

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

Report Period : Quarter 2 2022 (April-June)

Recipient Profile

Recipient Information

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

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

Subrecipients

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

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	nmitchell@cddb.org
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

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	dflores@cchatx.org
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

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	ERAE0198
CFDA #	21.023
Award Date	5/13/2021
Grant Funds Received	\$5,326,290.08
Recipient Project ID	ERA2-0706
Name of the ERA Project	Cameron County, Texas ERA2 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>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	

Subawards

Subaward No: 2021C03040

Subaward Type	Contract: Purchase Order
Subaward Obligation	\$350,214.00
Subaward Date	3/29/2021
Place of Performance Address 1	901 E. Levee
Place of Performance Address 2	
Place of Performance Address 3	
Place of Performance City	Brownsville
Place of Performance State	TX
Place of Performance Zip	78520
Place of Performance Zip+4	
Place of Performance Country	United States
Description	Contractor will provide direct assistance with reimbursement through purchase order.
Subrecipient	"Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, Inc."
Period of Performance Start	3/29/2021
Period of Performance End	9/30/2022

Subaward No: 2021C10347

Subaward Type	Contract: Purchase Order
Subaward Obligation	\$50,655.96
Subaward Date	10/2/2021
Place of Performance Address 1	65 Castellanos Cir
Place of Performance Address 2	65 Castellanos Cir
Place of Performance Address 3	
Place of Performance City	Brownsville
Place of Performance State	TX
Place of Performance Zip	78526
Place of Performance Zip+4	
Place of Performance Country	United States
Description	Contractor will provide direct assistance with reimbursement through purchase order.
Subrecipient	Cameron County Housing Authority
Period of Performance Start	10/2/2021
Period of Performance End	9/30/2022

Expenditures

Aggregate Expenditures more than \$30,000

Expenditure: EN-00408105

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA2 Project
Subaward ID	SUB-0319791
Subaward No	2021C03040
Subaward Type	Contract: Purchase Order
Subrecipient Name	"Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, Inc."
Expenditure Start	3/29/2021
Expenditure End	9/30/2022
Expenditure Amount	\$99,082.58
Expenditure Category	Administrative Costs
Is the subrecipient complying with terms and conditions of the grant?	
If No above, provide a brief description	

Aggregate Disbursements to Individuals

Expenditure: EN-00408385

Project Name	Cameron County, Texas ERA2 Project
Expenditure Category	Administrative Costs
Total Quarterly Expenditure Amount	\$219,554.69
Total Quarterly Obligation Amount	\$219,554.69

Expenditure: EN-00408377

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

Demographics

ERA Applicants

Number of unique households that completed and submitted an application for ERA assistance:	1,135
Number of Unique Households that Received ERA Assistance (#):	720
Number of Unique Households that Received their Initial ERA Assistance in the Current Reporting Period:	298

ERA Assistance Provided

Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Rent	663
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Rental Arrears	370
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Utilities/Home Energy Bills	435
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Utilities/Home Energy Arrears	167
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Other expenses related to housing	6
Number of unique households that received ERA assistance by type: Housing stability services	6

Participant Households at Certain Income Levels

Number of unique households at certain income levels: Less than 30% of Area Median Income	444
Number of unique households at certain income levels: Between 30 and 50% of Area Median Income	155
Number of unique households at certain income levels: Between 50 and 80% of Area Median Income	85
Total number of recipient households whose income eligibility was determined based on their eligibility for other federal benefit programs: Households Eligible- Prior Enrollment	29
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:	\$2,169,920
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	\$2,169,920
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	\$0
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	<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. 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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Federal Financial Reporting

Current Quarter Obligations	\$0.00
Current Quarter Expenditures	\$2,169,920.36
Cumulative Obligations to Date	\$2,169,920.36
Cumulative Expenditures to Date	\$2,169,920.36

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