



County of Fresno  
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Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal  
Recovery Funds**

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## General Overview

### Executive Summary

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) with the goal of accelerating the national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) issued the Interim Final Rule (IFR) on May 10, 2021, to guide recipients of the Coronavirus State Local Recovery Funds Program (SLFRF) and to facilitate rapid and effective implementation of the SLFRF program established under ARPA. The Treasury issued the Final Rule on January 6, 2022, which included updates and clarifications to the IFR. The Final Rule became effective on April 1, 2022.

Prior to the publication of the Final Rule, the County of Fresno (County) considered various ideas on how to strategically outline the County's intended approach to utilize its full allocation of SLFRF. The County received its full SLFRF allocation of \$194,063,657 in two installments. The County received the first tranche of \$97,031,825 on June 17, 2021, and the second tranche of \$97,031,828 on June 21, 2022.

In recognition of the unprecedented amount of stimulus and the resulting opportunity provided to the County to invest and provide ongoing benefits provided by ARPA, on March 23, 2021, the County Board of Supervisors (Board) created an Ad-Hoc committee tasked to work with the County Administrative Office and the County Department Directors to develop Board Priorities and Guiding Principles for the County's implementation of the SLFRF program.

Since the end of the first reporting period, the Board moved forward to earmark funds for County internal and external subrecipient programs which set a path forward in support of a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency.

As of the preparation of this report, the Board has earmarked its full SLFRF allocation to 65 projects that are scheduled to receive funding from the SLFRF program. Of which the Board has approved the allocation of approximately \$123.9 million of its SLFRF in support of 23 projects that are listed in the Project Inventory section of this report. Currently, there are 42 earmarked projects undergoing the vetting process to determine SLFRF eligibility for funding.

This Recovery Plan provides a summary of the County's intended and actual uses of SLFRF to respond to the pandemic and economic recovery, progress made to date, and identification of future opportunities for the SLFRF program.



## Uses of Funds

The County's Interim 2021 Recovery Plan identified the Board's four intended ARPA investment areas, as follows:

- **On-going support of the COVID-19 response efforts**, including investments in parks, community centers, expanded library internet access, and community-based non-profits; and
- **Homelessness**, including investing in effective programs and housing that mitigate the continually challenging needs of homeless individuals within the County; and
- **Water/Wastewater Infrastructure**, including investments in water and wastewater infrastructure within disadvantaged or low-income communities throughout unincorporated Fresno County; and
- **Operational Improvements**, including investments to County facilities, technologies, staffing, and broadband to ensure governmental services continue to be provided during the existing and future public health emergencies and pandemics.

This report serves as an update to the County's 2021 Interim Recovery Plan. Future reports will build upon the groundwork laid out in this report to ensure consistency, and report on major milestones and progress made through the implementation of the programs funded by the SLFRF program. It is anticipated that projects may be added, amended, or expanded upon in future and subsequent Recovery Plan Performance reports.

Since the last Recovery Plan submittal to Treasury, the County Ad-Hoc committee developed priorities and guiding principles for the implementation of the SLFRF program. On July 13, 2021, the Board adopted those priorities and guiding principles for the implementation of the SLFRF program.

The Board's top priority for the SLFRF program and direction to the County Administrative Office is "Do it Right the First Time." The following bullet points list the Board's priorities for the SLFRF program:

- Short-term projects with long-term impacts.
- Focus on County assets (own vs. lease).
- Improve Efficiency/Longevity.
- Technology (data sharing, business intelligence).
- Facility Improvements.
- Infrastructure Improvements (shovel-ready projects).

The Board's adopted guiding principles provide staff and public policy direction regarding how the Board would make future funding decisions for the SLFRF program. The following points list the Board's adopted guiding principles for the SLFRF program:

- **One-Time Funding:** There is no expectation that these funds will recur in the future and they shall be treated as one-time rather than to fund on-going commitments.



- **Nexus to Pandemic:** To comply with the restrictions on funding, a nexus to the pandemic should be clearly demonstrated. That may be:
  - Pre-existing gaps – Circumstances that existed prior to the pandemic but the impacts or negative outcomes are exacerbated by the pandemic.
  - Direct Impacts – Things that are necessary to respond to the present and immediate impacts associated with the pandemic. This may be characterized as disaster response.
  - Recovery – Items that improve or accelerate the recovery from COVID-19 for the County and its citizens or better prepare the County against future disasters. This includes economic recovery.
- **Needs Based/Data Informed:** program funding requests should contain a demonstrated need and available data must be provided to properly align the funding with the need.
- **Maximize Opportunity:** The County should partner to the extent possible (with Cities, State, or other agencies) to create or support broader regional programs to stretch the impact of County funding.
- **Avoid Duplication:** Significant disaster funding has been approved at the State and Federal Level. The County should not duplicate funding unless the need shows current funding is inadequate to meet that need.
- **Prioritize Transformational Projects:** The County should prioritize projects or programs that may be transformational in solving challenges or improving its ability to serve constituents.

The County's framework targets delivery of programs that would provide the same outcomes and opportunities across the County's diverse populations; it includes community input during the program's first 12-months, and the County's commitment to ongoing dialog and communication with residents, community-based organizations, nonprofits, and local agencies, to maximize accessibility, fairness, and a strong recovery through the implementation of the SLFRF program.

On February 1, 2022, during a noticed public hearing, the Board considered written and public testimony regarding the Ad-Hoc committee's recommended expenditure plan for the County's \$194,063,657 allocation of SLFRF. After considering all verbal and written comments, the Board moved forward to unanimously approve the Ad-Hoc committee's expenditure plan, which earmarked funds for proposals that may be funded either in whole or in part by the County's SLFRF allocation. The SLFRF expenditure plan will remain flexible and will be monitored by the Ad-Hoc committee with the support of County staff. The Ad-Hoc committee intends to conduct periodic reviews and, if necessary, will recommend adjustments to the expenditure plan for the Board's consideration.

Potential changes may account for changes in the public health emergency, funding availability, other funding opportunities, or if Board priorities change to maximize the use to SLFRF. The County-approved SLFRF expenditure plan is depicted as Figure 1.



Figure 1, County Approved SLFRF Expenditure Plan, February 1, 2022.

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>\$112.5M (58%)</b>  | <b>Category A - Public Health and Economic Impacts</b> |
| <b>\$ 15.4M (8%)</b>   | <b>Category B - Premium Pay for Essential Workers</b>  |
| <b>\$ 10.0M (5%)</b>   | <b>Category C - Lost Revenue</b>                       |
| <b>\$ 18.7M (10%)</b>  | <b>Category D - Water/Sewer/Broadband</b>              |
| <b>\$ 37.4M (19%)</b>  | <b>Subrecipient Ideas/Projects</b>                     |
| <b>\$194.0M (100%)</b> |  |

**a. Public Health (EC 1) and/or Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)**

The County has faced, and continues to experience, significant public health impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. To respond to these impacts, the Board has earmarked \$112,515,000, or nearly 58% of the County’s total SLFRF allocation, to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. The SLFRF expenditure plan designates six County Departments responsible for implementing programs that would respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.

As an example, the Board has earmarked \$43.5 million of SLFRF to fund ongoing COVID-19 mitigation and prevention measures through June 30, 2023. The Board earmarked an additional \$10 million to assist three local area hospitals with addressing hospital surge capacity issues by providing SLFRF to increase hospital bed capacity, address personnel shortages, and retain additional travel medical personnel to help combat the COVID-19 Omicron variant. Additionally, the Board earmarked \$14,336,338 in SLFRF for subrecipient programs that would respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts.

In total, the County’s expenditure plan earmarks \$126,626,338 for programs that fall under eligible categories EC1 and/or EC 2. County Departments and their respective programs, earmarking, and subrecipient programs are shown in the following tables.

Table-1-1

| <b>County Administrative Office</b>            |                |
|--|----------------|
| <b>Short Description</b>                       | <b>Earmark</b> |
| On-going COVID-19 Mitigation (through 2023)*   | \$ 43,500,000  |
| Contingency - Hospital Surge Capacity*         | \$ 10,000,000  |
| Administration of ARPA - SLFRF (through 2025)* | \$ 2,500,000   |
| Homelessness Initiatives                       | \$ 6,500,000   |

\*Denotes multi-year funding.



Table-1-2

| Department of Public Health                                 |              |
|---|--------------|
| Short Description   | Earmark      |
| Integrated Data Sharing Initiative                          | \$ 5,000,000 |
| Department of Public Health Brix Basement- Lab Improvements | \$ 3,000,000 |
| Department of Public Health Brix Roof Repairs               | \$ 225,000   |
| Rural Mobile Health - Contracts                             | \$ 6,000,000 |
| Rural Mobile Health Linkages to Wellness                    | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Staffing - Infectious Disease/Chronic Disease               | \$ 3,500,000 |

Table-1-3

| Internal Services Department                                    |               |
|---|---------------|
| Short Description   | Earmark       |
| Mobile Workforce Technology                                     | \$ 7,900,000  |
| Cybersecurity Improvements                                      | \$ 10,000,000 |
| Heating/Ventilation Improvements in Public Facilities           | \$ 6,000,000  |
| Generation/Electrical Upgrade Improvements in Public Facilities | \$ 1,100,000  |
| Communication Improvements for Public Services                  | \$ 1,500,000  |

Table-1-4

| Fresno County Public Library              |             |
|---|-------------|
| Short Description                         | Earmark     |
| Access Points at County Public Libraries* | \$ 161,000* |

\*Earmarking scheduled to be reevaluated by Ad-Hoc committee and reassigned to another project.

Table-1-5

| Probation Department                 |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Short Description                    | Earmark    |
| Fitness Zones for Youth in Probation | \$ 279,000 |

Table-1-6

| Public Works and Planning Department      |              |
|---|--------------|
| Short Description                         | Earmark      |
| Improvements to County Parks              | \$ 3,000,000 |
| Improvements to El Porvenir Park (CSA 30) | \$ 150,000   |
| Improvements to Tenaya Park (CSA 2)       | \$ 100,000   |
| Improvements to Raisin City Park (CSA 43) | \$ 100,000   |



Table-1-6

| Subrecipient Programs                  |   |              |
|--|---|--------------|
| Entity Name                            | Short Description                                       | Earmark      |
| North Central Fire Protection District | Public Health Impact - COVID19                          | \$ 1,085,668 |
| Fresno County Fire Protection District | Public Health Impact - COVID19                          | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Calwa Recreation and Park District     | Community Center Improvements                           | \$ 675,000   |
| Marjaree Mason Center, 501(c)3         | Purchase of Real Property, Shelter                      | \$ 4,700,000 |
| Habitat for Humanity, 501(c)3          | Affordable Housing Project (Firebaugh)                  | \$ 790,000   |
| Habitat for Humanity, 501(c)3          | Affordable Housing Project (Riverdale)                  | \$ 540,000   |
| Community Medical Centers, 501(c)3     | Medical Equipment                                       | \$ 2,720,670 |
| Lanare Community Service District      | Improvements to Lanare Community Center                 | \$ 1,600,000 |
| National Food Festivals, Inc.          | Support for National Garlic Festival to return May 2022 | \$ 225,000   |

As of the preparation of this report, each program is either undergoing the County’s vetting process or has completed the vetting review process to ensure SLFRF eligibility.

Additional programs that would respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts are still being developed for potential future funding.

***b. Public Health – Negative Economic Impacts: Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)***

As of the preparation of this report, the County has not identified programs under this category. The County still may explore potential programs that would qualify under the Public Health-Negative Economic Impacts: Public Sector Capacity for potential future funding.

***c. Premium Pay (EC 4)***

The COVID-19 pandemic presented the County and its workforce with unprecedented new challenges. In recognition of these efforts, the County’s Department of Human Resources worked with the County Administrative Office to determine the appropriate qualifications to confirm eligible employees. The County leadership determined that the premium pay provision of the ARPA offers the most appropriate funds for the “One-time COVID-19 Pandemic Payment for County Employees” program.

On January 18, 2022, the Board declared all County employees who occupied a permanently allocated position as of that date as “Essential Workers,” thereby recognizing that the work of all County employees is essential and necessary to maintain continuity of County’s operations, and critical to protect the health and well-being of County residents. As a result, \$15.4 million has been obligated for premium pay category EC 4.



Many payments to the County’s essential employees were distributed in March 2022. Additional premium payments are scheduled to be released by the end of 2022. Please see the Project Inventory, Premium Pay section for further information.

**d. Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure (EC 5)**

Historically, California’s Central Valley has experienced drought years with limited precipitation, short wet seasons, with majority of the rain and snowfall occurring in the winter months. With Fresno County being one of largest agriculture producers in the world, California’s recent multi-year drought has impacted the local agricultural community due to lack of rainfall, limited snowfall, and higher than average temperatures throughout the year. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for regional infrastructure improvements that improve water efficiency and resiliency for residents of the County.

The County’s approved SLFRF expenditure plan earmarked funds to support investments in potable water public system, water storage, stormwater capture, sewer treatment facilities, and other infrastructure projects that align with the eligibility requirement of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) programs.

The County’s approved expenditure plan earmarked SLFRF for seven major infrastructure investment programs with a value of \$18,750,000 to be implemented by the County’s Internal Services Department and the Public Works and Planning Department. Additionally, the County Board earmarked \$8,957,100 in SLFRF for subrecipient programs to fund necessary infrastructure improvements that would benefit economically impacted unincorporated communities.

In total, the County’s expenditure plan earmarks \$27,707,100, for infrastructure programs that would fall under eligible categories EC 5. County Departments along with their respective programs, earmarking, and the subrecipient projects are listed in the following tables below.

Table-2-1

| Internal Services Department         |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Short Description                    | Earmark      |
| Broadband Fiber to Public Facilities | \$ 2,500,000 |

Table-2-2

| Public Works and Planning                               |              |
|---|--------------|
| Short Description                                       | Earmark      |
| Kearney Park - Reclaimed Water Project, CWSRF           | \$ 5,000,000 |
| Liberty Veterans Cemetery, CWSRF                        | \$ 250,000   |
| Elkhorn Facility Water & Sewer Project, DWSRF and CWSRF | \$ 1,500,000 |
| Elkhorn Recharge Facility, CWSRF                        | \$ 6,000,000 |
| Turnout on Friant-Kern Canal at Big Dry Creek, CWSRF    | \$ 2,500,000 |
| Raisin City (CSA 43W) Potable Water Well, DWSRF         | \$ 1,000,000 |



Table-2-3

| Subrecipient Projects             |                                      |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Entity Name                       | Short Description                    | Earmark      |
| Riverdale Public Utility District | Groundwater Well, DWSRF              | \$ 3,175,000 |
| Malaga County Water District      | Groundwater Well, DWSRF              | \$ 1,850,000 |
| Tranquillity Irrigation District  | Groundwater Well, DWSRF              | \$ 1,100,000 |
| City of Firebaugh                 | Las Deltas Water Storage Tank, DWSRF | \$ 2,832,000 |

Additional projects to include for potential funding under this category are still being evaluated considered for potential future funding.

**e. Revenue Replacement (EC 6)**

SLFRF can be used to provide government services to the extent of reduction in revenue experienced due to COVID-19 on an entity-wide basis. Funds cannot be used for pre-pandemic projections as a basis to estimate the reduction in revenue. Funds also cannot be used for directly or indirectly offsetting a reduction in the net tax revenue resulting from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation.

The Final Rule allows recipients with the option to make a one-time decision to calculate revenue loss according to the formula outlined in the Final Rule or elect a standard allowance. The Final Rule defines “standard allowance” to mean the reduction in the recipient’s general revenue due to the public health emergency over the period of performance, which will be deemed to be \$10 million. On February 1, 2022, the County Board earmarked the “standard allowance” of \$10 million to fund operational expenses for traditional government services within the County’s general funded departments. The County elected this option on April 30, 2022.

As of the preparation of this report, the County intends to utilize the standard allowance to address expenses for government services within the County’s general funded Departments.

**Promoting equitable outcomes**

Equity is built into the fabric of the County’s Recovery Plan as directed by the IFR, the Final Rule, and Executive Order 13985 on “Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government” issued by President Biden on January 20, 2021.

For purposes of the ARPA, the Executive Order 13985 describes equity to mean “[T]he consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.”

According to the U.S. Census, American Community Survey (ACS) for the five-year period that started 2015 and ended in 2020, the County had an estimated population of 1,008,654. Nearly

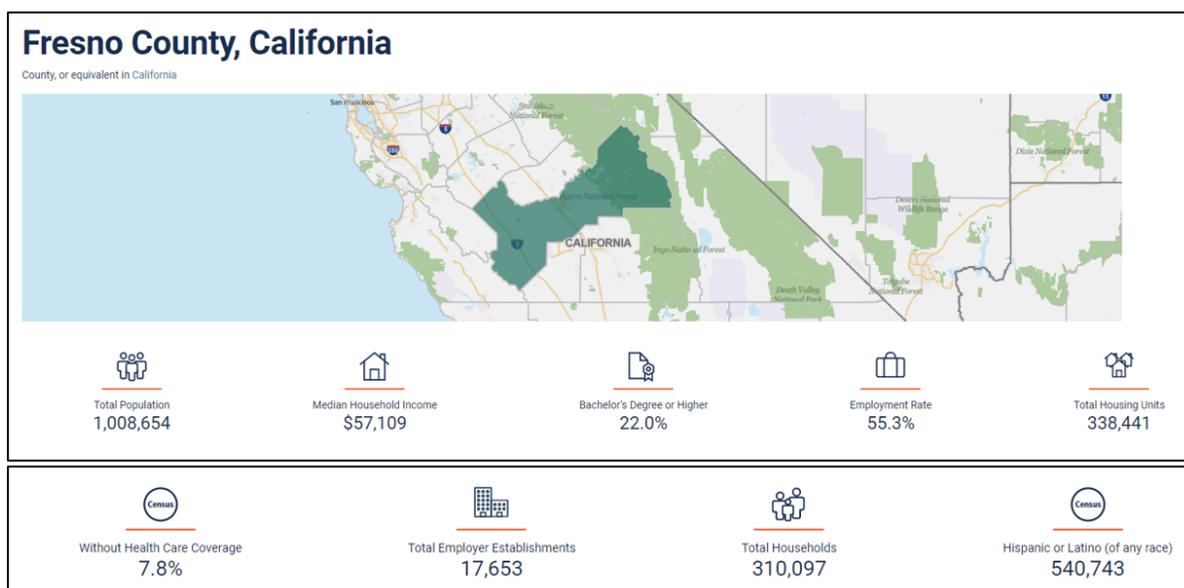


53.6 percent (540,743 residents) of the County's population identified as Hispanic or Latino, while approximately 46.4 percent (467,911 residents) identified as non-Hispanic or Latino.

During the surveyed period, approximately 438,365 residents identified as one race: white only 271,889; Black or African American only 44,295; American Indian and Alaska Native only 6,074; Asian only 109,665; Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander only 1,233; and another race alone 5,209.

According to the ACS, approximately 21 percent of Fresno County's total population lived in poverty conditions. From 2015 to 2020, Fresno County's reported median household income (MHI) was \$57,109, while the State of California had an MHI of \$78,672 during the same surveyed period. Figure 2 shows ACS' five-year survey report for Fresno County's demographics.

Figure 2, Fresno County Demographics, source ACS 2015-2020



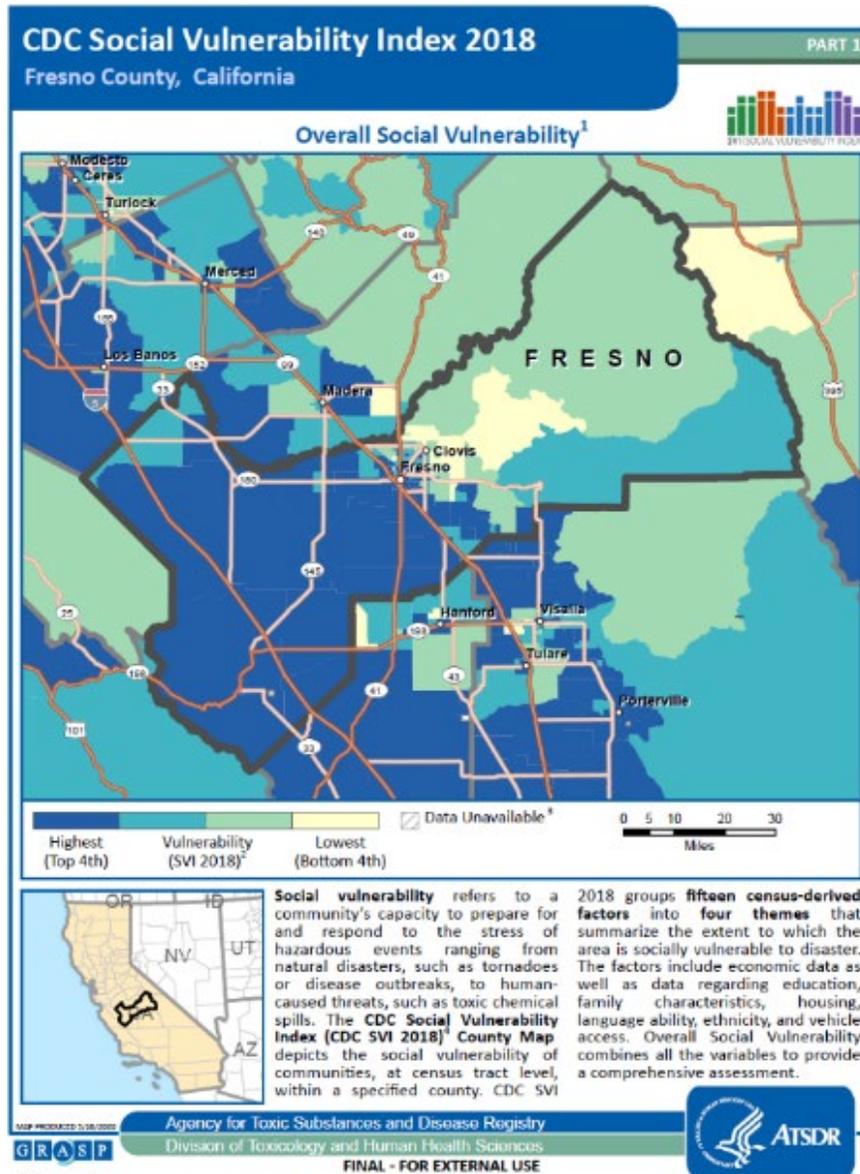
Throughout the nation, COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted communities of color, low-wage essential workers, seniors, and historically marginalized populations. Efforts to date include sponsoring programs that produce the greatest benefit to socially vulnerable communities in the County.

The Final Rule provides resources to assist recipients identify impacted communities such as the Center for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability Index (CDC SVI) tool. The CDC SVI assists recipients to gauge the vulnerability for low-income and socially disadvantaged communities that are susceptible to experiencing the most severe health impacts. Several factors, including poverty, lack of access to transportation, and crowded housing may weaken a community's ability to prevent human suffering and financial loss in a pandemic or a disaster. These factors are known as social vulnerability.



The County's 2018 Regional CDC SVI map is shown on Figure 3 below:

Figure 3, Fresno County's 2018 CDC SVI Map

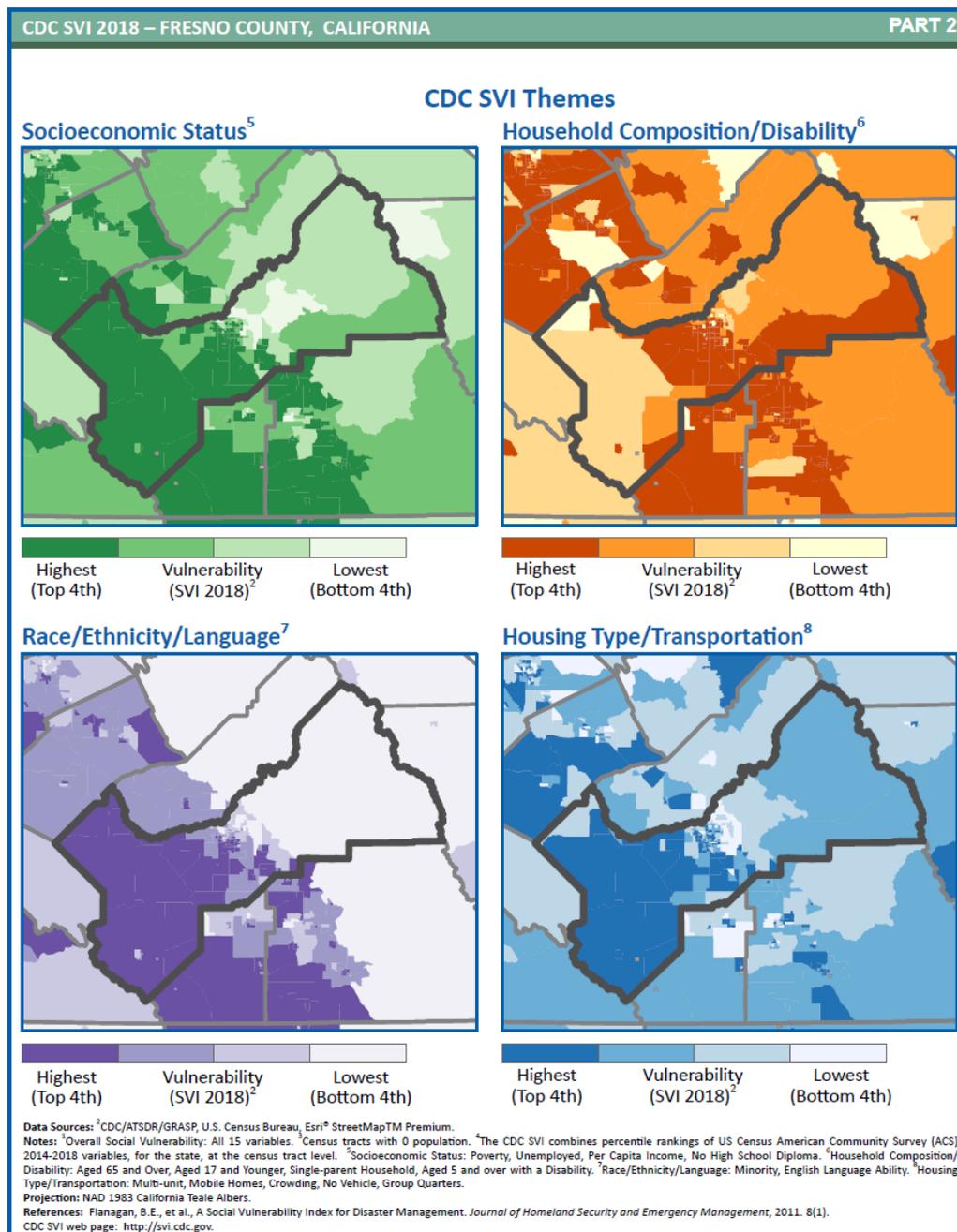


The CDC SVI uses U.S. Census data to determine the social vulnerability of every census tract in the nation. Census tracts are subdivisions of counties for which the Census regularly collects statistical data. CDC SVI ranks each tract on 15 social factors, including poverty, lack of vehicle access, and crowded housing, and groups them into four related themes: socioeconomic status, household composition/disability, race/ethnicity/language, and housing type/transportation.

The County's 2018 CDC SVI Themed Maps are shown on Figure 4.



Figure 4, Fresno County's CDC SVI 2018 Themed Maps



Recognizing the disproportionate impact of the pandemic-related recession on low-income communities, the County prioritizes programs that would benefit a wide range of residents in particular areas that target economically disadvantaged communities, as provided by the Final Rule. Low- or moderate-income households and communities are those with 1) income at or below the 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for the size of household based on the most recently published poverty guidelines; or 2) income at or below 65 percent of the area



median income for the county and size of household based on the most recently published data by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

As of the publication of the Final Rule, 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of three is \$65,880 per year. The Final Rule also permits recipients to assume areas to be impacted if households reside within a Qualified Census Tract (QCT), as defined by HUD. HUD defines a QCT as having “50 percent of households with incomes below 60 percent of the Area Median Gross Income (AMGI) or have a poverty rate of 25 percent or more”.

Treasury recognizes that QCTs do not capture all underserved populations for various reasons. The Final Rule acknowledges that some populations are assumed to be negatively impacted, either through negative impacts to health or economy, or through the exacerbation of pre-existing disparities. Certain industries are assumed to be negatively impacted, including tourism, travel, and hospitality, as well as non-profits and small businesses that serve or operate within QCTs. Additionally, the Final Rule states that certain populations are assumed to be negatively impacted by the pandemic, including low and poverty level households, racial and ethnic minorities, adult residents with low educational attainment, and those experiencing mental health or substance abuse challenges, among others. The County aligns with the Treasury’s recognition of impacted and disproportionately households as those areas that qualify for the following programs:

#### Impacted households:

- Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Childcare Subsidies through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program
- Medicaid
- National Housing Trust Fund (HTF), for affordable housing programs only
- Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), for affordable housing programs only

#### Disproportionately impacted households:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast (SBP) programs
- Medicare Part D Low-income Subsidies
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Head Start and/or Early Head Start
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Section 8 Vouchers
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Pell Grants

The County requires that all programs detail how the proposals will promote equity in underserved, marginalized, and impacted communities to be served or benefit by federally funded programs. The County’s Recovery Plan will make several investments that create equitable economic, health, education, services and programs, and safety opportunities for the community. Strong recovery will require strategically braided funding, ongoing community engagement, and multi-agency collaboration to promote economic and social opportunities and ensure the health and safety of the most impacted populations.



## Community Engagement

The County's community engagement framework is embedded in the County Administrative Office's mission statement, "Providing excellent public service to our diverse community." To ensure that residents have the opportunity to make their priorities known, the County embarked upon a four-pronged approach to capture community needs: Community outreach, a Community Survey, Statement of Interest for SLFRF projects, and a Subrecipient Application Solicitation period.

From July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, the County communicated and received input from various community members, community-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations through the following means of communication:

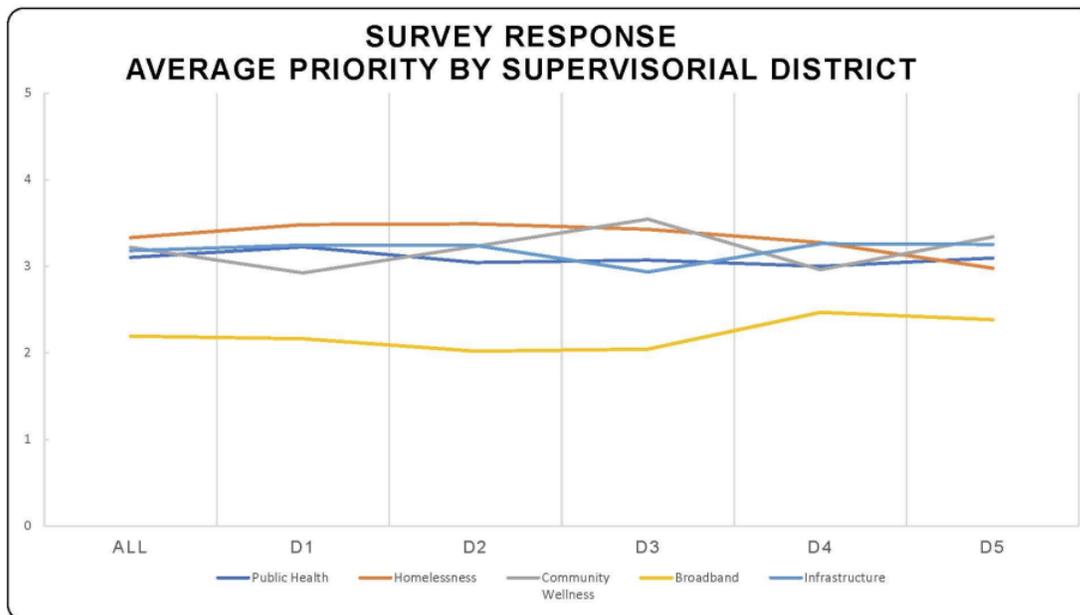
- The County has developed a County ARPA website which includes information and resources on the SLFRF program. The County established a dedicated ARPA email address ([ARPA@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:ARPA@fresnocountyca.gov)) that provides the public the ability to submit questions or comments to the County. Over 400 emails have been received and responded to by the County from July 1, 2021, through May 11, 2022. Additionally, the County has created a listserv whereby interested individuals can subscribe to receive County ARPA announcements and related updates.
- The County conducted an online community survey from November 1, 2021, through December 24, 2021, to solicit community input regarding the County's future investment of SLFRF. Survey participants were provided the opportunity to rank their top five priorities using a numeric system with 1 (most important) and 5 (least important). The categories listed in the survey were as follows: On-going Covid-19 Public Health Response/Economic Recovery, Homelessness, Community Wellness, Broadband, or Infrastructure.

The County advertised the multilingual survey (English, Spanish, Hmong, and Punjabi) through its social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Nextdoor) and the County's webpage, and directly emailed the survey to over 150 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and agencies that work in the community.

The County received a combined total of 658 paper and online survey entries, of which 607 surveys were complete and used for analysis. Based on survey participants, the results showed that the community's top priorities are: Public Health Response/Economic Recovery, Homelessness, Community Wellness, and Infrastructure. Participants ranked investment in broadband infrastructure as the lowest priority. Figure 5 depicts the online survey results.



Figure 5 - SLFRF Fresno County Community Survey Summary



- The County solicited ideas from local entities (nonprofits, special districts, and small businesses) through a Statement of Interest (SOI) process that was opened from December 15, 2021, and closed on January 28, 2022. Participants had the opportunity to share with the County any potential programs that may be considered for ARPA funding through the SOI process. The intent of the SOI process was to gauge community interest, identify potential funding opportunities, and identify a dollar amount for potential funding need in the County.

County staff issued a press release to announce the SOI availability, and held two evening community engagement Zoom webinars on December 15, 2021, and December 22, 2021, to share information on the SLFRF program and provide interested entities a SOI form to complete. Both Zoom webinar meetings were available in English and Spanish, and attendance ranged from 20 to 25 participants. The County advertised the SOI form through its social media platforms, the internet, and direct emails to over 150 CBOs and agencies. Through this process, the County received 71 SOIs, with an estimated funding need value of \$93.3 million. Based on the value of SOIs received, 65 percent of the funding need would fund programs that respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. The remaining balance, or 35 percent of the requested value, would use funds to make infrastructure investment in public water or sewer systems within disadvantaged communities.

- On February 1, 2022, the Board approved the Ad-Hoc committee's SLFRF expenditure plan and earmarked \$37.3 million to fund subrecipient programs in the County. Within the \$37.3 million earmarking, the Board provided \$14,105,219 in SLFRF to be made



available to qualifying entities through a 30-day application solicitation period and selection review process.

On February 4, 2022, County staff announced the County's subrecipient application solicitation period by email notification to over 250 representatives of several community-based organizations, nonprofits, small businesses, faith-based groups, and entities that participated in the previous SOI process. The 30-day solicitation period opened on Monday, February 7, 2022, and ended Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

During the open application period, the County staff provided two evening interactive Zoom webinars to assist attendees with the subrecipient application materials and SLFRF program. The first webinar was held on February 9, 2022, and the second webinar was held on February 23, 2022. Webinar attendance ranged from 20 to 25 representatives from various organizations and faith-based groups. At the conclusion of the application solicitation period, the County received a total of 47 applications for programs, with an estimated funding total value of \$57 million.

Based on the total value, approximately \$45.6 million of the programs would fall under Category A - respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. Programs in Category A requested funds to address fiscal negative impacts to local nonprofits, programs to assist venerable populations, or to fund resource assistance in economically impacted communities. The remaining balance of \$11.3 million fall in Category D - would fund necessary infrastructure projects related to water or sewer facilities in unincorporated disadvantaged communities.

From April 2022 through the end of May 2022, a Selection Review Panel and County staff reviewed each subrecipient application submittal. Subrecipient applications were evaluated to determine which applications best achieve the Board's adopted Guiding Principles for SLFRF within a reasonable proposed budget, timeline, and which also support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. On May 11, 2022, the Selection Review Panel convened to provide input regarding each application. County staff evaluated the input provided by the Selection Review Panel to determine the applications that had the most general support. County staff then provided the Ad-Hoc committee with a recommended Selection List, based on this input. On June 1, 2022, the Ad-Hoc committee finalized a recommended First Round Subrecipient Priority List for the Board's consideration. On June 21, 2022, the Board approved the 22 recommended programs to be earmarked for SLFRF. The 22 programs encompass the following amounts:

- \$6,569,204 would fund 13 programs that respond to the public health emergency or its negative impacts.
- \$625,000 would fund four programs that would address negative economic impacts to local businesses, or local tourism, travel, or hospitality sectors.
- \$6,760,725 would fund five programs that would make necessary infrastructure investment in disadvantaged communities.

In the coming weeks, County staff will work with the 22 awarded subrecipients to further vet each program for SLFRF eligibility and prepare written agreements for the Board's consideration. Table 3-1, lists the 22 subrecipient programs along with the Board approved earmarking for SLFRF.



Table 3-1

|   | Category   | Subrecipient, Applicant                             | Approved Earmarked  |
|---|--|---|---------------------|
| Programs that Respond to the Public Health Emergency or its Negative Impacts.                                 | A  | CBO - Exceptional Parent Unlimited, Inc. (EPU)      | \$300,815           |
|   | A  | 501c3- Valley Caregiver Resources Center            | \$451,071           |
|   | A  | 501c3 - Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission    | \$48,584            |
|   | A  | San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority (SJVIA)      | \$2,426,734         |
|   | A  | The Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County            | \$600,000           |
|   | A  | 501c3 - CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties          | \$250,000           |
|   | A  | 501c3 - Fresno Metropolitan Ministry                | \$512,000           |
|   | A  | 501c3 - ACTS Foundation                             | \$500,000           |
|   | A  | 501c3 - Fresh Start Youth Center DBA Mollie's House | \$180,000           |
|   | A  | 501c3 - Break the Barriers, Inc.                    | \$300,000           |
|   | A  | 501c3 - Care Fresno, Inc.                           | \$300,000           |
|   | A  | 501c3 - Easter Seals Central California (ESCC)      | \$200,000           |
| A   | 501c3 - Twilight Haven, Skilled Nursing Facility | \$500,000   |                     |
| Programs that Address Negative Economic Impacts to Local Businesses, Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality Sectors. | A  | 501c3 - Access Plus Capital                         | \$200,000           |
|   | A  | Clovis Rodeo Association                            | \$200,000           |
|   | A  | Big Fresno Fair (subdivision of State)              | \$205,000           |
|   | A  | 501c3 - Dunlap Community Club                       | \$20,000            |
| Projects that would make Necessary Infrastructure Investment in disadvantaged communities.                    | D  | CWD - Malaga  | \$2,567,225         |
|   | D  | CSD - Biola   | \$649,000           |
|   | D  | PUD - Tranquillity                                  | \$661,500           |
|   | D  | CSD - Del Rey                                       | \$418,000           |
|   | D  | City of Mendota                                     | \$2,465,000         |
| <b>Total</b>  |  |   | <b>\$13,954,929</b> |

Of the 47 total applications received, there were 25 unfunded applications with an estimated value of \$40.1 million. County staff anticipates that by the end of Fall 2022 there may be available remaining funds to earmark for a second round of subrecipient projects. The County will hold the unfunded applications and will consider the unfunded applications in the event that a second subrecipient application round becomes available late 2022.



Common themes emerged throughout the various community input mechanisms:

- The need for the County to use ARPA funds to deliver ongoing response to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts.
- Programs that support community wellness. Concerns about public health and mental health safety in areas such as domestic violence, access to healthcare in rural areas, widespread need for mental health resources and services, and widespread mental health disparities due to economic stress, isolation, and uncertainty due to the pandemic.
- Disproportionate impacts in disadvantaged communities, agricultural communities, travel and tourism sectors, and small business communities.
- Challenges related to homelessness, housing instability, and the lack of afford housing.
- Investment need that addresses pre-existing infrastructure inequities within impacted communities of the County.

## Labor Practices

The County will utilize strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality infrastructure projects while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities and prioritizing the hiring of a local workforce.

County initiated programs will comply with customary procurement practices for all SLFRF funded programs. County programs that will undergo a bid process require compliance with State of California's prevailing wage laws. All contracts awarded by the County are reported to the State Department of Industrial Relations, and all payrolls are submitted to and monitored by the County Department of Public Works and Planning's Labor Compliance Officer. The County's Labor Compliance Officer will conduct regular interviews with contractor and subcontractor staff during implementation of the programs. The County also operates a state-approved Labor Compliance Program for any state or federally funded program whose funding specifically requires reporting compliance.

In addition, the County has a program through the County's Department of Social Services, which is committed to increasing the availability of employment and training opportunities to current or former "Welfare-to-Work" participants of the CalWORKs program. All projects (except for those with Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals) require that the contractor and each subcontractor use their best efforts to ensure that 33 percent of apprentice hours are performed by qualified participants in the State approved apprenticeship programs who are the aforementioned current or former CalWORKs recipients. As of the preparation of this report, the County does not have any Project-Labor, Community Benefits Agreements, or local hiring preferences.

With regard to subrecipient programs, the County requires that all entities enter into a written subrecipient agreement with the County prior to receiving a SLFRF allocation. The standard subrecipient agreement for infrastructure projects includes provisions that address compliance with procurement requirements, compliance with state and federal Department of Labor regulations, compliance with nondiscrimination state and federal laws, and compliance with prevailing wage laws for public work projects.



## Use of Evidence

While the County has not set an SLFRF amount for evidence-based interventions or evaluating projects through rigorous program evaluations designed to build evidence at this time, the County Administrative Office continues to work with Department Directors to improve data-driven resources to aid decision-making that is focused on improved outcomes for the community. As the County begins to vet each program earmarked for SLFRF, County staff will identify the goals of each program and determine appropriate evidence-based benchmarks and evaluation strategies prior to the County Board's approval of SLFRF allocation for that program.

Evidence-Based Intervention will be incorporated into eligible programs that fall within the Public Health (EC 1), Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2), and Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3) Expenditure Categories, as identified in the Final Rule.

Once the allocation of SLFRF is finalized and execution of programs commence, the County will periodically review the impact of each program through assessment of performance against expected outcomes and through discussion with the Ad-Hoc committee, County staff, community stakeholders, and County residents. Detailed impact evidence information for awarded programs will be incorporated in the Project Inventory section of this report, and subsequent future reports.

## Performance Report

As indicated earlier in this Recovery Plan, the County intends to design Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and identify applicable evidence-based interventions, where relevant on a case-by-case basis. The County intends to monitor each SLFRF funded program on a quarterly basis through the implementation timeline of each program to ensure that the goals of the program are achieved.

In 2021, the Board established four ARPA investment areas that also serve as the overarching goals for the County's SLFRF program. The County intends to collect supporting information on a biannual basis (every six months) for SLFRF funded program to assess its contribution to following investment goals:

- **On-going support of the COVID-19 response efforts:** including investments in parks, community centers, expanded library internet access, and community-based non-profits; and
- **Homelessness:** including investing in effective programs and housing that mitigate the continually challenging needs of homeless individuals within the County; and
- **Water/Wastewater Infrastructure:** including investments in water and wastewater infrastructure within disadvantaged or low-income communities throughout unincorporated Fresno County; and
- **Operational Improvements:** including investments to County facilities, technologies, staffing, and broadband to ensure governmental services continue to be provided during the existing and future public health emergencies and pandemics.



## Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

Table-3-1

| Expenditure Category  | EC   | Cumulative expenditures to date (\$) | Amount spent since last Recovery Plan |
|---|------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>1: Public Health</b>   |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>COVID-19 Mitigation &amp; Prevention</b>   |      |                                      |                                       |
| COVID-19 Vaccination^   | 1.1  | \$ 1,366.38                          | \$ 1,366.38                           |
| COVID-19 Testing^   | 1.2  | \$ 322.22                            | \$ 322.22                             |
| COVID-19 Contact Tracing^   | 1.3  | \$ 26,814.14                         | \$ 26,814.14                          |
| Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work                               | 1.4  | \$ 89,418.74                         | \$ 89,418.74                          |
| Personal Protective Equipment^  | 1.5  | \$ 4,850.00                          | \$ 4,850.00                           |
| Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)^   | 1.6  | \$ 3,089,951.46                      | \$ 3,089,951.46                       |
| Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)^      | 1.7  | \$ 8,119,113.50                      | \$ 8,119,113.50                       |
| <b>Community Violence Interventions</b>   |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>Behavioral Health</b>  |      |                                      |                                       |
| Mental Health Services**  | 1.12 | \$ 88,371.07                         | \$ 88,371.07                          |
| <b>Other</b>  |      |                                      |                                       |
| Other Public Health Services^   | 1.14 | \$ 2,000,000.00                      | \$ 2,000,000.00                       |
| <b>2: Negative Economic Impacts</b>   |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>Assistance to Households</b>   |      |                                      |                                       |
| Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing**  | 2.15 | \$ 242,674.88                        | \$ 242,674.88                         |
| <b>Assistance to Small Businesses</b>   |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>Assistance to Non-Profits</b>  |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>Aid to Impacted Industries</b>   |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>Other</b>  |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity</b>                                  |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>General Provisions</b>   |      |                                      |                                       |
| Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers | 3.1  | \$ 635,873.17                        | \$ 635,873.17                         |
| <b>4: Premium Pay</b>   |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>5: Infrastructure</b>  |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>Water and Sewer</b>  |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>Broadband</b>  |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>6: Revenue Replacement</b>   |      |                                      |                                       |
| Provision of Government Services  | 6.1  | \$ 10,000,000.00                     | \$ 10,000,000.00                      |
| <b>7: Administrative</b>  |      |                                      |                                       |
| <b>Total</b>  |      | <b>\$ 24,298,755.56</b>              | <b>\$ 24,298,755.56</b>               |

A complete list of all eligible expenditure categories and additional criteria for funding can be found on the official website of the US Department of the Treasury at [www.treasury.gov](http://www.treasury.gov).



## Project Inventory

### **Programs under Eligible Category: Public Health (EC 1)**

#### **1. Ongoing- COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention**

Funding Amount: \$43,500,000 for the next two-years

Funding Expended to Date: \$

Project Expenditure Category: Items under 1.1 through 1.12 Public Health Services

Managing Department: County Administrative Office

Existing or New Program: Existing

#### Project overview

Since the start of the SLFRF program, the County has experienced two large surges of COVID-19 cases during the Delta and Omicron variants. The Board has earmarked a total of \$43.5 million for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 for a range of COVID-19 public health response activities listed under Expenditure Categories 1.1 through 1.12 Public Health. Funding will be used to meet needs in each area depending on response phase, and supplemental federal and state revenues from other funding sources such as the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) to help cover the cost for COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Funds may be reallocated to other ARPA framework components once spending for direct emergency public health response activities has stabilized.

#### Performance report

In future reports, the County intends to provide a detailed scope of work, including but not limited to data related to vaccinations, testing, contact tracing, personal protective equipment, other COVID-19 public health expenses, payroll costs for public health, safety, and other public sector staff responding to COVID-19, and administrative expenses.



## **2. Hospital Surge Capacity**

Funding Amount: \$6,000,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services

Managing Department: Department of Public Health

Existing or New Program: Existing

In a Qualified Census Tract

### Project overview

The County of Fresno experienced the largest surge of COVID-19 cases during January 2022, which was greater than any other month since the beginning of the Covid-19 public health emergency. Hundreds of health care workers were not able to provide for patient care as a result of testing positive for COVID-19.

The County allocated \$6,000,000 of SLFRF to three local hospitals to directly respond to the COVID-19 surge that impacted these hospitals: Community Regional Medical Center – Fresno, Clovis Community Medical Center, and Saint Agnes Medical Center. Each hospital was eligible to receive two million dollars to maintain and increase inpatient hospital capacity to address COVID-19 surge impacts. Inpatient hospital capacity included all the necessary licensed and unlicensed staffing, and support services necessary to support an increased number of hospitalized patients.

### Performance report

Saint Agnes Medical Center (SAMC): Due to a high population of patients being treated at the facility, SAMC expanded its bed capacity in furtherance of its mission to treat patients, especially those presenting with COVID-19. During February and March 2022, SAMC increased its staffed beds capacity from 382 beds to 398 beds, an increase of 16 staffed beds, in the specific areas designated in the table below. The operation of the excess capacity beds was staffed 100% by staff engaged with a contract agency. Staffing ratios yielding a 2:1 mix of patients to registered nurse with each Registered Nurse working a 12-hour shift for a total of two shifts per day. The computed cost of staffing these expanded beds is \$2,000,000.

Community Regional Medical Center – Fresno: pending submittal.

Clovis Community Medical Center: pending submittal.



### 3. Fresno County Fire Protection District, Increase Emergency Response

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.6 Medical Expenses

Managing Department: Subrecipient Project

Existing or New Program: Existing

In a Qualified Census Tract

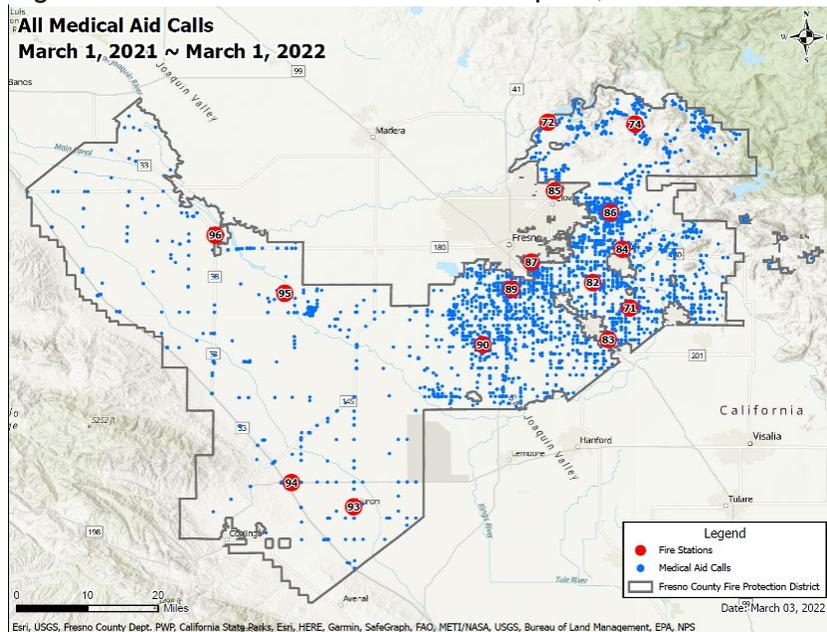
#### Project overview

Fresno County Fire Protection District (Fresno CFPD) provides a full range of fire prevention and suppression services in a district service area that encompasses 2,500 square miles, and an estimated population of 220,000 residents in Fresno County. A substantial portion of Fresno CFPD's service area is composed of areas recognized as economically disadvantaged unincorporated communities in the State of California. The SLFRF funds allocated to this program cover a portion of the medical costs incurred by Fresno CFPD in its response to COVID-19 related medical emergencies. The County reimbursed Fresno CFPD to address negative fiscal impacts related to increased calls for emergency medical service due to COVID-19, payroll, overtime pay, and increased fuel cost in its operational budget.

#### Performance report

From March 3, 2021, through March 1, 2022, Fresno CFPD responded to 3,174 calls for emergency assistance that were identified by the district as in-home life-threatening medical related to COVID-19 emergencies. The increase in COVID-19 related emergencies created an unanticipated financial burden of \$4,867,806 to Fresno CFPD's operational budget, consisting of increased payroll cost, overtime, and fuel cost. Fresno CFPD requested from the County \$2,000,000 to address 41% of its financial burden created by its response to COVID-19 related emergencies. Figure 6 shows all medical aid calls to Fresno CFPD from March 1, 2021 to March 1, 2022.

Figure 6 - Fresno CFPD Medical Aid Request, March 2021-2022.





#### 4. North Central Fire Protection District, Increase Emergency Response

Funding Amount: \$1,085,668

Funding Expended to Date: \$1,085,668

Project Expenditure Category: 1.6 Medical Expenses

Managing Department: Subrecipient Project

In a Qualified Census Tract

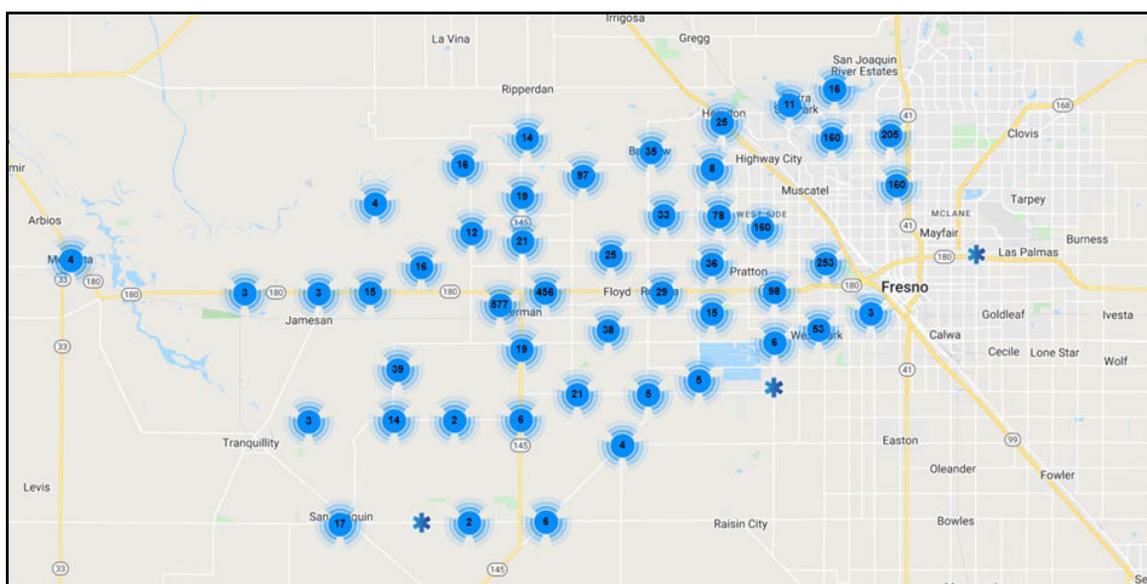
##### Project overview

North Central Fire Protection District (North CFPD) provides a full range of fire prevention and suppression services in a district service area that encompasses 215 square miles, and an estimated population of 51,000 residents in central Fresno County. A substantial portion of North CFPD's service area is composed of areas recognized as economically disadvantaged unincorporated communities in the State of California. The SLFRF funds allocated to this program cover a portion of the medical costs incurred by North CFPD in its response to COVID-19 related medical emergencies. The County reimbursed North CFPD to address negative fiscal impacts related to increased calls for emergency medical service due to COVID-19, payroll, overtime pay, and increased fuel cost in its operational budget.

##### Performance report

From March 3, 2021, through March 1, 2022, North CFPD responded to 2,842 calls for emergency assistance that were identified by the district as COVID-19 related emergencies. The increase in COVID-19 related emergencies created an unanticipated financial burden of \$2,072,897 to North CFPD's operational budget consisting of increased payroll cost, overtime, and increased fuel cost. North CFPD requested from the County \$1,085,668 to address 52% of the financial burden created by its response to increased COVID-19 related medical emergencies. Figure 7 shows all medical aid calls to North CFPD from March 3, 2021 to March 1, 2022.

Figure 7, North CFPD Medical Aid Request, March 2021-2022.





## **5. Ventilation Improvements in Public Facilities, ISD No. 1**

Funding Amount: \$6,000,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Public Health, Other COVID-19 Public Health

Managing Department: Internal Services Department

Existing or New Program: Existing

In a Qualified Census Tract

### Project overview

The funds allocated for this project will fund the modernization of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units at various County facilities that include but are not limited to: Fresno County's 15 public libraries, the Plaza, the Hall of Records, and the Juvenile Justice Campus (JJC). The funds would permit the County's Internal Services Department (ISD) to prepare a facilities condition assessment, purchase, install, and make necessary ventilation improvements to address major capital investment needs, and replace existing HVAC systems that are beyond their rated life cycles. The project will improve the effectiveness of indoor/outdoor air exchange and improve air-quality and ventilation systems in congregate areas for employees and for the visitors of those public facilities. Efficient HVAC units, along with other preventative actions, can help prevent the spread of airborne viruses, including COVID-19, through enhanced air filtration units.

In the Final Rule, the U.S. Department of the Treasury enumerated several projects that were examples of eligible capital expenditures (investments in property, facilities, or equipment) to prevent and mitigate COVID-19, including installation and improvements of ventilation systems. This project will respond to the public health emergency through the installation and improvement of ventilation systems in congregate settings and other public facilities.

### Performance report

In future reports, ISD intends to provide a detailed scope of work, including goals and performance measures, timelines, and project status reports.



## **6. Generation/Electrical Upgrade Improvements in the Department of Public Health Facility, ISD No. 2**

Funding Amount: \$1,100,000

Funding Expended to date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Public Health, Other COVID-19 Public Health

Managing Department: Internal Services Department

Existing or New Program: Existing

In a Qualified Census Tract

### Project overview

The funds allocated to this project will allow ISD to prepare a facilities assessment that includes upgrading and/or replacing the emergency electrical systems (back-up power sources) at the Department of Public Health facility. Upgrading the existing back-up power sources for this critical county facility will address capital investment need, will allow for continued delivery of critical public services, protect properties and data systems during emergencies, and improve the County's resiliency during power grid failures in the area.

The Final Rule lists enumerated eligible uses to respond to the public health emergency, under the subcategory of COVID-19 mitigation and prevention. Applicable enumerated uses include improvements to emergency operations centers, improvements to COVID-19 testing sites and laboratories, and costs of establishing public health data systems (backup generators ensure the public health data systems do not go down in case of a power outage). The County's Office of Emergency Services ("OES") is located at the Department of Public Health building, and the Department of Public Health is integral to the County's public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in negative health impacts to the public and upgrading and/or replacing the emergency electrical systems at the Department of Public Health facility responds to the harms caused by the public health emergency, by ensuring that the Department of Public Health is able to provide uninterrupted information, resources, and guidance to the public, with the goal of reducing community spread and deaths from COVID-19. By upgrading or replacing the emergency electrical systems at the Department of Public Health building, ISD will ensure that the Department of Public Health will be able to continue to provide these essential services as the pandemic continues and will not be hindered by power outages.

### Performance report

In future reports, ISD intends to provide a detailed scope of work, including goals and performance measures, timelines, and project status reports.



## **7. Communication Improvements for Public Services Facilities, ISD No. 3**

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Public Health, Other COVID-19 Public Health

Managing Department: Internal Services Department

Existing or New Program: Existing

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### Project overview

The funds allocated to this project will allow ISD to purchase and install radio towers and associated equipment at the Reedley and Tranquility Public Works and Planning, Road Maintenance and Operation Yard Facilities. Each radio tower will be constructed to an approximate height of 250-feet and designed to enhance communication coverage in the rural areas of the County for public safety and first responders such as Sheriff, Fire, Department of Public Health, and Public Works. The two new radio towers are a key capital investment that will expand the County's wireless communication and improve voice and data communication signals for first responders' mobile devices.

The Final Rule lists enumerated eligible uses to respond to the public health emergency, under the subcategory of COVID-19 mitigation and prevention. One enumerated use under the subcategory is improvements to or construction of emergency operations centers and acquisition of emergency response equipment (e.g., emergency response radio systems). The County's public safety and first responders experienced an increased volume of emergency responses required by the severe COVID-19 medical emergencies due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The proposed upgrades to the County radio towers, and associated equipment, will enhance communication coverage in the rural areas for public safety and first responders. These upgrades will respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency by enhancing the County's ability to provide reliable emergency responses to COVID-19 related emergencies.

### Performance report

In future reports, ISD intends to provide a detailed scope of work, including goals and performance measures, timelines, and project status reports.



## 8. Mobile Workforce Technology, ISD No. 4

Funding Amount: \$7,900,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$7,866,969

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Public Health, Other COVID-19 Public Health

Managing Department: Internal Services Department

Existing or New Program: Existing

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### Project overview

The funds allocated to this project funded the purchase of mobile technology in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, which forced the County to transition thousands of employees to telework during the pandemic. ISD purchased laptops, docking stations, monitors, and supporting equipment that assisted employees to telework. The Final Rule lists enumerated eligible uses to respond to the public health emergency, under the subcategory of COVID-19 mitigation and prevention. The Treasury provided an expansive list of enumerated eligible uses to mitigate and prevent COVID-19, including “other public health responses.” The COVID-19 public health emergency had a negative public health impact on the employees of the County, as well as on the public. The provision of this equipment that enabled the County employees to telework responded to the negative public health impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency before vaccines were widely available, because this equipment allowed County staff to continue to provide essential services to the public, while social distancing, according to the guidance of health officials, thereby preventing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

### Performance report

The Department acquired 15,400 essential items that continue to allow County employees to telework during the pandemic. The mobile workforce technology has permitted the County to adapt operations during an unprecedented pandemic and minimize government backlogs to meet service demand. Furthermore, this program has prevented the spread of illness, has allowed County employees to comply with emergency health orders intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19, reduce government service backlogs, mitigated death rates among County staff and public, and helped alleviate the burden of COVID-19 related emergencies on local area hospitals.

Table 4-1

|              | Purchased Units | Mobile Technology Short Description        | Cost               |
|--------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|
|              | 2550            | Dell Wireless Desktop Keyboard and Mouse   | \$87,518           |
|              | 2800            | Dell Pro Slim Briefcase (for Laptops)      | \$92,428           |
|              | 500             | Dell Thunderbolt Dock                      | \$115,005          |
|              | 1,000           | USB Stereo Headset                         | \$23,620           |
|              | 4,500           | Dell 34" Curved Video Conferencing Monitor | \$3,487,320        |
|              | 2,800           | Dell Mobile Precision Workstation 3551 CTO | \$3,390,512        |
|              | 750             | Logitech C920e HD 1080p Mic-Disabled       | \$49,605           |
|              | 500             | Voyager Bluetooth Headset                  | \$70,400           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>15,400</b>   | <b>Sub-Total</b>                           | <b>\$7,316,408</b> |
|              |                 | <b>Taxes</b>                               | <b>\$514,181</b>   |
|              |                 | <b>Environmental Fees</b>                  | <b>\$36,380</b>    |
|              |                 | <b>Program Grand Total</b>                 | <b>\$7,866,969</b> |



## **9. Emergency Response Equipment ISD No. 6**

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Public Health, Other COVID-19 Public Health

Managing Department: Internal Services Department

Existing or New Program: Existing

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### Project overview

The funds allocated to this project will allow ISD to expand the County's fiber network to essential public facilities that are not currently connected to broadband and replace leased communication networks obtained through private companies. County fiber installation and extension is planned to occur at the JJC, and the County's Hamilton facility, which houses the dispatchers for the Sheriff's Office. Both locations are currently underserved or unserved with reliable high-speed broadband.

The project will connect and/or enhance high-speed broadband to County facilities that lack reliable internet speed, and will complement radio communication infrastructure, and improve emergency dispatch communication for first responders.

In the Final Rule, the Treasury enumerated several projects that were examples of eligible capital expenditures under the Public Health Impacts category, including improvements to or construction of emergency operations centers and acquisition of emergency response equipment (e.g., emergency response radio systems). For the Hamilton Facility (located at 4551 E. Hamilton), the installation of new broadband or upgrade of existing broadband would improve the County's emergency response equipment and improve the County's speed of response to emergencies, including COVID-19 related emergencies, under the Public Health Impacts category. For the connection of the JJC to broadband, this is an eligible capital improvement as the acquisition of emergency response equipment and an adaptation to congregate living facilities, as the JJC is an incarceration setting. The provision of County broadband to this facility will allow the JJC to be connected to the County network, which may be essential in the event of an emergency, when the JJC staff must manage its population of incarcerated youth. The County morgue is also located at the JJC location, and the provision of broadband to the morgue as part of this project will assist in the County's emergency response, in the event of large-scale public health emergency deaths.

### Performance report

In future reports, ISD intends to provide a detailed scope of work, including goals and performance measures, timelines, and project status reports.



## Programs under Eligible Category: Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)

### 10. Assistance to local tourism and hospitality industry, National Foods Festivals, Inc.

Funding Amount: \$225,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to tourism, travel, and hospitality

Managing Department: Subrecipient Program

Existing or New Program: Existing

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Website: <https://www.nationalgarlicfestival.com/>

#### Project overview

The travel, tourism, and hospitality sector has been designated by the Final Rule as being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Food Festivals Incorporated (NFFI) is a California corporation that organized and held its first Garlic Festival event in Fresno County on May 28, 2019. As planned, NFFI envisioned that the Garlic Festival event would become an annual tradition growing tradition in Fresno County. However, NFFI was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including compliance to required closures and other public health and safety efforts to contain the spread of the pandemic. The Garlic Festival could not hold its event in 2020 and 2021 based on large gathering restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 5, 2022, the County Board of Supervisors allocated \$225,000 to NFFI to fund advertisement and promotion marketing strategies (technical assistance) in support of the three-day 2022 National Garlic Festival event that was held on May 13, 2022 to May 15, 2022, at the Fresno Fairgrounds, to showcase Fresno County's long standing history in garlic production, as the true garlic capital of the United States of America, as according to the 2020 County of Fresno Department of Agriculture Crop and Livestock Report, in 2020 the County of Fresno produced 178,000 tons of garlic, with a crop value of \$398.5 million.

#### Performance report

NFFI anticipates that the 2022 National Garlic Festival event will contribute to an increase in sales and revenue for local establishments, stores, hotels, restaurants, and small businesses near the Fresno Fairgrounds, which is located in a qualified census tract.

In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program results.



## **11. Calwa Recreational and Park District, Community Pool Improvements.**

Funding Amount: \$275,000

Funding Expended: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety.

Managing Department: Subrecipient Program

Existing or New Program: Existing

In and serves Qualified Census Tracts

Website: [Calwa Recreation and Park District \(specialdistrict.org\)](http://Calwa Recreation and Park District (specialdistrict.org))

### Project overview

The Calwa Recreation and Park District (Calwa RPD) provides recreational facilities, programs, and community enrichment activities that support community wellness, promote social, physical and mental well-being for residents of the Community of Calwa and the surrounding areas.

Funds allocated to Calwa RPD will support its effort to reopen its outdoor community pool which has been inoperable for over 20 years. SLFRF allocated to this project will fund the purchase and installation of pool pumps and filtration equipment, showers, concrete, plaster, restrooms, a perimeter fence, and a shade structure for an outdoor activity area.

Reopening the pool will increase recreational space, community wellness, and provide for a healthier living environment within the community of Calwa, an area that has been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to HUD, Calwa is a disadvantaged community with a reported median household income of \$39,314.

### Performance report

Upon completion, the community pool will be available for use by members of the community at no cost. The Calwa RPD will provide free access to aquatic safety classes, swim lessons, life-guard training, and physical activities for nearby children, families, and seniors in the community of Calwa and greater area. In addition, the community pool be available to book for private events such as birthday parties for a nominal fee, in accordance with Calwa RPD's rental procedures and fee structure.

In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



## **12. Habitat for Humanity Fresno Incorporated, Riverdale Affordable Housing**

Funding Amount: \$540,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$242,674.88

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Managing Department: Subrecipient Program

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

Website: <https://www.habitatfresno.org/home>

### Project overview

Habitat for Humanity Fresno (Habitat) facilitates the construction of new affordable homes for families in need, for families that have the ability to pay a monthly affordable mortgage, and for families that have the willingness to invest 500 hours of volunteer labor “sweat equity” into partnering with the Habitat to construct their future home.

Funds allocated for this program will assist Habitat to fund unanticipated construction costs of \$540,000, for the construction of the eight-affordable homes in the Country Meadows Subdivision in the Community of Riverdale, a Disadvantaged Community located in a census tract that has a reported average median household income of \$52,055.

In 2021, Habitat informed the County that it received a \$450,000 loan from the County’s HOME Funds Program for the implementation of this program; however, due to increase costs in materials and construction Habitat was unable to complete the program.

SLFRF provided under a written agreement will close the program’s deficit created by items including but are not limited to: land grading and staking, rough plumbing, foundation, framing, and trusses to construct the eight-affordable homes. Habitat anticipates that construction of the eight-affordable homes will be complete by September 2023.

### Performance report

This program is reasonably designed to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn by making investment to fund the construction of high-quality affordable housing that would benefit low-income rural families in Fresno County. This program anticipates serving 8 rural families by providing affordable housing.

In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.

Fresno County Facebook, Habitat Groundbreaking Ceremony in Riverdale:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1382215575626222>



### **13. Habitat for Humanity Fresno Incorporated, Firebaugh Affordable Housing**

Funding Amount: \$790,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Managing Department: Subrecipient Program

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

Website: <https://www.habitatfresno.org/home>

#### Project overview

Habitat for Humanity Fresno (Habitat) facilitates the construction of new affordable homes for families in need, for families that have the ability to pay a monthly affordable mortgage, and for families that have the willingness to invest 500 hours of volunteer labor “sweat equity” into partnering with the Habitat to construct their future home.

Funds allocated for this program will assist Habitat to fund unanticipated construction costs of \$790,000, for the construction of seven-affordable homes, each approximately 1,400 square-feet in size, in an existing multi-family subdivision located at the northeast corner of State Route 33/Dos Palos Road and San Joaquin Avenue in the City of Firebaugh, a Disadvantaged Community located in a census tract that has a reported average median household income of \$41,199.

Habitat targets, through its self-help program, rural families that meet the eligibility requirements of the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), which restricts the eligibility of potential buyers to those who are at or below eighty percent (80%) of the AMI for Fresno County, as reported by HUD, and who have a willingness to invest volunteer hours of labor to construct their own future home. Habitat anticipates that construction of the se-affordable homes will be complete by December 2024.

#### Performance report

This program is reasonably designed to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn by making investment to fund the construction of high-quality affordable housing that would benefit low-income rural families in Fresno County. This program anticipates serving 7 rural families by providing affordable housing in the City of Firebaugh.

In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



#### **14. Rural Outreach Services, Initiative 1**

Funding Amount: \$1,020,814

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.19 Negative Economic Impacts, Social Determinants of Health: Benefits Navigators.

Managing Department: County Administrative Office

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

Estimated Completion Date: End of Fiscal Year 2023-24

##### Project overview

The Rural Outreach Program's objective is to close the distance gap and provide on-site mental health and supportive services to individuals in remote locations in the County who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Rural Outreach Program, which will be implemented through contracted provider Kings View Behavioral Health Systems, will integrate mental health and supportive housing services for adults who are either homeless, or who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless, due to mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders. SLFRF will provide a two-year funding stream for the Rural Outreach Program to expand services and dedicate a mobile outreach team to implement COVID-19 screening, housing support services, client transportation services, clothing, food and hygiene services, education, health and mental health assessments, and linkage capabilities, to enable this impacted population to live in their communities and avoid homelessness, hospitalization, and/or jail detention.

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected areas of public health, including mental health. In January 2021, over 40 percent of American adults reported symptoms of depression or anxiety, up from 11 percent in the first half of 2019. The Interim Final Rule established, and the Final Rule maintained the enumerated eligible use of SLFRF for mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and other behavioral health services. The Final Rule clarified that this eligible use category covers an expansive array of services for prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction for mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health challenges caused or exacerbated by the public health emergency.

##### Performance report

The County Administrative Office will oversee the Program in collaboration with the Departments of Social Services and Behavioral Health. The County Administrative Office intends to provide number of beneficiaries, a detailed scope of work, including goals and performance measures, and program progress in future reports.



## **15. Crossroads Village Partial Affordable Housing Conversion, Initiative 2**

Funding Amount: \$2,050,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 Negative Economic Impacts Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Managing Department: County Administrative Office

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

### Project overview

SLFRF would provide partial funding to support the conversion of the Crossroads Village motel rooms to affordable housing units in the City of Fresno. The conversion of 165 units will result in approximately 141 new residential units. The SLFRF will be provided to subrecipient UPholdings California, LLC for construction and development of the Project. The development is located at 3737 North Blackstone Avenue in Fresno. The Project will serve households who will benefit from onsite wraparound services. SLFRF would enable approximately 50 units to be permanently dedicated as affordable housing units, thereby being eligible in the housing-subsidy program, and would assist the County to meet service demand and address housing need in the County. These units will be restricted to individuals whose income falls within 30% Area Median Income (AMI), which is \$14,650 per year, or lower. The remaining units are being planned as permanent supportive housing units

The County would utilize SLFRF under Negative Economic Impacts to construct affordable and stable housing for eligible beneficiaries. In the Final Rule, the Treasury has determined several enumerated uses for SLFRF are directly responsive to negative economic impacts experienced by impacted households, including programs or services that address housing insecurity, lack of affordable housing, or homelessness. The enumerated uses included supportive housing or other programs or services to improve access to stable, affordable housing among individuals who are homeless, and development of affordable housing to increase supply of affordable and high-quality living units.

### Performance report

The County Administrative Office will oversee the Program in collaboration with the Departments of Social Services and Behavioral Health. The County Administrative Office intends to provide number of beneficiaries, a detailed scope of work, including goals and performance measures, and program progress in future reports.



### **16. Emergency Housing Project, Initiative 3**

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Negative Economic Impacts Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

Managing Department: County Administrative Office

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

#### Project overview

SLFRF would provide funding to improve, adapt, and secure a location to place 20 emergency travel trailers received from the California Office of Emergency Services, which will be used as longer-term housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The County will contract with RH Community Homebuilders to provide infrastructure upgrades for the trailers, and manage and operate the units, including one full time property supervisor. RH Community Homebuilders owns the property where this Project would be located. This Project will increase accessibility and provide wraparound services that include case management, rental assistance, and renter's education to help homeless individuals and families obtain permanent housing and achieve long-term housing stability. This Project will assist the County deliver critical public and mental health services and address housing need in the County.

The County would provide SLFRF under Negative Economic Impacts to RH Community Homebuilders, for the provision of longer-term housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. In the Final Rule, the Treasury has determined the enumerated uses of programs or services that address housing insecurity, lack of affordable housing, or homelessness are directly responsive to negative economic impacts experienced by impacted households. The enumerated uses included supportive housing or other programs or services to improve access to stable, affordable housing among individuals who are homeless, and development of affordable housing to increase supply of affordable and high-quality living units. This eligible use category includes emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness, including individual level assistance (e.g., rapid rehousing services) or assistance for groups of individuals (e.g., master leases of hotels, motels, or similar facilities to expand available shelter).

#### Performance report

The County Administrative Office will oversee the Program in collaboration with the Departments of Social Services and Behavioral Health. The County Administrative Office intends to provide number of beneficiaries, a detailed scope of work, including goals and performance measures, and program progress in future reports.



## **17. Alternative Dwelling Units Project, Initiative 4**

Funding Amount: \$2,429,186

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 2.16 Negative Economic Impacts Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

Managing Department: County Administrative Office/Subrecipient Program

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

Estimated Completion Date:

### Project overview

The Fresno Rescue Mission is a non-profit faith-based organization with the expressed purpose of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of all men, women, and children in our community. The Fresno Rescue Mission is a multipurpose organization that works with persons experiencing homelessness, the incarcerated, the drug-and-alcohol dependent, and those in need of emergency services.

The Initiative 4 Program will assist the Fresno Rescue Mission with longer-term housing for women and families exiting programs. The Initiative 4 Program will provide SLFRF to the Subrecipient, Fresno Rescue Mission, to fund a portion of the cost to purchase 64 pre-fabricated units to be used as dwelling units for women and families. The Fresno Mission would sustain program services and maintenance of the units.

The County would provide SLFRF under Negative Economic Impacts, to the Fresno Rescue Mission, for the provision of housing services for beneficiaries including women and families exiting programs. In the Final Rule, the Treasury has determined several enumerated uses for SLFRF are directly responsive to negative economic impacts experienced by impacted households, including programs or services that address housing insecurity, lack of affordable housing, or homelessness. The enumerated uses included supportive housing or other programs or services to improve access to stable, affordable housing among individuals who are homeless, and development of affordable housing to increase supply of affordable and high-quality living units. This eligible use category includes emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness, including individual level assistance (e.g., rapid rehousing services) or assistance for groups of individuals (e.g., master leases of hotels, motels, or similar facilities to expand available shelter).

### Performance report

The County Administrative Office will oversee the Program in collaboration with the Fresno Rescue Mission, the Departments of Social Services and Behavioral Health. The County Administrative Office intends to provide number of beneficiaries, a detailed scope of work, including goals and performance measures, and program progress in future reports.



### **Programs under Eligible Category: Public Health – Negative Economic Impacts: Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)**

As of the preparation of this report, the County has not identified programs under this category. The County still may explore potential programs that would qualify under the Public Health-Negative Economic Impacts: Public Sector Capacity for potential future funding.



## Programs under Eligible Category: Premium Pay (EC 4)

### 18. “One-time COVID-19 Pandemic Payment for County Employees”

Funding Amount: \$15,400,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 4.1 Public Sector Employees

Managing Department: Human Resources Department

Existing or New Program: New

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

#### Project overview

The ARPA provides that SLFRF may be used to respond to workers performing “essential work” during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to “eligible workers.” ARPA defines essential work to mean “1) work that is not performed while teleworking from a residence; and 2) involves: regular in-person interactions with patients, the public, or coworkers of the individual that is performing the work; or regular physical handling of items that were handled by, or are to be handled by patients, the public, or coworkers of the individual that is performing the work.”

ARPA defines eligible workers to mean “workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors, and additional sectors, including social services work; public health work; vital services to Tribes; any work performed by an employee of a State, local, or Tribal government; educational work, school nutrition work, and other work required to operate a school facility; laundry work; elections work; solid waste or hazardous materials management, response, and cleanup work; work requiring physical interaction with patients; dental care work; transportation and warehousing; work at hotel and commercial lodging facilities that are used for COVID-19 mitigation and containment; work in a mortuary; and work in critical clinical research, development, and testing necessary for COVID-19 response.”

On January 18, 2022, the Board declared all County employees who occupied a permanently allocated position on its payroll as eligible and “essential workers,” since all County Departments, executives, judicial and legislative functions continued and will continue to remain uninterrupted throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. By doing so, the Board recognized that all County employees work is essential and necessary to maintain continuity of the County’s operations and critical to protect the health and well-being of County residents. As a result, \$15.4 million has been committed for premium pay.

Qualifying employees who work 80 percent or more of a full-time equivalent (FTE) or FTE (32 hours or more per week) received a one-time \$1,500 payment, while qualifying employees who work less than 80 percent of an FTE (less than 32 hours per week) received a one-time payment of \$750. Many payments to the County’s essential employees were distributed in March 2022.

As of May 29, 2022, the County has issued 3,760 premium payments of \$1,500 to FTE essential workers; and, 87 premium payments of \$750 to employees who work less than 32 hours per week. However, the payments have yet to be booked to the SLFRF program account.



## Programs under Eligible Category: Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure (EC 5)

### 19. New Groundwater Well, Tranquillity Irrigation District

Funding Amount: \$1,100,000

Funding Expended: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 5.13 Drinking Water: Source

Managing Department: Subrecipient Project

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

Website: <http://trqid.com/wp/>

#### Project overview

Tranquillity Irrigation District (Tranquillity ID) provides domestic water supply to the Community of Tranquillity. The Community of Tranquillity is a Disadvantaged Community of approximately 1,000 residents, located in a Census Tract (060190082002) with a reported median household income of \$35,368.

Tranquillity ID's public water system (CA-1010030) is regulated by California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB) under order 03-23-17P-005 issued by SWRCB. On January of 2022, two of Tranquillity ID's underground wells failed, Well 6 and Well 7, and became inactive due to issues with Well 7 pumping pea gravel and the complete loss of water production in Well 6. Tranquillity ID was granted permission from the SWRCB to gain emergency access to a previously inactive well (Well 4) due to the well failures of Wells 6 and 7. Currently, Well 4, which has previously tested positive for high levels of arsenic in its water, is the primary source of drinking water supply available to the community of Tranquillity, and Tranquillity ID is working to connect an irrigation well (Well 11A) pending the approval of the SWRCB, as an emergency water supply source to SUBRECIPIENT's public water system.

SLFRF allocated to this program will fund the design and engineering, construction review, and management for the construction of a new groundwater well that will replace inactive Well 6. Construction of a new underground well will replace a contaminated source that is an existing threat to public health, will maintain adequate service levels, and will improve drinking water capacity in the disadvantaged community of Tranquillity.

#### Performance report

This program designed to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn by making necessary investment in water infrastructure that supports impacted communities and also improves the community's resiliency to the effects of climate change.

The program would benefit the rural residents of Tranquillity by addressing necessary investment at no cost to the residents. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



## **20. New Groundwater Well, Malaga County Water District**

Funding Amount: \$1,850,000

Funding Expended: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 5.13 Drinking Water: Source

Managing Department: Subrecipient Project

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

Website: <https://www.malagacwd.org/>

### Project overview

Malaga County Water District (Malaga CWD) provides domestic water supply to the Community of Malaga. The Community of Malaga is a disadvantaged community of approximately 1,337 residents located in a census tract with a reported median household income of \$41,321.

Malaga CWD's public water system (CA-1010042) is regulated by the SWRCB under order 03-11-13P-016 issued by SWRCB. Malaga CWD operates three underground wells to supply potable drinking water to the Community of Malaga. Malaga CWD represents that the existing wells are not sufficient to meet the Community of Malaga's maximum day demand if one well were to go out of service. Malaga CWD represents that it owns one inactive well location that has been studied, and Malaga CWD has determined that the location of the inactive well is a feasible location to reconstruct a new well site location.

SLFRF allocated to this program will fund the final engineering design, environmental review, Department of Drinking Water permitting, construction and administration, construction review, operation and maintenance manual, and project management, and construction of a new groundwater well in the Community of Malaga. The Subrecipient represents that its proposed project meets the eligibility requirements of the DWSRF under the eligible project category of source projects, as it would provide an alternative supply in case of emergency or drought. This is necessary to maintain adequate and stable service levels, improve drinking water capacity, and provide an alternative supply in case of emergency or drought in the community of Malaga.

### Performance report

This program designed to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn by making necessary investment in water infrastructure that supports impacted communities and also improves the community's resiliency to the effects of climate change.

The program would benefit the rural residents of Malaga by addressing necessary investment at no cost to the residents. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



## **21. New Groundwater Well, Riverdale Public Utility District**

Funding Amount: \$3,175,000

Funding Expended: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 5.13 Drinking Water: Source

Managing Department: Subrecipient Project

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

Website: <https://www.riverdalepublicutilitydistrict.com/>

### Project overview

Riverdale Public Utility District (Riverdale PUD) provides domestic water supply to the Community of Riverdale. The Community of Riverdale is a disadvantaged community of approximately 2,416 residents located in a census tract with a reported median household income of \$52,055.

Riverdale PUD's public water system (CA-1010028) is regulated by the SWRCB under order 03-23-17P-014 issued by SWRCB. Riverdale PUD relies on two groundwater wells to supply drinking water to the community of Riverdale (Well 6 and Well 7). Well 7 started producing sand, and Riverdale PUD represents that it has reduced Well 7's pumping capacity to avoid additional sand production, and to avoid the creation of additional problems. Riverdale PUD represents that if either Well 6 or 7 goes out of service, Riverdale PUD will not be able to meet the maximum water day demand for the Community of Riverdale.

SLFRF allocated to this program will fund the engineering design, planning, and construction of a new groundwater well that will provide an alternative source of water supply in case of emergency or drought, as well as fund to bring the new groundwater well online, make offsite improvements that consist of upsizing the Riverdale PUD's existing undersized pipelines generally located south of W. Mount Whitney Avenue along Valentine, east on W. Kruger, south along S. Marks, and east along Wood Avenues which will provide secondary connection points to Well 6 to connect to the Riverdale PUD's entire water distribution system. The Subrecipient represents that its proposed infrastructure project meets the eligibility requirements of the DWSRF under the eligible project category of source projects, as it would provide an alternative supply in case of emergency or drought. This program is intended to increase the community's resiliency for multi-year droughts, and improve drinking water quality in the Community of Riverdale.

### Performance report

This program is designed to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn by making necessary investment in water infrastructure that supports impacted communities and also improves the community's resiliency to the effects of climate change.

The program would benefit the rural residents of Riverdale by addressing necessary investment at no cost to the residents. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



## **22. Cybersecurity Improvements, ISD No. 5**

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 5.21 Broadband: Other projects

Managing Department: Internal Services Department

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

### Project overview

The funds allocated to this project will allow ISD to fund the County's modernization of network security, which will strengthen cybersecurity of the County's network against cyber-attacks and cyber-intrusion threats. The Final Rule allows for modernization of cybersecurity for existing and new broadband infrastructure as an eligible use under sections 60(c)(1)(D) and 603(c)(1)(D), as such investments are necessary for reliability and resiliency of broadband infrastructure.

### Performance report

In future reports, ISD intends to provide a detailed scope of work, including goals and performance measures, timelines, and project status reports.



## Programs under Eligible Category: Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

### **23. Standard Allowance, Loss Revenue**

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Funding Expended to Date: \$0

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provisions of Government Services

Managing Department: County Administrative Office

Existing or New Program: Existing

Serves Impacted Class: Yes

#### Project overview

On April 30, 2022, the County elected the “standard allowance” of \$10 million revenue loss for the entire period of performance, as permitted under Final Rule for the SLFRF program. The County intends to utilize the standard allowance to address expenses for government services within the County’s general funded Departments.

#### Performance report

In future reports, the County Administrative Office intends to provide a detailed scope of work, including goals and performance metrics for the use of the standard allowance.