

ERA Compliance Report - Cameron County, Texas - ERA 1 Quarter 1 2022

Report Period : Quarter 1 2022 (January-March)

Recipient Profile

Recipient Information

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Recipient Legal Entity Name	CAMERON, COUNTY OF
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Recipient State/Territory	TX
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Country Name	

Recipient Information

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

Subrecipients

Name: "Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, Inc."

Recipient DUNS	
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Recipient City	Brownsville
Recipient State/Territory	TX
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Is the subrecipient registered in SAM.gov	Yes

Name: Cameron County Housing Authority

Recipient DUNS	
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Recipient State/Territory	TX
Recipient Zip5	78526
Recipient Zip+4	
Is the subrecipient 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	<p>System for Prioritizing Assistance Narrative</p> <p>httSystem for Prioritizing Assistance Narrative</p> <p>Cameron County has been able to assist all qualified families as they apply without any delays; therefore, it has not been necessary to prioritize applicants. The only specific group of applicants being prioritized are those tenants facing eviction and/or disconnection of utility services.</p>
Project Description	<p>As the Treasury Department is aware, Cameron County was required to produce an Improvement Plan, because of lack of productivity with its Emergency Assistance (ERA) Program. The Improvement was created and the Treasury Department subsequently approved it. As such, Cameron County continues to implement the Improvement Plan with significant success in increasing productivity; thus, more families are being assisted.</p> <p>Another program dilemma was that Cameron County had been operating the ERA 1 & 2 Programs by first expanding the ERA 1 Funds. Once these funds would be expended in total, the Cameron County would start expending the ERA 2 Funds or by no later than October 1, 2022 after the ERA 1 Program ended. Unfortunately, Cameron County had not anticipated the announced ERA 2 threshold spending requirements of spending at least 60% of the initial advanced allocation for ERA2 (\$5,329,157.71) by September 30, 2022 the end date for ERA 1. As we are aware, noncompliance with this would result in reallocation of the remaining ERA 2 funds.</p> <p>The initial requirement to spend 20% by March 31, 2022 was impossible for Cameron County. Fortunately, the Treasury Department allowed Cameron County to spend the 20% or \$1,065,831.54 by April 30, 2022. The second requirement is to spend another 20% by June 30, 2022 or within the two months of May and June. Cameron County spent \$1,100,568.72 or 20% during the two-month period. The third requirement is to spend a third 20% by September 30, 2022 or during the three-month period, which will not be a problem for Cameron County.</p> <p>In addition to the above, Cameron County must and will exhaust all ERA 1 Funds during the same period of time.</p>

	<p>Based on the productivity through June 30, 2022, Cameron County will exhaust all of ERA 1 Funds by such deadline. Cameron County has to exhaust \$2,270,153.25 by September 30, 2022 or \$756,720 as a monthly average for the July, August and September.</p> <p>As noted before, Cameron County’s productivity has also increased due to the following three specific undertakings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Coordination with the Cameron County’s 10 Justice of the Peace (JP) Courts. These JP Courts are the courts that adjudicate evictions for non-payment of rent and other issues. As such, the ERA Inhouse staff has established a coordinated communication system with the JP Courts in which the courts automatically referred the eviction cases to the Intake/Process Assistants. The Intake/Process Assistants then directly communicate with the tenants being evicted and the corresponding landlords. This process has avoided many evictions. 2) Entering into an interlocal agreement with the Cameron County Housing Authority (CCHA). 3) Creation of an Inhouse ERA Implementation Program being operated by Cameron County’s American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) Office. <p>Furthermore, Cameron County has started and will continue to coordinate with additional nonprofits operating in the county to conduct outreach and referrals for the ERA Program. Cameron County’s governing body will be asked for approval to utilize ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Fund funds to enhance this effort.</p>
Use of Fact Based Proxies for Determining Eligibility	No
Explanation for Use of Fact Based Proxies for Determining Eligibility	

Expenditures

Aggregate Disbursements to Individuals

Expenditure: EN-00131611

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Administrative Costs
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$115,360.52
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$29,056.84

Expenditure: EN-00131607

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Other Housing Costs (ERA2 Only)
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00131601

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Utility/Home Energy Costs Arrears
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00131597

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Rental Arrears
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00131605

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Other Housing Costs Incurred due to Covid-19
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00131600

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Utility/Home Energy Costs
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00

Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00
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Expenditure: EN-00131595

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Rent
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$1,153,605.16
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$290,568.36

Expenditure: EN-00131573

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Administrative Costs
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$115,360.52
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$29,056.84

Expenditure: EN-00131581

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Rent
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$1,153,605.16
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$290,568.36

Expenditure: EN-00131546

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Utility/Home Energy Costs
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00131554

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Housing Stability Services (Including Eviction Prevention/Diversion)
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00131552

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Other Housing Costs (ERA2 Only)
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00131545

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Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Utility/Home Energy Costs
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$92,288.41
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$23,245.47

Expenditure: EN-00131609

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Housing Stability Services (Including Eviction Prevention/Diversion)
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00131549

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Other Housing Costs Incurred due to Covid-19
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00131534

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Rental Arrears
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$109,592.49
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$27,603.99

Expenditure: EN-00131510

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Rent
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$1,153,605.16
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$290,568.36

Expenditure: EN-00130130

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Housing Stability Services (Including Eviction Prevention/Diversion)
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00130129

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project

Expenditure Category	Financial Assistance: Other Housing Costs Incurred due to Covid-19
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$0.00
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$0.00

Expenditure: EN-00130124

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Administrative Costs
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$115,360.52
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$29,056.84

Expenditure: EN-00114554

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Administrative Costs
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$1,153,605.16
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$290,568.36

Expenditure: EN-00408388

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA Project
Expenditure Category	Administrative Costs
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$213,471.89
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$213,471.89

Demographics

ERA Applicants

Number of unique households that completed and submitted an application for ERA assistance:	878
Number of Unique Households that Received ERA Assistance (#):	1,188
Number of Unique Households that Received their Initial ERA Assistance in the Current Reporting Period:	781

ERA Assistance Provided

Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Rent	1,037
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Rental Arrears	564
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Utilities/Home Energy Bills	721
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Utilities/Home Energy Arrears	62
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Other expenses related to housing	87
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Housing stability services	1

Participant Households at Certain Income Levels

Number of unique households at certain income levels: Less than 30% of Area Median Income	882
Number of unique households at certain income levels: Between 30 and 50% of Area Median Income	214
Number of unique households at certain income levels: Between 50 and 80% of Area Median Income	121
Total number of recipient households whose income eligibility was determined based on their eligibility for other federal benefit programs: Households Eligible- Prior Enrollment	0
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:	\$3,449,305
Average Number of Months of Rent or Utility/Home Energy Payments Covered for Each Participant Household:	3.00

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	\$0
Total Dollar Amount of ERA funds Paid (Expended) for Administrative Expenses	\$299,106
Total Dollar Amount of ERA Award Funds Approved (Obligated) for Administrative Expenses	\$0
Total Dollar Amount of ERA Award Funds Paid (Expended) for Housing Stability Services	\$146
Total Dollar Amount of ERA Award Funds Approved (Obligated) for Housing Stability Services	\$146

Performance & Financial Report

	<p>Cameron County continues to implement the ERA -1 Improvement Plan as approved by the U.S. Treasury Department, which is not being used for implementing ERA 2. The County, via its subrecipient CDCB, has had great progress results as demonstrated by the increase in productivity – many more qualified households are being assisted.</p> <p>Furthermore, the County has also increased the number of households being assisted and the amount of funds being expended by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Entering into another interlocal agreement with the Cameron County Housing Authority (CCHA). 2) Creation of an Inhouse ERA Implementation Program. <p>Another proactive step with good results has been through coordination with the Cameron County’s 10 Justice of the Peace (JP) Courts. These JP Courts are the courts that adjudicate evictions for non-payment of rent and other issues. As such, the ERA Inhouse staff has established a coordinated communication system with the JP Courts in which the courts automatically referred the eviction cases to the Intake/Process Assistants. The Intake/Process Assistants then directly communicate with the tenants being evicted and the corresponding landlords. This process has avoided many evictions.</p> <p>Overall, the County will exhaust 100% of its remaining ERA 1 funds by the September 30, 2022 deadline. Furthermore, the County will meet its threshold spending requirements for its ERA 2 Program which activity just started during the month of April 2022.</p> <p>Cameron County continues to implement the ERA -1 Improvement Plan as approved by the U.S. Treasury Department, which is not being used for implementing ERA 2. The County, via its subrecipient CDCB, has had great progress results as demonstrated by the increase in productivity – many more qualified households are being assisted.</p>
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Performance Narrative

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Federal Financial Reporting

Current Quarter Obligations	\$0.00
Current Quarter Expenditures	\$3,226,138.01
Cumulative Obligations to Date	\$6,814,036.46
Cumulative Expenditures to Date	\$6,814,036.46

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