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Exhibit A - Budget Amendments

#	ARPA Project No.	ARPA Project Name	Prior Budget	New Budget
1	21-122-040	Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project	\$8,413,132.40	\$8,413,132.70
2	22-200-076	Hidalgo County Wi-Fi Project	\$4,425,772.94	\$4,425,772.92
3	22-200-124	Hidalgo County Tyler New World Project	\$3,705,932.17	\$3,705,932.19

Note: Funds will be transferred to contingency then to the applicable project.

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 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



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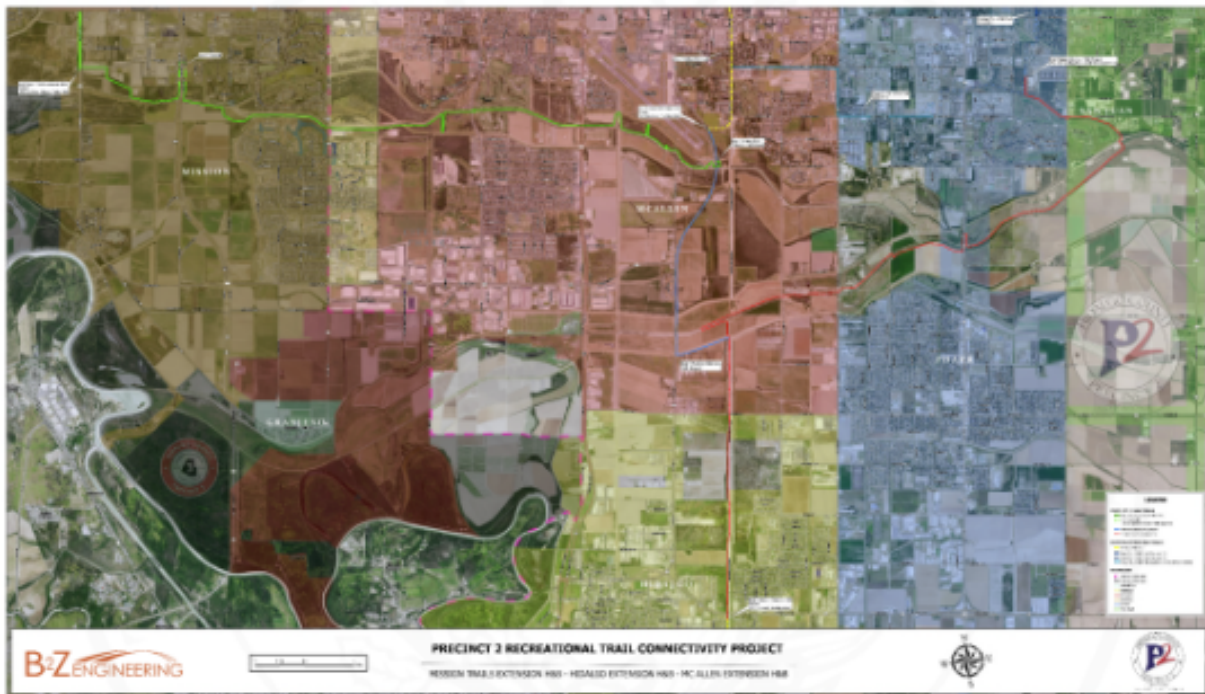
Recreational Development Program, which is to improve the accessibility and function of parks and hike and bike trail to constituents living in, near and around Qualified Census Tract areas. Additionally, to be responsive and committed to providing essential outdoor spaces with the purpose of making 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: \$8,413,132.70

QCT Analysis:

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



To visualize the map at larger scale please click on the link below:

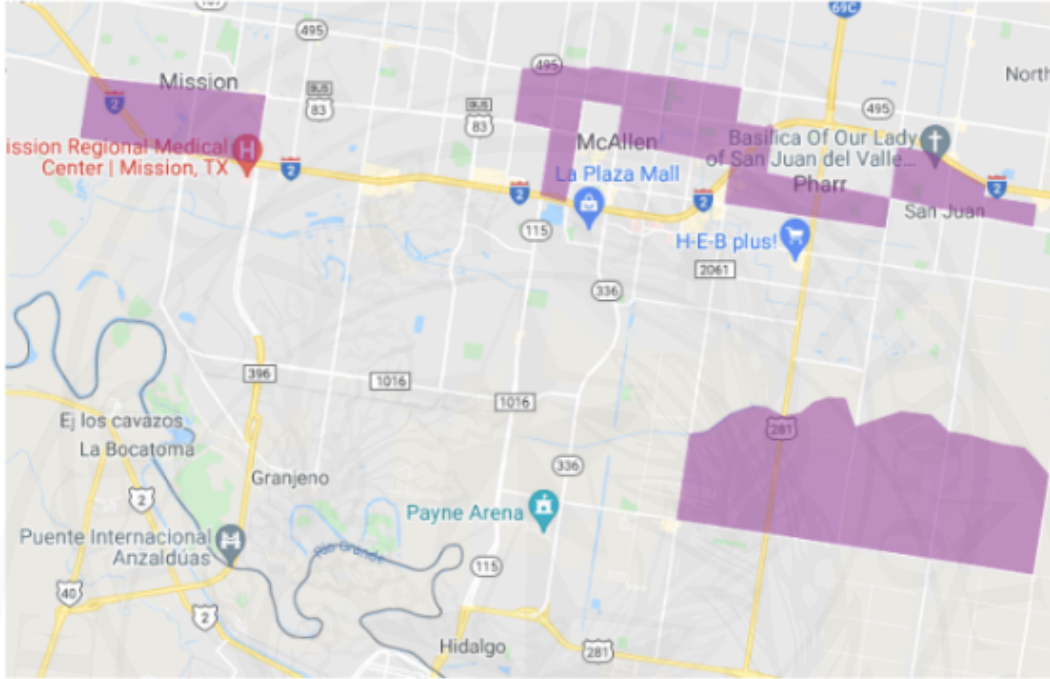
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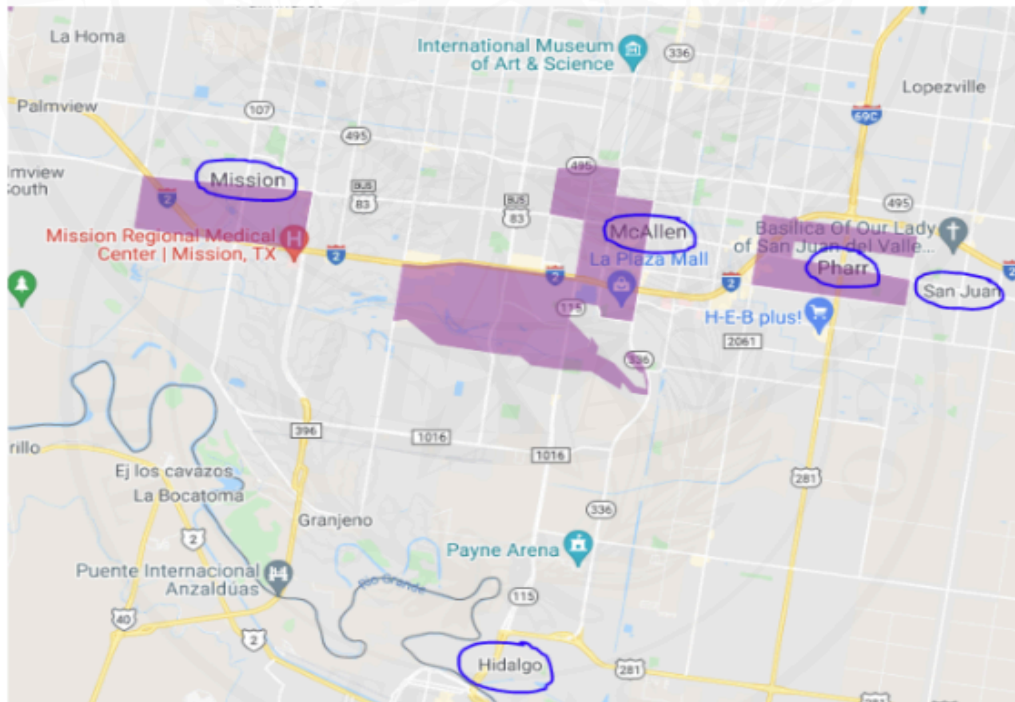
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- Precinct 2 Recreational Trail Connectivity and Development Project QCT Analysis 2021



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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: \$4,425,772.92

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 Tyler New World Project

Project Number:

ARPA-22-200-124

Department Name:

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office / Information Technology

ARPA Expenditure Category:

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

ARPA Eligibility Category:

3.5: Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs

Project Description:

To increase response times and procedural efficiencies in our corrections and court systems during the ongoing public health emergency, Hidalgo County will acquire Tyler New World software. This project includes the installation of Tyler New World software on all computers for use by the Sheriff's Office. The software will be implemented within 12 to 18 months and hosted by Tyler Technologies. The CAD/RMS client software will need to be installed and configured on all connected computers including data conversion from the old system to the new environment. The Tyler software will directly integrate with the current court system as well as other law enforcement entities if needed. The Tyler New World software will increase integration with the court and RMS software platforms allowing for more streamlined data processing.

Treasury has clarified that recipients may use SLFRF funds to address data, evidence and program administration needs of recipients. This includes technology infrastructure resources to improve access to and the user experience of governmental information technology systems, including hardware and software to improve public delivery of government programs or services.¹ SLFRF funding may be used for administrative needs caused or exacerbated by the pandemic, including technology infrastructure to adapt government operations to the pandemic (e.g., video conferencing software, improvement to case management systems or data sharing resources) reduce government backlogs, or meet increased maintenance needs.²

Fiscal Impact: \$3,705,932.19

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

² Department of the Treasury. (2022). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. *Federal Register*, 87(18), p. 4389