

Hidalgo County • Department of Budget & Management

American Rescue Plan Act 2022

Project Description

Project Name:

First Responder Emergency Vehicle

Project Number:

ARPA-22-110-073

Department Name:

County Judge's Office

ARPA Expenditure Category:

1. Public Health

ARPA Eligibility Category:

1.12 Other Public Health Services

Project Description:

The First Responder Emergency Vehicle will support Hidalgo County's vaccination and testing efforts while aiding the overwhelmed emergency response services. An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) will be operating the vehicle equipped with life-saving medical equipment used in a prehospital setting, at the vaccination and testing sites. Additionally, the First Responder Emergency Vehicle will be used to provide the same services to the homebound, elderly, or disabled population. The services previously described will be provided primarily for the disadvantaged and most vulnerable Hidalgo County community members. This project will allow the County of Hidalgo to effectively address the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and any future public health emergencies.

According to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule, expenses including mobile vaccination or testing programs, or on-site vaccination or testing services for homebound individuals, those in group homes, or similar settings, are considered eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.¹

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated Budget: \$58,177.00

¹ Department of the Treasury. (n.d.). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. (pg. 62.)