



## **Project Description**

### **Project Name**

Electronic Medical Records System

### **Project Number**

ARPA-22-340-052

### **Department Name**

Hidalgo County Health Department

### **ARPA Expenditure Category**

1. Public Health

### **ARPA Eligibility Category**

1.8 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

### **Project Description**

The Netsmart Electronic Medical Records System is a software utilized by the Hidalgo County Health Department, which provides enhanced reporting and client management capabilities for the county's COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and other related medical activities. Through this project, the County will be able to continue to utilize various modules of the Electronic Medical Records System, including but not limited to CareConnect Immunization Connector, CareConnect Direct Secure Messaging, CareConnect Lab Orders (outbound), CareConnect Lab Results, CareConnect Inbox, Diagnosis Content on Demand, myInsight SaaS Named User, OrderConnect Non-Prescriber, OrderConnect Base Fee, OrderConnect Full Suite, ScheduleConnect, Ultimedex, and CareConnect HIE Connector (CCD Transactions).

According to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Final Rule, investments in software, databases, and other information technology resources that support responses to the COVID-19 public health emergency are considered an enhancement of public health data systems. The EMR System is considered an enhancement of public health data systems, and it is an eligible expense under COVID-19 public health response and mitigation tactics under the SLFRF Interim Final Rule and remains eligible under the Final Rule<sup>1</sup>.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Budget: \$472,038.079

- Estimated Budget Year 2022: \$149,540.15
- Estimated Budget Year 2023: \$158,520.11
- Estimated Budget Year 2024: \$163,977.819

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<sup>1</sup> Department of the Treasury. (n.d.). Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. pg.55