



***Eddie Treviño, Jr.***  
***County Judge***

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Cameron County Judge

**CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO PROVIDE PREMIUM PAY TO ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) 2021**

In support of urgent COVID-19 response efforts and the critical continuity of operations provided by all Cameron County employees, today, August 10, 2021, the Cameron County Commissioners' Court designated all employees as essential critical infrastructure employees as allowed by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Furthermore, the Court approved the allocation of premium pay fiscal recovery funds to all full time-employees. The County Commissioners' Court declared county employees, including those grant-funded, essential workers as eligible recipients of the American Rescue Plan Act funds to respond to the continued risk of exposure, illness and death involved in providing continuity of operations.

Following the guidelines provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury to ensure the provisions are implemented in a manner that compensates essential employees, the allocated premium pay fiscal recovery funds prioritize compensation of those employees of lower income.

Premium pay under the American Rescue Plan Act funds will be allocated accordingly:

- Salary Range Earnings and ARPA Premium Pay
  - Up to \$40,000: \$3,500
  - \$40,001 through \$59,999: \$3,000
  - \$60,000 and above: \$2,500

“On behalf of the Cameron County Commissioners' Court, we cannot express how thankful we are for the services our employees continue to provide during this unprecedented health crisis. This pandemic has challenged our health and safety individually, and that of our family and friends. These allocated recovery funds will help address the immediate needs of our employees. Together, we will work through this ongoing public health emergency. Thank you to our Cameron County employees for their service,” stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

All County employees will receive a payment within the next 30 days. The Cameron County Judge's Office will provide related news and updates.

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