



HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO RECOVERY PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS 2023 REPORT

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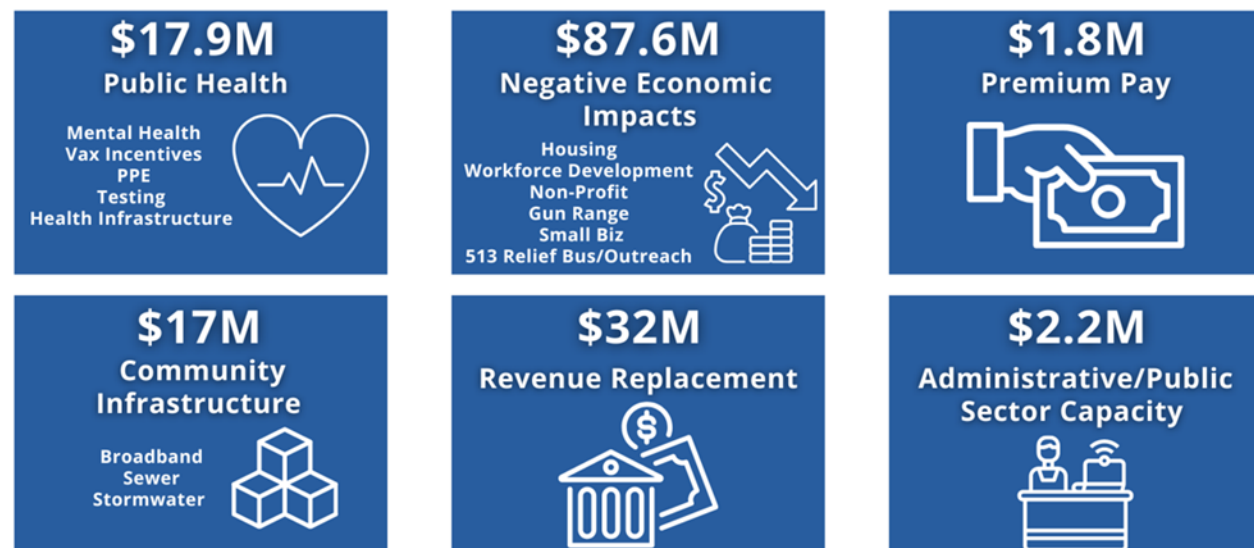
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hamilton County, Ohio (County) received \$158.8 million from the American Rescue Plan – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA). Upon notification of this funding in 2021, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners initiated stakeholder processes and public hearings to help inform their decisions on programs that will:

1. Address any continued urgent needs of families, residents, and community due to the pandemic, and
2. Address broader community needs that were exacerbated by the pandemic.

The community engagement and stakeholder processes were detailed in previous recovery plan performance reports. Since receipt of ARPA funding, the County has obligated \$128 million and expended \$60 million.

ARPA Funding Total: \$158.8 MM



Several new programs were launched over the past year aimed at increasing affordable housing stock; training and connecting residents with careers that improve upward mobility and financial stability; preventing homelessness; improving mental health, especially among teens; and unveiling the new 513 Relief Bus to bring services directly to the community. Most of these programs focus on leveraging partnerships, minimizing the creation of new programs, and identifying and overcoming barriers for program participants. The County looks forward to reporting on the impact of these programs over the coming years. A few highlights are summarized on the next three pages with more detailed information in the Project Inventory section.

YOUTH RESILIENCY AND MENTAL HEALTH

The Board of County Commissioners allocated **more than \$10 million** for mental health and youth resiliency programming. Youth is a primary focus of this allocation given the mental health issues and social isolation that were exacerbated by COVID-19 school shutdowns and reductions in extracurricular activities, particularly those connected to after-school and summer programs. To help address the impacts of social isolation and build resiliency, ARPA funds are being used to expand youth and teen programs focused on outdoor activities, extracurriculars, mentoring, after school and summer programs. In addition, funding was used to expand the mobile crisis team to 24/7 and help expand youth suicide prevention programs.

Highlights

- 27 organizations received a total of \$3.9 million for youth resiliency programs.
- Mobile Crisis Team expanded to 24/7 in April 2023.

513 RELIEF BUS AND IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES

In June 2021, the County launched the 513Relief Bus to provide resources directly to those who need it most and ensure health and social services are more effectively provided to County residents. Using ARPA funds, the County expanded this program through the procurement of a new bus and expanded medical and social services. Job and Family Services (JFS) is on-site to provide rent and utility assistance (funded through ERAP), mortgage assistance (ARPA), and other JFS assistance programs.

\$5 million in funding is allocated to this program which includes acquisition, programming, and marketing for the bus. In addition to the 513Relief Bus, a portion of this allocation is targeted to improve health outcomes with a focus on cardiovascular disease, as local data shows that cardiovascular related conditions (i.e., high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity) are the most prevalent health condition(s) within Hamilton County. The new 513 Relief Bus launched in January 2023 and has already been to 66 locations throughout Hamilton County.

Highlights

- 66 locations in 2023.
- 626 residents received services on the 513 Relief Bus.
- 5,880 residents assisted by Job and Family Services.



HOUSING

With ARPA funding, the Board of County Commissioner embraced the opportunity to provide strong leadership to make a transformational change in housing. **\$45.5 million is allocated** towards this effort and includes mortgage assistance, affordable housing production and preservation, and homelessness prevention as further summarized below. All programs support the Board of County Commissioners priorities of affordable housing and helping residents stay in their homes.

1. **Affordable Housing Production.** Numerous local and national studies have been published on the need for additional affordable housing. More recently, [reports](#) state that affordable housing developments are in jeopardy given inflation, interest rates, and remaining supply chain issues. The Board of County Commissioners recognized this need by allocating \$33.5 million for production of new affordable housing and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units. Of this allocation, \$8 million will be targeted specifically for re-entry, senior, and disabled housing. These funds will support low to moderate income households. The first round of funding awards is being provided to projects that are shovel ready but had a remaining financing gap. Without the Board's commitment to affordable housing and these federal dollars, several of the affordable housing projects being funded would not have moved forward.

2. **Affordable Housing Preservation.** To help keep people in their homes, \$2 million is allocated for a homeowner repair program prioritizing low-income households and those households located in qualified census tracts. This program is expected to launch in 2023.

3. **Mortgage Assistance.** \$5 million is budgeted for mortgage assistance programs for homeowners that are at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.

4. **Homelessness Prevention.** One of the most effective ways to reduce homelessness is to step in before someone loses their housing. Not only is it more cost-effective, more importantly, it is less disruptive on the person or family. **\$3 million in ARPA funding is allocated to expand the shelter diversion program** which is targeted to those who have lost their housing, are doubled up, and/or are running out of stable housing options. In addition, **another \$2 million will be available in grant funds for innovative solutions to prevent homelessness.** Both programs are focused on residents that are in jeopardy of losing their housing.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1,653 households received mortgage assistance.
- Prevented 365 adults and 588 children from homelessness.
- 14,800 families received Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds.
- \$33.5 million obligated to affordable housing.
- \$14 million in awards will create 455 units of affordable housing. These projects leveraged \$11.97 for every \$1 of ARPA funding.
- More affordable housing announcements to come....

In addition to ARPA funding, Hamilton County is the recipient of Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds. Due to our success in deploying the initial rounds of funding, Hamilton County was eligible to receive reallocated funding from grantees who did not use their full allocation.

TARGETED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Two professions hit particularly hard because of the pandemic are childcare teachers and nurses. The Hamilton County region has an RN vacancy rate of 14 percent, or more than 1,500 nurses. Local health care leaders have noted that this will be a long-term problem because nursing colleges are not producing enough graduates to keep up with demand.

Switching to childcare teachers, according to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, 76 percent of childcare centers in Ohio are dealing with a staffing shortage and 63 percent of Hamilton County programs that responded to a survey reported having to close classrooms due to lack of teachers.

To solve these key workforce needs, the Board allocated funding for nursing school expansion and to increase the pipeline for childcare teachers. As a result, \$1.5 million is being provided to Cincinnati State Technical and Community College who will expand their existing nursing program to increase the number of nursing graduates by 100 per year. \$1.8 million is being provided to 4C for Childcare who will use the funding to increase the number of childcare teachers by 100.

In addition to nursing and childcare teacher shortages, other industries are in high demand for employees. Those include manufacturing, construction and trades, mental health, transportation, IT, and hospitality. To assist these industries, the Board released a grant application to expand workforce development training programs within these industries. A total of \$1.9 million in funding is being deployed.

Highlights

- \$1.7 million in workforce development grants deployed.
- \$225,000 grant to develop new construction training program for low-income residents through a 12-week pre-apprenticeship program.
- \$1.5 million in funding to help address nursing shortage.
- \$1.8 million in funding to help address childcare teacher shortage.

USES OF FUNDS

INTRODUCTION

Fiscal Recovery Funds (“ARPA”) provides Hamilton County with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address the most significant impacts of the pandemic while ensuring that the community emerges more resilient. Previous Recovery Plan Performance Reports detailed the County’s approach to developing its programs, including community and stakeholder engagement.

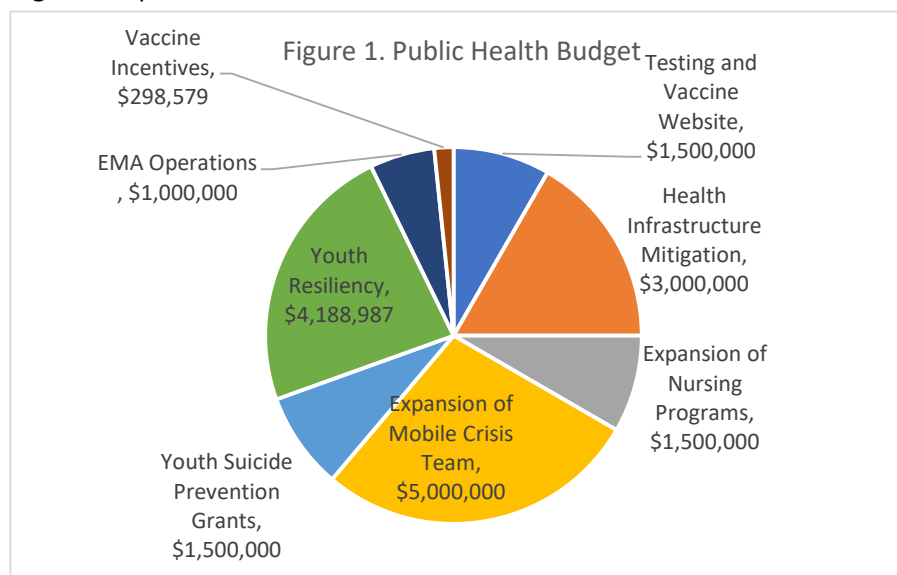
As some programs closed out in 2022, the Board amended its ARPA budget as necessary to reallocate funding to expand existing budgets or add new programs. For example, given the demand for youth resiliency activities, the Board reallocated remaining funding from workforce development to the youth resiliency line item. This action allowed for more organizations that focus on youth to be funded and their programs expanded. This type of action is anticipated to continue throughout 2023 and 2024 to ensure the County’s plan remains flexible to community needs.

USES OF ARPA FUNDING

Through its stakeholder and public process, the Board of County Commissioners allocated funding in several categories to assist Hamilton County as an organization and the community continue to recover from the impacts of the pandemic. There is recognition though that the funding levels associated with each program described in this report, and the programs themselves, may fluctuate as the programs are procured, monitored, and closed out.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

Through its ARPA funding, \$17.9 million is allocated to address continued needs and any ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including mental health, particularly among youth, while ensuring Hamilton County is stronger and more resilient. Figure 1 illustrates the budget breakdown of programming targeted to public health.



COVID-19 RESPONSE

As more specifically detailed in the Project Inventory section of this report, \$5.8 million in ARPA funds is being used **to directly respond to COVID-19**. The following programs support the Board of County Commissioners goal of providing resources to address urgent needs from the pandemic.

1. Providing no-cost testing for the general public with two of the three sites located in Qualified Census Tracts. This program concluded in April 2023.
2. Development of a one-stop website for vaccination and testing locations that is now administered by Hamilton County Public Health. Locations can be viewed at www.testandprotectcincy.org.
3. Purchasing and distributing PPE for small non-profits and local governments, including warehousing for the supplies, storage for the 513 Relief Bus and other Public Health vehicles used for vaccinations.
4. Providing grants for hospital systems focused on mitigation and prevention to include projects such as ventilation improvements, COVID-19 related expenses for prevention and mitigation, enhancement of public health data systems, or acquisition of equipment for COVID-19 prevention and treatment.
5. Incentivizing County employees to get vaccinated. This program is complete.

MENTAL HEALTH

\$10.7 million in ARPA funding will be used to address the mental health impacts that were exacerbated by the pandemic. Of these funds, \$5 million has been obligated to expand the mental health mobile crisis team that launched in April 2023. More than \$4 million is being used for youth resiliency programs: \$3.9 million has been obligated in grants to youth organizations to expand their services and overcome barriers to participation. \$250,000 is allocated for smaller organizations to purchase supplies such as uniforms and fund participation in field trips. \$1.5 million was allocated to youth suicide prevention.

NURSING

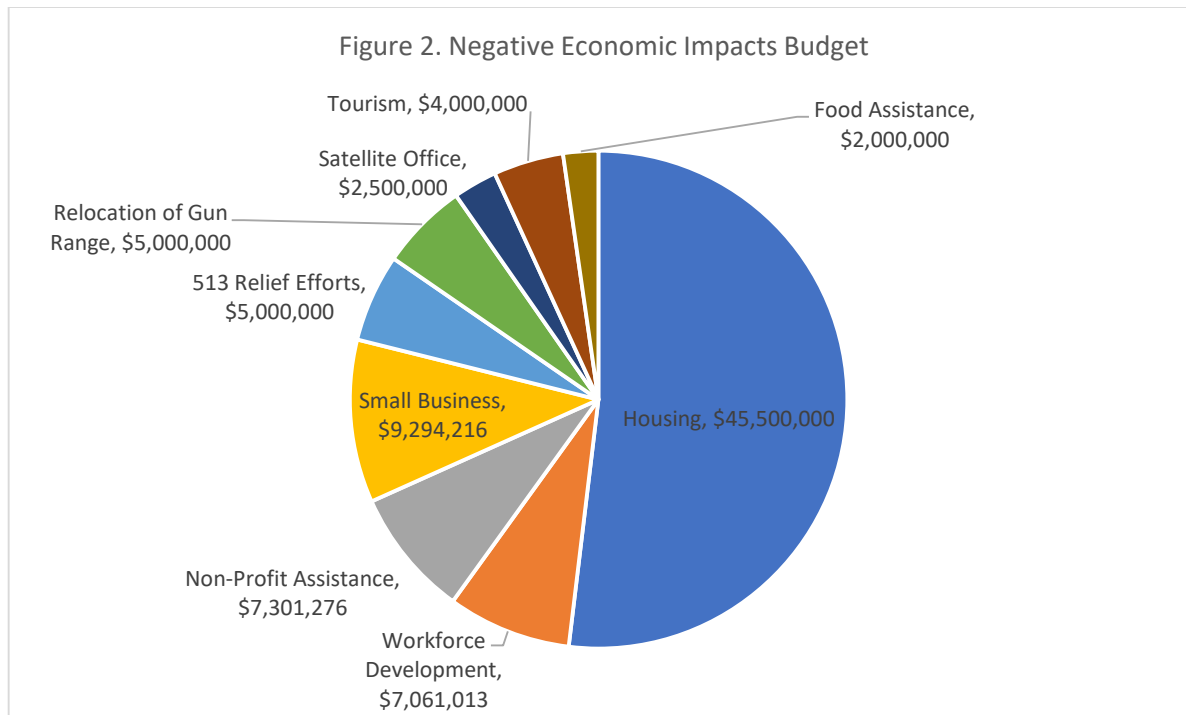
Like many areas of the country, the COVID-19 pandemic has strained health care delivery systems. The emotional and physical distress has led many nurses and clinical staff to leave the profession. As such, **\$1.5 million in ARPA funding has been obligated to help address the nursing shortage**. In addition to one time expansion costs to allow local schools to accept more students, funding is being used to reduce any barriers to enrollment.

PUBLIC HEALTH – NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS: PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY

\$735,000 is allocated to help address the backlog of criminal cases. This funding is being used to pay salaries for up to 4 paralegals with the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office.

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Of the total amount of ARPA funding, 55%, or \$88 million, is allocated to programs to help address and minimize negative economic impacts. Figure 2 provides a summary of the broad categories of programs that have been or will be implemented.



HOUSING

\$45.5 million is allocated for housing and includes mortgage assistance, affordable housing production and preservation, and homelessness prevention as further summarized below.

- **Affordable Housing Production.** **\$25.5 million is allocated for production of new affordable housing** and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units. Of this allocation, \$8 million will be targeted specifically for re-entry, senior, and disabled housing. These funds will support low to moderate income households. The County has partnered with Cincinnati Development Fund to deploy this funding as further described in the Project Inventory section.
- **Affordable Housing Preservation.** The Board authorized \$10 million for this purpose and includes \$8 million to renovate existing single family and multi-family affordable housing and \$2 million for a homeowner repair program. Both programs will focus on low-moderate income households and the homeowner repair program is anticipated to prioritize low-income households and those households located in Qualified Census Tracts when the program launches later this year.
- **Homelessness Prevention.** **\$3 million in ARPA funding is obligated to expand the existing shelter diversion program** which is targeted to those who have lost their housing, are doubled up, and/or are running out of stable housing options. **Another \$2 million is obligated for innovative solutions to prevent homelessness.** Both programs focus on residents that are in jeopardy of losing their housing and are being administered by Strategies to End Homelessness.
- **Mortgage Assistance.** \$5 million is budgeted for mortgage assistance programs for homeowners that are at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

\$7 million in ARPA funding is allocated for workforce development and is intended to improve economic success for both the workforce and companies through programs that connect people to careers with upward mobility and financial stability and that help employers find, develop and retain talent. This allocation includes three areas of investment:

1. Workforce Development Training Grants. This funding will support existing training/apprentice programs that are aligned with identified target industries with a specific focus on reducing barriers to participation. And with a focus on un and underemployed, residents in shelter diversion program, and returning citizens. In addition, this funding will increase the number of childcare teachers. This funding is obligated to 4C for Children who will conduct intentional outreach to potential candidates, training, credentialing, background checks, etc.
2. Enhance collaboration and service delivery of workforce partners. Hamilton County is home to a rich ecosystem of workforce development, education and training programs for adults. However, there is room for better alignment and more connectivity between employers, workforce development partners, and employees to improve outcomes. As such, ARPA funds will be used to help fund an organization(s) to provide necessary coordination.
3. Marketing of in-demand careers. Many in-demand careers do not require a four-year college degree, and there may be misperceptions on the opportunities available in certain industries, including salaries, working conditions, training, and overall upward mobility. A campaign, targeted to underemployed, unemployed, youth, and parents could help change the narrative around in-demand careers to grow and diversify the workforce.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

The Board of County Commissioners allocated **\$9.3 million to continue to assist small businesses** overcome the negative financial impacts of COVID-19 and become more financially sustainable. This program aligns with the Board of County Commissioners focus on small business assistance and helps leverage existing efforts, such as the launch of Hamilton County's first Office of Small Business (through the use of non-ARPA funding). Of this amount:

1. \$1.5 million is allocated to small business advisory services. The goal of this program is to help small businesses be more financially sustainable by providing expert advisory services in the following areas: accounting; IT/computer literacy; legal; marketing/social media/websites. This program launched in May.
2. \$7.8 million is allocated to small business grants. In 2020, the County provided two rounds of small business grants. A third round was launched in the fall of 2021 with remaining CARES Act funding and a portion of ARPA (324 small businesses received funding through the ARPA portion of the 3rd round). A fourth round of grant funding was released in May 2023 with applications due in late June. Applications are currently under review.

NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE

Hamilton County has a robust non-profit sector providing a wide range of social services to the community. These include organizations providing services related to food security, youth engagement, employment and training, housing, counseling services, senior services, addiction

treatment, medical care and so many others directly related to addressing the social and economic impacts of COVID-19. The Board allocated more than **\$7 million to provide grants** in the following three categories which were administered by United Way (results are provide in the Project Inventory section):

1. Non-profits that could demonstrate a revenue loss due to the pandemic.
2. Non-profits that provide assistance to households that were negatively impacted by the pandemic.
3. Non-profits with \$500,000 or less in annual revenues and provide direct social and family services to residents who have been negatively impacted by pandemic. This category of grants was developed after it was identified that some of the smaller non-profit organizations struggled with the prior application process.

Grant funding was deployed in 2022. This program is complete.

513 RELIEF AND IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES

In June 2021, the County launched the 513Relief Bus, in partnership with UC Medical Center, to provide resources directly to those who need it most. This mobile effort provided no-cost vaccinations and Hamilton County Job and Family Services was also on-site to provide rent and utility relief and other critical social services. With **\$5 million in ARPA funds**, the County expanded this program through the procurement of a permanent bus and enhanced the medical and social services provided. This expanded program launched on January 26, 2023, and is an example of Hamilton County's efforts to reduce barriers to accessing services.

In addition to the 513Relief Bus, a portion of this allocation is obligated to improve health outcomes. The COVID-19 pandemic has been particularly insidious inasmuch as it has impacted, most heavily, on individuals with comorbidities. The Board entered into an agreement with a local organization to focus on cardiovascular diseases, as local data shows that cardiovascular related conditions (i.e.; high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity) are the most prevalent health condition(s) within Hamilton County, and diabetes.

RELOCATION OF GUN RANGE

\$5 million in funding is allocated to help Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati partner to relocate the Cincinnati Police Department gun range given its impacts on the Village of Lincoln Heights. The movement of the gun range will improve the health of the childhood environment and address a long-standing problem on a disproportionately affected population.

TOURISM ASSISTANCE

The American Rescue Plan Act emphasized the need to help with the recovery of the hospitality industry as it was the hardest hit industry. Hamilton County **allocated and has spent \$4 million to help the tourism industry** rebound from shutdowns, reduced hotel occupancy, and two years of reduced travel. Funding was divided equally between the following programs:

1. Arts and Cultural Grants – Hamilton County distributed \$2 million in grants to arts/cultural organizations that demonstrated a revenue loss due to the pandemic. This program is complete.
2. Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) - CVB's mission is to promote the Greater Cincinnati area as a convention and leisure destination. Their marketing efforts help drive visitors to visit and spend in Hamilton County. As with the rest of the tourism industry, the CVB experienced a

significant decline in revenue due to the pandemic. \$2 million in ARPA funding is allowing the CVB to re-engage its marketing efforts to bring tourists back to Hamilton County and support the small businesses, hotels, and hospitality industry that depends on tourism.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

\$2 million has been obligated to emergency food assistance for low-income individuals and families. The Board of County Commissioners authorized this funding to help with the continued demand.

SATELLITE OFFICE

To integrate County services more effectively into the community and to provide services available to residents and business impacted by the pandemic, the County intends to use up to **\$2.5 million of ARPA** funding to develop a satellite facility. This office will be centrally located for services around multiple Qualified Census Tracts and significantly more accessible for residents than driving to downtown Cincinnati to access government services. This will also provide enhanced engagement with communities and their residents. Funding may also be used, if needed, to provide County facility improvements designed to offset COVID-19 impacts.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT

The calculation of revenue loss was completed by the County Budget Office using the formula required by US Department of Treasury. The 2021 revenue reduction due to the COVID-19 pandemic is \$41,935,127. Of this amount, the Board allocated **\$32 million** of its ARPA funding for government services, primarily for public safety and judicial staffing functions.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

The pandemic highlighted the critical need for high-speed internet capacity and broadband accessibility throughout the US. Before recommending any specific programs though, it was necessary to better understand and examine the specific gaps, if any, to direct the most effective use of **the \$8 million in ARPA funding that the Board allocated for broadband**. As such, the County engaged a consultant to inventory the status of reliable, high-quality broadband and recommend the most effective use of funds to close identified gaps in service, access, or affordability. In addition to the inventory, the consultant met with seventeen stakeholder organizations to listen to their needs and challenges. The report was finalized in the fall of 2023. More information is detailed in the Project Inventory section, including the fact that the consultant did not recommend using ARPA funding for investments in broadband infrastructure except where that infrastructure is built to address digital equity/digital inclusion issues (largely inside buildings), as the ISPs currently provide, or will expand their service to deliver, broadband data services at data throughput speeds exceeding those required to satisfy unserved and underserved areas.

In addition to investment in broadband infrastructure, the Board allocated **\$9 million for sewer and stormwater projects** that follow USEPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund criteria. \$5 million of this funding has been obligated to support the extension of sewer service into the western portion of Hamilton County along SR 128 which is a Qualified Census Tract. \$640,000 has been obligated to remedy cross-connections, and the remaining funds are anticipated to be used for construction of stormwater projects.

PREMIUM PAY

\$1.9 million was spent on financial payments to eligible workers (performing essential work) during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Designations of employees were made by the respective

managers based upon their knowledge of the individual positions, the work, and application of the Department of the Treasury rules and regulations. These funds have been expended and the program is complete.

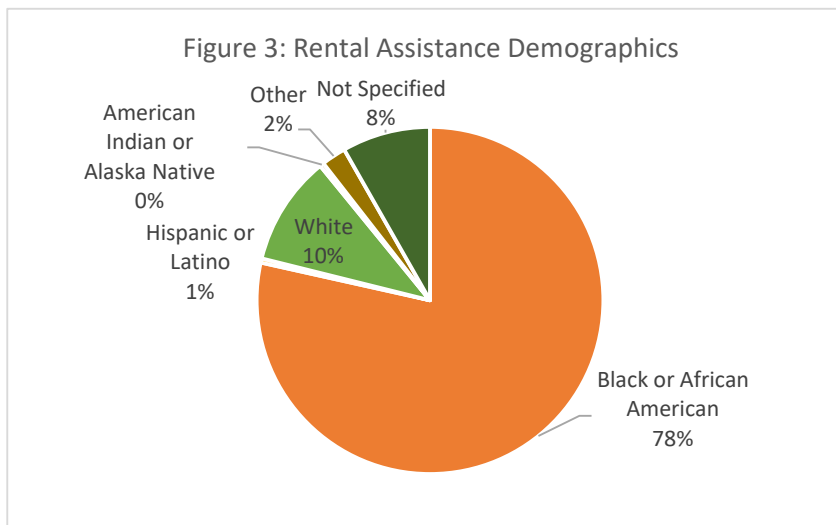
ADMINISTRATIVE

\$1.5 million is included in the County's Plan for staff to administer ARPA grant funding and ancillary programming. For instance, this activity will include funding for staff overseeing grant programming, reporting requirements, and financial tracking. In addition, funding was used for consultants to assist with equity, program development/refinement, and compliance.

OTHER FEDERAL RECOVERY FUNDS

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS 1 AND 2

In addition to ARPA funding, Hamilton County is the recipient of Emergency Rental Assistance Programs 1 and 2 which is administered by Hamilton County Job and Family Services. Since April 2021, JFS assisted almost 15,000 renters. Figure 3 summarizes the demographics served through this program.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

While many of the Board-approved programs were launched in late 2021/early 2022, there were several categories of programs that required more input and expertise to ensure the most effective and transformational use of the funding. As more thoroughly described in the 2021 Recovery Plan Performance Report, Hamilton County brought together stakeholders to develop recommended programs for the Board of County Commissioner's consideration. This process was in addition and subsequent to the Board of County Commissioners initial public process that included four stakeholder input sessions involving both internal and external organizations to provide input on community needs and two public hearings held on May 25 and May 27, 2021.

Hamilton County shared grant applications or RFPs on its website and sent them to an email distribution list of approximately 7,000 organizations and businesses.

PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

Hamilton County's focus is on addressing the needs of communities and more effectively connecting residents and businesses to the work and programming of the County. Equity requires strategies that promote fair treatment, equal access, opportunity, and advancement for all people, while at the same time striving to identify and eliminate barriers that may be preventing the full participation of some groups.

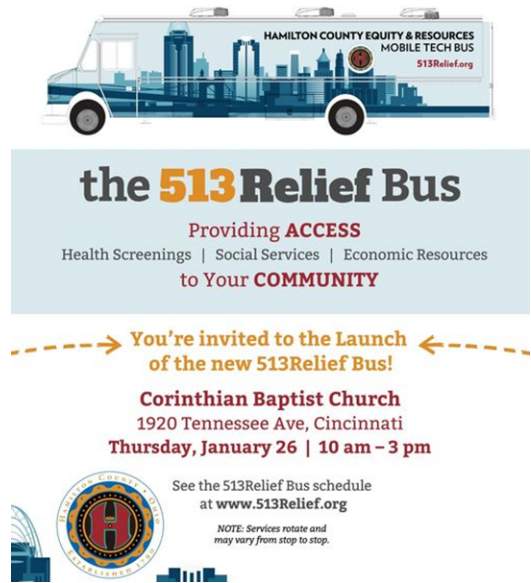
In general, the majority of Hamilton County's ARPA funded programs are targeted and directed to impacted or disproportionately impacted populations. Furthermore, as summarized in the Project

Inventory, many of the programs are focusing or will focus on identifying barriers to participation and how to overcome them.

As described throughout this report, the County is allocating \$88 million across several areas to minimize the negative economic impact of the pandemic and assist those who have been impacted by the pandemic. A snapshot of the County's ARPA funding and its emphasis on improving access and eliminating barriers include:

- Mortgage and utility assistance is targeted to low-to-moderate income individuals and households. The County has contracted with a firm to work with communities and residents so the County can better serve residents that are eligible for the mortgage and rental programs, and, through community-based engagement strategies, help remove any perceived or real barriers to accessing the assistance. To date, **72% of recipients are minorities**.
- Support to small and minority-owned businesses. In the third round of small business grants, **62% of grant recipients were minority owned**. A fourth round of small business grants was launched in May 2023 and applications are currently under review. Additionally, the small business technical assistance program that launched in May 2023 is intended to prioritize businesses with 0-10 employees.
- \$33.5 million is targeted to new affordable housing and renovation of existing affordable housing. So far, \$14 million is being deployed for 17 shovel ready projects of which **four of the recipients are small developers**.
- A \$2 million home repair program will launch this year and will **prioritize those homeowners in Qualified Census Tracts and those that are disproportionately impacted** (as defined by the American Rescue Plan Act).
- Workforce development training grants are connecting underemployed and unemployed people to careers with upward mobility and financial stability. **Funding is being targeted to identifying and overcoming barriers for residents to participate in training programs**. Examples include scholarships, wrap around services, translation services, and earn to learn.
- Funding is being spent to expand the number of residents that can be helped through the Shelter Diversion Program which focuses on preventing homelessness. To date, 87% of participants were Black/African American.
- The Board provided an additional round of non-profit grants focused on small non-profits based on feedback received from the community. 28 organizations received grant funding for family and social services.

- The 513Relief Bus visits neighborhoods where residents may not have easy access to medical services, workforce development, mental health, or other social services.
 - o This program removes transportation and access barriers by meeting residents where they are.
 - o The bus includes a wheelchair lift to ensure all residents can access services.
 - o 86% of users had incomes below \$31,000.
 - o 81% of users were Black/African American.
 - o Hamilton County has partnered with The Center for Closing the Health Gap to provide outreach and education to improve health outcomes focused predominately on cardiovascular conditions and diabetes. This effort is focusing on residents in concentrated disadvantaged communities.



- \$5 million in ARPA funding is being used to relocate the Cincinnati Police Department gun range given its impacts on the Village of Lincoln Heights residents. The movement of the gun range will improve the health of the childhood environment and address a long-standing problem on a disproportionately impacted population.

In addition to the programs addressing negative economic impacts, the following programs are or will be implemented:

- COVID-19 no-cost testing sites were available with two of the three sites located in Qualified Census Tracts.
- Through the use of \$5 million in ARPA, a new sewer extension will be constructed that is **located in Qualified Census Tract**.
- Through the nursing expansion program, a portion of the funding is being used for start-up costs for a Nursing Success Strategies designed to help nursing students succeed in two key courses that have shown to be stumbling blocks of students.

LABOR PRACTICES

Hamilton County's use of ARPA funds will include infrastructure projects, but at this time, those projects are in the early planning stages. The County will report on whether any of the following practices were being utilized: project labor agreements, community benefits agreements, prevailing wage requirements, and local hiring.

USE OF EVIDENCE

Hamilton County anticipates a few of its programs to be considered evidence-based interventions, including the following:

Homelessness Prevention

- Shelter Diversion: Local data demonstrates the effectiveness in outcomes from Shelter Diversion programs¹
- Innovation Grants: Grant applicants will be required to notate any evidence-based interventions.

Mental Health

- Mobile Crisis Team: Studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of mobile crisis teams²
- Youth Resiliency Grants: Studies have showed the positive impact that outdoor activities and after school programs have on youth³.
- Suicide Prevention Grants: Grant applicants will be required to notate any evidence-based interventions.

¹ <https://www.strategiestoendhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2021-demographics-data.pdf>

² https://www.researchgate.net/publication/12351029_Evaluation_of_a_Mobile_Crisis_Program_Effectiveness_Efficiency_and_Consumer_Satisfaction

³ <https://news.ncsu.edu/2021/11/outdoor-activity-tied-to-mental-health-of-teens-young-adults-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

PROJECT INVENTORY & PERFORMANCE REPORTING

The following provides a brief description of all projects that are in progress or under development and are categorized as such. This section also reports on each program's performance to date.

PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS

COVID-19 TESTING

BUDGET: \$1.2 MILLION

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$200,360

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.2 COVID-19 TESTING

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1003

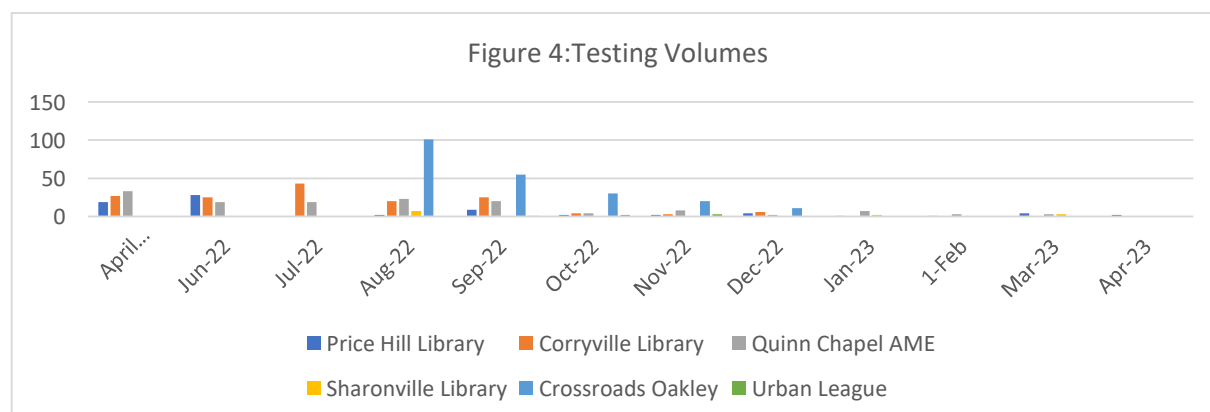
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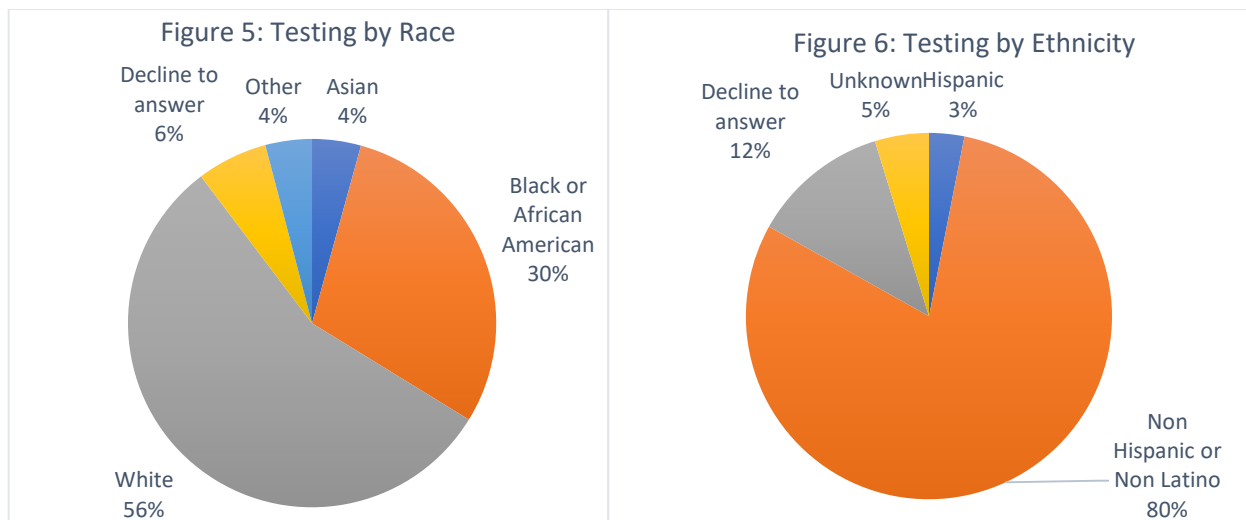
Overview

The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners authorized \$1.2 million in ARPA funding to provide for additional PCR testing for residents. Procurement occurred in January 2022 and the Board entered into an agreement with Ethos Laboratories effective April 4, 2022, for the operation of three no-cost PCR testing sites. Ethos provided no-cost PCR testing at up to three locations. Two of the three sites that were operational through June 2022 were located in Qualified Census Tracts intended to be focused on disproportionately impacted populations (as defined by ARPA) and to reduce barriers to testing such as transportation and cost. The agreement expired on April 3, 2023. This program has concluded given decreased usage.

Performance Report

Performance metrics are reported on a monthly basis to include number of participants disaggregated by race and ethnicity. Program results are summarized in Figures 4-6.





COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINATION WEBSITE AND COORDINATION

Funding Amount: \$300,000

expenditures to date: \$215,559

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including communications, enforcement, isolation/quarantine)

Identification Number: 1003

Website: www.testandprotectcincy.com

Overview

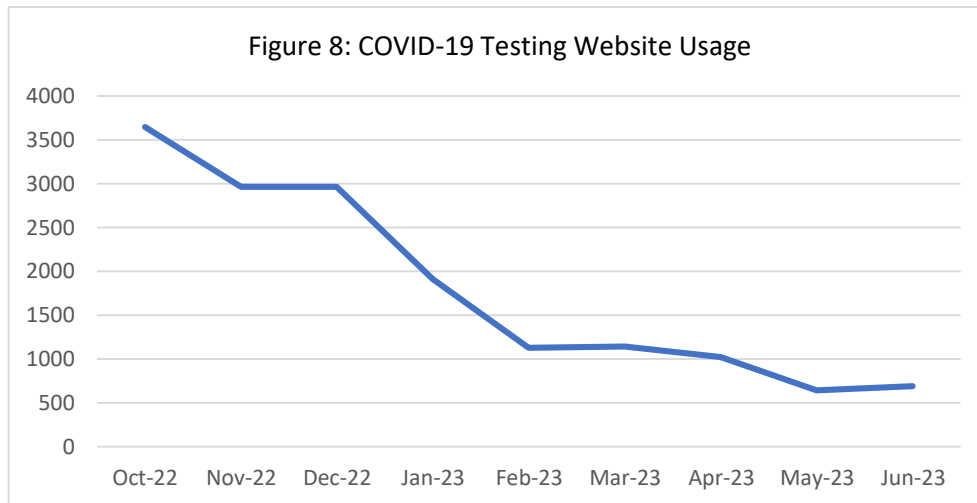
ARPA funds are being used for a centralized website for COVID-19 testing and vaccination locations. In addition, The Health Collaborative previously provided vaccination coordination including: convening regional vaccine providers to share surveillance data, track progress, address challenges, and accelerate vaccine uptake; managing organization and communication of regional vaccine dashboard with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, and sharing vaccine data on routine basis for situational awareness and planning. This phase concluded in September 2022. Beginning on October 1, 2022, the program transition to a centralized website only managed by Hamilton County Public Health.

Performance Report

Monthly metrics include unique page views as summarized in Figures 7-8. The number of page views has decreased since the inception of the website in early 2022 which is to be expected given the decline in COVID-19 cases.

Figure 7: COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine Website Usage

Website Metrics	3/15/22 - 6/30/23
Unique Page Views	25,432
Total Page Views	32,133
Average Time on Site	2:15



HAMILTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$320,411

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.5 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1015

Overview

Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (EMA) is being supported with ongoing eligible expenses related to the COVID-19 public health emergency including sourcing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), warehousing/storage of the PPE and COVID-related vehicles, such as the 513 Relief Bus, and administrative staff overseeing this project

Performance Report

Over the past year (July 1 2022 – July 1 2023), EMA has provided a total of 850 children's masks, 163,000 adult masks, 35,000 N95 masks, 6,500 KN95 masks, 3,000 level 3 surgical masks, 281,000 nitrile gloves and 214,000 vinyl gloves through its ARPA funding.

VACCINE INCENTIVES FOR HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$298,579

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$203,300

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.1, COVID-19 VACCINATION

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1008

Overview:

Each Hamilton County employee who presented evidence of being vaccinated received a \$100 incentive to be processed via the regular payroll system. The program was open from August – October 2021.

Performance Reporting

Of the approximately 4,500 employees, 2,052 or 46 percent of the workforce participated in this program. This program is completed.

COVID-19 MITIGATION AND PROTECTION HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$3 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$47,185

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.14 OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1003B

Overview:

The availability of ARPA funds provides an opportunity for the community to ensure that physical health and preparedness infrastructure is available to respond to future waves of COVID-19. These funds were deployed through a grant process for projects that are: in response to and mitigate COVID-19; for ventilation improvements, COVID-19 related expenses for prevention and mitigation; an enhancement of public health data systems; or for acquisition of equipment for COVID-19 prevention and treatment. Table 2 provides a summary of the grant funding.

Table 2. Healthcare Provider Grants

Organization	Amount	Purpose
Mercy Health Cincinnati	\$264,761	Negative air pressure rooms and ventilation improvements
First Step Home	\$78,922	Ventilation improvements and telehealth
Crossroad Health Center (PQHC)	\$25,000	Ventilation improvements
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health	\$24,600	Ventilation improvements
University of Cincinnati Medical Center	\$1,509,503	Installation of negative air pressure rooms in the Emergency Department
Cincinnati Children's Hospital	\$1,097,214	Enhanced public health data system

Performance Report

All projects are underway except for Crossroad Health Center and Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health whose ventilation improvements are complete.

EXPANSION OF LOCAL NURSING PROGRAMS

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1.5 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$0

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.14 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1003C

Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic has strained health care delivery systems in the Greater Cincinnati region. The emotional and physical distress has led many nurses and clinical staff to leave the profession. Per The Health Collaborative, nursing vacancy rates have reached a 15-year high, and there are over 5,000 health worker positions that are vacant in the Cincinnati region. During the COVID-19 pandemic, more

than 1,300 additional health workers left their jobs beyond typical turnover, according to the Health Collaborative. Investing in expansion of existing nursing programs can help address this shortage.

The County issued a grant application to expand local nursing program(s) to allow for additional students to enroll in LPN and RN programs. A subrecipient agreement was approved in June 2023 with Cincinnati State who will expand their program to accept an additional 100 students per year. Grant funding is being used for the following purposes:

1. Build out their LPN skills lab;
2. Provide one-year start up salary costs for additional STNA, LPN, and RN instructors;
3. Provide scholarships for students with priority on low income;
4. Provide start-up funding for a Nursing Success Strategies course as data reveals that a stumbling block for retaining disadvantaged nursing students is two key courses in the first year of the clinical program. This new course is designed to overcome this stumbling block.
5. Partner with The Health Collaborative, Center for Closing the Health Gap (will implement three new elementary schools in its Road to Medicine Program), and Black Nurses Association of Greater Cincinnati (provide up to 18 mentoring group meetings for LPN and RN students to help with retention).

Performance Reporting

Cincinnati State anticipates, among other outcomes, expanding enrollment by 100 students/year; maintaining a 75 percent graduation rate; and maintaining a 95 percent job placement rate. Outcomes will be reported in future Recovery Plan Performance Reports

EXPANSION OF MOBILE CRISIS TEAM

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$5 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$0

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.12 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PH-1004

Overview

Mobile Crisis Teams provide crisis intervention/de-escalation, referral and/or follow-up to a mental health provider. The goal is to ameliorate a crisis in the least restrictive setting for the immediate protection of the health and safety of the persons involved. Hamilton County's current Mobile Crisis Team operates Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – midnight; Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30 – 7:30 p.m. Through the use of ARPA funding, the Mobile Crisis Team has expanded to 24/7. Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Board is overseeing this program. The program expansion began in April 2023.

Evidence-Based Interventions

There are studies that show the benefits of mobile crisis teams and their impact on emergency departments⁴.

Performance Reporting

Anticipated performance reporting to be shared in future Recovery Plan Performance Report includes: response time, referral source, demographics, zip codes, and primary presenting problems.

TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1.5 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,871

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.12 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1004B

Overview

Given the teen mental health concerns that were exacerbated by COVID-19 shutdowns and social isolation, \$1.5 million in ARPA funding was allocated to assist organizations that provide direct services for teen mental health and suicide prevention to expand their programs. Grant applications were solicited during the 3rd quarter of 2022 and agreements were awarded in 2023 to the organizations listed in Table 3. A total of \$818,775 in grants have been obligated; the remaining balance in this allocation will be reallocated to other programs during 2023.

Table 3. Teen Suicide Prevention Grants

Organization	Amount	Purpose
1N5	\$190,000	Expansion of Building Resiliency in Youth program
Grant Us Hope	\$221,700	Expansion of a peer-to-peer support and training on warning signs of suicide
Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio	\$70,000	Suicide prevention for Spanish speaking youth
Best Point	\$112,075	Pediatric mental health urgent care clinic to serve as an alternative to and to reduce the demand on local emergency departments
Mental Health America	\$225,000	Teen mental health first aid program

Evidence-Based Interventions

Grant applicants detailed if any of their direct services are evidence-based interventions. According to their applications, the following evidence-based interventions are being used: Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio - Dialectical Behavioral Therapy; 1N5 - QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training, Signs of Suicide; Grant Us Hope - QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training and Mental Health First Aid; Best Point - Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale; Mental Health America - Teen Mental Health First Aid.

⁴https://www.researchgate.net/publication/12351029_Evaluation_of_a_Mobile_Crisis_Program_Effectiveness_Efficiency_and_Consumer_Satisfaction

Performance Reporting

All grantees are required to submit quarterly reports to include, among other information, number of youth served segregated by income, race, ethnicity, zip code, grade level, and school district. Annual reports are also required to include outcomes of the funding. The first reports are due at the end of July and will be reported on in future Recovery Plan Performance Reports.

BUILDING YOUTH RESILIENCY

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$3,938,987

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$4,000

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.12 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1004

Overview

Numerous studies have documented the impact of social isolation on youth because of school closures and reductions in extracurricular activities. To help address the impacts of social isolation and build resiliency, ARPA funds are being used to expand proven youth and teen programs focused on outdoor activities, extracurriculars, mentorships, after school and summer programs, etc. Grant applications were released in the 4th quarter of 2022. \$3.9 million in awards have been obligated, summarized in Table 4. While this program is open to all youth given the mental health impacts that were exacerbated by the pandemic, 85% of the awarded grants are to organizations that serve low-income youth. In addition, applicants were encouraged to identify ways their program can reduce barriers. The main strategies to reduce barriers included transportation, provision of food or technology, and financial aid.

Evidence-Based Interventions

Grant applicants detailed if any of their direct services are evidence-based interventions and were primarily those that are focused on mentoring.

Performance Reporting

Organizations that received funding to expand their youth and teen programs will submit quarterly and annual reports that include the following metrics: program summary, number of students disaggregated, report of positive outcomes, and testimonials. Results will be summarized in future Recovery Plan Performance Reports.

Table 4. Youth Resiliency Grantees

Organization	Amount	Purpose
Clifton Cultural Arts	\$55,636	After school program with STEM and Arts programs.
My Cincinnati Youth Orchestra	\$122,500	Music education program.
GRAD	\$224,000	Mentorship program.
Guiding Light	\$23,800	Mentorship program.
Kennedy Heights Art Center	\$74,708	Youth Jazz program.
Families Forward	\$100,000	After school program on music, arts and technology.
Cincinnati Youth Collaborative	\$105,000	Mentoring program.
Adopt A Class	\$165,000	Mentoring program.
Girl Scouts of Western Ohio	\$150,000	Provide for additional Girl Scout programs at no cost.
Urban League	\$225,000	Paid youth internship program.
Groundwork Ohio River Valley	\$164,200	Paid internship program.
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati	\$225,000	After-school program.
ArtWorks	\$224,000	Apprenticeship program in the arts.
Tristate Education and Tech	\$131,857	After-school STEM program.
Talbert House	\$60,000	Summer camp.
Jewish Community Center	\$198,160	Extended summer camp.
IKRON	\$142,500	Youth support services through social skills building and group counseling.
Cincinnati Urban Promise	\$219,000	Summer enrichment STEM program.
BLOC Ministries, Inc.	\$198,487	After-school programs.
Art Academy of Cincinnati	\$70,000	Arts enrichment program.
Peaslee Neighborhood Center	\$197,376	Summer camp to hire youth to gain employment experience, mentor opportunities, field trips.
Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati	\$113,850	Sensory games, created for children with autism to increase self-awareness, relationships, and self-esteem.
Refresh Collective	\$171,160	Print shop training program for special needs youth and acquire certifications music and arts.
CincySmiles Foundation	\$147,300	Youth ambassadors to gain employable skills and self-esteem through corrected dental procedures.
Best Point	\$173,637	Employment opportunities for at risk youth.
Learning Grove	\$145,000	Mentoring program.
Golden Gloves	\$111,816	Competitive amateur boxing club.

INSPIRE – YOUTH PROGRAMS

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$250,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$0

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 1.12 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1005

Overview

\$250,000 was allocated for youth organizations to receive up to \$5,000 in supplies, uniforms, and field trips. Applications for this allocation are currently under review. The County will be purchasing and supplying the items directly to the organizations (as beneficiaries).

Evidence-Based Interventions

None.

Evidence-Based Interventions

Grant applicants detailed if any of their direct services are evidence-based interventions and were primarily those that are focused on mentoring.

Performance Reporting

47 organizations that serve low-mod income youth are anticipated to receive up to \$5,000 in supplies to help youth have new experiences, uniforms, and equipment.

NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS

ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS

FOOD ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$2 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$0

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.1, HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: FOOD PROGRAMS

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1029

Overview

The Board of County Commissioners approved a subrecipient agreement with Freestore Foodbank, the region's largest emergency food and services provider to children and families, in the amount of \$2 million for emergency food assistance for low-income individuals and families.

Evidence-Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance

Funding will be used to purchase up to 1.6 million pounds of food to provide to an estimated 66,000 eligible Hamilton County residents.

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$5,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,905,691

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.2, HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE: RENT, MORTGAGE, AND UTILITY AID

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1022

WEBSITE: WWW.513RELIEF.ORG

Overview

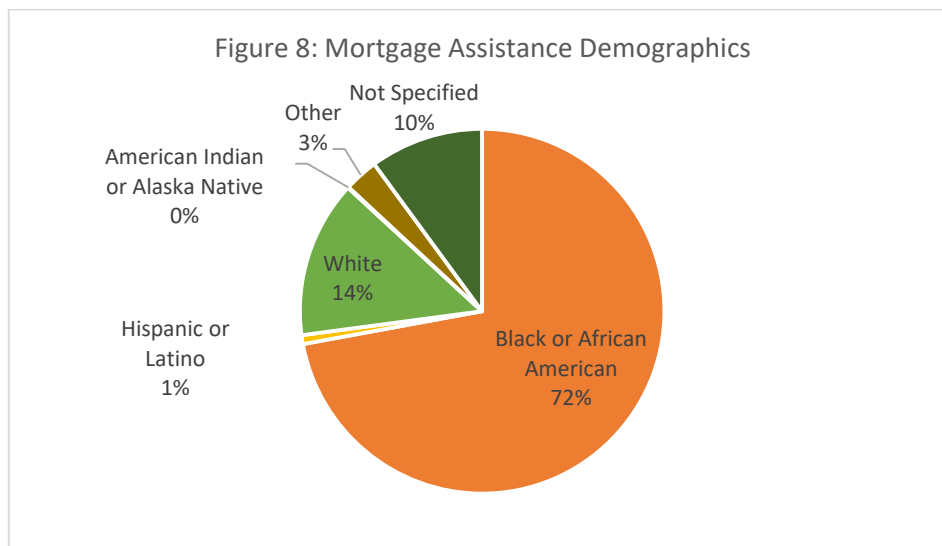
Eligible homeowners can receive financial assistance with mortgage, property tax and/or utility payments to avoid foreclosure and shutoffs. Program eligibility is focused on households that are at or below 300% FPL. The program started in October 2021 and is administered by Hamilton County Job and Family Services.

Evidence-Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance

1,653 households have received assistance through this program. A summary of demographics served is provided in Figure 8.



EXPANSION OF SHELTER DIVERSION PROGRAM

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$3 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$732,034

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.16 SERVICES FOR UNHOUSED PERSONS

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1021

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.STRATEGIESTOENDHOMELESSNESS.ORG/SHELTER-DIVERSION-A-BEST-PRACTICE-TO-PREVENT-HOMELESSNESS/](https://www.strategiestoendhomelessness.org/shelter-diversion-a-best-practice-to-prevent-homelessness/)

Overview

One of the most effective ways to reduce homelessness is to step in before someone loses their housing. Not only is it more cost-effective, more importantly, it is less disruptive on the person or family. \$3 million in ARPA funding is allocated to expand shelter diversion programs. Shelter diversion programs are targeted to those who have lost their housing, are doubled up, and/or are running out of stable housing options. These programs provide financial assistance for housing costs, robust case management, and wrap around services. Based on local data, shelter diversion programs target households that have income below 30% of Area Median Income. An agreement with Strategies to End Homelessness to expand their shelter diversion program was approved by the Board in August 2022.

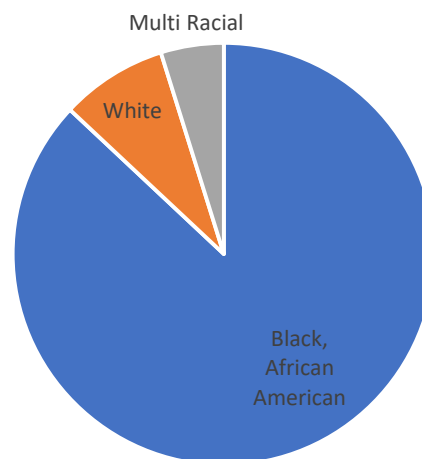
Use of Evidence

Data from [Strategies to End Homelessness](https://www.strategiestoendhomelessness.org) shows that 90% of participants in 2021 exited the program with permanent housing. And, of the households that exited the prior year, 92.45% of them did not become homeless in 2021. Furthermore, according to Strategies to End Homelessness, of the households who exited the program in 2021, 38.82% increased income.

Performance Reporting

The Shelter Diversion program provides case management and wrap around services to families and individuals who have experienced a housing crisis and were at risk of experiencing homelessness. Housing Specialists work with families to find affordable housing quickly and provide rental assistance and utility assistance to start them out. Other services provided include: budgeting and financial health management, peer support, food assistance, and connection to resources such as TANF, food stamps, education, employment, child care, mediation, legal, and other public benefits. The average length of time participants are in the program is 4.7 months. From September – June 2023, the shelter diversion program kept 588 children and 365 adults from homelessness. Figure 9 provides a breakdown of participants by race. 99% of participants were non-Hispanic.

Figure 9. Shelter Diversion Participants by Race



Shelly, a 38-year-old single mother to a medically complex child, was referred to the Shelter Diversion program in October 2022. Her barriers included a fixed income, a lack of childcare that could care for child's medical complexities, lack of employment that would work around her child's medical appointments and significant arrears from her energy provider. Shelly faced homelessness following the birth of her first child who was born at 26 weeks and spent time in the NICU. She had been residing with her child's father but vacated due to instability in their relationship.

The medical providers involved with Shelly and her child expressed concerns regarding her transient lifestyle and how her child's medical conditions were further complicated by the pandemic. Shelly's homelessness and instability resulted in child protective services involvement. Shelly was referred to Shelter Diversion. She was matched with a landlord who accepts Section 8 assistance and was successfully housed within 12 days of intake.

She received financial assistance to help pay down her outstanding energy bill balance which ensured she could turn on services in her name. Shelly successfully obtained childcare benefits through ODJFS with a provider who has experience caring for children with medical complexities and obtained stable employment to ensure that she can remain self-sufficient. Her employer is understanding of her child's medical needs and Shelly's need to attend provider appointments. Shelly continues to exhibit personal growth and is thankful for her time in the program.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION INNOVATION

FUNDING: \$2 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$0

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.16 SERVICES FOR UNHOUSED PERSONS

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1021

Overview

Through this \$2 million allocation, Hamilton County hopes to foster new, innovative solutions to homelessness prevention by granting funds for pilot projects. Strategies to End Homelessness, the region's Continuum of Care organization, is administering this grant program on behalf of Hamilton County. An agreement in the amount of \$2 million was approved by the Board on April 20, 2023.

The grant program is directed to organizations engaged in work with households at high risk of homelessness (entering an emergency shelter, sleeping unsheltered on the streets, or fleeing domestic violence) and seeking funding for innovative programs and partnerships to prevent homelessness. Grants will be awarded to programs with the best potential, outcomes, data and performance measures, and therefore have the highest likelihood of reducing the number of people and households sleeping unsheltered or in emergency shelters within Hamilton County.

Grant applications are currently being solicited. Results will be included in future Recovery Plan Performance Reports.

Evidence-Based Interventions

It is anticipated that grant applicants will detail if any of their direct services are evidence-based interventions.

Performance Reporting

Key performance indicators, mandatory performance indicators (as applicable), and output and outcome measures, will be further detailed in subsequent reports.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$33.5 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$0

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.15 LONG TERM HOUSING SECURITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1019

Overview

Numerous local and national studies have been published on the need for additional affordable housing. The County's Plan recognizes this by allocating \$33.5 million for production of new affordable housing and renovation of multi-family and single-family affordable housing to address the availability of units for low and moderate-income households. Of this allocation, at least \$8 million will be focused on housing for seniors, re-entry, and disabled housing and \$8 million will be focused on rehabilitation.

The Board entered into a subrecipient agreement with Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to administer this program in December 2022 in the amount of \$33.5 million. CDF is a nonprofit lending institution and U.S. Treasury-certified community development financial institution established in 1988 to finance affordable housing development and community revitalization.

The program is a phased application and award process. The purpose of this approach is to address the great need for affordable housing by making an initial round of awards to truly "shovel-ready" projects, while intentionally preserving funds for smaller developers, projects in the County that might not be "shovel-ready," and generally to allow time for developers and organizations to consider new projects that would access these funds.

The initial awards were announced at the end of June. \$14 million in ARPA funding will be deployed to 17 affordable housing projects, a summary of which is included in Table 5.

The initial round of ARPA affordable housing funding:

- Saves projects that were at-risk,
- Helps build more units faster,
- Preserves and improves quality affordable units,
- Builds capacity in smaller developers,
- Creates homeownership opportunities.

Table 5. Affordable Housing

Organization	Amount	Number of Units
Vandalia Point	\$2,700,000	52
Pedretti Place	\$1,600,000	48
Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority	\$1,000,000	42
Pennrose	\$648,718	50
POAH/Model Group	\$1,500,000	61
National Church Residences	\$800,000	83
8K Development Company	\$650,000	10
3CDC	\$150,000	3
Model Property Development	\$350,000	7
CH KeyMark, LLC/8K + College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corp.	\$150,000	7
The Port and Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses	\$1,000,000	15
Kaiker Development & Construction	\$720,000	12
The Port	\$870,000	29
Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corp.	\$850,000	17
Habitat for Humanity	\$700,000	14
B.O.C. Development	\$150,000	1
Homesteading and Urban Redevelopment Corp.	\$200,000	4

Evidence-based Interventions

The over-arching goal is to increase the number of affordable housing units. No funds will be allocated to evidence-based interventions.

Performance Reporting

The initial funding awards will result in the following:

- \$14 million in ARPA funding for 17 projects that have a total investment of \$182 million;
- Leveraging \$11.97 for every \$1 of ARPA funding;
- 455 units of affordable housing; 183 of which are less than 50% AMI;
- 65 units will be single family homes;
- Four projects are being awarded to smaller developers;
- Five projects are outside of the City of Cincinnati to provide geographic diversity.

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$2 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$0

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.18 HOUSING SUPPORT: OTHER HOUSING ASSISTANCE

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: NI-1020

Overview

The Home Repair Program is designed to help eligible residents make necessary home repairs and improvements to allow them to maintain their homes and support the stabilization of households. Eligible residents include those located in Qualified Census Tracts and those designated by ARPA as “impacted” and “disproportionately impacted”.

While the program will be open to both impacted and disproportionately impacted households as allowed per the Final Rule, priority will be on the most disproportionately impacted households, including those in Qualified Census Tracts. In addition to repair services, this program will also direct participants to services that are designed to improve their economic sustainability. This will include but is not limited to applicable workforce development programs, senior services, and financial literacy classes.

Hamilton County will work with qualified third party to provide eligible homeowners with needed repairs and ensure participants are connected to support services and programs identified above. An RFP for this program was released in late December and an agreement is currently being negotiated with a non-profit to administer this program.

Evidence Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance Reporting

Key performance indicators, mandatory performance indicators (as applicable), and output and outcome measures, will be further detailed in subsequent reports. Anticipated metrics include participant data stratified by race, ethnicity, income, zip code, gender, and age; number of recipients connected with other supportive services and any outcomes; list of contractors used stratified by race, ethnicity, zip code, size of business.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$7,061,013

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$4,744

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.10, ASSISTANCE TO UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED WORKERS

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1023

Overview

The goal of the \$7 million in ARPA funding for workforce development is to improve economic success for both the workforce and companies through programs that connect people to careers with upward mobility and financial stability and that help employers find, develop and retain talent. This allocation includes three areas of investment:

1. Workforce Development Training Grants - Support existing training/apprentice programs that are aligned with the target industries with a specific focus on reducing barriers to participation. And, with a focus on un and underemployed, residents in shelter diversion program, and returning citizens. Of the funding allocated for this investment, \$1.8 million be dedicated to increasing the number of childcare teachers.

Applications for training program grants were released during the 4th quarter, 2022 with awards made during the second quarter of 2023. Table 7 provides a summary of the organizations awarded.

A request for proposals was released during the 4th quarter, 2022 for a qualified organization to administer a program to expand the number of childcare teachers within Hamilton County. The County entered into a subrecipient agreement with 4C for Children in the amount of \$1.8 million. 4C will use the following strategies to increase the number of childcare teachers by 100: implement a comprehensive media and outreach campaign to grow awareness and interest in the early education profession; provide required training to newly hired participants; reimburse up to \$150 cover screening expenses to reduce a cost barrier; enroll participants in child development associate credential program; and fund ongoing training and education expenses not covered by other sources to ensure retention of teachers.

Targeted industries for workforce development efforts are: manufacturing, construction and trades, healthcare (including mental health), transportation, IT, childcare, and hospitality.

Table 7. Workforce Development

Organization	Amount	Purpose
Cincinnati Health Network	\$225,000	Medical and dental assistant program.
CincySmiles	\$184,500	Training for medical billing associate and dental laboratory technicians.
Per Scholas	\$200,000	IT training program.
BLOC Ministries Inc.	\$74,527	Culinary training.
Easter Seals	\$225,000	Construction training.
Community Action Agency	\$225,000	CDL certification.
Cincinnati State	\$225,000	Medical Assistant Apprenticeship Program.
IKRON	\$205,000	Certifications for building maintenance, construction, restaurant.
Health Care Access Now	\$184,800	Community health workers certification focused on Spanish speaking population.
Urban League	\$225,000	Construction training.

2. Enhance collaboration and service delivery of workforce partners – Hamilton County is home to rich ecosystem of workforce development, education and training programs for adults. However, there is room for better alignment and more connectivity between employers, workforce development partners, and employees. As such, an RFP was issued during the first

quarter, 2023 and the County is currently negotiating a subrecipient agreement with an organization to provide necessary coordination.

3. Marketing of in-demand careers – Many in-demand careers do not require a four-year college degree, and there may be misperceptions on the opportunities available in certain industries, including salaries, working conditions, training and overall upward mobility. A campaign, targeted to underemployed, unemployed, youth, and parents could help change the narrative around in-demand careers to grow and diversify the workforce. This program has not yet started.

Evidence-Based Intervention

The program does not include evidence-based interventions.

Performance Reporting

Organizations that received funding will submit quarterly and annual reports that include the following metrics: program summary, number of participants disaggregated, graduation rates, and job placement rates.

ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$7,794,216

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,925,564

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.29, LOANS OR GRANTS TO MITIGATE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1025

Overview:

Through the CARES ACT, Hamilton County, through its Office Of Economic Development, conducted two rounds of grants to small businesses. In 2021, a third round was initiated that also included ARPA funding in the amount of \$2.9 million. This grant was open to small business with 50 employees or less, had an economic loss due to the pandemic, and had less than \$2.5 million in annual revenue. All grants were awarded in January 2022 and results were summarized in the 2021 Recovery Plan Performance Report. Remaining ARPA funding in this line item of approximately \$4 million is being used for a fourth round of grants. Grant applications were due June 20, 2023, and are currently under review. Results will be announced in August.

Performance

Under the previous round of small business grants, 324 businesses received grants up to \$10,000. Metrics on the final round of grants, which are currently under review, will be reported in the 2023 Recovery Plan Performance Report.

SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1,500,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$0

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.30, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, COUNSELING, OR BUSINESS PLANNING

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1028

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.ECDI.ORG/HAMILTON-COUNTY](https://www.ecdi.org/hamilton-county)

Overview

Through the experience of the three rounds of small business grants, it is clear many of our small businesses excel at their craft yet struggle with back-office functions such as accounting and technology. To continue to support Hamilton County's small businesses, the County entered into a subrecipient agreement with ECDI in April 2023 in the amount of \$1.5 million to provide eligible small businesses with expert technical assistance or advisory services. Simply put, the goal of this program is to help small businesses be more sustainable by providing expert advisory services in the following areas: Accounting; IT/computer literacy; Legal; Marketing/social media/websites. Eligible small businesses include those located in a Qualified Census Tract or negatively impacted by the pandemic with less than 50 employees. The program launched in May 2023.

Evidence Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance Reporting

Future Recovery Plan Performance Reports will include: number of businesses served; type of service(s) received and outcome of that service; breakdown of those served by race, ethnicity, zip code; impact on small businesses; testimonials.

ASSISTANCE TO NON-PROFITS

NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$7,301,276⁵

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$7,250,818

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.34, AID TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1024

Overview

The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners allocated funding to provide relief to negatively impacted nonprofit organizations or nonprofit organizations who were providing services to clients negatively impacted by the pandemic. The County released an RFP for an organization to administer the program, to which United Way of Greater Cincinnati (United Way) responded and was subsequently selected. A subaward with the United Way was executed in November 2021.

Initial grant limits were set at a minimum of \$25,000 and a maximum of \$250,000. The overall goal was to provide relief to as many nonprofit organizations as possible that provide direct essential family and social services.

After feedback was received from various organizations concerning the restrictiveness and limitations the criterion caused, the Board of County Commissioners invested an additional amount for small nonprofits (defined as having annual revenue of \$500k or less). Small non-profits could apply for up to \$30,000.

Overall results in the in three categories is as follows:

1. Category 1: Non-profits that can demonstrate a revenue loss due to the pandemic were awarded funds in early 2022 (\$3,734,284 awarded to 23 organizations). 35% of the organizations provided services to youth; 13% provided food assistance, another 13% provided mental health services, and another 13% provided housing/homelessness services.

2. Category 2: Non-profits that provided eligible services to residents impacted by the pandemic were awarded funds in early 2022 (\$2,611,745 awarded to 56 organizations). 32% of the organizations funded provided food assistance, 18% provided homelessness services; and another 18% provided job training.

3. Small Non-Profits: Non-profits with \$500,000 or less in annual revenues and provide direct social and family services to residents who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 were awarded funds in fall 2022 (\$743,741 awarded to 28 organizations). 32% of the organizations funded provided food assistance; 26% of the organizations funded provided education services.

107 non-profit organizations that provided family and social services received a total of \$7 million. Services provided included food assistance, education, job training, mental health, and housing services.

⁵ Funding amount differs slightly from quarterly report due to program closure dates.

A total of \$7.2 million of the allocated funding has been expended to date. All three grant categories focused on non-profits that provide family and social services and the services are targeted to low-mod income households.

Evidence-Based Interventions

This program is not an evidence-based intervention.

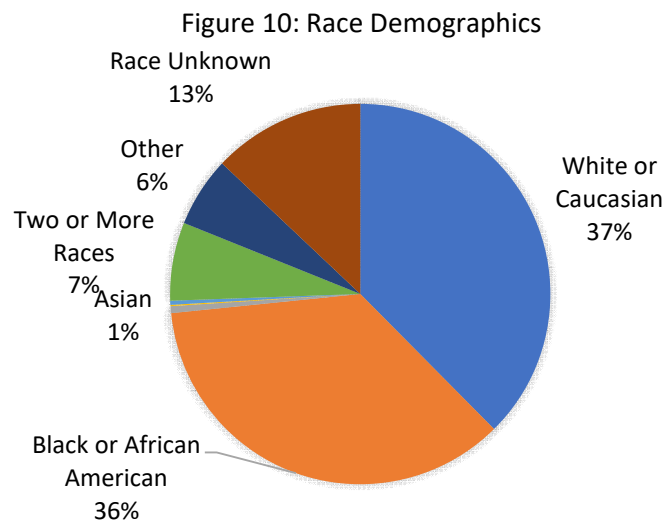
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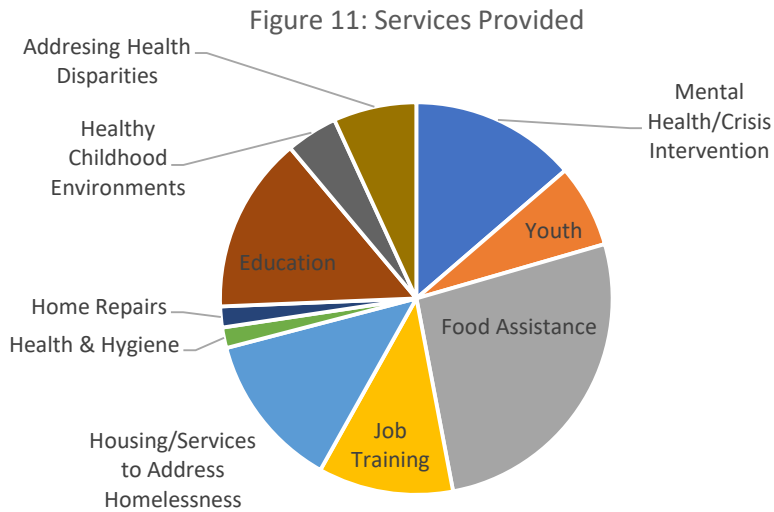
A total of 107 non-profit organizations that provide family and social services were provided funding in 2022. Results of the funding are illustrated in Table 6 and Figures 10 – 11.

Table 6: Participants Served

Category	Total Participants Served
Category 1	116,200
Category 2	70,163*
Small Nonprofits	45,913
TOTAL	232,276

*This number does not include the participants served from four programs organizations (La Soupe, Last Mile Food Rescue, Inc., Tikkun Farm, Wave Pool). The numbers submitted for these programs suggested that the organizations were not submitting the unduplicated participants served, but another measurement for food assistance. These numbers were omitted to not skew the data.





AID TO IMPACTED INDUSTRIES

ARTS AND CULTURAL ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$2,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,000,000

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.35, AID TO TOURISM, TRAVEL, OR HOSPITALITY

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1024A

Overview

According to ArtsWave, arts organizations in the Cincinnati area experienced losses of \$140 million in revenue since the start of the pandemic when many organizations had to close their doors due to the state ban on mass gatherings and once re-opened had to adhere to decreased audience size. Through a subaward, ArtsWave administered a grant program to arts and cultural organizations based on financial losses. The grant criteria considered pre-pandemic budget size, pandemic-related revenue losses, amount of COVID relief funding received through other programs to-date. Grants were awarded during April 2022.

Performance

As reported in the 2021 Recovery Plan Performance Report, 53 Arts and Culture organizations received grant awards with amounts based on financial losses and annual budget. This program is complete.

HOSPITALITY ASSISTANCE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$2,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$2,000,000

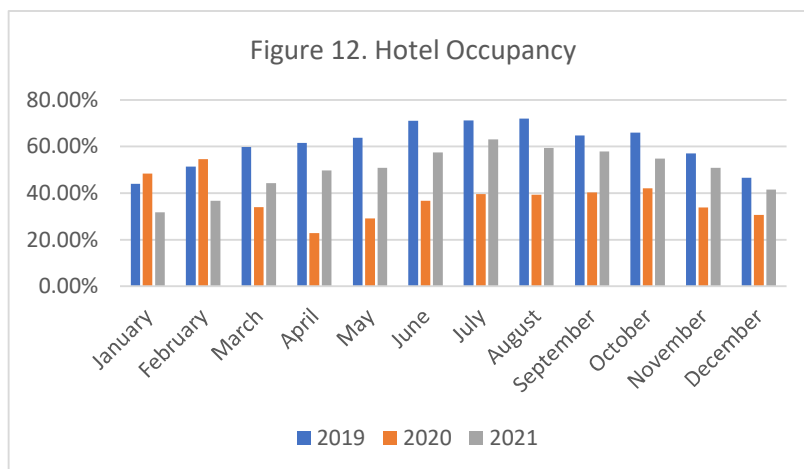
PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.35, AID TO TOURISM, TRAVEL, OR HOSPITALITY

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1026

Overview

\$2 million has been obligated to Cincinnati USA Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) for marketing funds to promote and attract visitors to Hamilton County. Providing a portion of the CVB's lost revenue will allow them to more fully re-engage in marketing campaigns to draw more visitors back to Cincinnati and Hamilton County and bring additional economic stimulus to the region. As previously reported, per the CVB, 166 groups that were scheduled to come

to Hamilton County in 2020 cancelled because of COVID-19. Those canceled events equal 132,000 lost hotel room nights and 173,000 visitors. And these numbers don't include the loss of visitors to signature events that were cancelled in 2020 including: Taste of Cincinnati, Western & Southern Open, Cincinnati Music Festival or Oktoberfest Zinzinnati. Figure 12 illustrates the devastating impact COVID-19 had on the hospitality industry. To help the local hospitality industry to overcome the continued negative impacts of COVID-19, the region is relying on the CVB to get back to pre-COVID marketing efforts.



A subaward agreement was finalized with the CVB in December 2022.

Performance

Key metrics will be reported on include increased hotel room nights, number of major meetings, conventions and sporting events booked, and social media and website traffic.

OTHER

513 RELIEF BUS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$5,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$624,714

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.37, ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSISTANCE, OTHER

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1007

WEBSITE: WWW.513RELIEF.ORG

Overview

Funding for the 513 Relief Bus and Community Outreach is allocated to ensure health and social service information is more effectively provided to underserved populations in Hamilton County with a focus on disproportionately impacted communities. This program includes acquisition of a permanent tech bus and ongoing outreach to educate minority and disproportionately impacted populations as defined by ARPA to improve health outcomes.



Hamilton County Commissioners launch the new 513 Relief Bus program with community partners including: Freestore Foodbank, UC Health, Urban League, Hamilton County Public Health, Council of Aging, Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, and Center for Closing the Health Gap.

The 513 Relief Bus travels to underserved communities within Hamilton County to help improve health and economic outcomes. Phase 1 of this initiative was launched in June 2021 and supports the Equity Framework by removing barriers such as access, transportation, and technology in community programming. In 2021, UC Health provided the use of their mobile unit (funding was provided via CARES Act). Vaccines were administered by UC Health and Hamilton County Public Health. Access to social services was administered by Hamilton County Job and Family Services (JFS).

Phase 1 of 513Relief Bus operations utilized a temporary bus. Hamilton County received its new, turnkey, commercially built bus this past winter. **The new 513 Relief Bus launched on January 26, 2023,** and includes general health screenings such as blood pressure, glucose monitoring, cholesterol testing, vision screening, and referrals for more critical healthcare needs; mental health and substance abuse services; job coaching; financial literacy; senior services; and employment services.

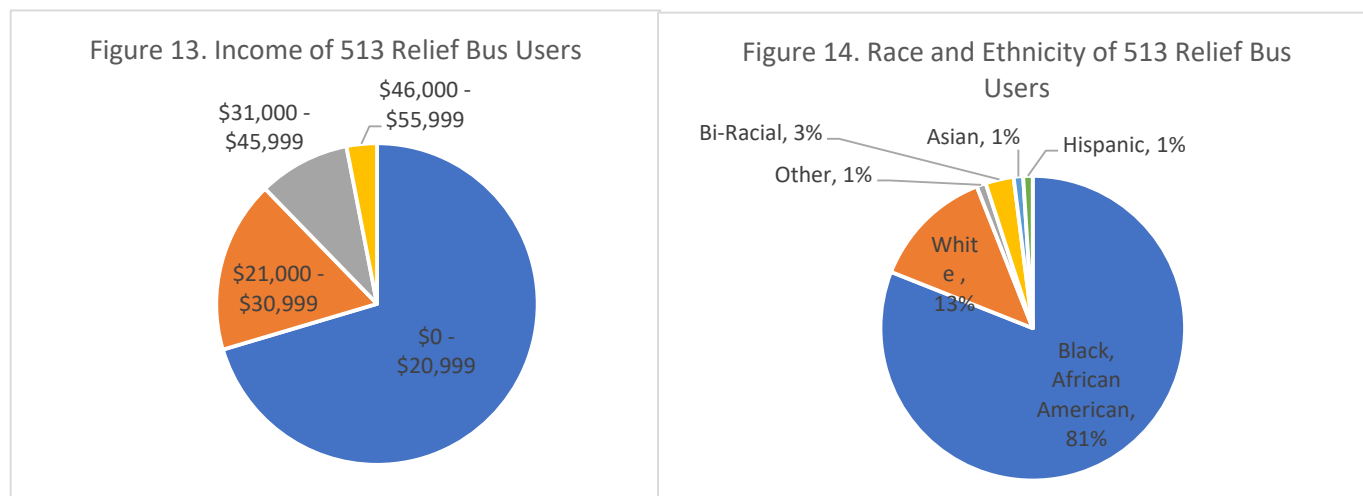
In addition to the 513 Relief Bus, the County entered into an agreement with Closing the Health Gap in May 2023 to expand their programming to improve health outcomes primarily in the areas of cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Secondly, during periods of increased COVID cases, they will provide outreach and education on treatments, vaccinations, and ways to reduce risks such as obesity.

Use of Evidence

The over-arching goal is to provide accessible health and social service assistance to eligible populations. Hamilton County does not consider these evidence-based interventions.

Performance Report

From January – June 2023, the 513 Relief Bus served 6,500 residents medical, economic and social services at 66 locations. Figures 13-14 provide a summary of the demographics.



RELOCATION OF CINCINNATI POLICE GUN RANGE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$5,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$136,789

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.37, ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSISTANCE, OTHER

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1007

Overview

Hamilton County and partners have joined together to attempt to relocate the Cincinnati Police Department firing range that has been in its current location since 1947. When the gun range is in use, which is the majority of the year, the sound of firearms is evident throughout densely populated neighborhoods – particularly in Lincoln Heights – an 88% African American community. The gunfire is a constant in the lives of residential neighbors surrounding the facility with approximately 2,300 residents located within one-half mile of the range. Many of these residents are youth, under the age of 15, living

in a community with high rates of gun violence and crime. As noted in the first annual performance recovery plan, University of Cincinnati Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Professor Brian Earl calls the noise from the range so close to residential areas “too much.” Earl says he took a sound meter on a tour of the area around the range and found noise regularly exceeded 85 decibels — the level at which sound becomes harmful to human ears.

The movement of the gun range will improve the health of the childhood environment and address a long-standing problem impacting a disproportionately affected community. ARPA funding is being used to fund a portion of this project. To date, funding has been encumbered and expended for Architectural and Engineering Professional Services to develop a Schematic Design of a potential Regional Safety Complex that would consolidate law enforcement gun safety and training efforts into one location for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and provide a facility for the relocation of the City of Cincinnati Police Department's existing Gun Range.

Evidence-Based Interventions

The program does not include evidence-based interventions.

Performance Reporting

As described above, this project remains in the early planning stages. Key performance indicators, mandatory performance indicators (as applicable), and output and outcome measures, will be further detailed in subsequent reports, with the primary reporting being whether the gun range was moved.

SATELLITE OFFICE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$2,500,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$0

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 2.37, ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSISTANCE, OTHER

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CD-1012

Overview

ARPA allows for the implementation of capital improvements to the degree they are designed to offset COVID-19 impacts or to provide engagement and services to communities and populations impacted by the public health emergency. A County satellite office will have a positive impact on residents by improving access to social services provide by Job and Family Services. The County has leased a warehouse to store PPE and the 513 Relief Bus. This site will also serve as the satellite office and is centrally located to service several Qualified Census Tracts and is much closer than driving downtown Cincinnati to access those services. Currently, the office is under design with the goal of having it operational in 2024.

Evidence Based Interventions

This program is not considered to be an evidence-based intervention.

Performance Reporting

Once the program is activated, performance reporting is anticipated to include: demographics of residents assisted and types of services provided.

PREMIUM PAY

PREMIUM PAY

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1.87 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$1.86 MILLION

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 4.1, PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1013

Overview

Employees who were defined as essential workers were provided with a lump sum payment of \$1,000. Each Department Director was provided with the list of eligibility and was required to provide the number of workers and description of employees recommended for premium pay. Once Directors submitted their recommendations, they were reviewed by both HR and Budget staff.

Premium payments increase workers' total pay above 150 percent of Hamilton County's average annual wage, as defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics ($\$53,650 \times 1.5 = \$80,475$) in 2.7% of the employees who received payments during this reporting period. Hamilton County wages consistently benchmark poorly against similar positions in the region and the state. In order to be responsive to County employees relative to comparable employee wages regionally, all employees performing similar tasks at similar levels of risk were awarded similar premium payments regardless of wage level relative to the BLS-defined average annual wage. Hamilton County has also intentionally made premium payments as lump sums rather than a percentage of salary to be more responsive to lower wage workers.

Performance Reporting

3,091 employees were deemed eligible and received \$1,000 in premium pay in 2021/2022. This program has concluded.

INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER AND SEWER

SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE – SR 128 EXTENSION

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$5,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$5,000,000

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 5.2, CENTRALIZED WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND CONVEYANCE

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1032

Overview

The project will provide sewer service along SR128 (a Qualified Census Tract). The project area is an unsewered area including numerous failing on-lot treatment systems and multiple wastewater package plants. The project includes the construction of one major pump station; ~10,100 LF of 12" force main sewer; and 6,100 LF of gravity sewers intercepting and replacing existing package plants; and all necessary appurtenances. Whitewater Township Regional Sewer District will implement and oversee this project. An agreement with Whitewater Township was entered into in December, 2022. Whitewater Township intends to submit the required PTI to Ohio EPA in August 2023.

Performance Report:

The primary performance goal is the completion of the project.

SEWER AND STORMWATER

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$4 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$640,000

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 5.5, OTHER

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 316000063

Overview

Hamilton County continues to examine opportunities to construct stormwater projects to reduce overland flooding. Work on this project will continue throughout 2023. Simultaneous to this effort, funding was provided to Hamilton County General Health District in the amount of \$640,000 to correct sanitary sewers that were improperly connected into the stormwater sewers. These cross connections were not caused by the homeowners.

Performance Report: To date, six of the twelve properties have been corrected. Five properties are under contract with notices to proceed and one abatement was completed by the sewer district.

BROADBAND

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$8,000,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$164,430

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 5.21, BROADBAND – OTHER PROJECTS

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1031

Overview:

Before recommending specific broadband investments through the ARPA-SLFRF funds, Hamilton County issued an RFP for a consultant to better understand and examine the specific gaps and needs of our County. The consultant was tasked with:

1. Inventory and assess the status of the provision of reliable, high quality broadband service to Hamilton County residents and businesses. The goal of the inventory and assessment is to identify and evaluate service and/or gaps.
2. Engage stakeholders, including ISPs, to better understand and assess the current status and discern problems and needs.
3. Based upon the assessment, develop a set of program recommendations and implementation steps to improve broadband accessibility throughout the County.

The consultant's work was completed in the fall of 2023. The consultant did not recommend investments in broadband infrastructure except where that infrastructure is built to address digital equity/digital inclusion issues (largely inside buildings), as the ISPs currently provide, or will expand their service to deliver, broadband data services at data throughput speeds exceeding those required to satisfy unserved and underserved values. Options under consideration include public wi-fi, library hotspot loan program expansion, and inside wiring. Hamilton County is determining next steps to implement some of the recommendations. Not all the recommendations will fall under the U.S. Treasury's definition of broadband infrastructure and, as such, future reports may have these activities under a different category.

Performance Report: As described in the paragraph above, the project is still in investigatory stage. Any key performance indicators, mandatory performance indicators (as applicable), and output and outcome measures, will be further detailed in subsequent reports.

REVENUE REPLACEMENT

COUNTY REVENUE REPLACEMENT

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$32,000,000

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$32,000,000

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 6.1, PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1011

Overview:

Using the Treasury's required formula, the Hamilton County Budget Office determined the County's revenue losses due to the COVID-19 public health emergency to be \$41,935,127. The County is only allocating \$32,000,000 for revenue replacement purposes. \$32 million in revenue replacement funds were used to offset general governmental salaries.

PUBLIC HEALTH-NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT: PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY

PROGRAM NAME: PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$735,000

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$40,580

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

Overview

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, jury trials were suspended for nearly two years which created a significant backlog of felony cases. And, at the beginning of the pandemic, the Hamilton County Justice Center stopped allowing in-person visitation for the inmates to try to reduce the spread of COVID-19 into the jail. Instead, inmates were given tablets that allow for video visitation, e-messaging, and phone calls which has created an large volume of critical communications coming from the jail. The Prosecutors handling these cases simply do not have the ability to monitor high-threat inmates' communications. As such, four paralegals will be hired to provide this important task of screening the communications.

ADMINISTRATIVE

PROGRAM NAME: ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULTING

FUNDING AMOUNT: \$1.5 MILLION

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$405,752

PROJECT EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: 7.1, ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1014

Overview

Expenses under this category include the hiring of a coordinator to administer the ARPA-SLFRF funding, Prosecutor's Office time in reviewing agreements, and consultants to assist with implementation. To date, consultants have been used to set up ARPA-SLFRF procedures, provide facilitation and expertise to develop final recommendations on the use of ARPA-SLFRF funds, and ways to improve and integrate equity into the programming.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES TO DATE

Definitions

Authorized funds: Total amount of funds that Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners has voted to budget for programs.

Obligated funds: Total amount of authorized funds the County has contracted to spend through procurements and purchase orders, includes expenditures.

Expenditures: Total amount of authorized funds that the City has spent to date.

PRIORITY	AUTHORIZED FUNDS	OBLIGATED FUNDS	EXPENDITURES
Public Health			
Testing and Testing/Vaccine Website	\$1,500,000.00	\$453,503.20	\$415,919.25
Health Infrastructure Mitigation	\$3,000,000.00	\$2,997,585.00	\$47,185.00
Expansion of Nursing Programs	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,499,999.00	\$0.00
Expansion of Mobile Crisis Team	\$5,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$0.00
Youth Suicide Prevention Grants	\$1,500,000.00	\$818,775.00	\$2,870.70
Youth Resiliency Grants	\$3,938,987.16	\$3,938,987.16	\$4,000.00
Youth Programs (Inspire)	\$250,000.00	\$4,753.00	\$0.00
EMA Operations	\$1,000,000.00	\$339,602.68	\$320,411.05
Vaccine Incentives	\$298,579.00	\$203,300.00	\$203,300.00
SUBTOTAL	\$17,987,566.16	\$13,256,505.04	\$993,686.00
Revenue Replacement			
Revenue Replacement	\$32,000,000.00	\$32,000,000.00	\$32,000,000.00
Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity & Administrative			
County Staffing/Administrative	\$1,500,000.00	\$452,945.67	\$405,751.92
Prosecutor's Office (Public Sector Capacity)	\$735,000.00	\$40,580.48	\$40,580.48
SUBTOTAL	\$2,235,000.00	\$493,526.15	\$446,332.40
Premium Pay			
Premium Pay	\$1,866,421.00	\$1,864,420.43	\$1,864,420.43
Addressing Negative Impacts			
Affordable Housing Production	\$25,500,000.00	\$25,500,000.00	\$0.00
Rehabilitation of affordable housing	\$8,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00	\$0.00
Home Repair Program	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00
Homelessness Prevention	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$732,033.50
Mortgage Assistance	\$5,000,000.00	\$4,518,763.28	\$2,905,691.48
Workforce Development	\$7,061,012.84	\$3,773,827.00	\$4,744.14
Non-Profit Assistance*	\$7,301,276.00	\$7,301,276.00	\$7,250,817.86
Small Business Financial Assistance	\$7,794,216.00	\$7,704,149.89	\$2,925,563.89
Hospitality Assistance	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Arts and Cultural Assistance	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Small Business Technical Assistance	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00
Relocation of Gun Range	\$5,000,000.00	\$769,468.00	\$136,788.90
513 Relief Bus and health outcomes	\$5,000,000.00	\$2,020,574.03	\$624,713.97
Capital Improvements - Satellite Office	\$2,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food Assistance	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$87,656,504.84	\$74,088,058.20	\$18,580,353.77
Enhancing Community Infrastructure			
Broadband	\$8,000,000.00	\$164,430.00	\$164,430.00
Sewer / Stormwater	\$9,000,000.00	\$5,640,000.00	\$5,640,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$17,000,000.00	\$5,804,430.00	\$5,804,430.00
TOTAL	\$158,745,492.00	\$127,505,939.82	\$59,689,222.57

* - Funding and obligated amounts differ slightly from quarterly report due to program closure dates and reporting limitations of the Treasury quarterly reporting for encumbrances.

