementing systems and procedures to facilitate documentation maintenance and recording during and after the public health emergency. The project will allow the County of Hidalgo to continue its efforts in the mitigation of COVID-19.

Accordingly, the final rule presumes that the general public are impacted by and eligible for services to respond to COVID–19 mitigation and prevention needs, as well as behavioral health needs.¹ Recognizing the broad range of services and programming needed to contain 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: Vaccination programs; medical care; testing; contact tracing; support for isolation or quarantine; supports for vulnerable populations to access medical or

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4347

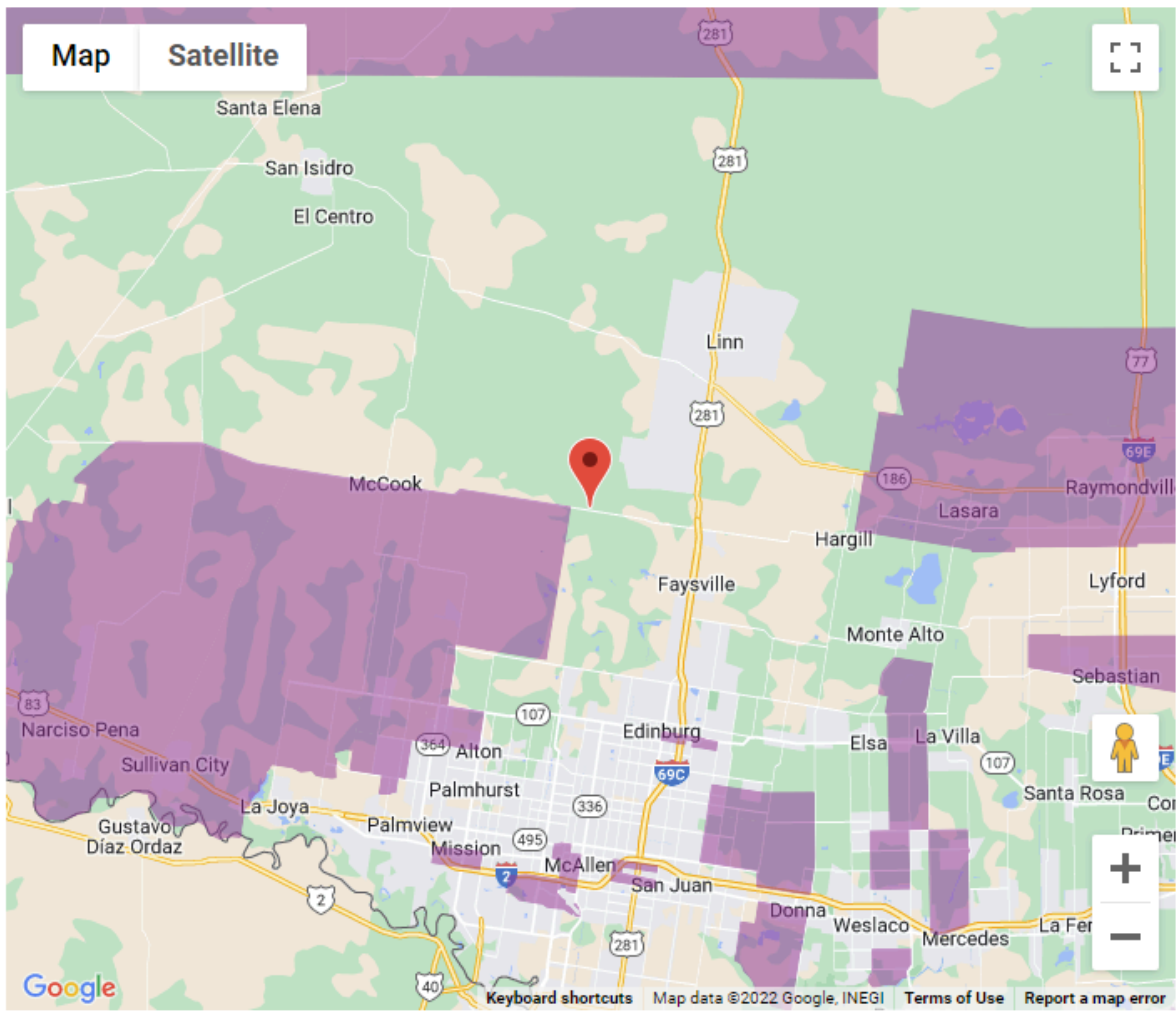


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public health services; public health surveillance (e.g., monitoring case trends, genomic sequencing for variants).²

Fiscal Impact: \$3,160,085.60

^Below is the Qualified Census Tract Analysis for Hidalgo County.



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. 4352

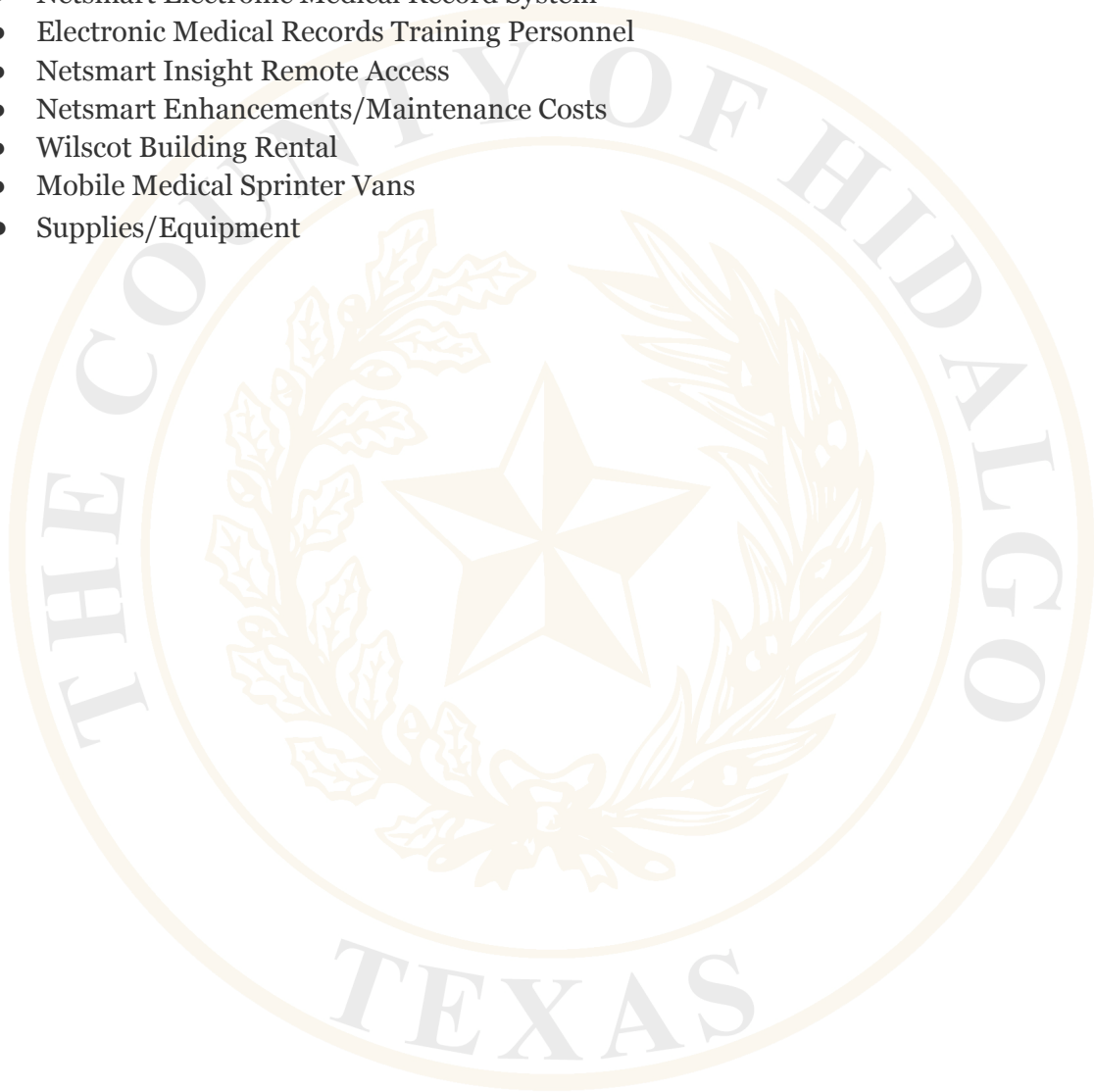


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Initiatives Include:

- Vaccination Healthcare Staffing Services
- Netsmart Technologies Expansion Modules
- Netsmart Electronic Medical Record System
- Electronic Medical Records Training Personnel
- Netsmart Insight Remote Access
- Netsmart Enhancements/Maintenance Costs
- Wilscot Building Rental
- Mobile Medical Sprinter Vans
- Supplies/Equipment





Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Personal Protective Equipment

Project Number:

ARPA-22-340-056

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Health Department

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.5: Personal Protective Equipment

Project Description:

Hidalgo County will continue its initiative of mitigating the spread of COVID-19 by providing personal protective equipment (PPE) to support Hidalgo County's vaccination and testing efforts. PPE is critical in safeguarding the health of individuals in congregate and open-air settings. Additionally, the use of PPE will allow Hidalgo County to continue its efforts in following necessary COVID-19 protocols. According to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule, acquisitions or distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal equipment are considered an eligible public health expenditure.

Fiscal Impact: \$675,000.00



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Edinburg Health Center Improvements Project

Project Number:

ARPA-23-340-325

Program Name:

Hidalgo County Health Center Improvements Project will be a part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Expanding Access to Healthcare Program.

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Health Department

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.14: Other Public Health Services^

Project Description:

The purpose of the Hidalgo County Health Center Improvements Project is to expand health care capacity and meet community pandemic-related needs. Operational needs can be met through renovations to the existing building. Furthermore, efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic through this clinic include, but are not limited to, vaccination programs, medical care, testing, and support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services. The clinic will continue providing the residents of Hidalgo County access to resources that improve health outcomes. Hidalgo County Health Center, located at 3105 E. Richardson Rd., Edinburg, TX, 78539. Improvements will include, but are not limited to interior renovation and rehabilitation, professional services and other provisions necessary and suitable to meet operational needs.

The Final Rule states that In addition to programs and services, the final rule clarifies that recipients may use funds for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response.¹ Treasury enumerates that the following projects are examples of eligible capital expenditures...capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs, such as physical plant improvements to public hospitals and health clinics or adaptations to public buildings to implement COVID-19 mitigation tactics. These enumerated uses are consistent with guidance from public health authorities, including the CDC.² In the final

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4339

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



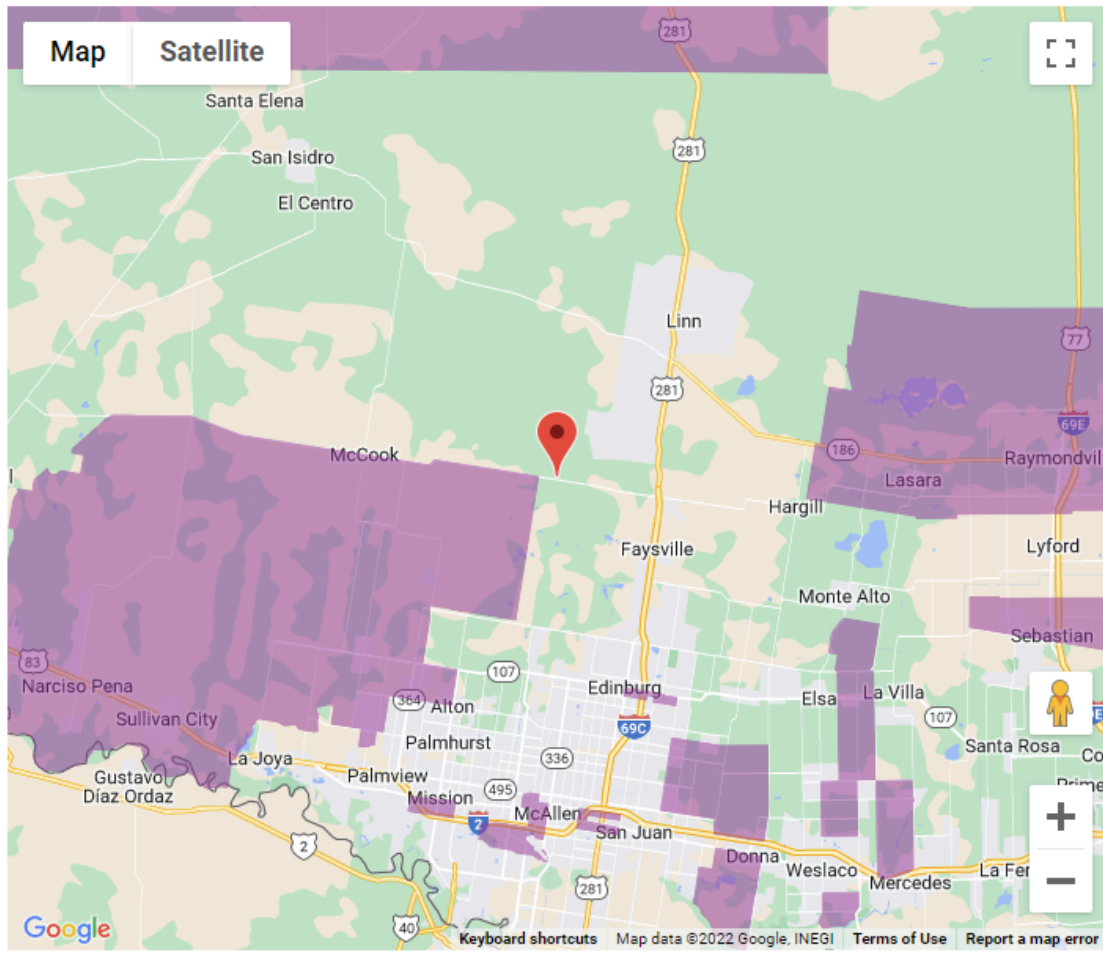
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rule, to further decrease administrative burden and enhance recipient flexibility, Treasury is allowing recipients to also presume that low-income households were disproportionately impacted. Treasury anticipates that adding low-income households as 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.³

Fiscal Impact: \$149,958.44

^Below is the Qualified Census Tract Analysis for Hidalgo County.



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

³ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4441



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Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Weslaco Health Center Improvements Project

Project Number:

ARPA-23-340-326

Program Name:

Hidalgo County Health Unit Improvements Project will be a part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Expanding Access to Healthcare Program.

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Health Department

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.14: Other Public Health Services^

Project Description:

The purpose of the Hidalgo County Health Unit Improvements Project is to expand health care capacity and meet community pandemic-related needs. Operational needs can be met through renovations to the existing building. Furthermore, efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic through this clinic include, but are not limited to, vaccination programs, medical care, testing, and support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services. The clinic will continue providing the residents of Hidalgo County access to resources that improve health outcomes. Hidalgo County Health Unit, located at 1901 Bridge Ave., Weslaco, TX, 78596.

The Final Rule states that In addition to programs and services, the final rule clarifies that recipients may use funds for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response.¹ Treasury enumerates that the following projects are examples of eligible capital expenditures...capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs, such as physical plant improvements to public hospitals and health clinics or adaptations to public buildings to implement COVID-19 mitigation tactics. These enumerated uses are consistent with guidance from public health authorities, including the CDC.² 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

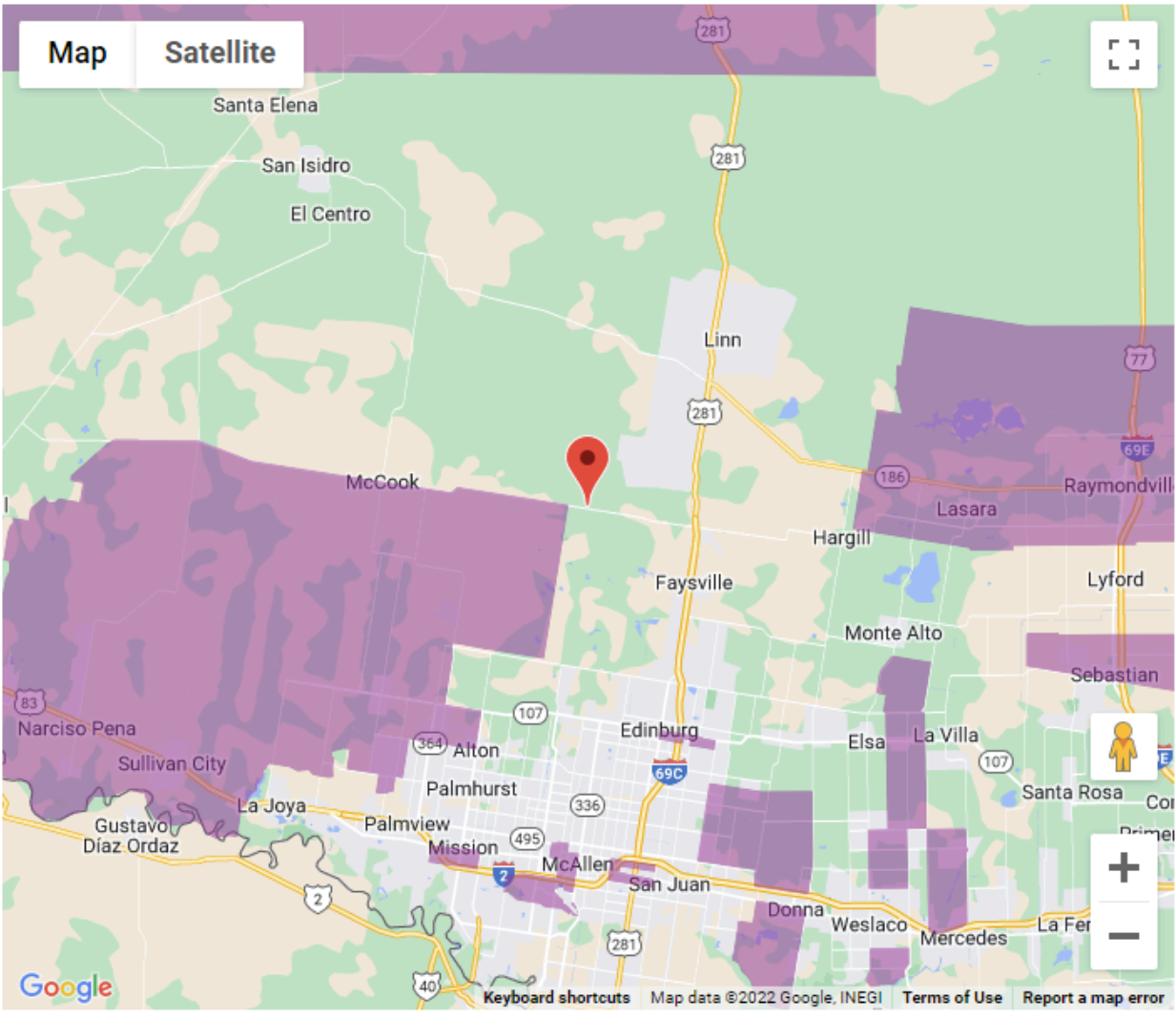
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² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4353

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.³

Fiscal Impact: \$87,992.13

^Below is the Qualified Census Tract Analysis for Hidalgo County.



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

³ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4441



Project Description

Project Name:

La Mansion Health Clinic Project

Project Number:

ARPA-23-340-330

Program Name:

La Mansion Health Clinic Project will be a part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Expanding Access to Healthcare Program.

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Health Department

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.14: Other Public Health Services^

Project Description:

Hidalgo County Health & Human Services, along with the various County Departments and COVID healthcare partners are actively assessing (Testing), intervening (vaccinating), and providing prevention education. The COVID virus has proven to be especially resilient as evident by its ever enhancing mutations. The need for expanding and upgrading our current clinical facilities to assure the access to intervention, vaccinations, and advance healthcare referral for a County of over a 1.2 million residents and an unaccounted immigrant population is critical. The purpose of La Mansion Health Clinic Project is to expand health care capacity and meet community pandemic-related needs. Operational needs can be met through renovations and/or new construction to include furniture, fixtures and equipment. Furthermore, efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic through this clinic include, but are not limited to, vaccination programs, medical care, testing, and support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services. La Mansion Health Clinic plans to provide the residents of Hidalgo County access to resources that improve health outcomes during and after the public health emergency. The La Mansion Health Clinic will be located at the corner of Paula and Moorefield Roads, 2218 Moorefield Rd, Mission, TX, 78572, and will provide quality services to an underserved community.



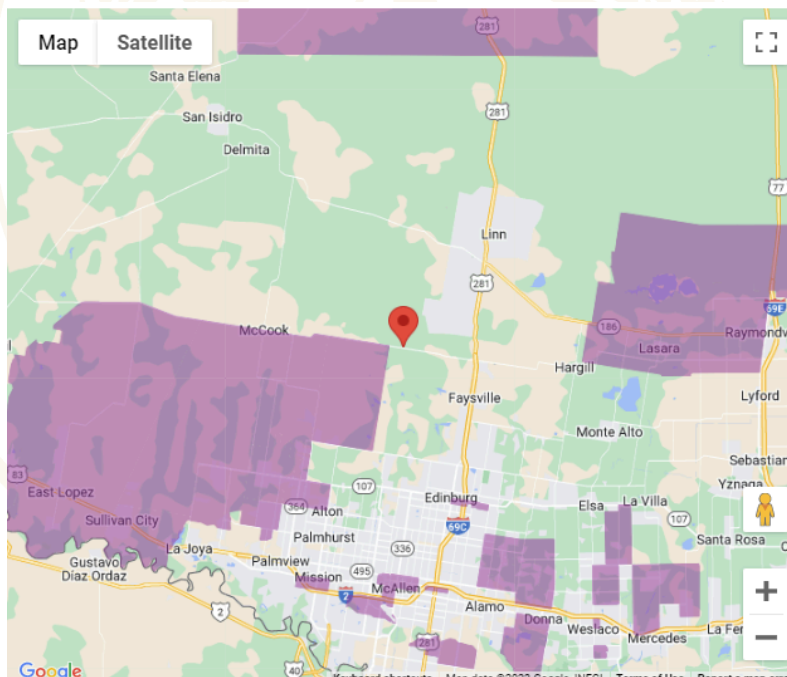
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Treasury received a few comments from recipients seeking to use SLFRF funds to build new medical facilities, such as hospitals or public health clinics, to serve disproportionately impacted communities. Given the central role of access to high-quality medical care in reducing health disparities and addressing the root causes that led to disproportionate impact COVID-19 health impacts in certain communities, the final rule recognizes that medical equipment and facilities designed to address disparities in public health outcomes are eligible capital expenditures. This includes primary care clinics, hospitals, or integrations of health services into other settings.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: \$4,150,000.00

^Below is the Qualified Census Tract (QCT) for Hidalgo County.



¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4372

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



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

^Low to Moderate Area for proposed location near 618 Breyfogle Rd, Mission, TX, 78572;
Source: HUD Exchange Low and Moderate Income Survey Data (LMISD) Map Application
(<https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ffdo597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd>)

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	





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: \$5,310,905.00

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 McAllen Health Center Improvements Project

Project Number:

ARPA-24-340-352

Program Name:

Hidalgo County McAllen Health Center Improvements Project will be a part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Expanding Access to Healthcare Program.

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Health Department

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.14: Other Public Health Services^

Project Description:

The purpose of the Hidalgo County McAllen Health Center Improvements Project is to expand health care capacity and meet community pandemic-related needs. Operational needs can be met through renovations to the existing building. Furthermore, efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic through this clinic include, but are not limited to, vaccination programs, medical care, testing, and support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services. The Hidalgo County McAllen Health Center, 300 East Hackberry Ave., McAllen, TX, 78501, is located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) area. Improvements will include, but are not limited to interior renovation and rehabilitation, professional services and other provisions necessary and suitable to meet operational needs. These provisions will provide a safe and sustainable building and enable employees to continue performing essential services for the residents of Hidalgo County to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable/infectious diseases.

The Final Rule states that In addition to programs and services, the final rule clarifies that recipients may use funds for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response.¹ Treasury enumerates that the following projects are examples of eligible capital expenditures...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. 4339



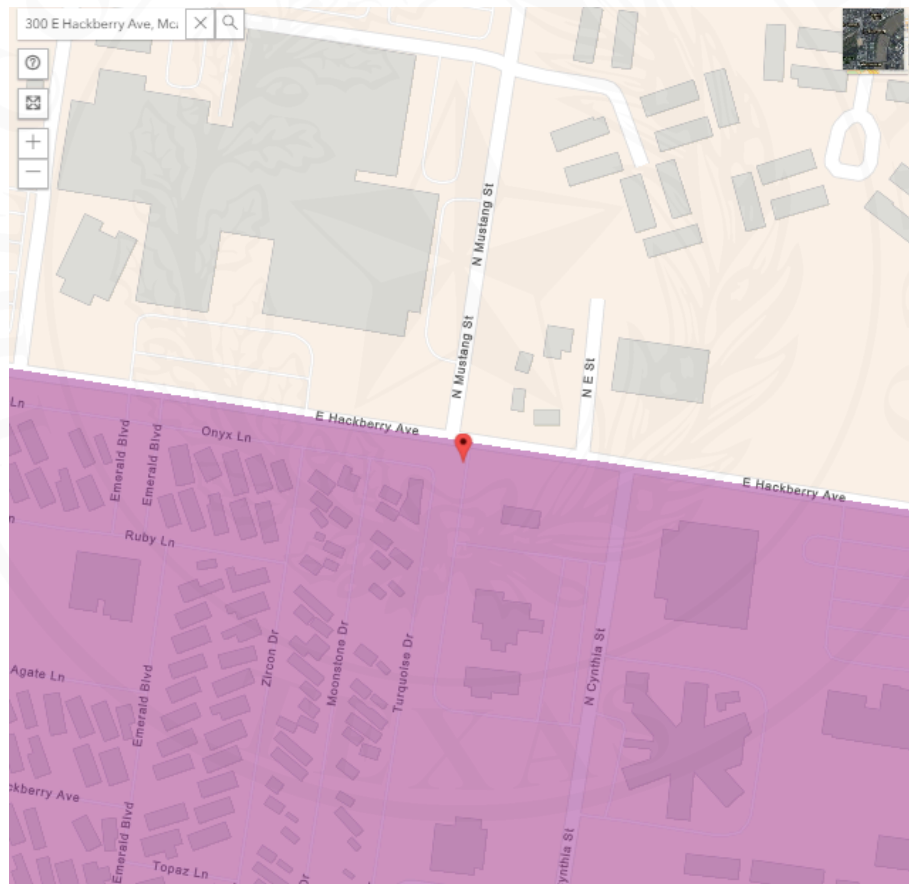
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operational needs, such as physical plant improvements to public hospitals and health clinics or adaptations to public buildings to implement COVID–19 mitigation tactics. These enumerated uses are consistent with guidance from public health authorities, including the CDC.² 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.³

Fiscal Impact: \$1,788,440.49

^Below is the Qualified Census Tract Analysis for 300 E. Hackberry Ave., McAllen, TX, 78501, and for Hidalgo County, respectively.

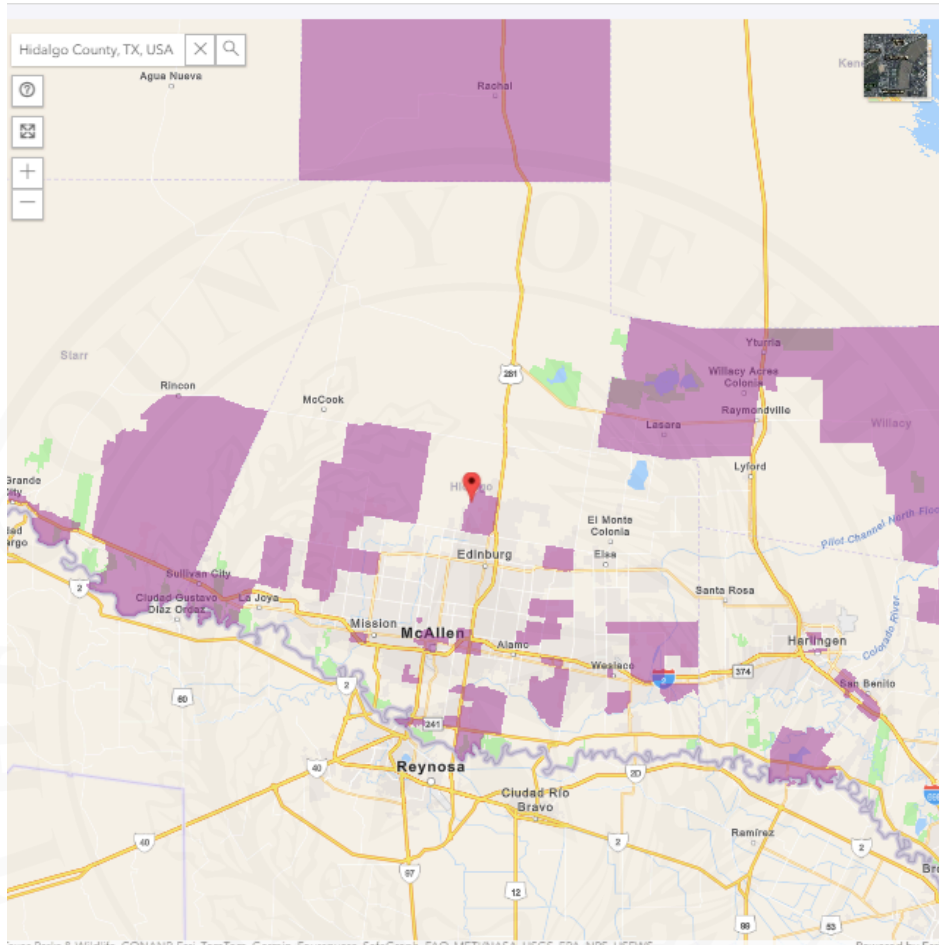


² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4353

³ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4441



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Source: Office of Policy Development and Research [2023 and 2024 Small Difficult Development Areas \(DDAs\) and Qualified Census Tracts \(QCTs\)](#)



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[^]

Project Description:

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: \$7,037,485.00

Facility: \$6,537,485.00

Personnel: \$500,000.00

^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