

# ERA Compliance Report - Cameron County, Texas - ERA 1 Quarter 2 2022

## Report Period : Quarter 2 2022 (April-June)

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### Recipient Profile

#### Recipient Information

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| Recipient DUNS              | 010546679          |
| Recipient DUNS (+4)         | 0105               |
| Recipient TIN               | 746000420          |
| Recipient Legal Entity Name | CAMERON, COUNTY OF |
| Recipient Type              | Local Government   |
| 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

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

## Subrecipients

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

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| Recipient DUNS                            |   |
| Recipient DUNS (+4)                       |   |
| Recipient TIN                             | 741835777   |
| Recipient Type                            | Nonprofit with Sec 501( C )(3) IRS status (Other than an institution of Higher Education) |
| POC Email Address                         | <a href="mailto:nmitchell@cddb.org">nmitchell@cddb.org</a>                                |
| Recipient Address                         | 901 E. Levee Street   |
| Recipient Address 2                       |   |
| Recipient Address 3                       |   |
| Recipient City                            | Brownsville   |
| Recipient State/Territory                 | TX  |
| Recipient Zip5                            | 78520   |
| Recipient Zip+4                           |   |
| Is the subrecipient registered in SAM.gov | Yes   |

**Name: Cameron County Housing Authority**

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| Recipient DUNS                            |  |
| Recipient DUNS (+4)                       |  |
| Recipient TIN                             | 741946779  |
| Recipient Type                            | Nonprofit without Sec 501( C )(3) IRS status (Other than an institution of Higher Education) |
| POC Email Address                         | <a href="mailto:dflores@cchatx.org">dflores@cchatx.org</a>                                   |
| Recipient Address                         | 65 Castellano Circle   |
| Recipient Address 2                       |  |
| Recipient Address 3                       |  |
| Recipient City                            | Brownsville  |
| Recipient State/Territory                 | TX   |
| Recipient Zip5                            | 78526  |
| Recipient Zip+4                           |  |
| Is the subrecipient registered in SAM.gov | Yes  |



# Projects

## Project Overview

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| 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                      | <a href="https://cdcb.org/rental-assistance">https://cdcb.org/rental-assistance</a>  |
| 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 &amp; 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> |

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|   | <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"> <li>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.</li> <li>2) Entering into an interlocal agreement with the Cameron County Housing Authority (CCHA).</li> <li>3) Creation of an Inhouse ERA Implementation Program being operated by Cameron County's American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) Office.</li> </ol> <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

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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

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

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

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| 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

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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

|                                    |  |
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| 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

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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

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| Project Name | Cameron County, Texas ERA Project |
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| 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

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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

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| Number of unique households that completed and submitted an application for ERA assistance:             | 765 |
| Number of Unique Households that Received ERA Assistance (#):   | 376 |
| Number of Unique Households that Received their Initial ERA Assistance in the Current Reporting Period: | 185 |

## ERA Assistance Provided

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| Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Rent                              | 306 |
| Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Rental Arrears                    | 195 |
| Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Utilities/Home Energy Bills       | 204 |
| Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Utilities/Home Energy Arrears     | 578 |
| Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Other expenses related to housing | 1   |
| Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Housing stability services        | 5   |

## Participant Households at Certain Income Levels

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| Number of unique households at certain income levels: Less than 30% of Area Median Income   | 291         |
| Number of unique households at certain income levels: Between 30 and 50% of Area Median Income  | 71          |
| Number of unique households at certain income levels: Between 50 and 80% of Area Median Income  | 56          |
| Total number of recipient households whose income eligibility was determined based on their eligibility for other federal benefit programs: Households Eligible- Prior Enrollment | 35          |
| 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:  | \$1,156,422 |
| 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

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| Total Dollar Amount of ERA Award Funds Approved (Obligated) to or for Participant Households | \$1,156,422 |
| Total Dollar Amount of ERA funds Paid (Expended) for Administrative Expenses                 | \$213,471   |
| Total Dollar Amount of ERA Award Funds Approved (Obligated) for Administrative Expenses      | \$213,471   |
| 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

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| <p>Performance Narrative</p> | <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 &amp; 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. 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> |
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| <p>Narrative on Effective Practices</p> | <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 &amp; 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. Based on the productivity through June 30, 2022, Cameron</p> |

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**Federal Financial Reporting**

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| Current Quarter Obligations     | \$0.00         |
| Current Quarter Expenditures    | \$1,156,422.69 |
| Cumulative Obligations to Date  | \$9,416,098.69 |
| Cumulative Expenditures to Date | \$9,416,098.69 |

**Certification**

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
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