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Project Overview

Project Name: Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 Premium Pay Program

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-115-058
Project Expenditure Category	4-Premium Pay
Project Expenditure Subcategory	4.1-Public Sector Employees
Total Obligations	\$748,228.20
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	<p>The Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 Premium Pay Program authorizes Premium Pay to regular full-time, regular part-time, temporary full-time, and temporary part-time employees who were hired in-person on or before August 1, 2021. The purpose of the program is to provide pay to eligible employees who have been, and continue to be, relied on to maintain the operations of essential, critical infrastructure sectors, including those who are crucial to protecting the health and wellbeing of their communities; employees teleworking from a residence are not eligible to receive Premium Pay. Premium Pay has been awarded at a rate of \$13.00 per hour in addition to regular wages. Premium Pay should not exceed the tiered amounts of \$3,500.00 for eligible employees earning up to \$40,000.00, \$3,000.00 for eligible employees earning between \$40,001.00-\$60,000.00, and \$2,500.00 for eligible employees earning over \$60,000.00. Regular part-time and temporary-part time employees will receive 50% of the \$13.00 per hour pay rate once approved hours are met.</p>

Project Name: Hidalgo County Community Service Agency Premium Pay Program

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-115-059
Project Expenditure Category	4-Premium Pay
Project Expenditure Subcategory	4.1-Public Sector Employees
Total Obligations	\$152,260.99
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	<p>The Hidalgo County Community Service Agency Premium Pay Program authorizes Premium Pay to regular full-time, regular part-time, temporary full-time, and temporary part-time employees who were hired in-person on or before August 1, 2021. The purpose of the program is to provide pay to eligible employees who have been, and continue to be, relied on to maintain the operations of essential, critical infrastructure sectors, including those who are crucial to protecting the health and wellbeing of their communities; employees teleworking from a residence are not eligible to receive Premium Pay. Premium Pay has been awarded at a rate of \$13.00 per hour in addition to regular wages. Premium Pay should not exceed the tiered amounts of \$3,500.00 for eligible employees earning up to \$40,000.00, \$3,000.00 for eligible employees earning between \$40,001.00-\$60,000.00, and \$2,500.00 for eligible</p>

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Project Name: Hidalgo County Premium Pay Program

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-115-055
Project Expenditure Category	4-Premium Pay
Project Expenditure Subcategory	4.1-Public Sector Employees
Total Obligations	\$10,345,171.80
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Hidalgo County Premium Pay Program authorizes Premium Pay to regular full-time, regular part-time, temporary full-time, and temporary part-time employees who were hired in-person on or before August 1, 2021. The purpose of the program is to provide pay to eligible employees who have been, and continue to be, relied on to maintain the operations of essential, critical infrastructure sectors, including those who are crucial to protecting the health and wellbeing of their communities; employees teleworking from a residence are not eligible to receive Premium Pay. Premium Pay has been awarded at a rate of \$13.00 per hour in addition to regular wages. Premium Pay should not exceed the tiered amounts of \$3,500.00 for eligible employees earning up to \$40,000.00, \$3,000.00 for eligible employees earning between \$40,001.00-\$60,000.00, and \$2,500.00 for eligible employees earning over \$60,000.00. Regular part-time and temporary-part time employees will receive 50% of the \$13.00 per hour pay rate once approved hours are met.

Project Name: Hidalgo County Prevention of Inmate Overcrowding Efforts

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-280-061
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.4-Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work)
Total Obligations	\$16,000,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Hidalgo County Prevention of Inmate Overcrowding Efforts project serves to address and offer alternative solutions to the COVID-19 public health emergency in correctional facilities. The overcrowding of the Hidalgo County jail has been exacerbated due to the shutdown of the judicial courts by the State of Texas due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the County of Hidalgo has improved congregate settings in correctional facilities by transferring inmates to other facilities in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Project Name: WILLSCOT Building Rental

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-340-060

Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.4-Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work)
Total Obligations	\$14,118.18
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The WILLSCOT building is being leased and utilized as a working space for COVID-19 related operations. The working space provides employees a safe environment to operate and practice social distancing. Furthermore, this building is essential in Hidalgo County's efforts to aid its underserved community. With a safe and efficient operation space Hidalgo County can continue its efforts in the mitigation of COVID-19.

Project Name: McColl Building Retrofits

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-125-015
Project Expenditure Category	6-Revenue Replacement
Project Expenditure Subcategory	6.1-Provision of Government Services
Total Obligations	\$591,652.62
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The McColl Building Retrofits project would consist of facility retrofits for the McColl Building located at 505 S. McColl Road, Edinburg, TX 78539 which requires additional facility retrofits in order to be in compliance with health and safety guidelines outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) due the COVID-19 public health emergency. Retrofits include, but are not limited to, adequate space to adhere to social distancing guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Project Name: Hidalgo County Personal Protection Equipment

Project Identification Number	ARPA-22-340-056
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.5-Personal Protective Equipment
Total Obligations	\$1,000,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	Hidalgo County will continue its initiative of mitigating the spread of COVID-19 by providing personal protective (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.

Project Name: Hidalgo County COVID-19 Testing Efforts

Project Identification Number	ARPA-22-340-052
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.2-COVID-19 Testing
Total Obligations	\$2,000,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The provision of COVID-19 Testing Efforts will supply the County of Hidalgo with the necessary resources to continue COVID-19 testing. COVID-19 tests will be administered to Hidalgo County residents, including disproportionately impacted community members, to aid in the mitigation of COVID-19. The increased testing rate will allow Hidalgo County to efficiently track COVID-19 cases, update safety protocols, and mitigate the spread of the virus within the County.

Project Name: Vaccination Healthcare Staffing Services

Project Identification Number	ARPA-22-340-054
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.1-COVID-19 Vaccination
Total Obligations	\$316,485.43
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Vaccination Healthcare Staffing Services project will create temporary healthcare jobs in order to aid in the County of Hidalgo's vaccination efforts. The services will provide Hidalgo County with the necessary human capital to conduct vaccinations countywide. Temporary staff will administer the services to allow Hidalgo County to continue its mission of mitigating the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Project Name: Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Stormwater Management Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-122-017
Project Expenditure Category	5-Infrastructure
Project Expenditure Subcategory	5.6-Clean Water: Stormwater
Total Obligations	\$1,142,460.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	<p>The Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Stormwater Management Project will help manage, reduce, and recapture rural stormwater. According to the final rule guidelines, investments in projects that improve stormwater infrastructure systems are eligible expenses using ARPA Relief Funds. The project will address issues that arise during the rainy season, in which the area is affected by flooding, the spread of waterborne diseases, and the erosion of the roads.</p> <p>The Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Stormwater Management</p>

	Project will create efficient stormwater system services that 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 of vulnerable communities.
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Project Name: Netsmart Expansion Modules

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-340-041
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.8-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement)
Total Obligations	\$166,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Netsmart Expansion Modules includes two services, Tuberculosis and Well Child Form Services, that will be utilized by the Hidalgo County Health Department. The tuberculosis program will enhance documentation of screening, testing, contact tracing, and treatment of tuberculosis, which will aid in Hidalgo County tuberculosis and COVID-19 response efforts. Whereas, the well child form services will enhance the documentation of services being provided to children within the clinic including, but are not limited to COVID-19 screening, testing, and vaccine administration to help aid Hidalgo County in their COVID-19 response efforts.

Project Name: COVID-19 Media Campaign

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-110-027
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.8-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement)
Total Obligations	\$334,445.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The COVID-19 Media Campaign will consist of a TV and radio ad buy to address ongoing COVID-19 concerns, particularly mental health issues, by educating the public on measures taken so far by the County to mitigate the spread of the virus. More than 20 months into the pandemic, the evidence of long-term malaise related to COVID-19, including mental health and economic issues such as mortgage or rental needs caused by the pandemic have become more evident. The COVID-19 Media Campaign intends to address some mental health concerns by giving the public a report card of what Hidalgo County has done so far to address the pandemic. The idea is to convey the sense that health officials are gaining the upper hand as it relates to mitigating the spread of the virus, as well as the treatment. The expectation is to assuage real mental health concerns that suggest the COVID-19 pandemic will never end. The campaign will also seek to disseminate information regarding the ongoing effort to diminish the virus and its effects by educating the public on questions of vaccinations

	and who is eligible for treatment, including the state-run infusion center.
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Project Name: Hidalgo County COVID-19 Vaccination Supplies

Project Identification Number	ARPA-22-340-055
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.1-COVID-19 Vaccination
Total Obligations	\$1,500,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The COVID-19 Vaccination Supplies project will provide the necessary provisions for the County of Hidalgo to continue its vaccination efforts. Essential supplies include, but are not limited to, syringes, medication, and medical supplies which are crucial when administering the COVID-19 vaccine. According to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule, expenses related to COVID-19 vaccination programs and sites, are eligible expenditures in the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The project will allow Hidalgo County to continue its efforts in the mitigation of COVID-19.

Project Name: Hidalgo County Precinct 3 Parks Improvements

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-123-023
Project Expenditure Category	3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
Project Expenditure Subcategory	3.13-Social Determinants of Health: Other
Total Obligations	\$750,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Hidalgo County Precinct 3 Park Improvements Project, will include the following parks; Katarina North Park, Katarina South Park, Santos Saldana Pavilion, Los Ebanos Park & Pavilion, Messians Pavilion, and Veterans Pavilion. Precinct 3 Park Improvements will assist in improving recreational parks and pavilions as it plays a critical role in protecting public health. This project will improve the accessibility and function of the Precinct 3 Park Improvements to constituents living in and around Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs), as they will be designed to benefit the health and well-being of QCT populations. Treasury’s Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) Interim Final Rule recognizes parks and other recreational spaces as methods of creating stronger communities, addressing social determinants of health and confronting public health disparities.

Project Name: Schuerbach Health Clinic Improvement Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-340-020
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health

Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.7-Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
Total Obligations	\$3,000,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The purpose of the Schuerbach Health Clinic Improvement Project is to expand health care capacity and meet community pandemic-related needs. Operational needs can be met through renovations to the existing Schuerbach Health Clinic. Furthermore, efforts to mitigate COVID-19 include COVID-19 vaccination programs, medical care, testing, and support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services. The Schuerbach Health Clinic will provide services, including but not limited to family planning, immunization, and wellness health. The Scherubach Health Clinic, located at 211 S. Schuerbach Rd, Mission, Texas, 78572, will provide services to Hidalgo County residents, including the residents that have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Project Name: Public Wi-Fi Pole Replacement

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-200-030
Project Expenditure Category	5-Infrastructure
Project Expenditure Subcategory	5.17-Broadband: Other projects
Total Obligations	\$6,983.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	This project would consist of a Wi-Fi pole replacement for Precinct 2. The purpose of this 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, the pole replacement will work with County functions and mount 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.

Project Name: El Paraiso Health Clinic Improvement Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-340-019
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.7-Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
Total Obligations	\$3,000,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
	The purpose of El Paraiso Health Clinic Improvement

Project Description	Project is to expand health care capacity and meet community pandemic-related needs. Operational needs can be met through renovations to the existing El Paraiso Health Clinic. 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. El Paraiso Health Clinic, located at 1901 N. Los Ebanos Rd., Alton, TX, 78573, is in a Qualified Census Tract area to provide services to an underserved community.
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Project Name: Courthouse Wi-Fi and Telephone Connectivity System

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-200-013
Project Expenditure Category	6-Revenue Replacement
Project Expenditure Subcategory	6.1-Provision of Government Services
Total Obligations	\$480,749.05
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Courthouse Wi-Fi and Telephone Connectivity System will ensure the safety of constituents and County employees by establishing reliable communication systems in the newly constructed Hidalgo County Courthouse to comply with COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. The procurement of the telephone and Wi-Fi systems is congruent with Hidalgo County's goal to provide effective delivery of services in light of change in technology, the public's expectations and the area's population and economy.

Project Name: Radio Communication Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-110-012
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.8-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement)
Total Obligations	\$146,070.50
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Radio Communication Project will address and improve radio communication equipment, as the dissemination of accurate information plays a critical role in executing COVID-19 mitigation tactics. The Radio Communication Project will consist of a purchase of 6 mobile radios and 12 portable radios. Additionally, the purpose of the purchase is to place several radios in the COVID-19 Mobile Command Unit, Mobile Support (Box Trucks), COVID-19 Rapid Response Communication Unit, and a COVID-19 Rapid Response Medical Unit to include the High Water Rescue Vehicle. The equipment will be used to assist in COVID-19 response and mitigation efforts. The project would allow various agencies and County departments to remain in

	constant communication with each other during responses, such as operations with hospital surges, mass vaccination clinics, and food and supply distributions.
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Project Name: Adobe Sign for Enterprise - Digital Signature

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-200-010
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.8-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement)
Total Obligations	\$41,890.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	Adobe Sign for Enterprise - Digital Signature will allow Hidalgo County Departments digitally sign official documents, agreements and contracts in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Adobe Digital Signature service eliminates the need for staff to potentially put themselves at risk of contracting COVID-19 by physically delivering County documents, agreements and contracts that need signatures from other County employees, departments, offices or elected officials.

Project Name: High Water Rescue Vehicle

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-110-006
Project Expenditure Category	6-Revenue Replacement
Project Expenditure Subcategory	6.1-Provision of Government Services
Total Obligations	\$192,503.90
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The High Water Rescue Vehicle would be utilized to administer emergency services during flooding events throughout the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and future disasters. The High Water Rescue Vehicle would facilitate the ability to rescue individuals stranded in their vehicles or assist families flooded out of their homes. The High Water Vehicle would also expedite the acquisition and distribution of supplies to families in need and facilitate the transport of medical personnel to areas that emergency services are unable to access.

Project Name: COVID-19 Infusion Therapy Communication Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-110-005
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.8-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement)
Total Obligations	\$1,434.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
	The COVID-19 Infusion Therapy Communication Project consists of the creation and printing of informational leaflets related to COVID-19 treatment. The leaflets have been

Project Description	printed for proper distribution to test sites to inform the community about the necessary resources and information regarding COVID-19 public health emergency. The leaflet's purpose is to disseminate preliminary information about Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Treatment for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. The leaflet also showcases Regional Infusion Centers that are located in Hidalgo County.
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Project Name: Countywide Roadway Assessment Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-115-003
Project Expenditure Category	6-Revenue Replacement
Project Expenditure Subcategory	6.1-Provision of Government Services
Total Obligations	\$1,660,128.92
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	In an effort to maintain compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) reporting standards, the Countywide Roadway Assessment project will execute roadway inventory, roadway maintenance, and a capitalization study. The assessment ensures the safety of constituents while they are in transit by taking necessary measures to reduce traffic accidents and updates the status of roads in the County of Hidalgo.

Project Name: Hidalgo County Debris Removal Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-115-002
Project Expenditure Category	6-Revenue Replacement
Project Expenditure Subcategory	6.1-Provision of Government Services
Total Obligations	\$1,125,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Hidalgo County Debris Removal project will allocate ARPA Relief Funds for debris removal expenditures as it is necessary to maintain clean, safe, and sanitary roadways and public spaces. Through this project, the County of Hidalgo will lawfully dispose of large volumes of disaster-generated debris from a large area in a timely and cost-effective manner. The services include assembling, directing, and managing a workforce that can successfully complete the debris removal and disposal operations according to all applicable rules and regulations.

Project Name: Voting Machine Retrofit Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-130-001
Project Expenditure Category	6-Revenue Replacement
Project Expenditure Subcategory	6.1-Provision of Government Services
Total Obligations	\$1,670,668.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
	The Voting Machine Retrofit Project will allocate ARPA

Project Description	Relief Funds for the necessary retrofits of the County's voting machine systems. In an effort to maintain compliance with Senate Bill 598, Hidalgo County voting machines must "use, create, or display a paper record that may be read by the voter." The Voting Machine Retrofit Project will ensure that County voting equipment follows all the current regulations and laws. The project increases the transparency and accountability of the voting process by securing the fairness of elections in Hidalgo County.
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Project Name: Hidalgo County Courthouse Pandemic Preparedness Retrofit Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-125-033
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.7-Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
Total Obligations	\$3,565,310.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Hidalgo County Courthouse Preparedness Retrofit Project would provide facility retrofits that include physical plant changes, which will provide needed protections to constituents and essential workers to avoid the contraction of COVID-19 and its potential health impacts would continue. The Hidalgo County Courthouse retrofits are needed in order to continue providing services to the community throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency. The project will consist of enhancement to current systems with upgrades pertaining mostly to HVAC equipment which will neutralize microbial contaminants that impede efficiency and plumbing fixtures.

Project Name: Juvare WebEOC Product Enhancement

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-110-016
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.8-Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement)
Total Obligations	\$14,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	In order to efficiently and adequately respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Department will utilize Juvare WebEOC to streamline communication and response efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and other potential public health emergencies. Juvare WebEOC is an emergency management software that shares data and workflows among agencies and employees. Data collected through the software is also able to be exported to other programs. The Emergency Management Department seeks to use the software to facilitate the dissemination of information between Hidalgo County and its jurisdictions. The shared information ranges from COVID-19 hospital statuses and personnel requests that are sent to the State of Texas to daily

	COVID-19 testing of immigrants. Juvare WebEOC allows for communication with constituents and other County departments through a public facing form.
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Project Name: Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Pueblo De Palmas Park Improvements Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-124-031
Project Expenditure Category	3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
Project Expenditure Subcategory	3.13-Social Determinants of Health: Other
Total Obligations	\$800,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	<p>Hidalgo County Precinct 4 is planning on making improvements to the Pueblo de Palmas Park, located at 4550 North Cesar Chavez Rd. Edinburg, TX 78542, which includes improvements to basketball courts, restrooms, parking lots, and landscaping.</p> <p>The Pueblo De Palmas Park is located in an underprivileged area that would benefit greatly from the amenities being proposed. This project will improve the accessibility and function of the Pueblo De Palmas Park to constituents living in, near and around Qualified Census Tract (QCT) areas. The Pueblo De Palmas Park will be designed to benefit the health and well-being of the most vulnerable populations, including residents that reside in QCT areas.</p> <p>Recreational spaces such as the Pueblo De Palmas Park have always served a critical function in the mental health of individuals particularly for low income communities. Also the Pueblo De Palmas Park will be expansive, allowing for safe enjoyment while maintaining social distance.</p>

Project Name: RGV Food Bank Contribution

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-110-022
Project Expenditure Category	2-Negative Economic Impacts
Project Expenditure Subcategory	2.1-Household Assistance: Food Programs
Total Obligations	\$100,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	<p>For the past two years, COVID-19 has greatly impacted the nation, especially regions of low socioeconomic status. Nonprofits, which provide vital services to communities, have faced economic and financial challenges due to the pandemic. Food banks continue to respond to increased demand due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The County desires to designate ARPA funds to assist the RGV Food Bank for additional expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One objective is to provide the citizens of Hidalgo County access to food delivery services including, but not limited to, senior citizens and other vulnerable populations that have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.</p> <p>Additionally, community factors, such as a debilitated support system, can directly impact and increase a family's</p>

	likelihood of having food insecurity. Food banks are responding to the rise in food insecurity caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The ARPA funds will help support the RGV Food Bank and ensure there is an abundance of resources to meet the growing demand for food assistance.
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Project Name: Assistance to South Texas College Nursing Program

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-110-034
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.12-Other Public Health Services
Total Obligations	\$2,000,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Assistance to South Texas College Nursing Program intends to respond to the public health crisis by investing in the South Texas College Nursing program which produces healthcare professionals. The ongoing pandemic has shown healthcare professionals, especially nurses, continue to be in high demand due to shortages in faculty members at local nursing programs. The project aims to utilize ARPA Relief Funds to assist in obtaining supplemental faculty positions and expand class sizes. This investment will also assist in providing the necessary resources for training future nurses. Furthermore, the program has as an objective to assist local institutions in recruitment and retention of faculty and students. Assistance to South Texas College will allow the County of Hidalgo to address the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and any future public health emergencies more effectively.

Project Name: MEDCARE EMS Assistance

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-125-039
Project Expenditure Category	2-Negative Economic Impacts
Project Expenditure Subcategory	2.9-Small Business Economic Assistance (General)
Total Obligations	\$350,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	Throughout the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, emergency medical services providers have administered critical care to Hidalgo County residents, especially to vulnerable populations and community members of unincorporated areas of the County. Emergency service providers, such as MEDCARE EMS, have been severely impacted due to the negative economic effects of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, and it impedes its ability to administer critical life-saving services. Therefore, MEDCARE EMS Assistance project, plans to support MEDCARE EMS to continue to provide critical life-saving medical services to Hidalgo County residents who live in unincorporated areas of the County during and beyond the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Project Name: Assistance to HOPE Family Health Center

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-110-032
Project Expenditure Category	1-Public Health
Project Expenditure Subcategory	1.12-Other Public Health Services
Total Obligations	\$1,000,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	The Assistance to HOPE Clinic project is consistent with the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Primary Medical Care and Behavioral Health Program’s goal to execute COVID-19 mitigation efforts by providing funding to nonprofit clinics that serve the vulnerable communities of Hidalgo County. The HOPE Clinic will continue to provide services including, but not limited to, primary medical care, laboratory services, mental health counseling, psychotherapy, nutritional support, wellness classes, and COVID-19 vaccinations. Through this project, the HOPE Clinic will be able to continue to provide vital primary care services to disadvantaged communities and address the health disparities that the pandemic has made more evident.

Project Name: Hidalgo County Precinct 4 J.R. “Milo” Ponce Park Improvements Project

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-124-029
Project Expenditure Category	3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
Project Expenditure Subcategory	3.13-Social Determinants of Health: Other
Total Obligations	\$363,614.67
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	<p>Hidalgo County Precinct 4 is planning on making improvements to J.R. “Milo” Ponce Park located at Jr Milo Ponce Dr., Edinburg, TX 78542. The improvements will consist of the removal of existing playgrounds to be replaced with new inclusive playgrounds for children ages that range from 2 to 12 years of age.</p> <p>The project will improve the accessibility and function of the J.R. “Milo” Ponce Park to constituents living in, near and around Qualified Census Tract (QCT) areas. The improvements to the park have been designed to benefit the health and well-being of the most vulnerable populations, including residents that reside in QCT areas.</p> <p>Recreational spaces, such as the J.R. “Milo” Ponce Park, has always served a critical function in the mental health of individuals, particularly for low income communities. Additionally, the park will be expansive, allowing for safe enjoyment while maintaining social distance.</p>

Project Name: Hidalgo County Precinct 1 Hike & Bike Trail

Project Identification Number	ARPA-21-121-037
Project Expenditure Category	3-Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
Project Expenditure Subcategory	3.13-Social Determinants of Health: Other

Total Obligations	\$5,000,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Project Description	<p>Hidalgo County Precinct 1 is planning on developing a Hike & Bike Trail in their Mid-Valley area that will pass by the Cities of Mercedes, Weslaco, Donna, Alamo, and Pharr. The Precinct 1 Hike & Bike Trail is designed to build stronger neighborhoods and communities and address health disparities and the social determinants of health.</p> <p>Treasury's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) Interim Final Rule recognizes parks, hike & bike trails and other recreational spaces as methods of creating stronger communities, addressing social determinants of health and confronting public health disparities.</p>

Report

Federal Financial Reporting

Base Year General Revenue	\$377,181,878.00
Fiscal Year End Date	12/31/2019
Growth Adjustment Used	4.100%
Actual General Revenue as of 12 months ended December 31, 2020	\$377,360,928.00
Estimated Revenue Loss Due to Covid-19 Public Health Emergency as of December 31, 2020	\$15,285,406.00
Were Fiscal Recovery Funds used to make a deposit into a pension fund?	No
Please provide an explanation of how revenue replacement funds were allocated to government services	<p>Revenue replacement funds were allocated to the following governmental services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The acquisition of additional and retrofit existing voting equipment due to state legislative changes • Collection of vegetative debris on county right-of-ways after the February Winter Freeze in Texas • Renovations to a recently acquired county facility for the use of new administrative offices • Roadway and bridge inventory and assessment study • Acquisition of High Water Rescue Vehicle

Questions on Equity and Evidence

1. Do you have a learning agenda, evidence-building plan, or another strategic approach to using evidence and evaluation for the spending outlined in your Recovery Plan?	
1. If Yes, Please provide a link	
2. Do the performance metrics for the projects listed in the Recovery Plan include data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, income, and other relevant factors?	
3. Do you have a full Community Engagement Plan that accompanies the community engagement activities outlined in your Recovery Plan?	
3. If Yes, Please provide a link	
4. Do you have a public awareness campaign or other planned dissemination activities to make residents and businesses aware of the SLFRF supported projects from your Recovery Plan?	
4. If Yes, Please describe in 1-2 sentences and provide a link.	
5. What is the total number of performance indicators across all projects in your Recovery Plan (including mandatory performance indicators)?	

Certification

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