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## COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance and ARPA Benefits UPDATE

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# FORT BEND COUNTY'S COVID-19 AND ARPA IMPACT

## ARPA Grew the Economy, Reduced Poverty, and Eased Financial Hardship

- ARPA helped create an unprecedented economic recovery and provided the cushion that millions of families and workers needed to survive the enduring health and economic crisis.<sup>1</sup>
  - The investments made possible by ARPA were particularly essential for individuals of color, women, and people with disabilities—all of whom have faced higher rates of job losses, hospitalization, and death due to the pandemic, as well as more hazardous working conditions.
- Fort Bend County's CARES Act and ARPA Programs directed funds and essential medical and financial support toward those with the greatest need.
- The allocation and funding let by Commissioner's Court, has placed the County on track to a historic recovery and preventing people in poverty and businesses that may have failed from closing or falling into greater debt.

# Distribution of CARES Act and ARPA Funds

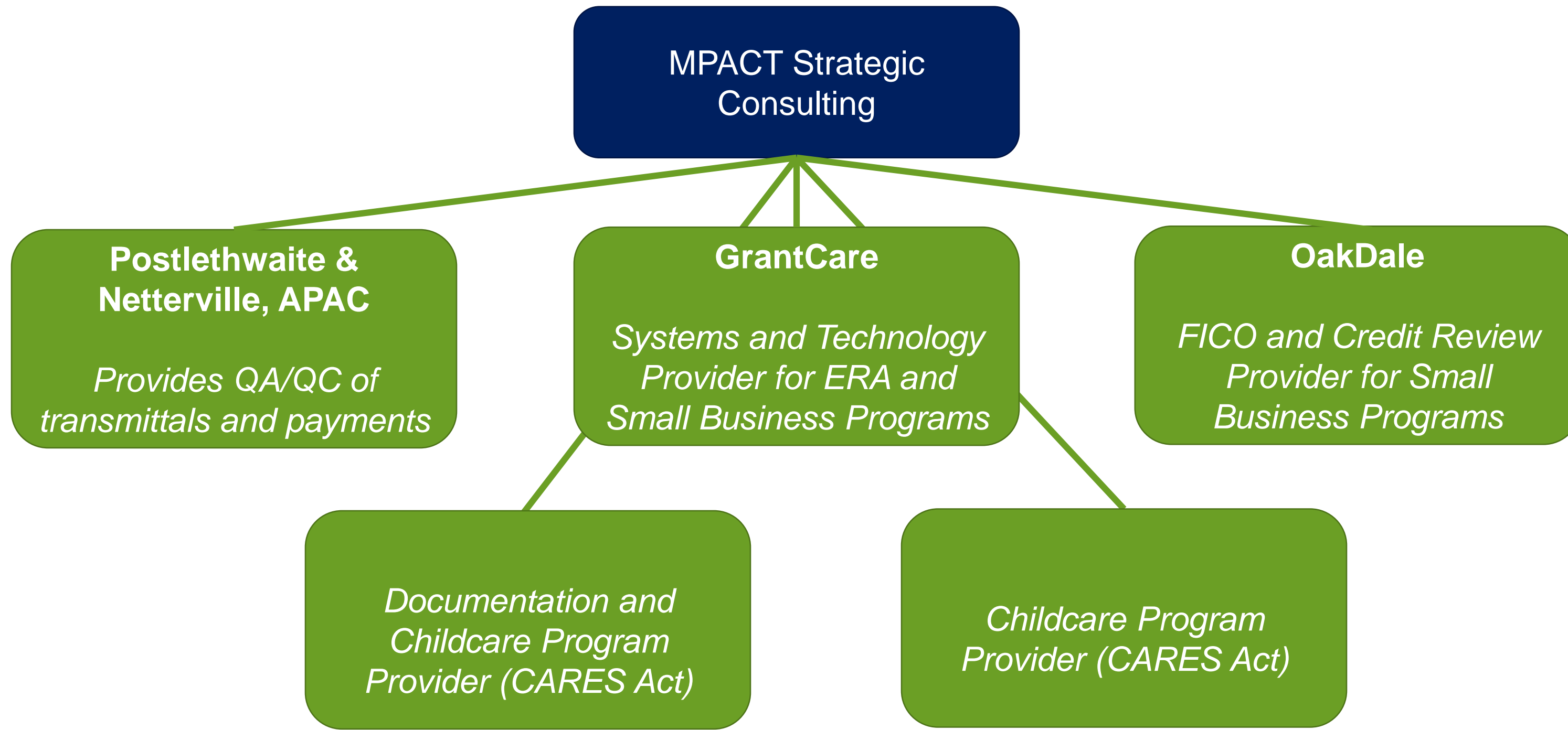
## Funding Oversight and Reimbursement Approvals

Funding Assistance	Activity	Benefits/Outcomes
<b>Local Government Assistance</b>	Reimbursement review and approval for submission and compliance with CARES Act. Included local cities, departments and revenue replacement model	Local governments provided funding for COVID-19 projects; Fort Bend County assistance relieves local Administrative Fees; Eligibility and Proof of payment standards met
<b>FEMA Reimbursement</b>	Proper documentation for FEMA eligible activities including HHS Congregate Shelter, etc.	Meets FEMA rigorous eligibility standard for reimbursement
<b>Non-Profit Program</b>	Initial Program Design; Templates for Approval and Priority	Assisted in development and launch of application process and scoring.
<b>Vendor Invoice Reviews</b>	Review of submitted invoices by Contractors for documentation and payment	Consistency in documentation; Audit-ready for reviews and future audits; Eligibility and Proof of payment standards met
<b>Other City's Program Implementation</b>	Rental Assistance Programs; Small Business Programs (Arcola, Missouri City, Weston Lakes)	Programs defined to uniquely fit their local needs and funding



# Distribution of CARES Act and ARPA Funds

Support Partners funded through MPACT's Contract and Amendments to enable ARPA programs





# Local Government Assistance

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT

## Countywide CARES Act Funding

- Total unbudgeted expenses of **\$41,798,267**
- Incurred Costs incurred due to the public health emergency
- March 1, 2020 - December 30, 2021.
- **MPACT Process**
  - Eligibility Determination
  - Documentation and Proof of Payment Requirement
  - Closeout ready

## Twenty-one Local Governments received a total of \$21,141,688

- Payroll for employees whose services were substantially dedicated to COVID
- Improve telework capabilities
- COVID paid sick, family and medical leave
- COVID expenses to comply with CDC guidance (sanitation, dividers, sneeze guards, PPEs)
- Individual Assistance Program (MoCi, Rosenberg, and Weston Lakes)
- Voucher program to promote small businesses (Sugarland)
- Portable parklets for social distancing (Sugarland)



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT

## School Districts

Five countywide school districts received a total of **\$14,086,952** for COVID unbudgeted expenses

- Facilitate distance learning (laptops, network upgrades, software, e-learning, online Programs)
- Grab & Go (breakfast and lunches for students)
- Expenses to comply with CDC (PPEs, sneeze guards, disinfectant)
- Contact Tracing
- Wellness Monitors (80 school campuses)
- Hazard pay for cafeteria staff during school closure

## Uncompensated Care

Access Health and OakBend Hospitals received a total of **\$5,174,098** for direct response to COVID

- Access Health received **\$2,957,075**
  - 92,000 COVID tests and follow-up visits
  - 52,100 COVID vaccinations
  - COVID related care for the uninsured
- OakBend Hospital received **\$2,217,023**
  - Contracted Labor Services (Medical screening staff)
  - Personal protective equipment (PPEs, gowns, gloves)
  - Equipment Rentals (Specialized Medical Devices)
  - COVID treatment drugs



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT

## Non-Profits (\$100K Each)

Four Non-Profits received **\$326,100** for COVID related expenses

- Transportation expenses
- COVID related payroll
- Technology equipment
- Equipment rentals

## Others

- **YMCA ~ \$1,265,140.62**
  - Payroll (front-line staff)
  - Program supplies (PPEs, materials, etc.)
  - Childcare Program Charge-Off
- **Boys & Girls Club ~ \$2,046,200**
  - Program Access and Technology
  - Payroll, program supplies, food, personal protective equipment, etc.
- **FB Senior Meals on Wheels ~ \$249,964**
  - Delivered 249K meals to seniors





# FBC FEMA COVID-19 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Drafting FEMA Streamline Applications for COVID incurred expenses

Timeline:

- Mar 1, 2020 – Dec 31, 2020 (Phase 1) – \$11M
  - Jan 1, 2021 – June 31, 2021 (Phase 2)
  - July 1, 2021 – Dec 31, 2021 (Phase 3)
  - Jan 1, 2022 – June 31, 2022 (Phase 4)
- Cost Share: 100%
  - Contracted Labor Services (COVID testing sites)
  - Equipment Rentals (tents, vehicles, etc.)
  - Countywide COVID Expenses (PPEs, disinfectant, meals, etc.)





# Rental Assistance Program Benefits

# Impact of the FBC Rental Assistance Programs

## Financial Impact

Millions of Americans still facing deep rental debt and eviction fear related to the pandemic, and the U.S. economy is still struggling to fully recover.

In Fort Bend County, over \$50 million has been distributed in the last two years to assist with rental assistance programs to prevent evictions and foreclosures.

In addition to tenants, our program has provided stability and security to landlords and property managers to avoid evictions. So far, we have assisted over **800** landlords and property managers to date

## Eviction Prevention

During the last two years, the Eviction Prevention team has paid approximately **\$1,022,030** on behalf of hundreds of families facing eviction.

This allowed FBC families to keep roofs over their heads, but also alleviated the burden of facing housing instability and homelessness.



# Impact of the FBC Rental Assistance Programs

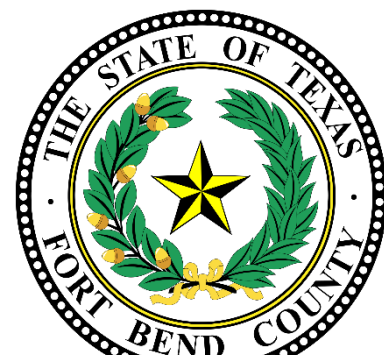
## Community Impact

Residents of Fort Bend County have received assistance through a collective effort involving the support and involvement of numerous organizations and non-profits.

MPACT Team members have participated in County wide Expos and local outreach events including:

- Missouri City Library
- Richmond Gus George Academy
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Church,
- Willowridge High School.

These events have been vital to success of the program that teamwork and collaboration with local county departments and non-profits to assist individuals and families in need.



# Impact of the FBC Rental Assistance Programs

## Still a Need for Assistance in the County

During the last quarter, the Rental Assistance program alone has received over 827 new applications, proving there is still a great need for rental assistance within Fort Bend County.

Although the County Mortgage program has concluded, we have continued to partner with non-profit organizations within Fort Bend County as well as surrounding areas.

There continues to be a large gap between the number of families in need of rental assistance and those served by the various existing programs in the state.

The Fort Bend County Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) programs continues to help close the gap in housing-related COVID 19 assistance available.

The County must continue to meet the need and transition of these families so that these vulnerable households do not fall into further housing instability or homelessness.





# Technical Assistance Program Benefits

# Technical Assistance and Support

## Direct Technical Assistance provided via MPACT Compliance resources

### ✓ Eligibility determinations and invoice documentation for multiple projects and programs

- Childcare Voucher Program
- Food Distribution Program
- Small Business Entrepreneurship Program
- Edison Arts Project
- HGAC Small Business Equity Loan Program (Triple R Loan Program)
  - Providing direct technical assistance and support to small business applicants
- Non-Profit Program
- Disparity Study

### ✓ CARES Act reporting and ARPA/ERA Reporting

- Compliance reporting to ensure funds are properly accounted for eligible uses
- Documentation and affirmative actions for meeting minimum allocation and spend thresholds

# Continued FBC Support for COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- ❖ Emergency Rental Assistance I & II (ERA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
- ❖ Non-Profit Application and Evaluation Procedures.
- ❖ US Treasury Reporting and Compliance.
- ❖ Website updates with FBC IT to provide all COVID-19 program metrics and data for transparency.
- ❖ New Training and webinars for Small Businesses and Employees (6 modules created).
- ❖ Coordination of PSAs and 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.





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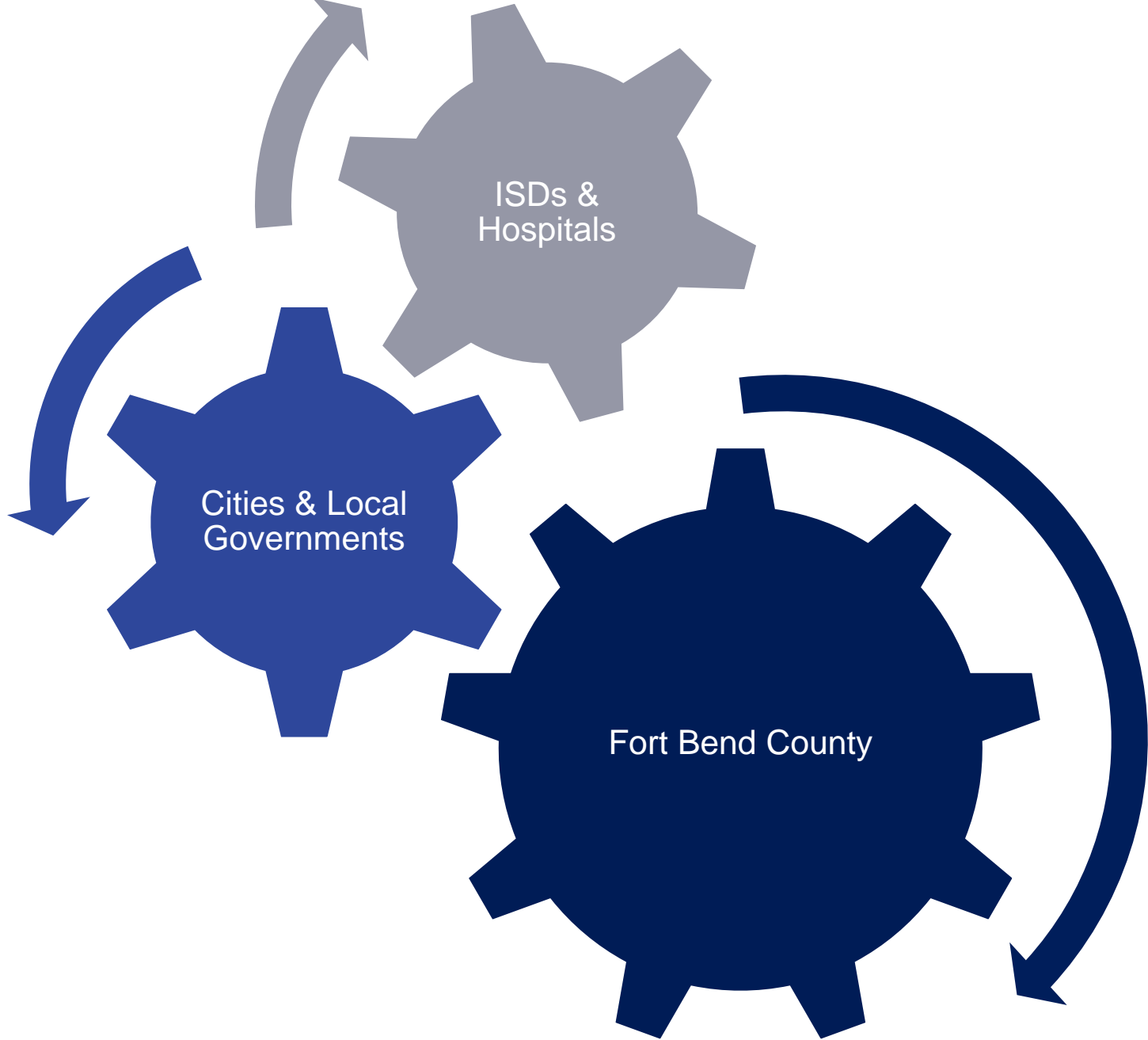


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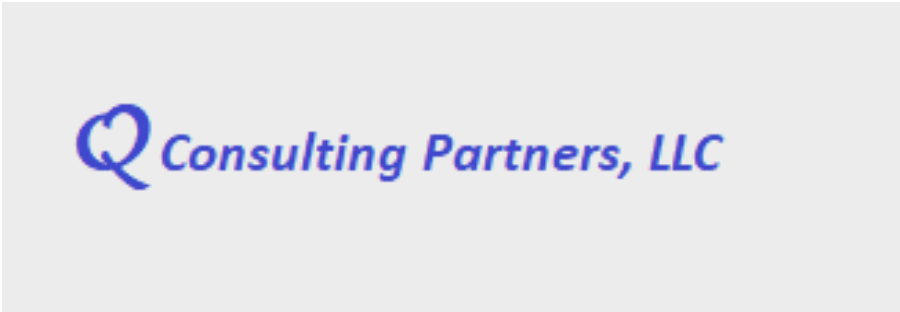
# Communication and Collaboration

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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