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#	ARPA Project No.	ARPA Project Name	Prior Budget	New Budget
1	21-340-019	El Paraiso Health Clinic Improvement Project	\$5,107,743.20	\$5,054,281.35
2	21-122-040	Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project	\$8,600,000.00	\$8,942,392.57
3	22-200-043	Cybersecurity Detection and Response	\$1,680,595.00	\$1,760,781.25
4	22-124-047	Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Tex-Mex Rd Stormwater Project	\$459,189.35	\$439,483.40
5	22-340-052	Hidalgo County COVID-19 Testing Efforts	\$767,350.46	\$764,350.46
6	22-340-055	Hidalgo County COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts Project	\$3,143,956.21	\$3,119,263.78
7	22-200-074	Ultimate Kronos Group - Human Resources Information System	\$3,294,183.17	\$3,270,103.61
8	22-200-076	Hidalgo County Wi-Fi Project	\$2,260,548.83	\$3,719,584.20
9	22-124-095	Hidalgo County Precinct 4 North Main Drain III Phase I Stormwater Project	\$1,897,887.71	\$1,891,887.71
10	22-110-099	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator II	\$357,872.19	\$375,872.19
11	23-123-328	Hidalgo County Precinct 3 5K Mansion Linear Park Trail	\$2,886,211.65	\$2,886,284.72
12	23-340-330	La Mansion Health Clinic Improvement Project	\$4,150,000.00	\$3,867,756.46



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#	ARPA Project No.	ARPA Project Name	Prior Budget	New Budget
13	23-340-331	Hidalgo County Bio Safety Lab Efforts	\$2,439,211.60	\$2,511,804.65
14	23-125-332	Facilities Management Building Retrofit	\$1,305,685.00	\$1,306,014.63
15	23-115-339	Hidalgo County Technology Modernization	\$6,195,074.00	\$6,166,972.85
16	23-124-346	J-01 Stormwater Management Project	\$1,518,911.00	\$1,518,075.23
17	24-340-351	Hidalgo County Edinburg Pulmonary Health Center Improvements Project	\$89,129.24	\$69,998.04
18	24-340-352	McAllen Health Center Improvements Project	\$1,788,440.49	\$2,073,684.03
19	24-115-356	Hidalgo County Remote Operations Centers	\$3,900,240.00	\$4,494,174.69
20	24-115-377	Hidalgo County Public Safety COVID-19 Response	\$12,621,592.44	\$12,642,061.09



Project Description

Project Name:

El Paraiso Health Clinic Improvement Project

Project Number:

ARPA-21-340-019

Program Name:

El Paraiso Health Clinic Improvement 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:

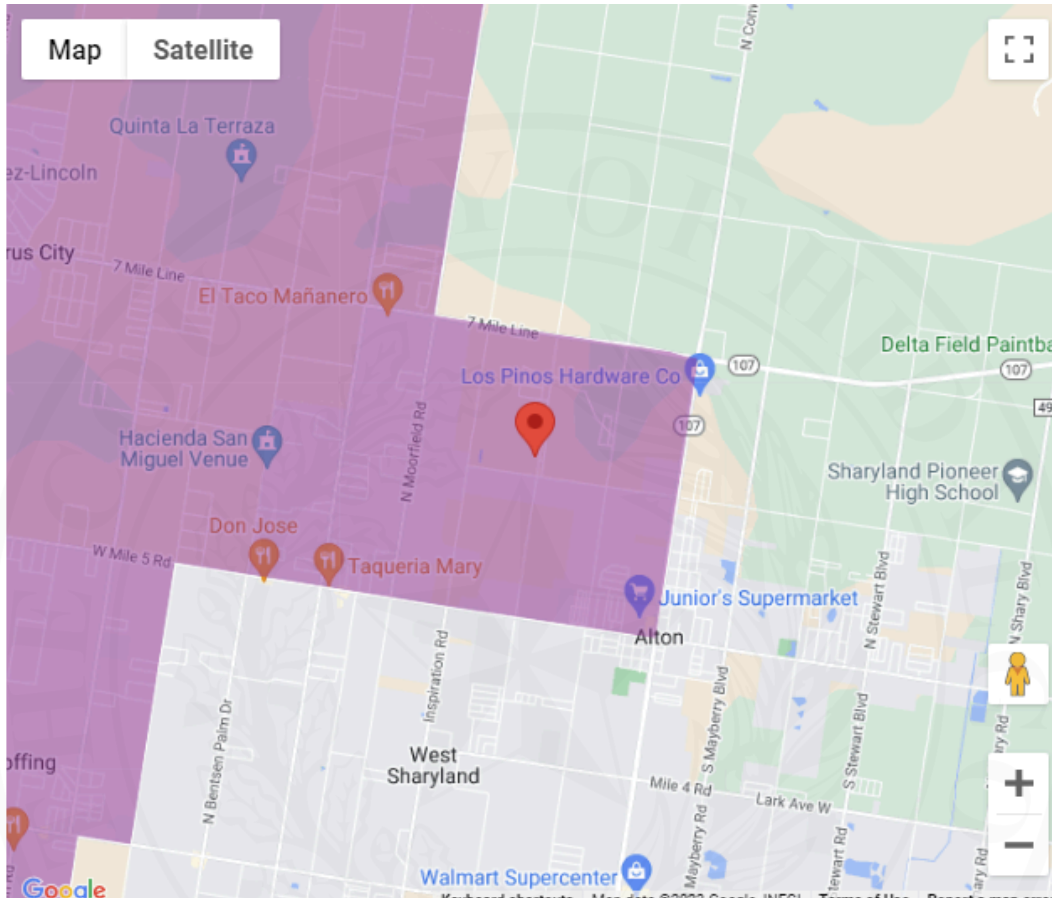
Hidalgo County Health & Human Services, along with the various County Departments and COVID healthcare partners are actively assessing (Testing), intervening (vaccinating), and providing prevention education. The COVID virus has proven to be especially hardy as evident by its ever enhancing mutations. 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 El Paraiso Health Clinic Improvement Project is to expand health care capacity and meet community pandemic-related needs. Operational needs can be met through renovations and/or new construction including but not limited to professional services, furniture, fixtures and equipment, personnel and other provisions and services. 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. El Paraiso Health Clinic plans to provide the residents of Hidalgo County access to resources that improve health outcomes during and after the public health emergency. El Paraiso Health Clinic, located at 1901 N. Los Ebanos Rd., Alton, TX, 78573, is in a Qualified Census Tract area and will provide quality services to an underserved community.

Fiscal Impact: \$5,054,281.35



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^Below is the Qualified Census Tract Analysis for El Paraiso Health Clinic, located at 1901 N. Los Ebanos Rd., Alton, TX, 78573.



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



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project

Project Number:

ARPA-21-122-040

Program Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project will be part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Recreational Development Program.

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 2

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 Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project will extend the existing Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Regional Hike and Bike Trail, which currently provides connections to the City of McAllen, City of Pharr, and the City of San Juan. This project will expand these existing trails and connect them to the cities of McAllen, Hidalgo, and Mission. The Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project will service a larger portion of the Hidalgo County community and provide safe recreational spaces for constituents living in, near and around Qualified Census Tract (QCT) locations, and support people's physical, social, emotional, and mental health.

Parks, hike & bike trails, and other recreational spaces, such as the existing Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Regional Hike and Bike Trail, have served a critical function in the mental health of individuals, addressing social determinants of health and confronting public health disparities, particularly for low-income communities. Additionally, the Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project will be expansive, allowing for safe enjoyment while maintaining social distance with the mission to build stronger neighborhoods and communities and address health disparities and the social determinants of health that the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency has exacerbated.

Need Assessment:

The purpose of the Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project is congruent with the overall objective of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act



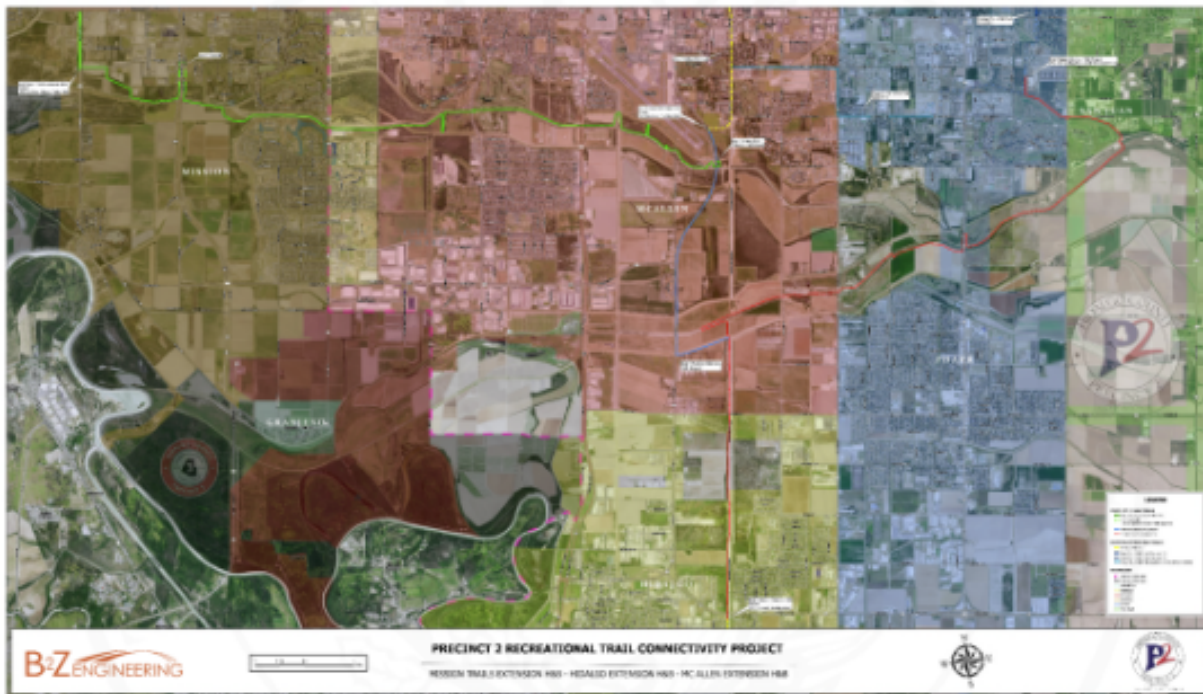
Recreational Development Program, which is to improve the accessibility and function of parks and hike and bike trail to constituents living in, near and around Qualified Census Tract areas. Additionally, to be responsive and committed to providing essential outdoor spaces with the purpose of making our community a more desirable place to live, work, and play.

The extension of the Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Regional Hike and Bike Trail aims to promote wellness among residents living in, near, and around QCT locations by providing more recreational space for exercising and socializing. As a direct outcome, the Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project will improve the overall quality of life of the Hidalgo County residents.

Fiscal Impact: \$8,942,392.57

QCT Analysis:

- Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project - Project Layout

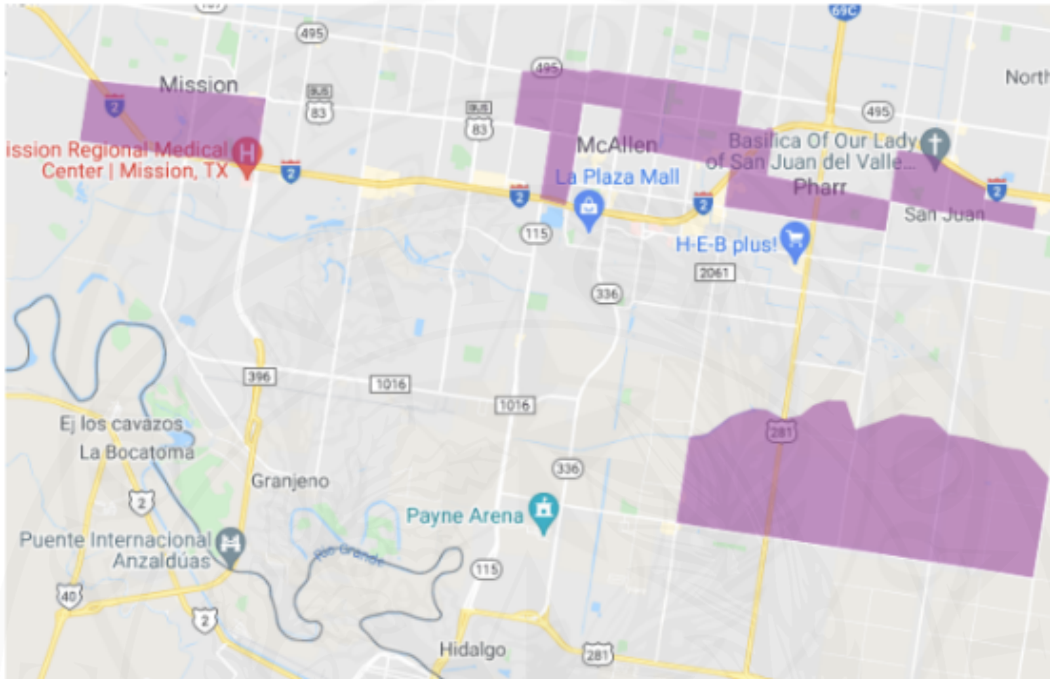


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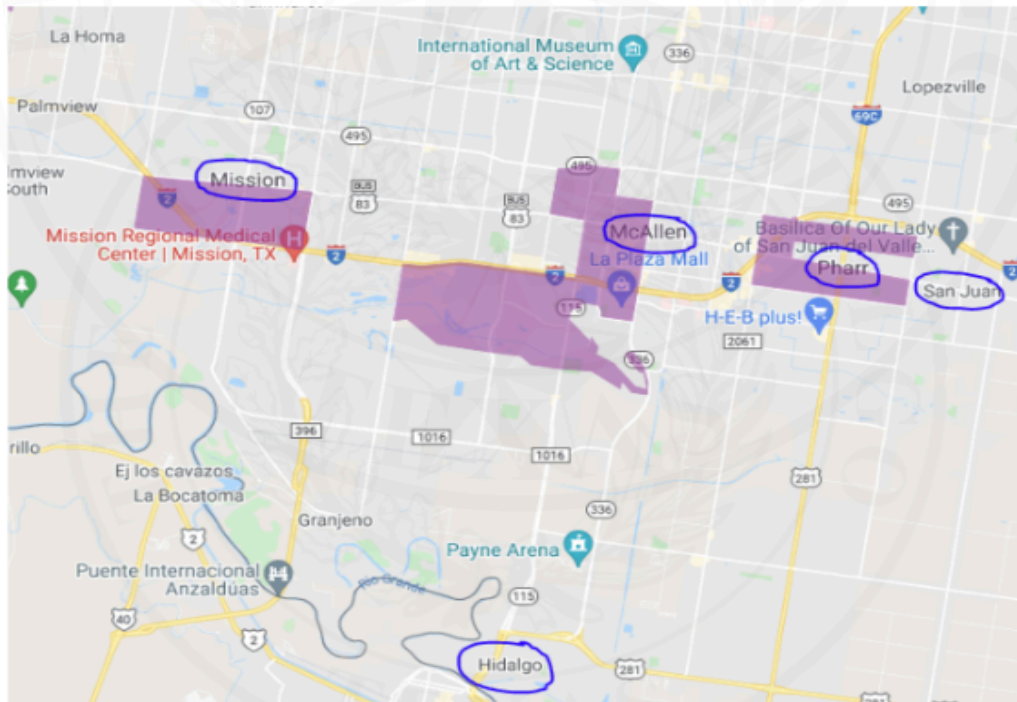
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- Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project QCT Analysis 2021



- Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project QCT Analysis 2022





Project Description

Project Name:

Cybersecurity Detection and Response

Project Number:

ARPA-22-200-043

Precinct/Department Name:

Information Technology

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.14: Other Public Health Services^

Project Description:

The Cybersecurity Detection and Response project will provide monitoring, detection and response tools, services and other necessary provisions to the Information Technology Department to reduce the possibility of a successful cyber attack. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, governments set restrictions in response to the coronavirus pandemic that have encouraged employees to work from home and stay at home. Due to the rise in remote workers, there has been an increase in vulnerabilities and compromised accounts. The project will increase the detection and response with alerts of malicious or questionable activity on the data infrastructure as well as provide an analysis of the environment for any addressable vulnerabilities. Through this project, the County of Hidalgo will be able to provide a cyber-safe remote-work environment, which has become crucial and essential to continue the county efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Cybersecurity infrastructure investments that are designed to improve the reliability and resiliency of new and existing broadband infrastructure. Such investments may include the addition or modernization of network security hardware and software tools designed to strengthen cybersecurity for the endusers of these networks.¹

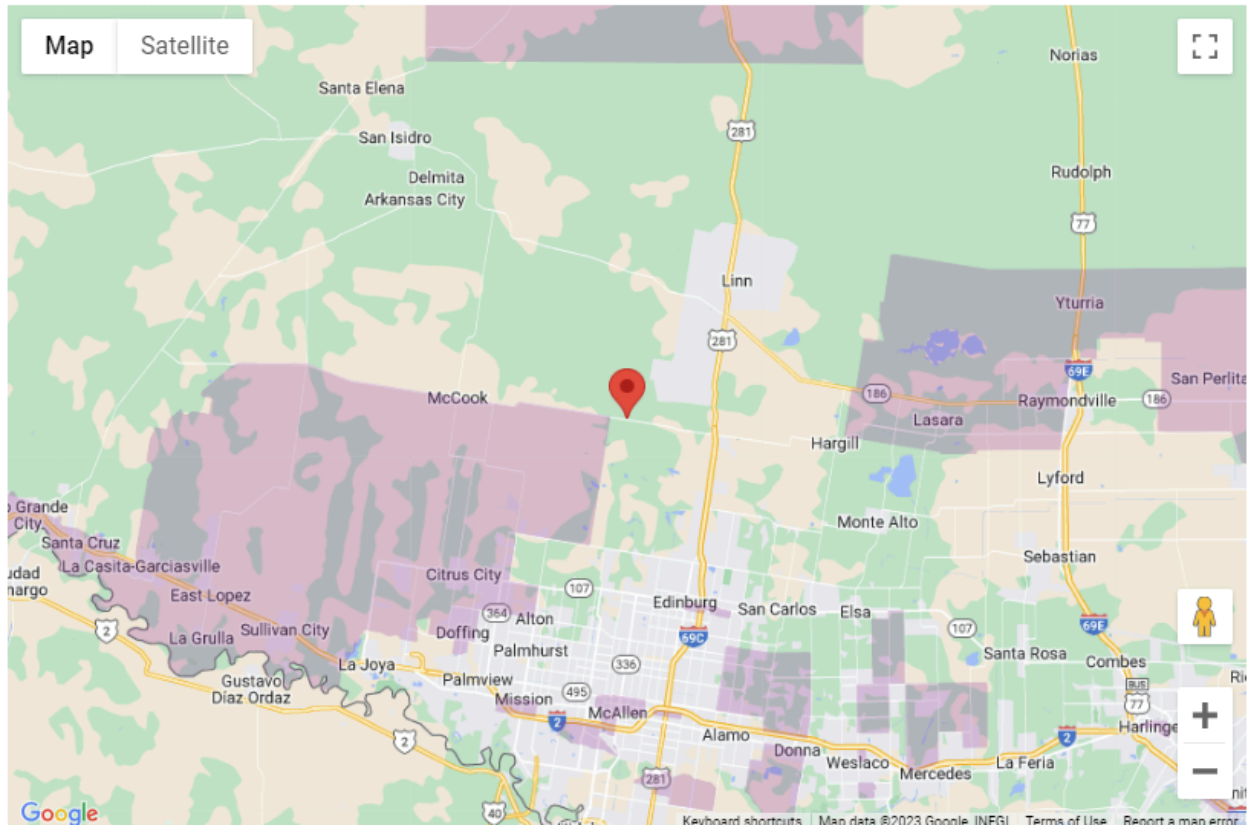
Fiscal Impact: \$1,760,781.25

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4452



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^ Below is the Qualified Census Tract Analysis for Hidalgo County



Source: Office of Policy Development and Research 2022 and 2023 Small Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) and Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Tex-Mex Rd Stormwater Project

Project Number:

ARPA-22-124-047

Program:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Tex-Mex 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

ARPA Eligibility Category:

5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Description:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Tex-Mex Rd Stormwater Project will manage and reduce stormwater for the project area. The project is located along Tex-Mex Road from Tower Road to the Schunior Drain. Project consists of a pipe network with inlets Improvements and roadside grading from Tower Road due east along Tex-Mex Road with an ultimate outfall into the Schunior 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 \$439,483.40



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

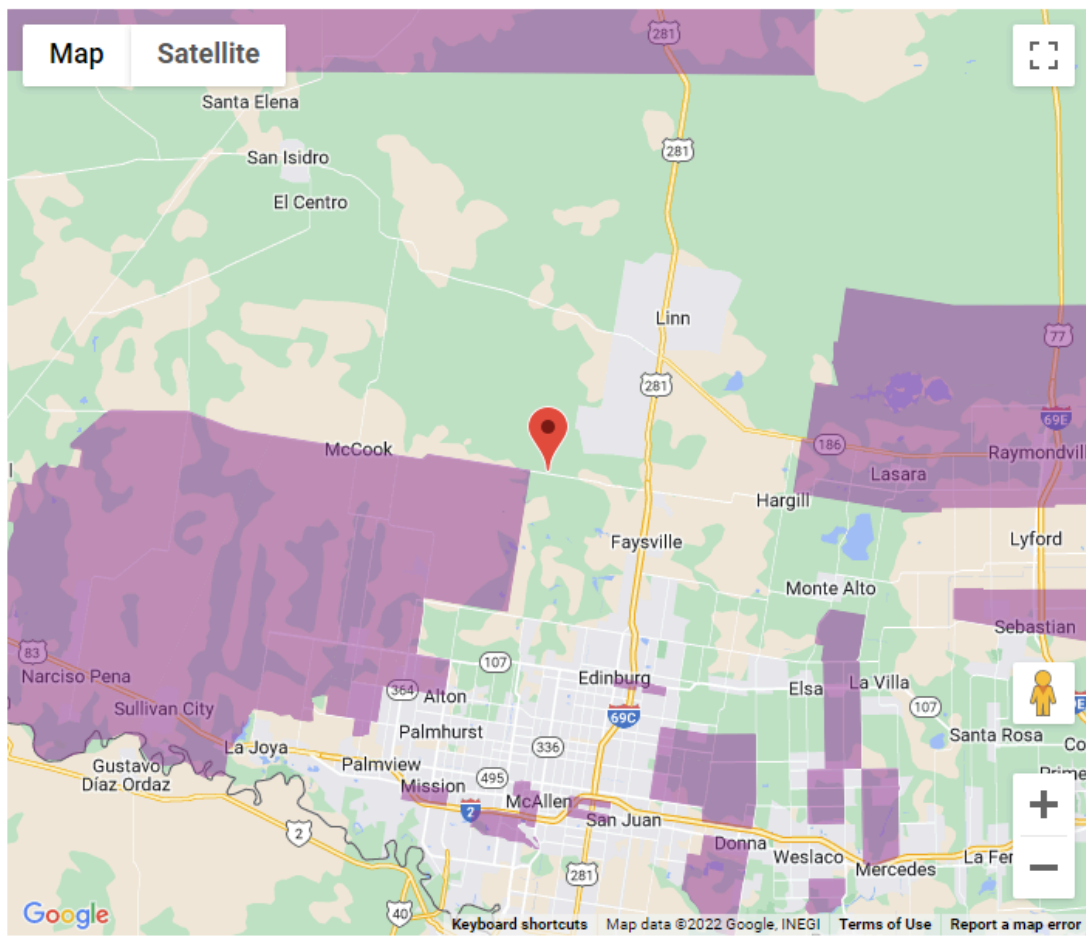


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for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services; public health surveillance (e.g., monitoring case trends, genomic sequencing for variants).²

Fiscal Impact: \$764,350.46

^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

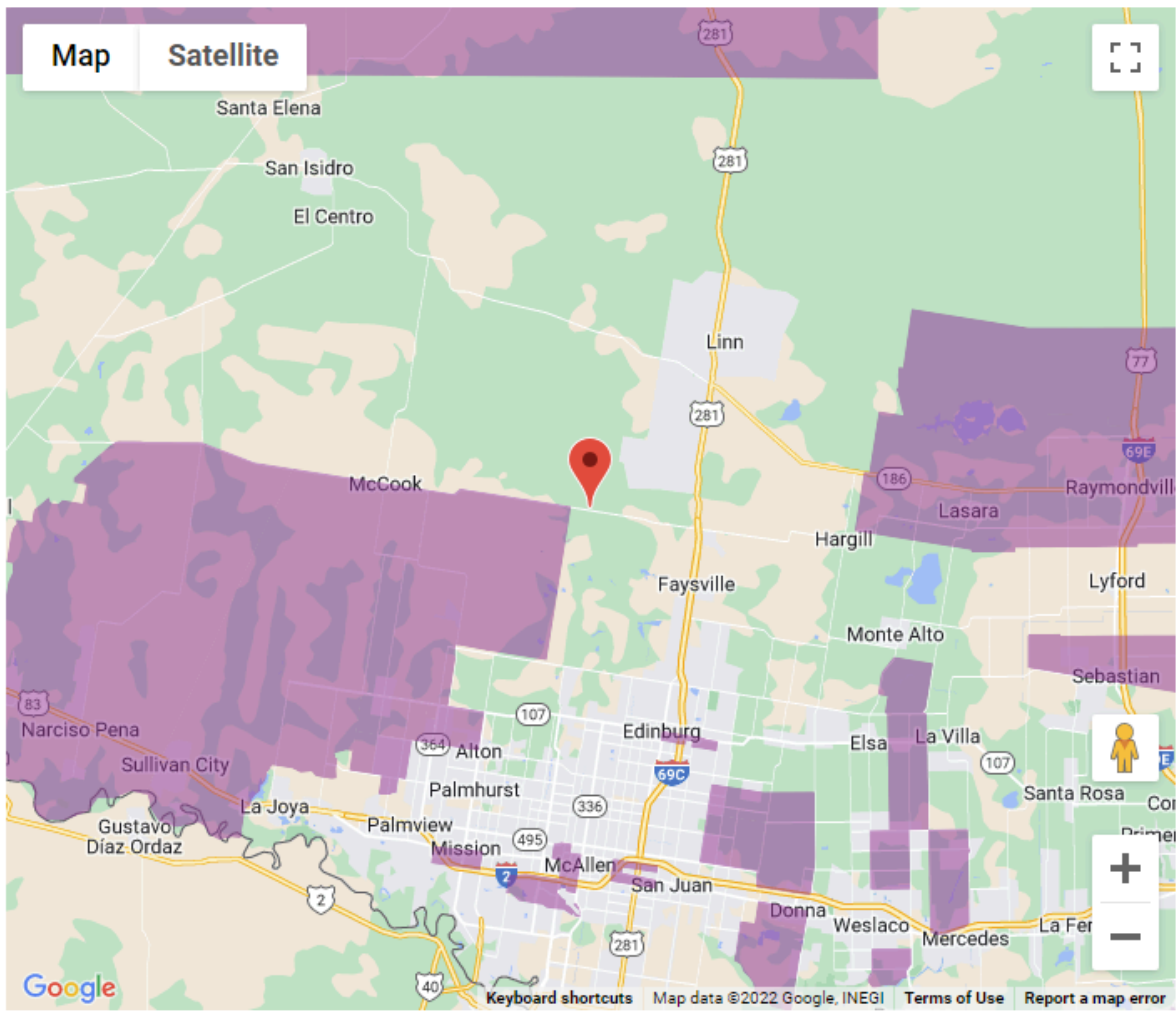


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public health services; public health surveillance (e.g., monitoring case trends, genomic sequencing for variants).²

Fiscal Impact: \$3,119,263.78

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

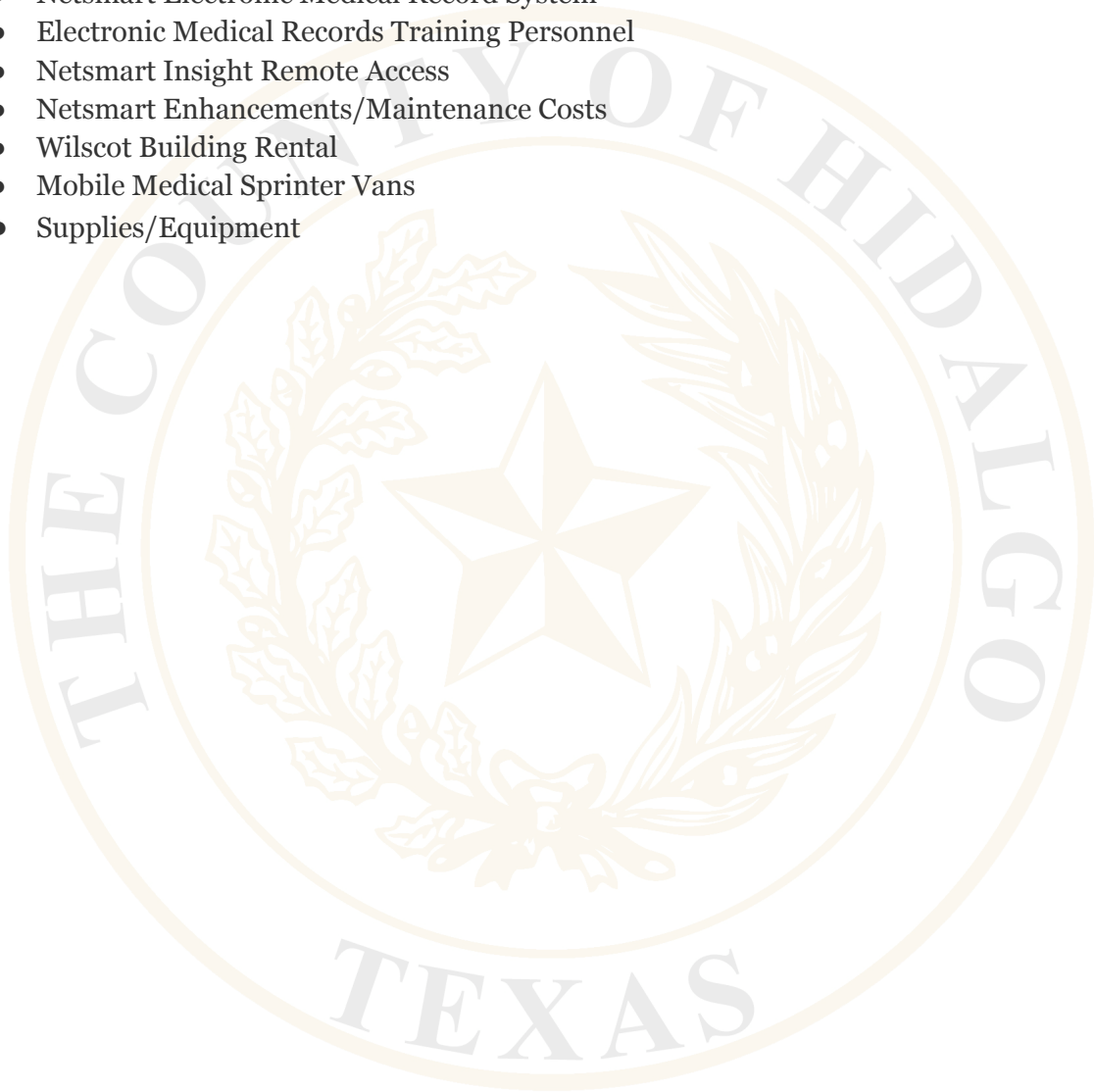


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Initiatives Include:

- 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:

Ultimate Kronos Group - Human Resources Information System

Project Number:

ARPA-22-200-074

Department Name:

Information Technology

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 Ultimate Kronos Group - Human Resources Information System (UKG - HRIS) project will allow for the procurement and utilization of a comprehensive Human Resources Information System. The UKG-HRIS is a system that provides, among other features, integrated employee payroll services, time and attendance, and employee benefits. The purpose of this project is to upgrade the current time and attendance system and the benefits' software that is presently being used for employee benefits and integrate them into one system to facilitate the employee experience. The UKG-HRIS will drastically reduce the need for in-person attestation and, by default, assist with COVID-19 mitigation efforts by allowing online selections to minimize the need for congregate settings.

Justification:

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....¹ are allowable expenses with SLFRF funds. Governments with high capacity to use and administer data are more likely to assess the current and future needs, as well as the development and strengthening of skills for the utilization and instruction of the UKG-HRIS system as essential formulations for capacity building to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the county and staff members.

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87 (18), p.4388



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The final rule states that recipients may use SLFRF funds to address the data, evidence and program administration needs of recipients including, “capacity building resources to support using data and evidence in designing, executing, and evaluating programs... that respond to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts...”²

Fiscal Impact: \$3,270,103.61

² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87 (18), p.4388



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Wi-Fi Project

Project Number:

ARPA-22-200-076

Department Name:

Information Technology

ARPA Expenditure Category:

5: Infrastructure

ARPA Eligibility Category:

5.21 Broadband: Other projects

Project Description:

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the purpose of the Hidalgo County Wi-Fi Project is to increase connectivity to assist citizens with distance learning while seeking to improve technological improvements as well as telework capability. In an effort to comply with COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, this project will work with County functions to continue an established lease with the Radio Tower, leasing spaces to serve the community, replace damaged or weather wif-fi poles, provide technical support and by mounting equipment of Wi-Fi connectivity in order to effectively and efficiently assist citizens. This project will provide the minimum level of service which will include but not limit to, maintain a level of service that will meet applicable health-based standards and establish or improve broadband service to unserved or underserved populations that were impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency.

The COVID–19 public health emergency has underscored the importance of universally available, high-speed, reliable, and affordable broadband coverage as millions of Americans rely on the internet to participate in, among other critical activities, school, healthcare, and work. Recognizing the need for such connectivity, SLFRF funds can be used to make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure that increase access over the long term, as well as the necessary supports to purchase internet access or gain digital literacy skills needed to complete activities of daily living during the pandemic.¹ These commenters recommended that Treasury permit, as assistance to households for internet access, investments in public wi-fi networks, free wi-fi in public housing communities, and other equipment that offers internet access to end users by utilizing existing broadband networks.² Treasury has determined that these services,

¹ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4361

² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4362



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which expand internet access without constructing new networks, are an appropriate enumerated eligible use as assistance to households to respond to a negative economic impact, and they are permitted under the final rule.³

Fiscal Impact: \$3,719,584.20



³ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Federal Register, 87(18), p. 4362



Project Description

Project Name

Hidalgo County Precinct 4 North Main Drain III Phase I Stormwater Project

Project Number

ARPA-22-124-095

Program:

The Hidalgo County Precinct 4 North Main Drain III Phase I Stormwater Project will be part of the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Stormwater System Improvement Program.

Precinct/Department Name

Hidalgo County Precinct 4

ARPA Expenditure Category

5. Infrastructure

ARPA Eligibility Category

5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Description

The North Main Drain III Phase I Storm Water Project will manage and reduce stormwater for the project area. The project is located 1/4 east of McColl Road. The project commences at Mile 17 1/2 and ends approximately 2000 feet north of Monte Cristo Road. The project will widen the North Main Drain III to manage and reduce flooding in the area, and provide improvement to the quality of life.

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 stormwater project. Efficient stormwater 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: \$1,891,887.71



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Project Name:

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator II Position

Project Number:

ARPA-22-110-099

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management

ARPA Expenditure Category:

3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

ARPA Eligibility Category:

3.1: Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

Project Description:

Through this project, the County will provide Hidalgo County with one Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator to assist with the mitigation of COVID-19 throughout the public health emergency.

The purpose of this position is to support the existing staff, in rotating shifts, to better mitigate COVID-19 as there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases. Additionally, the Deputy will also assist the Emergency Coordinator on emergency preparedness issues, coordinate training programs and emergency operation drills, assist departments with their emergency and mitigation plans, grant applications and administration, and administer the submittal process for Federal and State reimbursement claims for the county's cost during emergency operations during the ongoing pandemic.

Fiscal Impact: \$375,872.19



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. The project includes but is not limited to professional services, park equipment, amenities, safety features such as surveillance equipment to help monitor and deter crime, supplies, materials, and other necessary provisions.

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



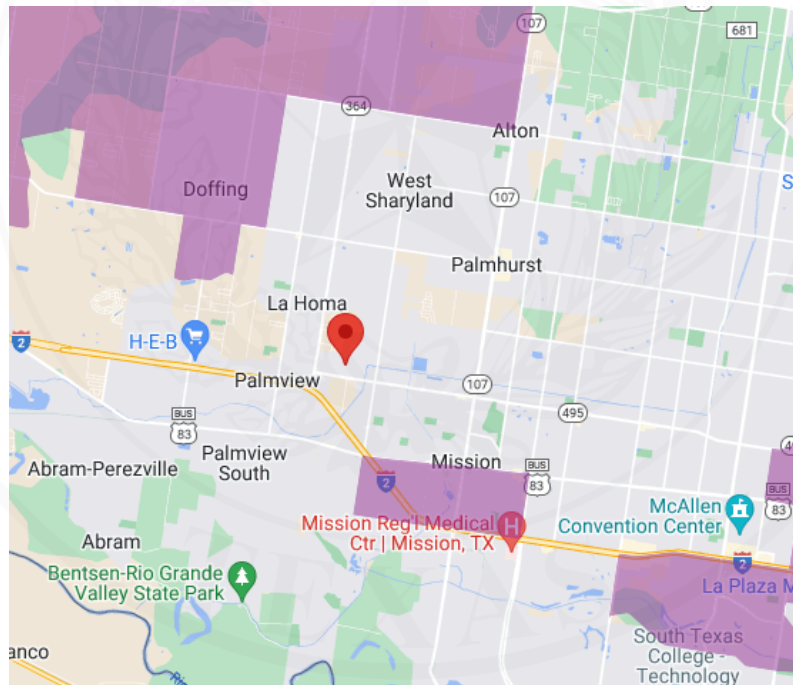
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disproportionately impacted.¹ Treasury recognizes the connection between neighborhood built environment and physical health outcomes as discussed in the research and analysis provided by commenters, including risk factors that may have contributed to disproportionate COVID-19 health impacts in low-income communities. As such, neighborhood features that promote 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: \$2,886,284.72

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



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

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



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

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
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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
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Lmmi	1835
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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.



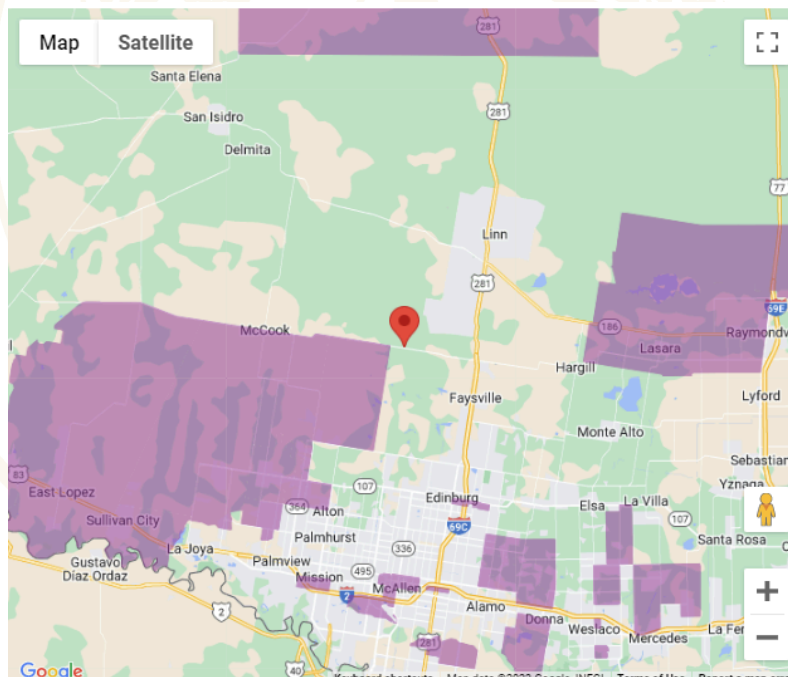
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Treasury received a few comments from recipients seeking to use SLFRF funds to build new medical facilities, such as hospitals or public health clinics, to serve disproportionately impacted communities. Given the central role of access to high-quality 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: \$3,867,756.46

^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
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ucLowmod_p	0.00
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Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Bio Safety Lab Efforts

Project Number:

ARPA-23-340-331

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Health Dept.

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.14: Other Public Health Services^

Project Description:

Hidalgo County has been on a continuous response mode for the COVID pandemic since March 2020. Due to the pandemic, Hidalgo County Health and Human Service Dept has been assessing and implementing appropriate COVID-19 mitigation and prevention measures. To address the public health response, Hidalgo County will engage in a broad range of services and programming needed to contain COVID-19 including but not limited to Bio Safety Lab contractual and professional services for testing, certification and performance verifications, design, Bio Safety personnel, Bio Safety Lab supplies and equipment, inspections for accreditation and other provisions and services to identify protective measures for Hidalgo County residents.

...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.¹ Enumerated eligible uses of funds in this category include: other public health responses. 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

¹ Department of the Treasury (2022) Federal Register, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (p. 4452)

² Department of the Treasury (2022) Federal Register, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (p. 4453)

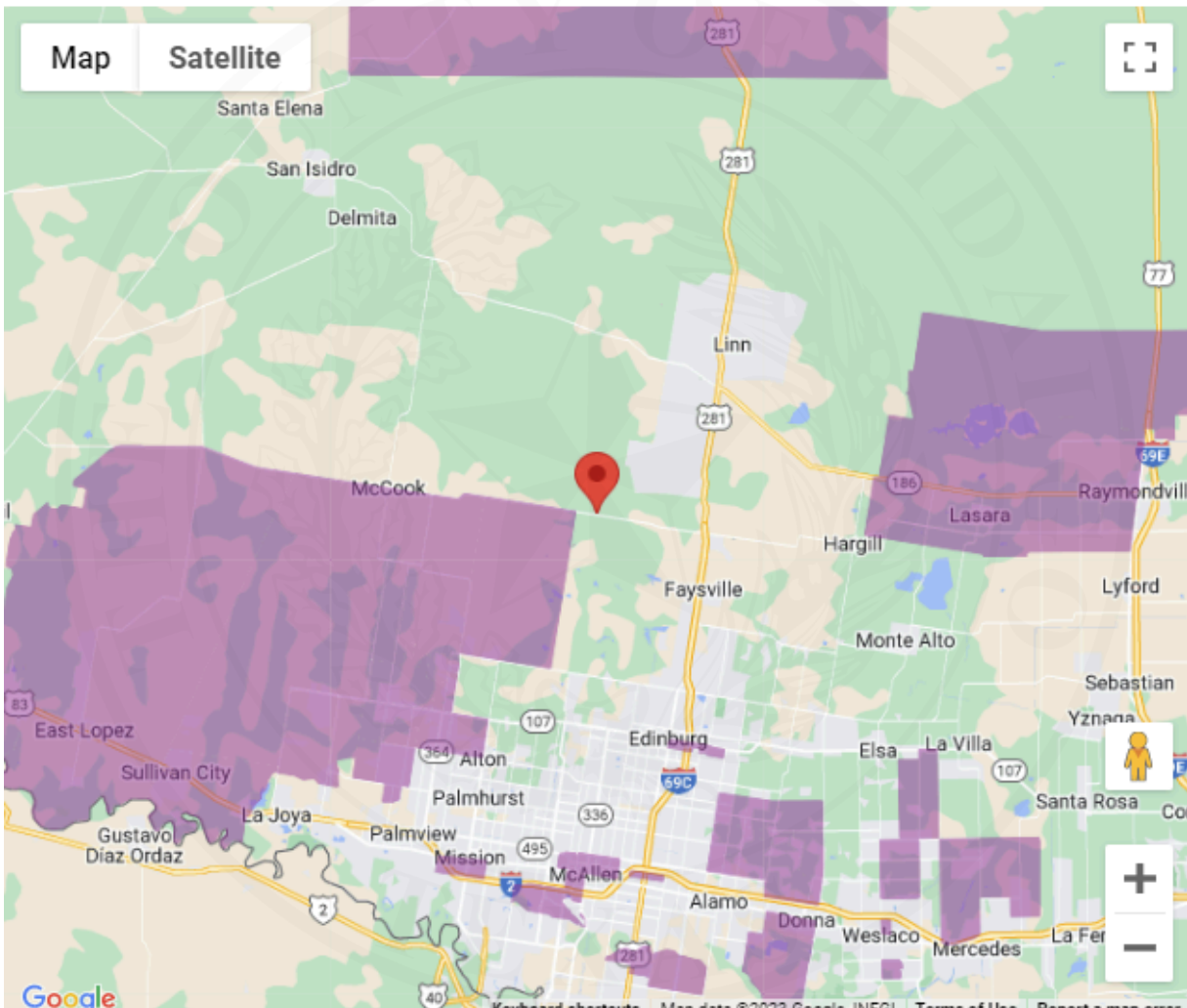


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maintain targeting of funds to populations and communities most likely to have experienced severe pandemic impacts, while providing a more flexible approach for recipients.³

Fiscal Impact: \$2,511,804.65

^Below is the Qualified Census Tract (QCT) 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) Federal Register, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (p. 4441)



Project Description

Project Name:

Facilities Management Building Retrofit Project

Project Number:

ARPA-23-125-332

Department Name:

Facilities Management Department

ARPA Expenditure Category:

6: Revenue Replacement

ARPA Eligibility Category:

6.1: Provision of Government Services

Project Description:

The facilities management retrofit project consists of improvements to the new location for the Hidalgo County Facilities Management Building to be in compliance with the health guidelines throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency. This will include, but is not limited to, interior and exterior improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment and other necessary expenses to ensure employee health and safety in the workplace. These provisions will provide a safe and sustainable building and will enable employees to continue performing essential services related to maintenance infrastructure of all county-owned buildings.

To comply with the COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, the recent acquisition of the Hidalgo County Facilities Management Building, located at 1920 Industrial Drive, Edinburg, TX, 78542, requires 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

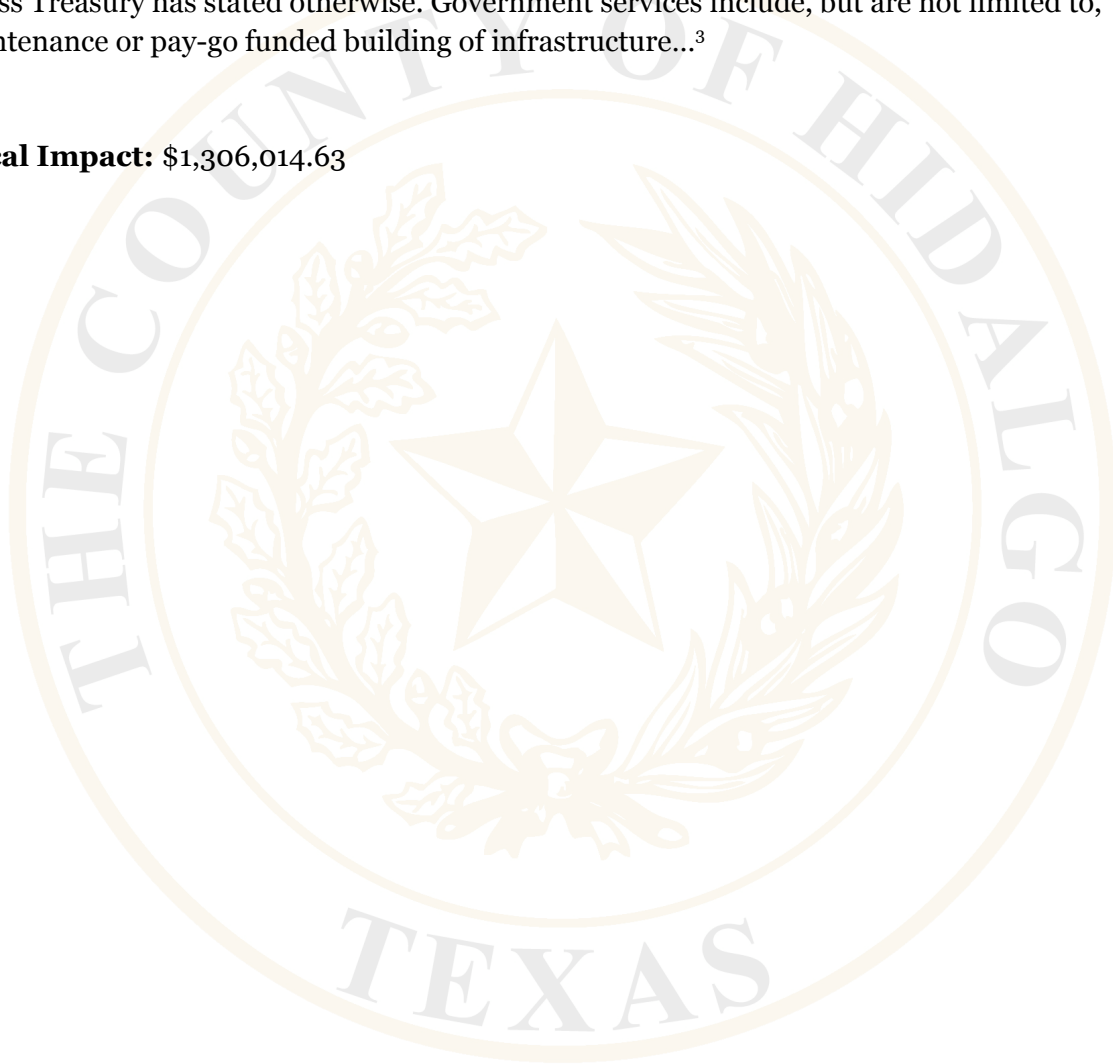


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operational needs, such as physical plant improvements to public hospitals and health clinics or adaptations to public buildings to implement COVID–19 mitigation tactics.² : Treasury continues to believe that the lists of activities that either are 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: \$1,306,014.63



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



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: \$6,166,972.85

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 4 J-01 Stormwater Management Project

Project Number:

ARPA-23-124-346

Program Name:

Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Stormwater System Improvement Program

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Precinct 4

ARPA Expenditure Category:

5: Infrastructure

ARPA Eligibility Category:

5.6: Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Description:

The J-01 Stormwater Management Project manages stormwater flows by providing additional stormwater capacity to the existing drainage system and creating a new drainage outfall to the North Main Drain II. The project intercepts stormwater from the Vista Bonita Drain located at N. Kenyon Rd and Ingle Road. The stormwater flow is carried within the ditch in an easterly then southerly direction, eventually outfalling into the North Main Drain II. This work not only includes ditch widening, but also a new ditch will be excavated and culvert crossings will be improved at Benito Ramirez Rd, Ramseyer Rd, and Davis Rd. The 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.

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.¹ 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

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

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

Fiscal Impact: \$1,518,075.23



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



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Edinburg Pulmonary Health Center Improvements Project

Project Number:

ARPA-24-340-351

Program Name:

Hidalgo County Edinburg Pulmonary 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 Edinburg Pulmonary 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 Edinburg Pulmonary Health Center is located at 1304 S. 25th Ave., Edinburg, TX, 78539. Improvements will include but are not limited to outdoor mitigation structures and door access systems to protect physical assets and ensure safety. These provisions will provide a safe and sustainable environment and enable employees to continue performing essential services for the residents of Hidalgo County to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, TB 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 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

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

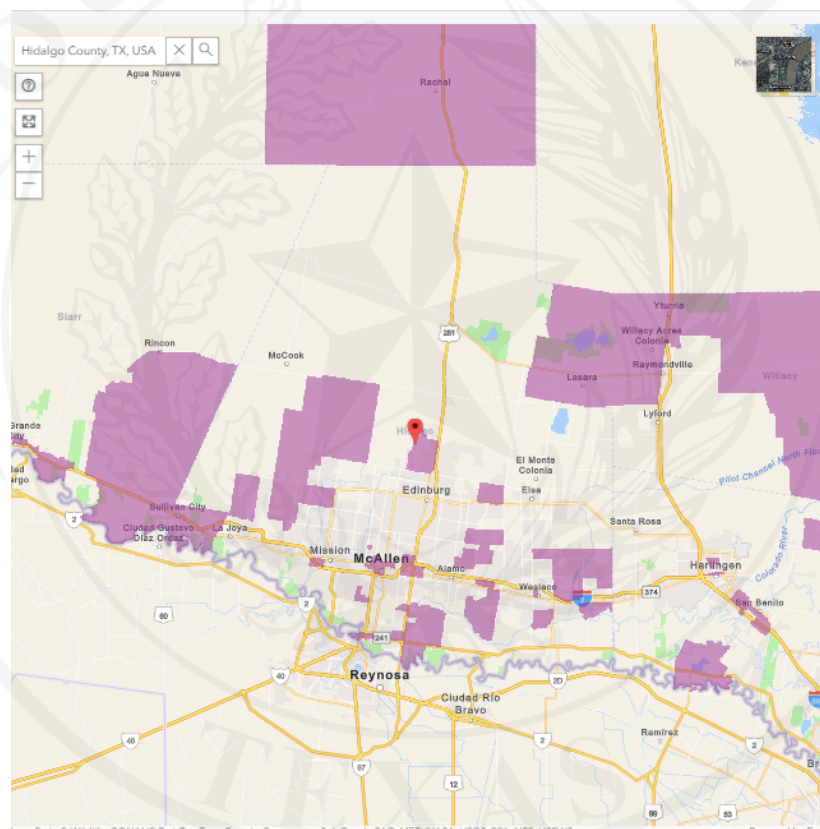


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uses are consistent with guidance from public health authorities, including the CDC.² In the final rule, to further decrease administrative burden and enhance recipient flexibility, Treasury is allowing recipients to also presume that low-income households 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: \$69,998.04

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



Source: Office of Policy Development and Research [2023 and 2024 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. 4353

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



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.

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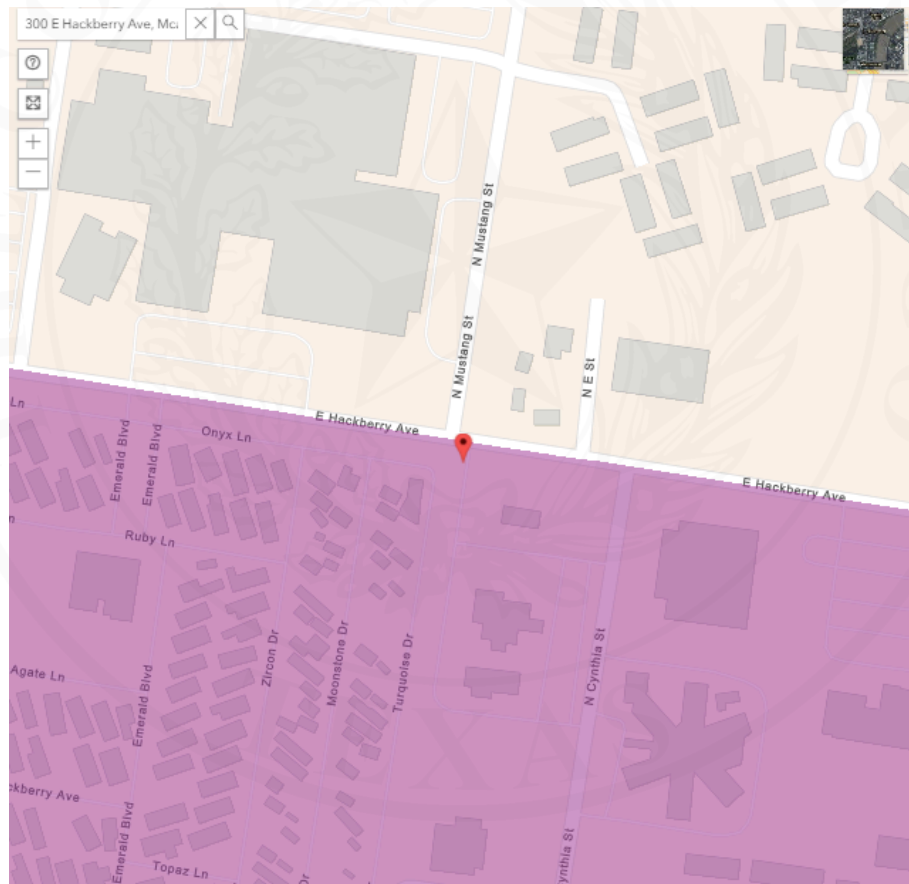
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Fiscal Impact: \$2,073,684.03

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

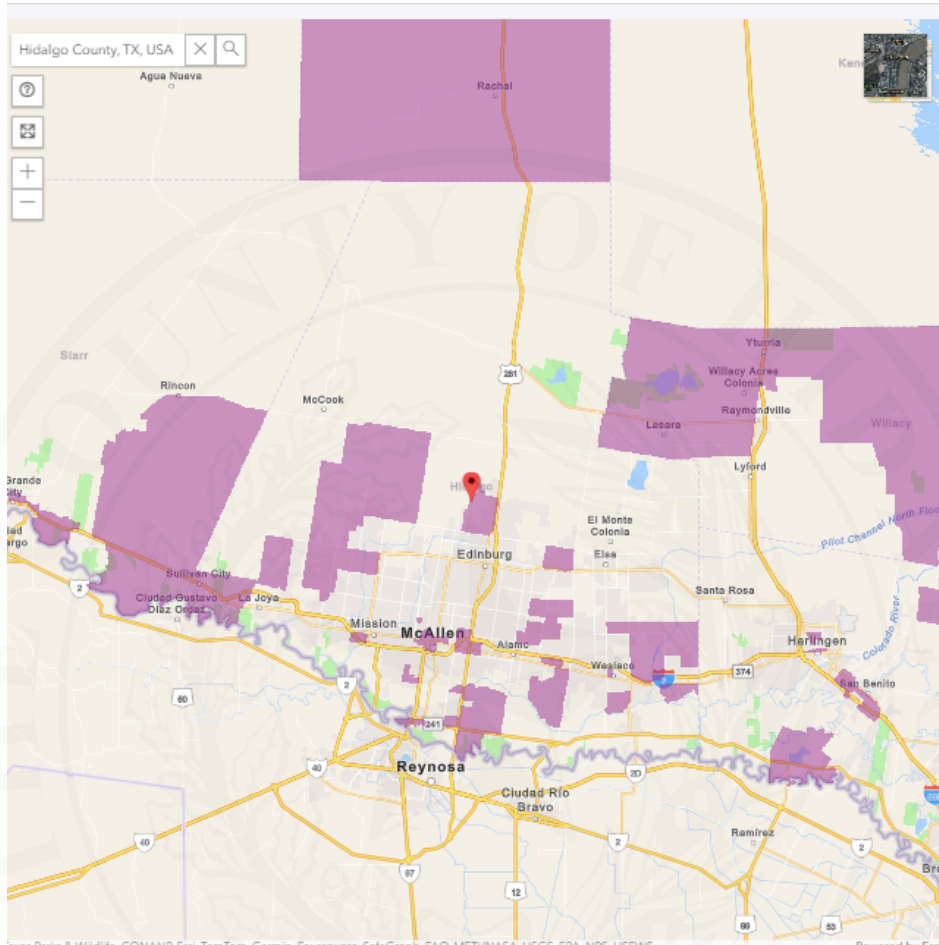


² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4353

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:

Emergency Remote Operations Centers

Project Number:

ARPA-24-115-356

Department Name:

County Judge's Office

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1: Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.14: Other Public Health Services^

Project Description:

The US Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that rural communities may have characteristics that can make recovering from a disaster difficult as they do not have the capacity and resources to support recovery activities.¹ It is important to remember that some communities have experienced substantial and pervasive historical inequities, which can pose challenges. For our most vulnerable populations to receive immediate and direct support, Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is in need of two emergency remote operations facilities in Eastern and Western Hidalgo County to mitigate the challenges of COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts, specifically in these rural and unincorporated areas in the community within Precincts 1 and 3. The development of two new locations, especially for those who are unable to travel, would ease the burden of access for emergency services so that individuals and families are able to access direct services closer to home and when they need them to speed up economic and social recovery and allow the community to resume normalcy. The location in Western Hidalgo County, 8066 N Los Ebanos Rd, Alton, TX, 78573, is in a qualified census tract area (QCT), and the Eastern Hidalgo County location, 708 East Edinburg Ave., Elsa, TX, 78543, is situated in a low to moderate area. These facilities will permit staff to remain in a safe environment during an emergency response and recovery and ensure the continuity of operations and government in major disasters or emergencies by protecting the health and resilience of families and communities in these marginalized areas in response to the negative effects of COVID-19. Personnel costs will also be included to ensure center development, implementation and operation.

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<https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-24-106755#:~:text=The%20Disaster%20Assistance%20for%20Rural.sseeking%20disaster%20assistance%20from%20SBA.>



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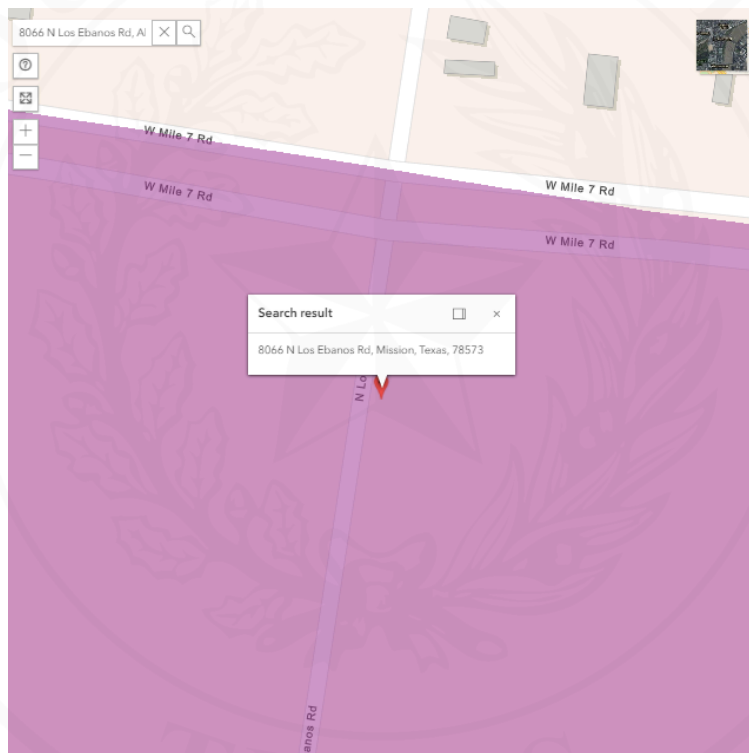
For clarity, Treasury has addressed the eligibility standard for capital expenditures, or investments in property, facilities, or equipment. Treasury has enumerated the improvements to or construction of emergency operations centers and acquisition of emergency response equipment (e.g., emergency response radio systems).²

Fiscal Impact: \$4,494,174.65

Site: \$3,593,934.65

Personnel: \$900,240.00

^Below is the Qualified Census Tract for 8066 N Los Ebanos Rd, Alton, TX, 78573



Source: Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R): [2023 and 2024 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. 4354



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^Below is the Low-to-Moderate Income Area Information for 708 East Edinburg Ave., Elsa, TX, 78543

LMISD by Place: Elsa city

GEOID	4824036
NAME	Elsa city
PLACE_TYPE	Incorporated City/Town
STATE	48
STUSAB	TX
LOW	3,385.00
LOWMOD	4,660.00
LMMI	5,495.00
LOWMODUNIV	6,445.00
LOWMOD_PCT	72.30
UCLOWMOD	
UCLOWMOD_P	0.00



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo County Public Safety COVID-19 Response

Project Number:

ARPA-24-115-377

Department Name:

Budget and Management

ARPA Expenditure Category:

3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

ARPA Eligibility Category:

3.1: Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

Project Description:

Law enforcement agencies were faced with the challenge of maintaining operational levels of service while keeping officers, employees, and the community safe during COVID-19.¹ Daily activities required in-person work and community interaction. Law enforcement, as first responders, continued to work at increased levels of exposure whilst implementing and enforcing COVID-19 safety measures, outreach services, assisting the health department, and responding to public safety needs to name a few. As COVID 19 has evolved, law enforcement has made significant changes in routine activities.² The pandemic influenced law enforcement in three primary areas: 1) interventions to minimize and slow the spread of COVID-19; 2) nature of interactions; 3) responses to changes in crimes.³ To combat the virus, law enforcement has shifted operations to address healthcare and public health needs in addition to traditional security and public safety priorities.⁴ The same holds true for Hidalgo County. To uphold public safety, the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office continues to implement COVID-19 operational preparedness and prevention of disease transmission strategies to preserve the health, safety, and well-being of employees as first responders including but not limited to patrol and field operations as a result of the pandemic and in preparation for future health responses in real-time, including infectious diseases. Furthermore, Sheriff's Office employees continue to respond to situations exacerbated by the pandemic including domestic violence and mental health incidents utilizing strategies to build trust and positive relationships with the community

¹ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8689991/>

² <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9549130/>

³ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8689991/>

⁴ https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/30/13/23-0776_article



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thus improving community safety outcomes. For these reasons, Hidalgo County has determined that Sheriff's Office employees are continuously dedicated to responding to the long-term effects of COVID-19. As such, Hidalgo County aims to dedicate ARPA funds for payroll and benefits for Sheriff's Office employees as permitted in the Final Rule to restore and bolster public sector capacity and support the County's ability to deliver uninterrupted critical services with the continuous implementation of prevention and mitigation strategies. This project will retroactively reimburse the County beginning January 1, 2024.

Under the interim final rule, funds may be used for payroll and covered benefits for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees of a recipient government, for the portion of the employee's time that is spent responding to COVID-19. For administrative convenience, the recipient may consider public health and safety employees to be entirely devoted to responding to COVID-19, and therefore their full payroll and covered benefits eligible to be covered, if the employee, or his or her operating unit or division, is "primarily dedicated" to responding to COVID-19, meaning that more than half of the employee, unit, or division's time is dedicated to responding to COVID-19.⁵ Public safety employees include sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, emergency medical responders, correctional and detention officers and those who directly support those employees. In the final rule, Treasury is clarifying that recipients will be permitted to fund the full payroll and covered benefits of public health and safety staff primarily dedicated to COVID-19 response throughout the period of performance for the SLFRF program, though recipients should periodically reassess their determination of primarily dedicated staff, including as the public health emergency and response evolves.⁶

Fiscal Impact: \$12,642,061.09

⁵ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4384

⁶ Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4385