



Exhibit A - Budget Amendments

#	ARPA Project No.	ARPA Project Name	Prior Budget	New Budget
1	22-340-088	Hidalgo County Hidalgo Health Clinic Improvement Project	\$2,929,000.00	\$2,829,000.00
2	24-340-352	McAllen Health Center Improvements Project	\$2,378,053.72	\$2,478,053.72

FAQ 17.16:

- Recipient may use SLFRF funds to cover increased costs attributable to pre-existing obligations to accommodate the change or contingency prior to December 31, 2024.
- Recipients may also cover contract cost increases after December 31, 2024, using SLFRF funds that the recipient does not use as initially reported to cover particular projects.
- Recipients may cover cost of amendments to contracts if the amended contract is within substantially the same scope and for substantially the same purpose as the contract incurred by December 31, 2024.

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guidance, December 19, 2024:

While recipients may not incur new obligations for the use of SLFRF funds after December 31, 2024, recipients may reclassify SLFRF funds from a reported activity to another project that would be eligible under the program rules.



Project Description

Project Name:

Hidalgo Health Clinic Improvement Project

Project Number:

ARPA-22-340-088

Program Name:

Hidalgo 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:

The purpose of the Hidalgo County Health Clinic Improvement Project is to expand healthcare capacity and meet the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts with COVID 19 and continued risks. The Hidalgo County Health Clinic will provide critical services to Hidalgo County residents which include but are not limited to vaccinations, testing, preventative care and referrals, as needed, to underserved and disproportionately impacted populations for healthcare relief and to improve health outcomes. The Hidalgo County Health Clinic will be located at 702 E. Ramon Ayala Dr., Hidalgo, TX, 78557. Included is one time improvements to the facility and development and construction of an adjacent structure as part of the pandemic preparedness package will be authorized by City for procurement by County, as tenant of the property in question, and is deemed necessary by the parties to respond to the ongoing COVID 19 public health emergency. 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.

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



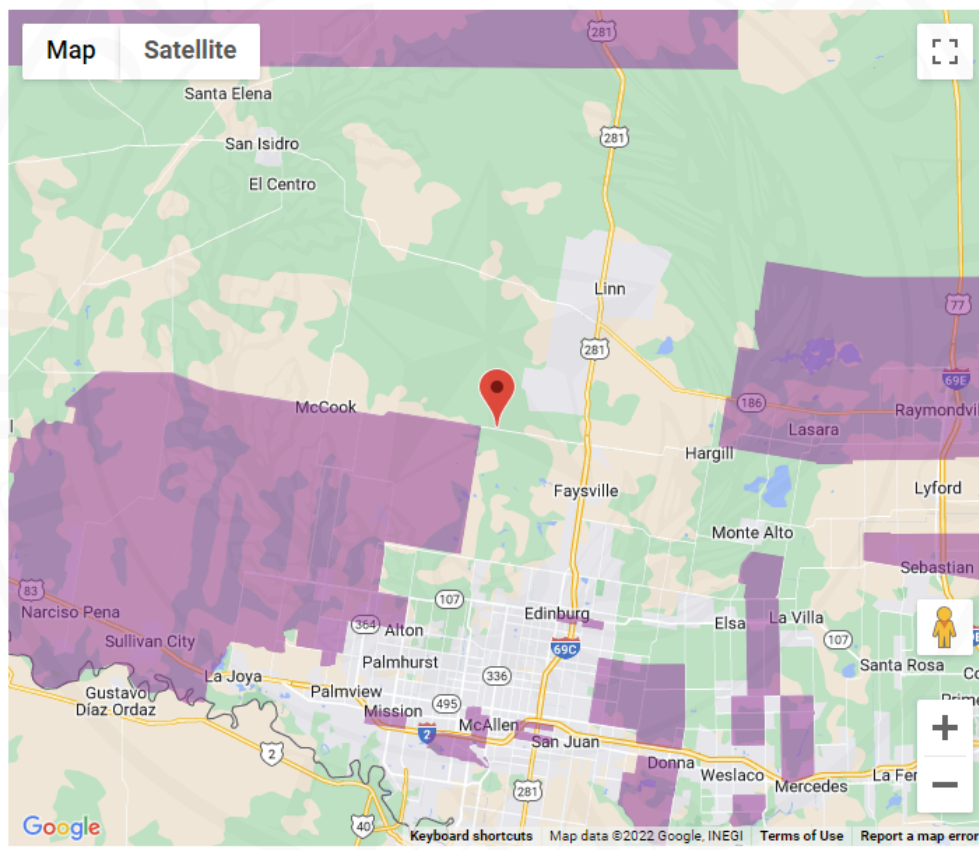
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includes primary care clinics, hospitals, or integrations of health services into other settings.¹ In the final rule, to further decrease administrative burden and enhance recipient flexibility, Treasury is allowing recipients to also presume that 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: \$2,829,000.00

^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)

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



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. To expand healthcare capacity, improvements include but are not limited to a new facility, 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



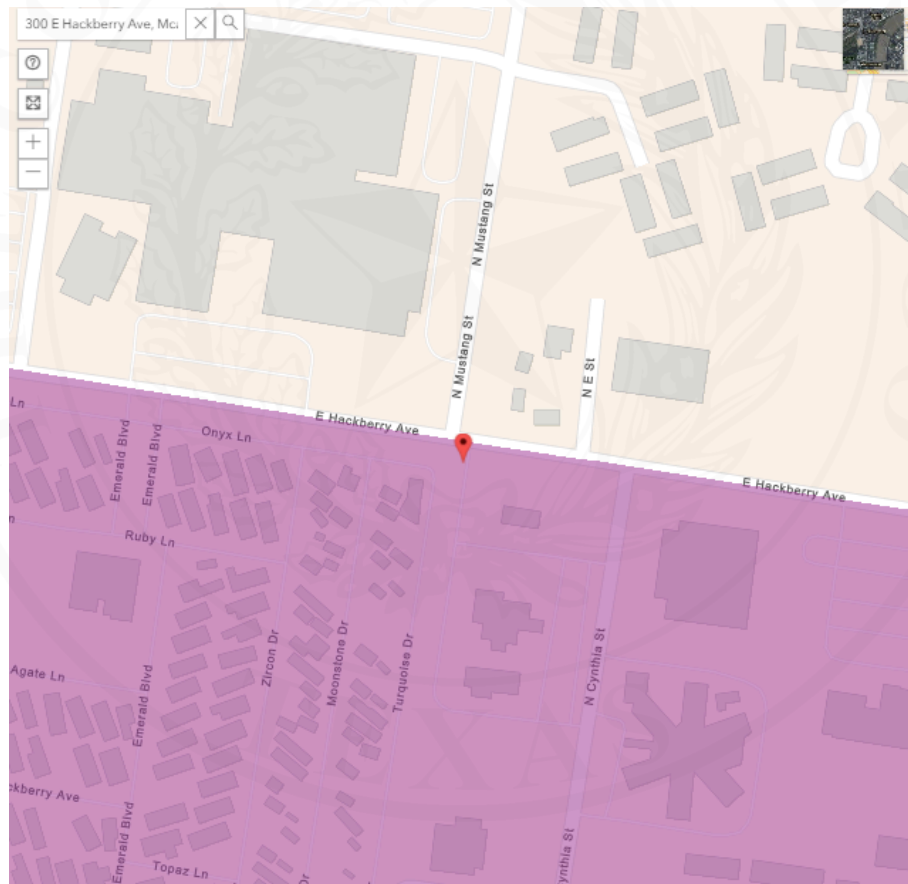
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operational needs, such as physical plant improvements to public hospitals and health clinics or adaptations to public buildings to implement COVID–19 mitigation tactics. These enumerated uses are consistent with guidance from public health authorities, 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: \$2,478,053.72

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

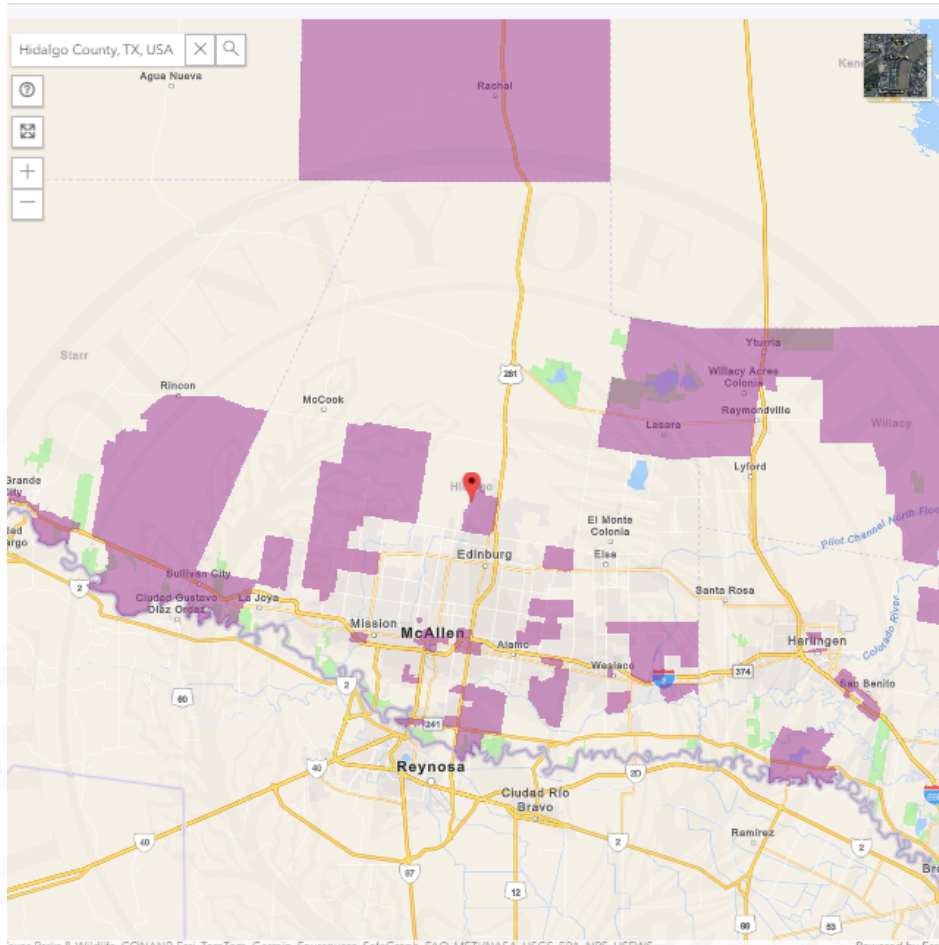


² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4353

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 \(QCTs\)](#)