



Presenter: Spurgeon Robinson

COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance UPDATE

December 14, 2021

FORT BEND COUNTY STRONG

FORT BEND County is recognized as one of the leading counties in its reporting, uses of funds and programs developed to respond to the direct public health and economic impacts of COVID-19.

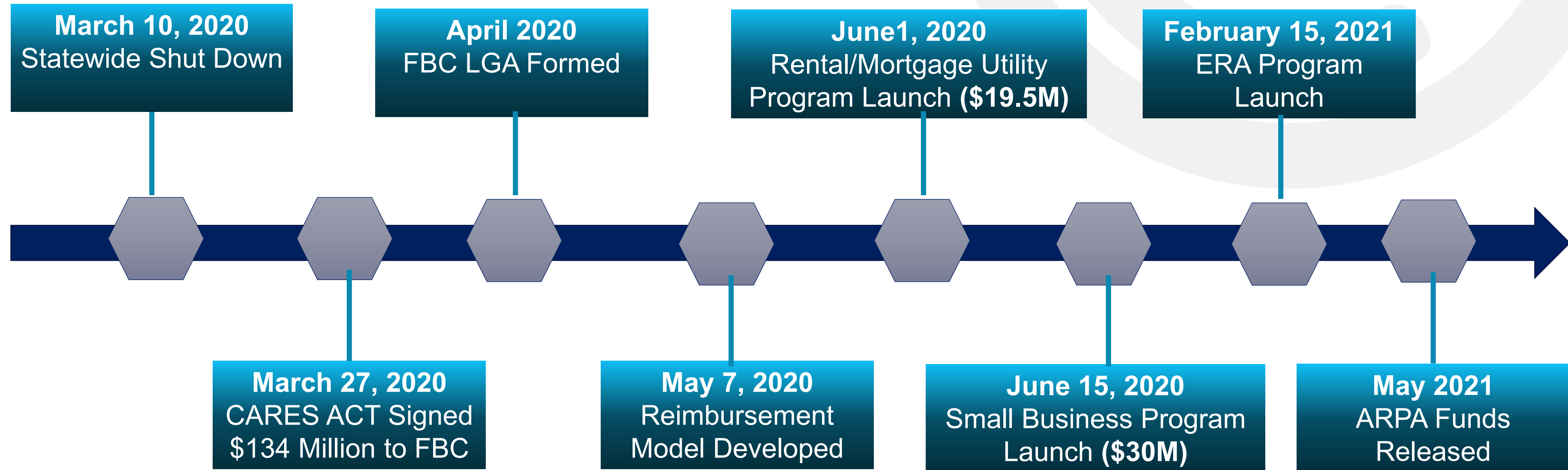
MPACT Strategic Consulting has been an essential and trusted partner of **Fort Bend County** and its local municipalities, non-profits and residents since 2019.

MPACT, since **Day 1 of the emergency shut-down Executive Order**, has provided technical assistance, program design, program launch, subrecipient monitoring and financial oversight for over 100 COVID-19 projects and grant awards initiated and approved by the Court and local entities.



FORT BEND COUNTY – COVID-19 RESPONSE

TIMELINE OF EVENTS



CARES Act / ARPA COVID-19 - Continued Support

Rental / Mortgage Utilities (CARES/ERA/ARPA)



- ✓ Over **\$46.5 Million** in direct financial assistance
 - **\$42.5 Million** in Rental and Mortgage payments
 - **\$4.5 Million** in Utility payments
- ✓ Over **15,000** applicants to program
- ✓ Over **9,080** individual County residents received assistance
- ✓ Over **1,500** Evictions avoided
 - ✓ Over \$3 million in evictions cases adjudicated.
 - ✓ **JP Court #2** assistance was \$2.5 million

CARES Act / ARPA COVID-19 - Continued Support

Small Business Assistance Programs (CARES/ARPA)



- ✓ Over **\$48 Million** in direct assistance allocated
- ✓ **\$15,000** Average Grant Award
- ✓ **Over 4,500 Grants** provided (total of grants and regrants)
- ✓ Over **2,961 business** assisted
- ✓ Over **14,000 employee** jobs protected
- ✓ Over **119** new hires eligible for Incentive Payments

MPACT has assisted in administering over \$92 Million in Direct Assistance Payments to FBC Residents and Businesses

CARES Act / ARPA COVID-19 - Continued Support

Local Government and Subrecipient Reimbursement



- ✓ Over **\$14,471,108** in direct reimbursement assistance
- ✓ Approximately **\$20,159,862.64** in CARES Act Other Category (ISDs, Uncompensated Care, Boys/Girls Club, YMCA) reimbursement reviewed and approved to date
- ✓ Approximately **\$17,011,315.91** in CARES Act Local Government reimbursement reviewed and approved to date

CARES Act / ARPA COVID-19 - Continued Support

Other Programs supported and funded through CARES/ ARPA



✓ **CDBG-CV**

- Approximately **1,361** Rent and Utility Assistance Payments
- Approximately **\$1,197,733** in total assistance

✓ **Childcare Voucher Program**

- **\$715,000** Total Grant Awarded
- **737** Total Children Assisted (Vouchers Issued)

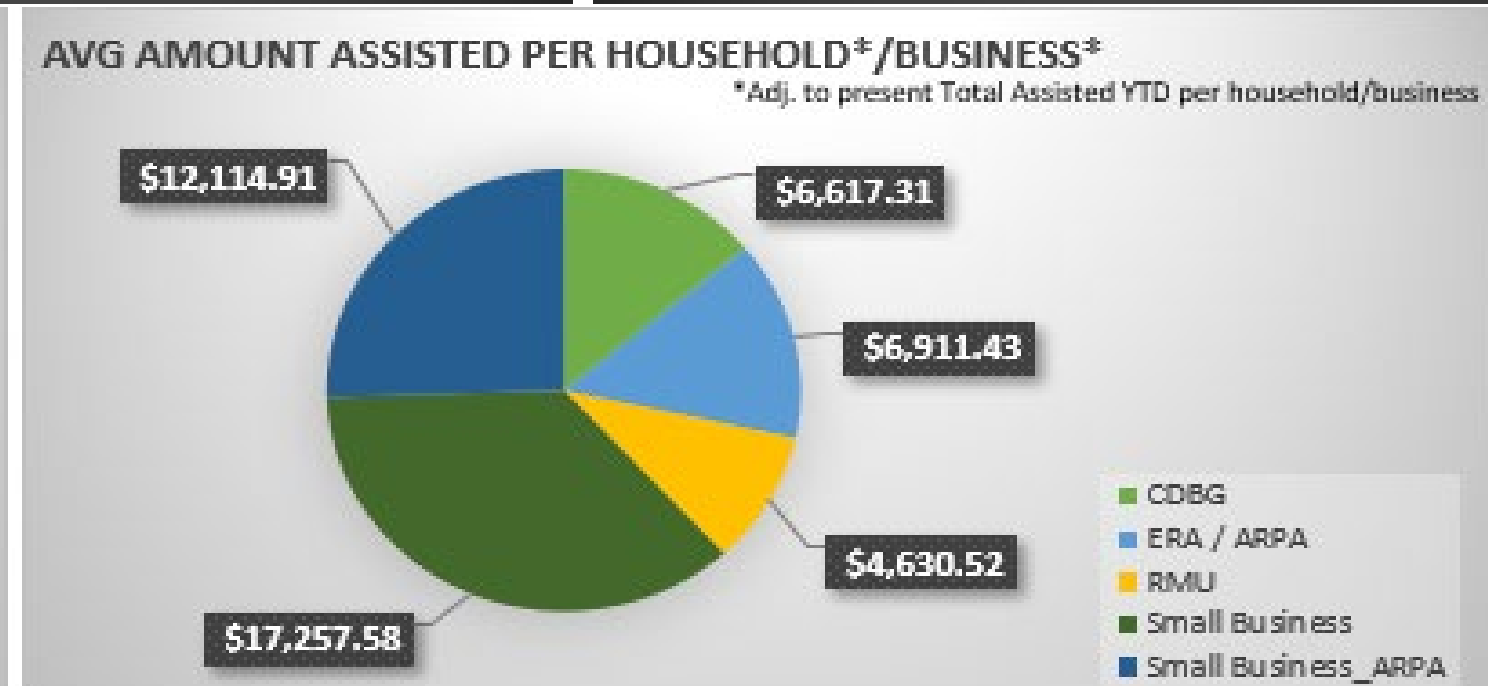
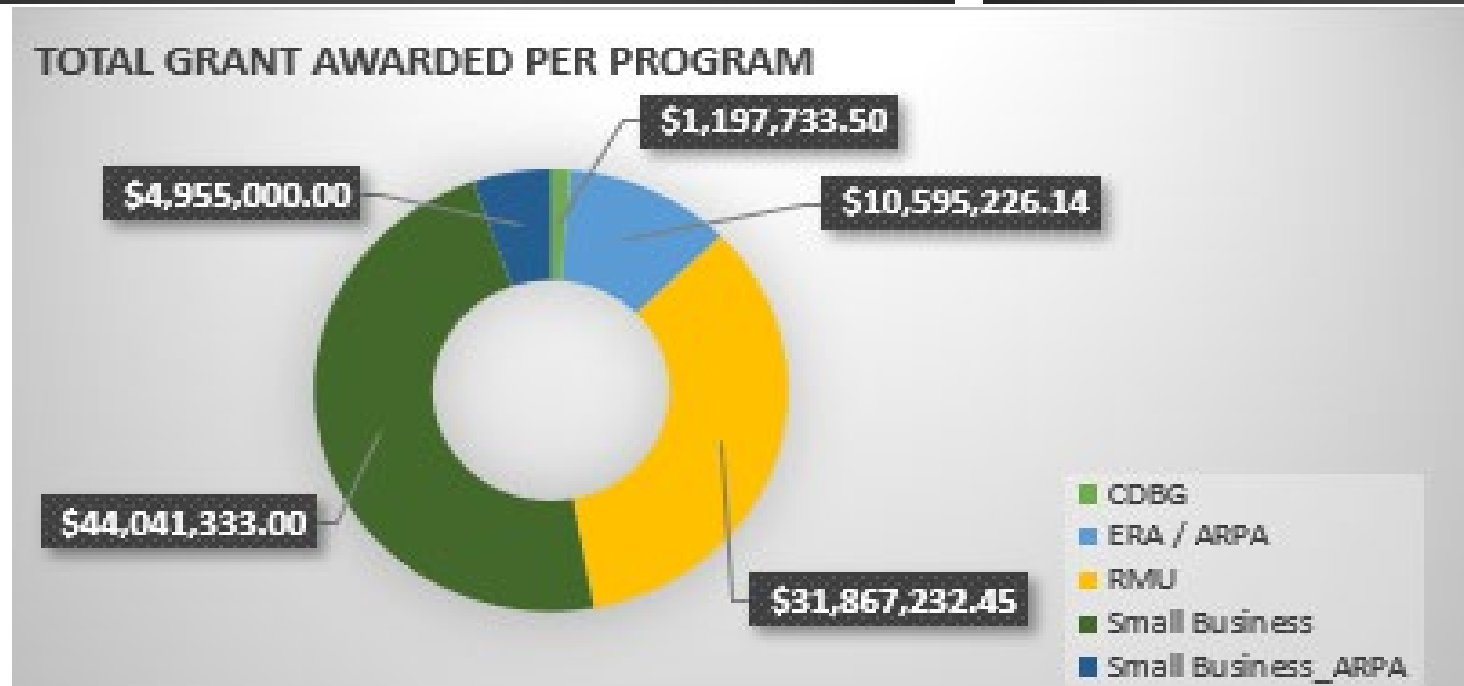
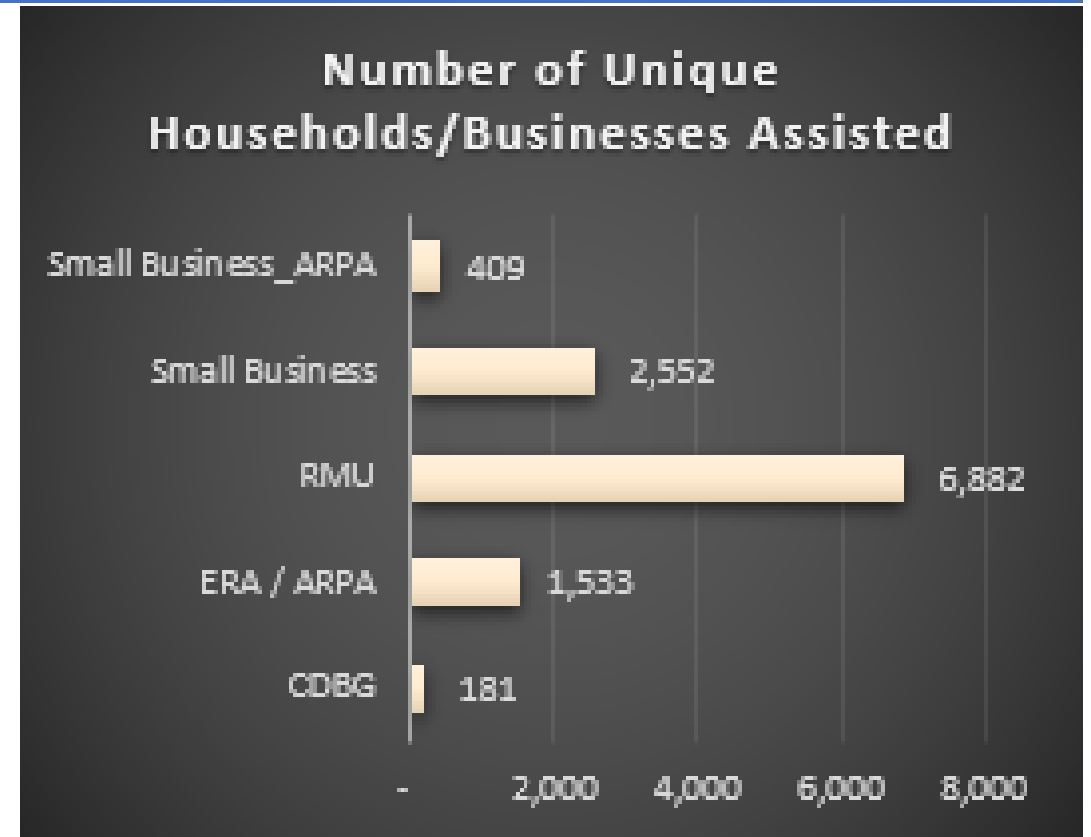
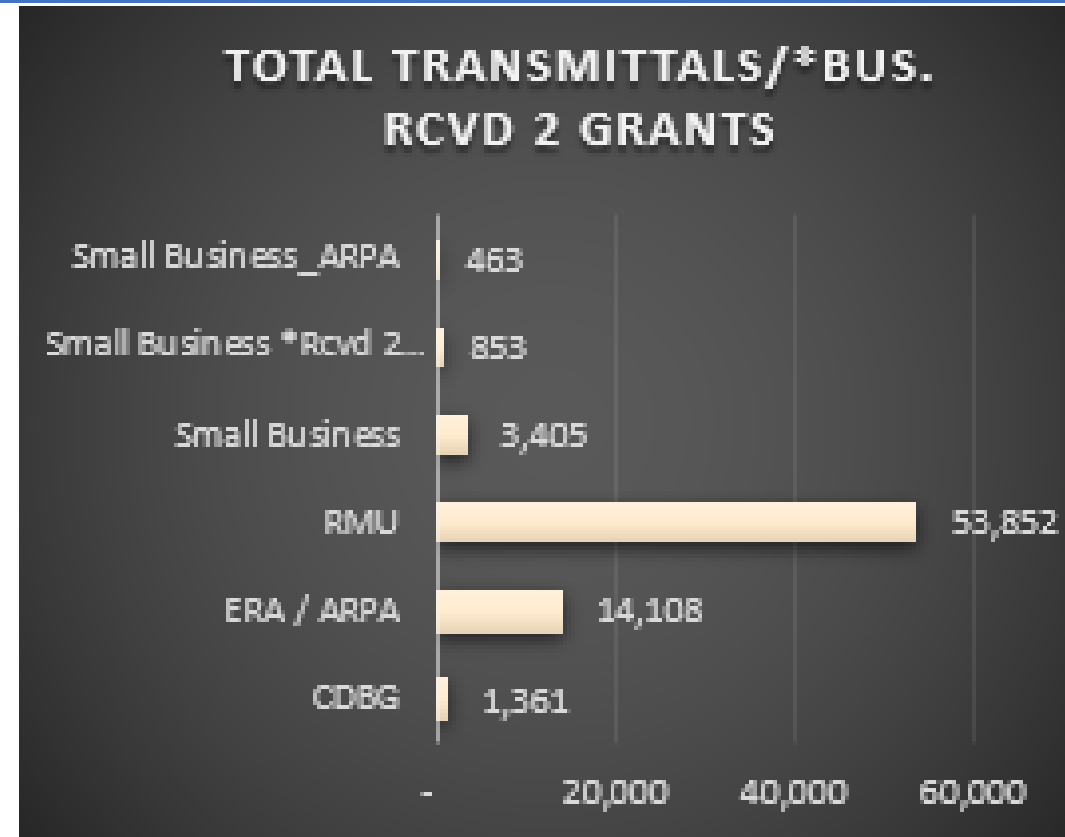
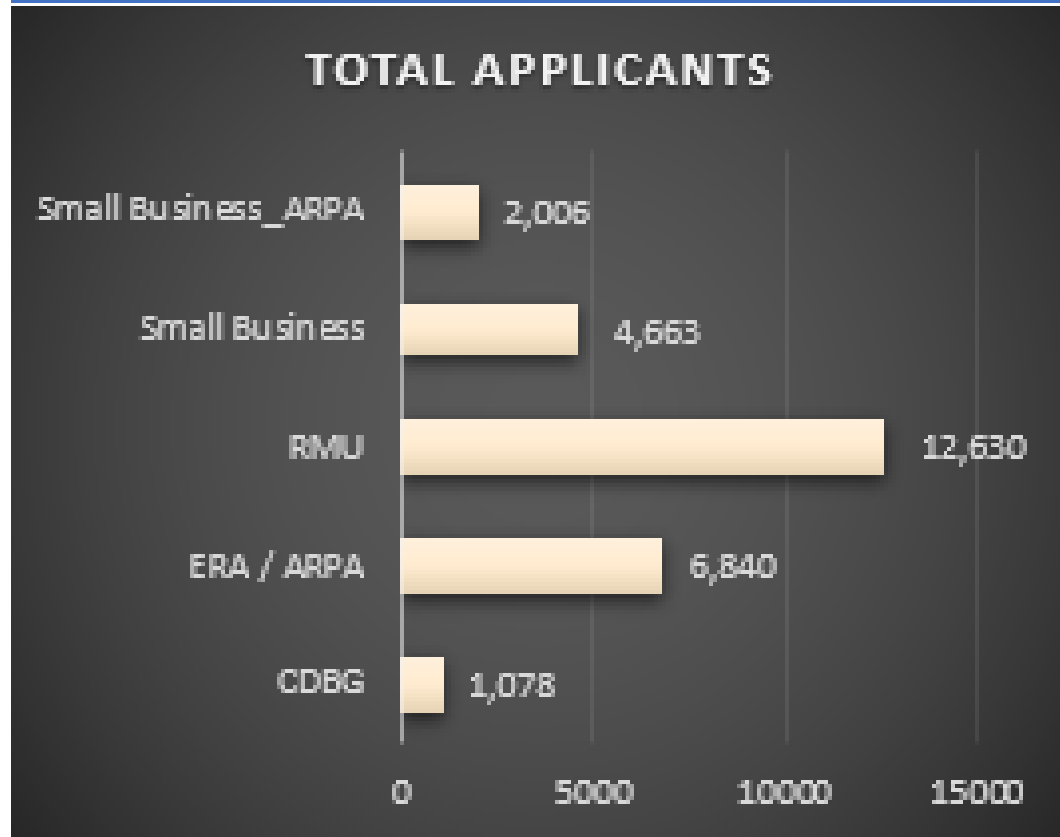
✓ **We All Eat - Food Distribution Program**

- **\$4.1M** in total benefits to FBC restaurants and families impacting food insecurity and nutrition.
- **572,726** Meals Served
- **1,980** Unique Household Assisted
- **3,577** Total Applicants

MPACT has audited and approved local reimbursements over \$100M that comply with CARES ACT requirements



Fort Bend County Assistance Programs Dashboard



ARPA / ERA vs CARES Act

There are some key difference in CARES Act vs ERA and ARPA that impacted how the programs could be implemented

- ❖ Prioritizes use of funds to Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) communities (80%LMI or Below).
- ❖ Providing services to populations, households, or geographic areas disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.
- ❖ Aid provided to tourism, travel, and hospitality industries
- ❖ Non-Profits (similar to Small Businesses) can now be funded through the County's allocation as long as they meet eligibility criteria.
- ❖ Vaccine and "Back to Work" Incentives are allowable.
- ❖ Revenue Loss due to the impact of COVID-19 can be allocated to local governments
- ❖ Investments in Broadband, Water and Sewer have been approved.

Program Snapshots

FORT BEND COUNTY ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM

Highlights/Major Accomplishments

- **95%** of all small businesses that participated in the program are still operating
- On schedule to give out more than **\$475,000** in small business grants
- Recruited a diverse make up of business participants including Veterans, Women-Owned, LGBTQ Owned and Minority Owned.
- Orchestrated the first ever Fort Bend County Business Accelerator graduation for over **95** businesses at the Landmark Community Center.
- Obtained bi-partisan support of the program through 2020-2021.

Total Program Participants – Phase One: **686**

Total Program Participants – Phase Two: **95**

Grant Total – **781**



Fort Bend County

Childcare Voucher Program

Assistance Funds for Qualified Fort Bend Families



Data as of Dec 3, 2021	
Number of Unique Households Applicants	839
Total Applicants	1,462
<i>Number of Unique Households Assisted</i>	<i>599</i>
<i>Total Children Assisted (Voucher Issued)</i>	<i>737</i>
Number of Daycare Facilities Participation	104
Total Grant Awarded	\$ 715,000

COVID-19 Grant Administration Services

- ✓ **Mobilization and Project Development**
 - Comprehensive recovery assistance programs and reimbursement strategy
 - Based on CARES Act/ERA and ARPA guidelines and regulations
 - Flexible and scalable

- ✓ **Collaborative Planning with Fort Bend County LGs**
 - Data and process driven approach
 - Weighted criteria for decision making

- ✓ **Compliance and Reimbursement**
 - Accurate accounting of funds and disbursements
 - Subrecipient Monitoring
 - US Treasury Quarterly and Annual Reporting

- ✓ **Programmatic and Documentation Controls**



Financial Management



Project Management & Controls



QA/QC and Verification



Call Center



Outreach & Communications



Training

Continued FBC Support for COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- ❖ Emergency Rental Assistance I & II (ERA)
- ❖ Non-Profit Application and Evaluation Procedures
- ❖ US Treasury Reporting and Compliance
- ❖ Website Updates
- ❖ Currently working with FBC IT to update website to provide all COVID-19 program metrics and data for transparency
- ❖ Coordination of PSA and other direct Outreach activities to ensure all eligible beneficiaries can access funds
- ❖ Technical Assistance, guidance and regularity assessments of key County priorities for eligibility and use of ARPA funds
- ❖ As needed - review and guidance to Commissioner's Court, subrecipients and other LGs

Making an Impact in the Local Community



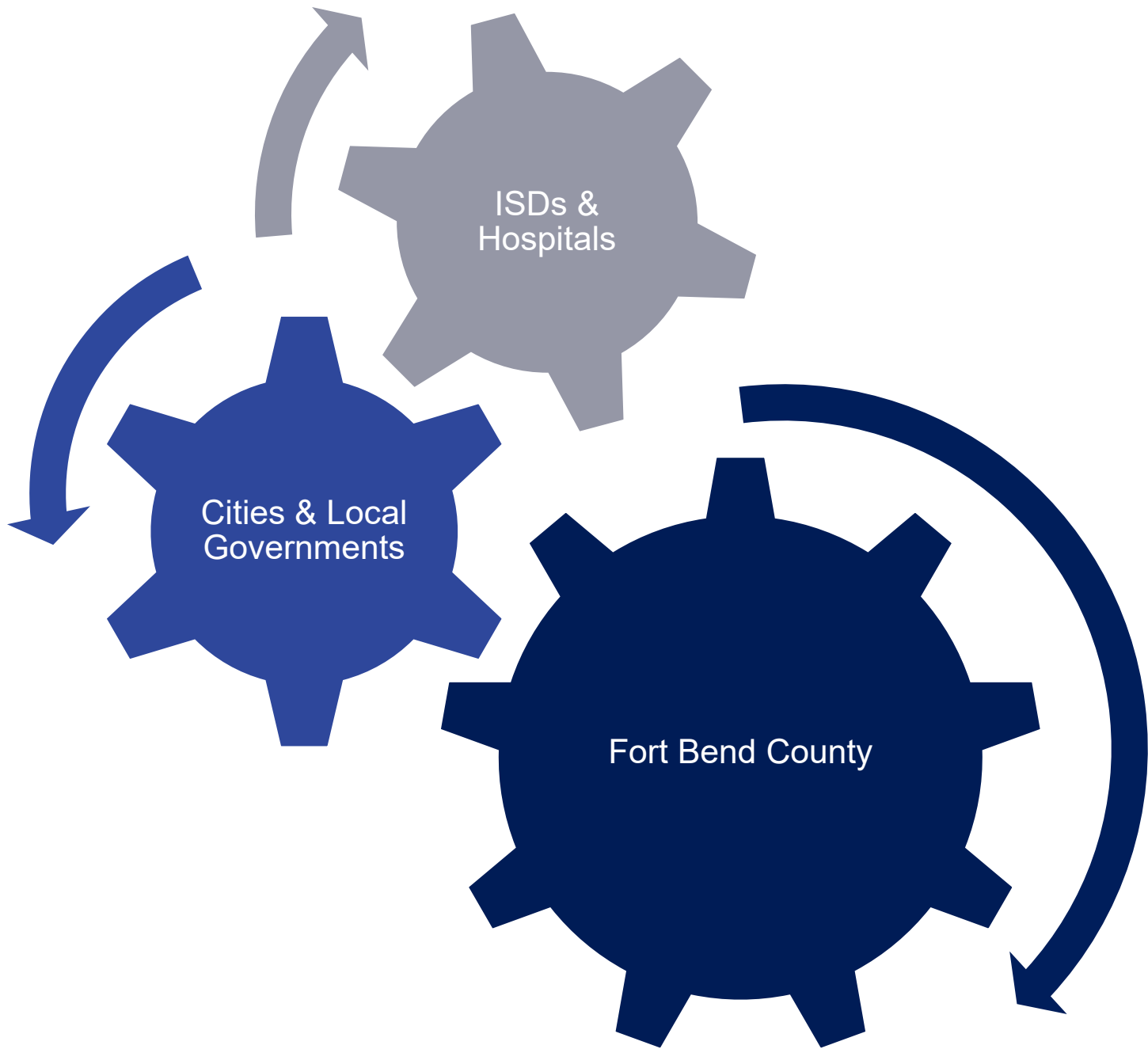
- **64 Project Team members reside in Fort Bend County**
- **8 Fort Bend County based Teaming Partners / Consultants**
- **Volunteering and local Community Presence**
 - Fort Bend County Emergency Management Office Volunteers PPE Distribution
 - Fort Bend County Christmas Drive Sponsor - PPE, TOY and Food Distribution
 - Community Small Business PPE and Food Distribution
 - MLK Diversity Over Division Volunteer and Sponsorship Event
 - Currently Serving on the Diversity Over Division Leadership Committee

MAKING AN MPACT IN FORT BEND COUNTY



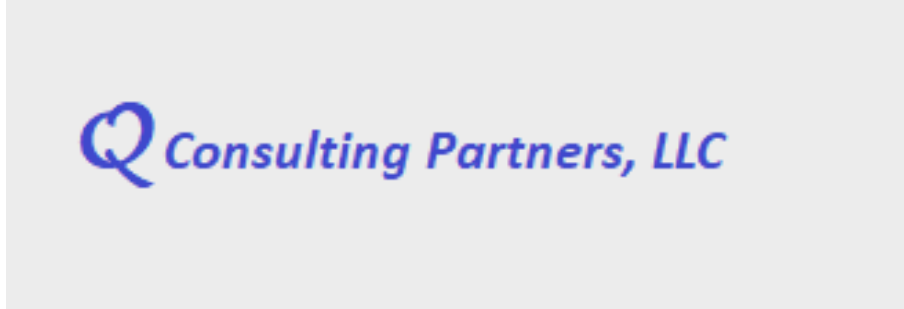
Communication and Collaboration

Success Driven Model based on communication and understanding of federal and US Treasury requirements for eligibility, audit and proper reimbursement



Local Partners and Subcontractors

Our success is predicated on collaboration with local partners and subcontractors we team with or provide oversight to bring success to Fort Bend County's COVID-19 Response and Recovery





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APPENDIX

Additional Supporting Documentation – For Review Only

EVICTIION PREVENTION



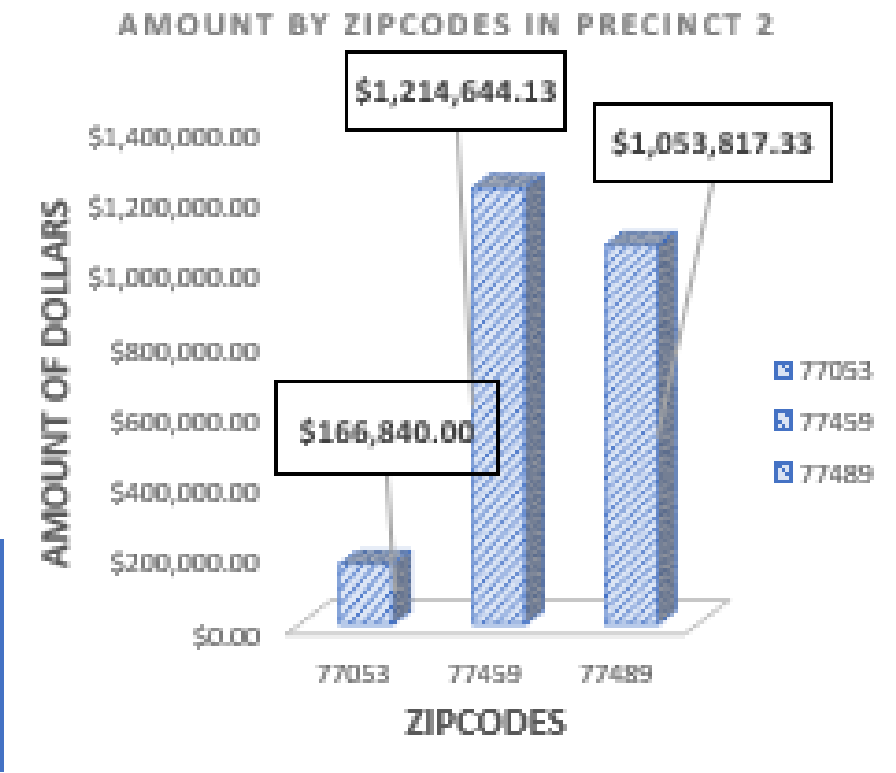
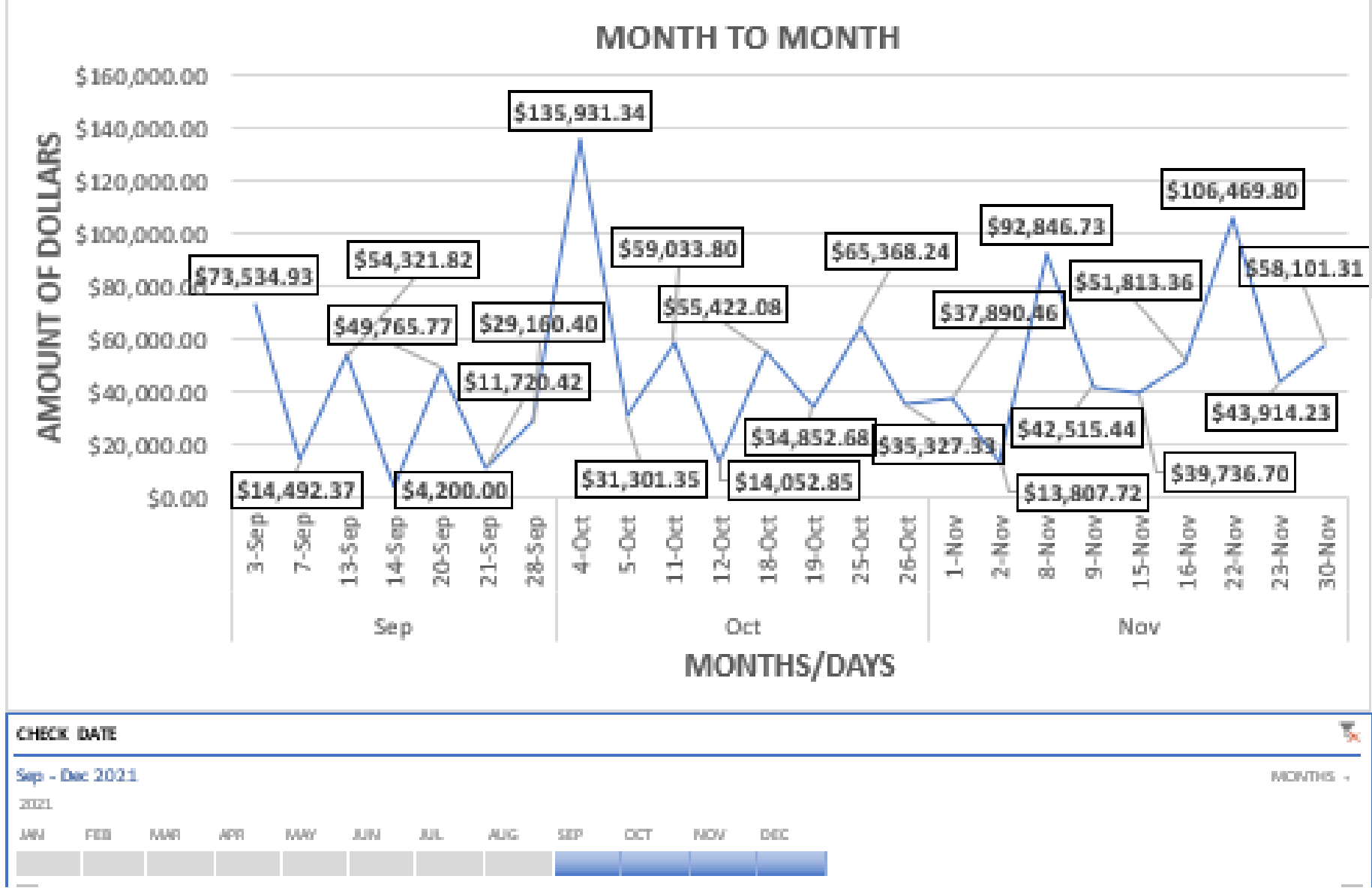
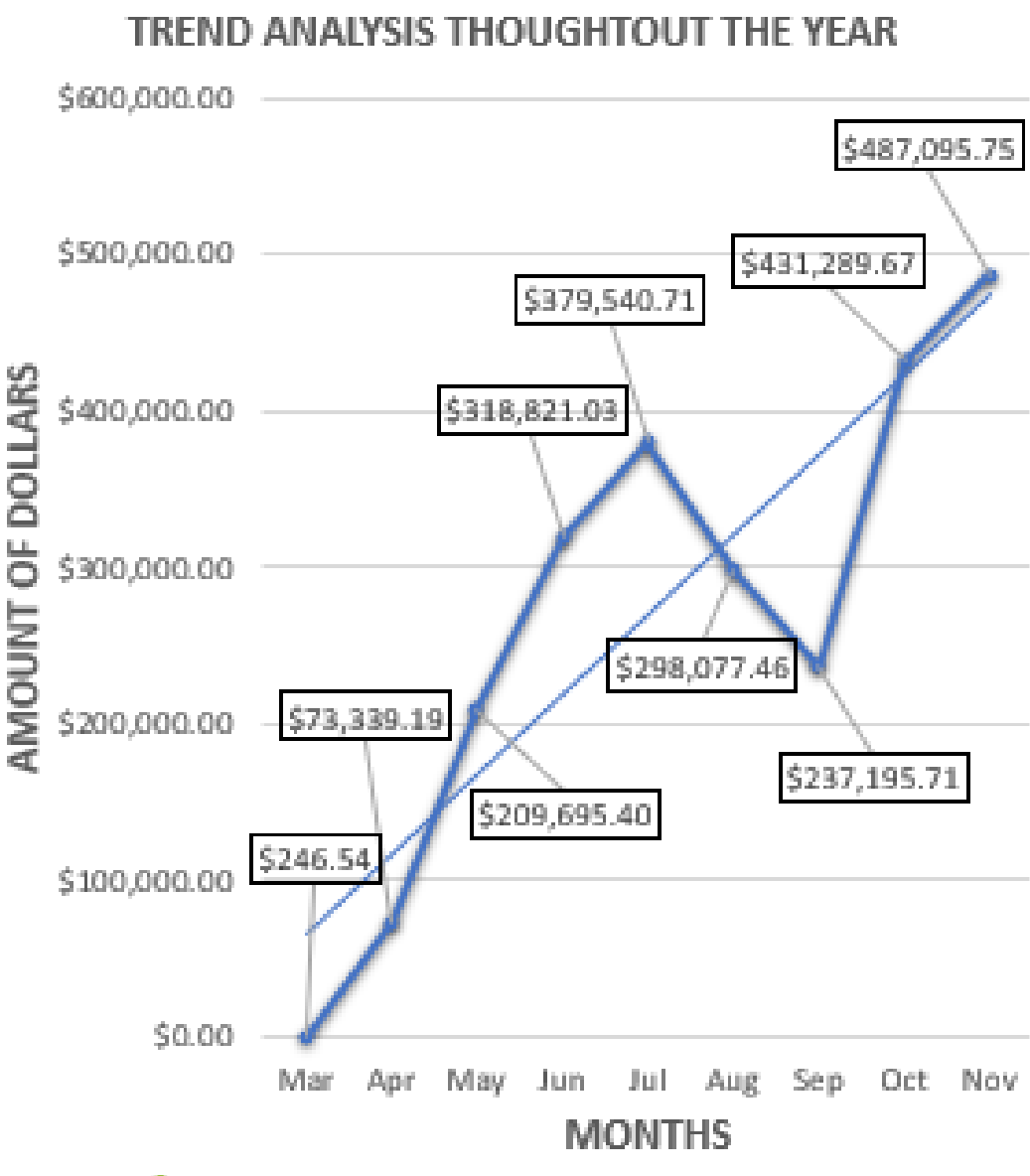
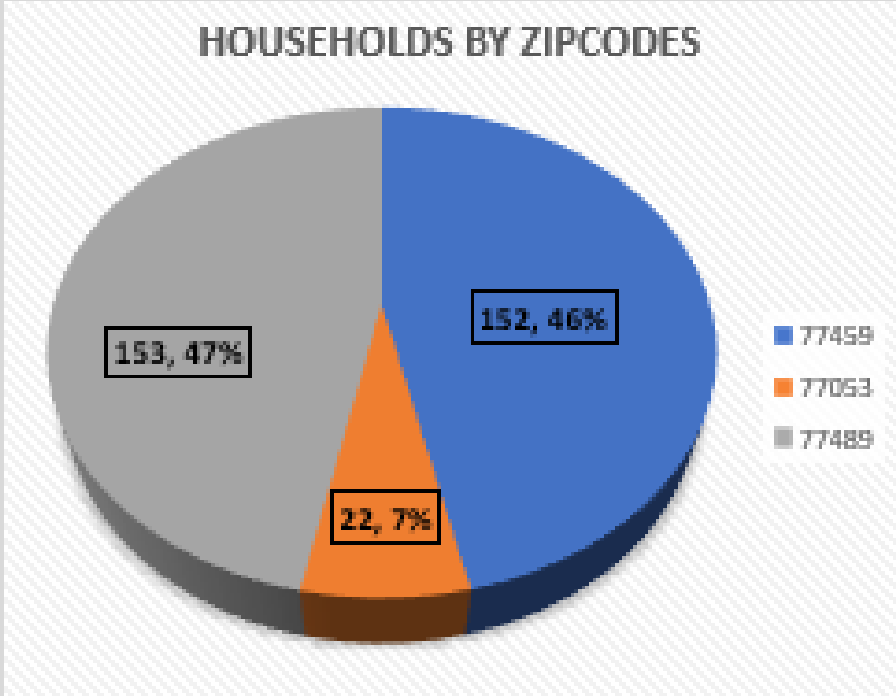
- The eviction department has paid out over **\$2.5 million** dollars alone to evictions that have been filed and prevented
- Partnered with All five JP Courts to process applicants prior to judgement
- Over **400** Unique Households/Families avoided eviction through partnership with JP Courts



EVICTIION PREVENTION (PRECINCT 2)

Unique Households assisted in Precinct 2: 327

Year to Date: \$2,435,301.46

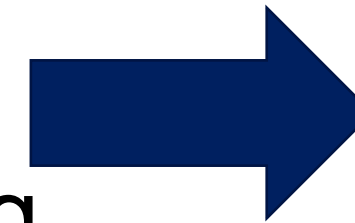


FORT BEND COUNTY - MPACT- LOCAL PARTNERS

ONE TEAM BUILDING IT TOGETHER

Strength through Collaboration and Integration

- Leveraging National and Local Best Practices
- Leveraging prior Emergency Management and Grant Management Reimbursement Expertise
- Collaboration with local partners and SMEs
- Understanding CARES Act and multiple funding sources requirements
- Asking and Knowing Whom to Ask the Right Questions
- Results-Oriented and Solution-Driven
- Responsive and continuously improving the delivery model



Other Activities & Support Provided

- Technical Assistance to cities and NGAs
- Applicant Education
- Eligibility Determinations
- Program Design & Development
- Invoice Reviews and Approvals
- Procurement Support
- Communications-outreach
- Language translation
- Trainings
- Appeals
- Reporting & Documentation

Fort Bend County PROGRAMS

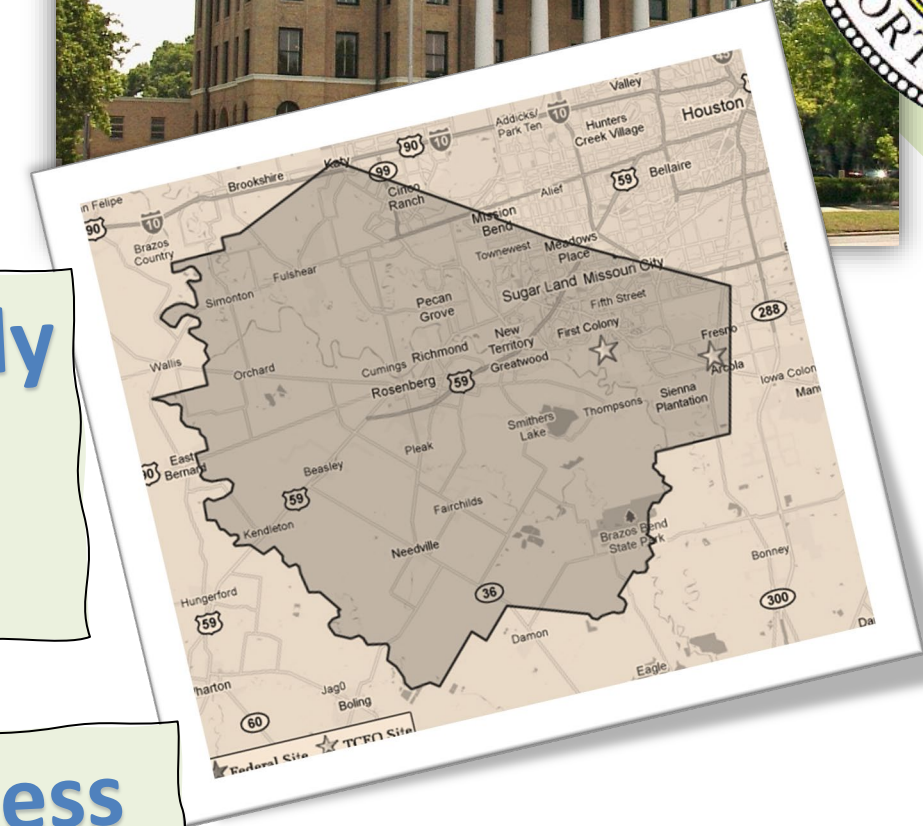
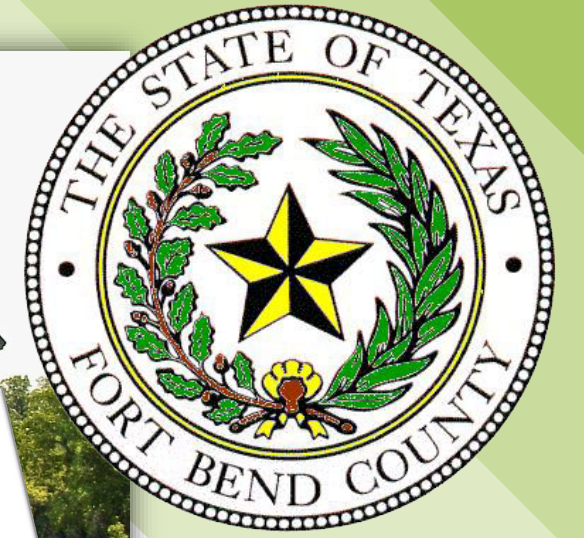
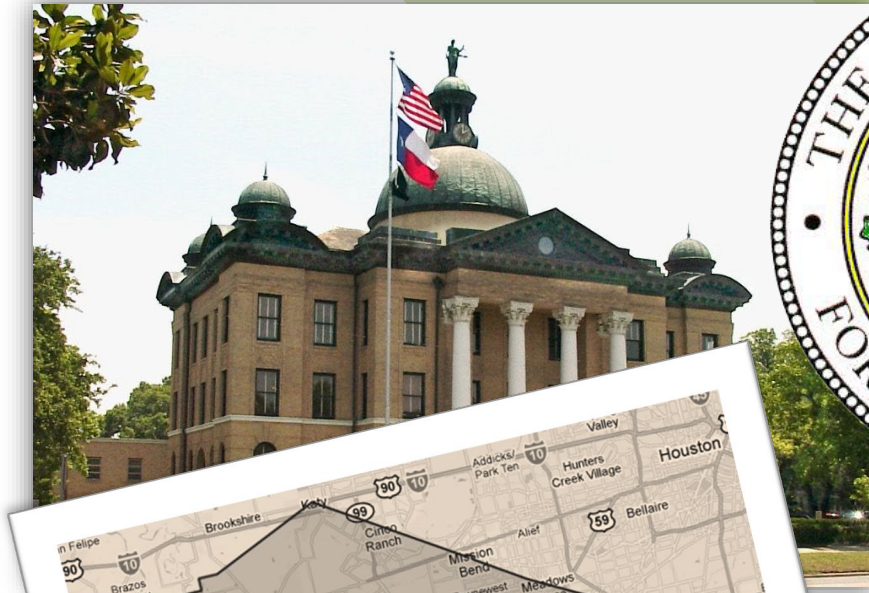
**“Thank you MPACT for the update.
Again, Your staff is going above and Beyond”**

**“Good morning, Thank you for the support. My family truly
appreciates all efforts and initiatives of Fort Bend County
Officials to improving the lives of residents.”**

**“Thank you! This grant will allow me to keep my business
open and employees working. God Bless”**

**This was absolutely amazing, refreshing, thought provoking, engaging and fire! I am so very honored to be
within this space and look forward to the transformation that shall arise out of the entire experience.**

Thank you!!!! You've just relieved a lot of financial stress. Have a great day!! :)



~ Applicants' Testimonials