

ERA Compliance Report - Cameron County, Texas- ERA 1 Quarter 1 2021

Report Period : Quarter 1 2021 (January-March)

Recipient Profile

Recipient Information

Recipient DUNS	010546679
Recipient DUNS (+4)	
Recipient TIN	746000420
Recipient Legal Entity Name	Cameron County, Texas
Recipient Type	
Recipient Address	1100 E. Monroe St.
Recipient Address 2	
Recipient Address 3	
Recipient City	Brownsville
Recipient State/Territory	TX
Recipient Zip5	78523-3846
Recipient Zip+4	
Country Name	

Recipient Information

Discrepancies Explanation	
Is the Recipient Registered in SAM.Gov?	Yes

Projects

Project Overview

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	ERA0421
CFDA #	21.023
Award Date	1/27/2021
Grant Funds Received	\$12,786,338.20
Recipient Project ID	ERA-210111971
Name of the ERA Project	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
ERA Project Website URL	https://cdcb.org/rental-assistance
Geographic Service Area	County-Wide
System for Prioritizing Assistance Narrative	https://cdcb.org/rental-assistance
Project Description	<p>1. Our performance goal is to spend the funds and provide as much assistance as possible. We estimated that from October 1 through next September, the program has to dispense \$1.0 million per month to fully utilize ERA1 funds. This program started slow, but now the word is getting out.</p> <p>2. Late January 2021, receipt of funds, February 2021, contract with service provider, March 2021, commence provision of services</p> <p>3. Cameron County is partnering with the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, also called "Come Dream, Come Build" because they have region-wide outreach already managing existing rental assistance programs. They have software and websites that were developed and ready to utilize in a short timeline. They have professionals to manage the program and the experience in managing governmental housing grant programs. Every city hall is a drop-off point or a point in which printed applications are received. We have informed church organizations and other social entities about the program.</p> <p>4. The County, through CDCB has paid for radio, television, and print media advertising of the program, its benefits, and outreach contact information. We have printed brochures and handed them out at church events, food pantries, and other social occasions. We have reached out to the Apartment Association to attract the cooperation of large landlords. We have reached out to utility providers to get them registered as payees.</p> <p>5. Cameron County has Colonia Self-help programs where new housing in rural communities replaces older dilapidated homes. Our Cameron County Housing Finance Corporation is actively looking to develop affordable multi-family housing and we are designing a mortgage down payment assistance program. We write grants and implement programs that provide improved water delivery to communities and new access to sewer services, replacing septic systems.</p> <p>6. We just concluded a smaller program offering Mortgage Assistance payments that included groceries and utilities as well as mortgage payments.</p> <p>7. We have informed all of the County's Justices of the Peace to avoid evictions as a result of non-payment and</p>

	direct landlords and renters to the Rental Assistance Program so that everybody can get paid and the renters can stay in their homes.
Use of Fact Based Proxies for Determining Eligibility	No
Explanation for Use of Fact Based Proxies for Determining Eligibility	

Expenditures

Demographics

ERA Applicants

Number of unique households that completed and submitted an application for ERA assistance:	295
Number of Unique Households that Received ERA Assistance (#):	33
Number of Unique Households that Received their Initial ERA Assistance in the Current Reporting Period:	33

ERA Assistance Provided

Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Rent	33
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Rental Arrears	13
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Utilities/Home Energy Bills	9
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Utilities/Home Energy Arrears	9
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Other expenses related to housing	0
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Housing stability services	0

Participant Households at Certain Income Levels

Number of unique households at certain income levels: Less than 30% of Area Median Income	17
Number of unique households at certain income levels: Between 30 and 50% of Area Median Income	12
Number of unique households at certain income levels: Between 50 and 80% of Area Median Income	4
Total number of recipient households whose income eligibility was determined based on their eligibility for other federal benefit programs: Households Eligible- Prior Enrollment	99
Total number of recipient households whose income eligibility was determined using a fact-based proxy:	0
Total amount of ERA award paid to or for participant households:	\$91,961
Average Number of Months of Rent or Utility/Home Energy Payments Covered for Each Participant Household:	3

Award Activity Amounts Approved (Obligated) and Amounts Paid (Expended) During the Quarter

Total Dollar Amount of ERA Award Funds Approved (Obligated) to or for Participant Households	\$91,961
Total Dollar Amount of ERA funds Paid (Expended) for Administrative Expenses	\$9,196
Total Dollar Amount of ERA Award Funds Approved (Obligated) for Administrative Expenses	\$955
Total Dollar Amount of ERA Award Funds Paid (Expended) for Housing Stability Services	\$0
Total Dollar Amount of ERA Award Funds Approved (Obligated) for Housing Stability Services	\$0

Performance & Financial Report

Performance Narrative	The Community Development Corporation of Brownsville (CDCB.org) got their website up quickly and the background software working relatively fast and began to dispense funds. They are continually assessing their performance and hiring additional staff to perform outreach and administer the program.
Narrative on Effective Practices	Our County Commissioners have each recorded video messages that are run on social media sites.

Federal Financial Reporting

Current Quarter Obligations	\$111,673.19
Current Quarter Expenditures	\$101,157.40
Cumulative Obligations to Date	\$111,673.19
Cumulative Expenditures to Date	\$101,157.40

Certification

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