

# County of Fresno Recovery Plan Performance Report

# American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2023 Report



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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 Fiscal 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 2021 reporting period, the Board earmarked funds for 65 major programs consisting of internal County programs and subrecipient programs which set a path for a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency.

On November 8, 2022, the Board received a SLFRF expenditure plan progress report during its regular meeting that highlighted opportunities and funding availability within the County's approved plan. At the conclusion of the report, the Board unanimously approved the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommended redistribution of \$13.5 million within the expenditure plan which is intended to address infrastructure needs in rural communities and increase the number of subrecipient programs.

As of the preparation of the 2023 report, the Board has earmarked its full SLFRF allocation in support of 71 major initiatives scheduled to receive funding from the SLFRF program. Total programs under the 71 major initiatives are anticipated to increase due to the Second Round of Funding open applications that are currently underway and pending award announcement under the Subrecipient Program.

As of the preparation of this 2023 report, the Board has completed vetting for SLFRF eligibility and approved the allocation of approximately \$179.5 million of its SLFRF in support of 66 programs that fall within the 71 major initiatives. Program descriptions are provided in the Project Inventory section of this report.

Currently, there are seven earmarked programs with a funding value of \$14.5 million undergoing the vetting process to determine SLFRF eligibility. County anticipates that its full SLFRF allocation



of \$194,063,657 will be allocated by the Board in the upcoming months ahead of the Treasury's deadline.

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

# Uses of Funds

In 2021, the Board established its four intended ARPA investment areas which are 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 2023 Recovery Plan Performance Report expands on previous information presented in the County's 2022 Recovery Plan Performance Report and the 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.

In 2021, 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).
- Technology (data sharing, business intelligence). • Facility Improvements.
- Improve Efficiency/Longevity.
- Infrastructure Improvements (shovelready 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 through a community survey 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 2022 Recovery Plan noted that by the end of July 31, 2022, the Board had earmarked its full SLFRF allocation in support of 65 major initiatives. Of which, the 2022 Project Inventory list provided descriptions for 23 programs, while the remaining balance of 42 earmarked programs were undergoing the vetting process to determine SLFRF eligibility for funding. During the first six months of implementing the SLFRF expenditure plan, the Ad-Hoc committee with the support of



County staff monitored the Board's earmarked programs and conducted periodic reviews to assess the plan's feasibility, identify opportunities, and recommended adjustments to the expenditure plan for the Board's consideration.

Since the 2022 Recovery Plan submittal to Treasury, the Ad-Hoc Committee convened on four occasions with County staff to review and identifying funding availability within the expenditure plan.

On October 10, 2022, based on allocation trends and expenditures, the Ad-Hoc Committee reviewed the SLFRF expenditure plan and identified approximately \$10 million within the plan that would be recommended for redistribution to help fund additional community programs, improvements to infrastructure, and County projects.

On October 25, 2022, during the committee reports and comments portion of the Board meeting, the Ad-Hoc Committee shared with the Board that it had met with County staff to review the progress of the expenditure plan. The Ad-Hoc Committee informed the Board of the initial \$10 million identified in the expenditure plan that may become available for redistribution. The Ad-Hoc Committee's interest was to bring the potential funding availability to the Board's attention. Due to short timelines the Ad-Hoc Committee expressed its desire to conduct community outreach and provide an open application process where local entities, nonprofits, and County Departments may request funding from the County.

After the Board's discussion, the Board directed the County Administrative Office to coordinate with the Department of Public Works and Planning to assess the funding needs of the County Service Areas (CSAs) and Community Service Districts (CSDs) in particular projects that would make improvements to infrastructure and may be affected by supply chain shortages and increasing labor costs. Staff was directed to identify projects in rural communities that had not received funding to date, and to return to the Board with an ARPA-SLFRF progress report that identifies funding availability, and a recommendation for the redistribution of available funds.

On November 8, 2022, County staff presented the ARPA-SLFRF progress report to the Board which included the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation to redistribute a total of \$13,533,500 within the expenditure plan's Ongoing COVID-19 mitigation program and unused funding within the Subrecipient Program.

The Ad-Hoc Committee's recommended redistribution of available funds consisted of designating funds in the following areas: \$9,308,500 for existing and new CSA and CSD projects that will make improvements to drinking water, storage, sewer infrastructure, and three projects intended to improve parks in unincorporated communities. The Board approved \$4,225,000 in SLFRF that would become available to local entities, nonprofits, and County departments through a second-round open application process. At the end of staff's presentation, the Board unanimously approved the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommended redistribution of funds and moved to formally dissolve the ARPA-SLFRF Program Ad-Hoc Committee.

The Board's February 1, 2022, approved SLFRF expenditure plan is shown on Figure 1. Funding availability identified by the Ad-Hoc Committee's is shown on Figure 2, while the November 8, 2022, Board approved redistribution of funding availability is shown on Figure 3.



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

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

Figure 2 - Ad-Hoc Committee's Identified Funding Availability, November 8, 2022.

Amount (%)	ldentified Funds	Description
\$ 112.5M (58%)	\$ 13.3M	Category A - Public Health and Economic Impacts
\$ 15.4M (8%)		Category B - Premium Pay for Essential Workers
\$ 10.0M (5%)		Category C - Lost Revenue
\$ 18.7M (10%)		Category D - Water/Sewer/Broadband
\$ 37.3M (19%)	\$ 173,500	Subrecipient Programs/Projects
<b>\$ 194.0M</b>	<b>\$13.5M</b> (6.05%)	Total

Figure 3 - Ad-Hoc Committee's Recommended Redistribution, November 8, 2022.

Approved Earmarks (%)	Recommended Updates (%)	+/- Change (%)	Description
\$ 112.5M (58%)	\$ 100.0M (52%)	- \$ 12.5M (-6%)	Category A - Public Health and Economic Impacts
\$ 15.4M (8%)	\$ 15.4M (8%)		Category B - Premium Pay for Essential Workers
\$ 10.0M (5%)	\$ 10.0M (5%)		Category C - Lost Revenue
\$ 18.7M (10%)	\$ 22.3M (12%)	+ \$ 3.6M (+2%)	Category D - Water/Sewer/Broadband
\$ 37.3M (19%)	\$ 46.3M (24%)	+ \$ 8.9M (+4%)	Subrecipient Programs/Projects
<b>\$ 194.0M</b> (100%)	<b>\$194.0M</b> (100%)		Total



On April 25, 2023, the Board approved an amendment to the expenditure plan which redesignated \$5 million initially identified under Category D, Water/Sewer/Broadband for the Kearney Park – Reclaimed Water Project, Clean Water State Revolving Fund project to instead fund improvements to Kearney Park. Improvements to Kearney Park are now identified under Category A, Public Health and Economic Impacts. Additionally, the Board included an earmarking under the Subrecipient Program to assist in the rehabilitation of the Kearney Mansion Museum and Gallery for the safe reopening of in person academic programs.

As the County enters the third year of implementing the ARPA-SLFRF Program, the County anticipates that potential changes may continue to occur to account for changes in the approved programs, changes in funding availability, leveraging other funding opportunities, or if the Board's priorities change to maximize the use to SLFRF.

The County's most recent SLFRF expenditure plan summary based on Board approved amendments is depicted as Figure 4. Additional information for each category is provided later in this report.

<b>\$94.4M</b> (49%)	Category A - Public Health and Economic Impact
<b>\$15.4M</b> (8%)	Category B - Premium Pay
\$10.0M (5%)	Category C - Lost Revenue
<b>\$27.5M</b> (14%)	Category D - Water/Sewer/Broadband
<b>\$46.7</b> (24%)	Subrecipient Projects/Programs
<b>\$194.0M</b> (100%)	

Figure 4 – County Approved SLFRF Expenditure Plan, as of April 25, 2023.

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

On February 1, 2022, the Board's expenditure plan earmarked \$112,515,000, or nearly 58% of the County's total SLFRF allocation for programs that would respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. Efforts under this category cover a range of costs including testing, tracing, safe isolation services, vaccination efforts, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies, homelessness initiatives, rural mobile health and linkages to wellness for rural communities, public health efforts, and administrative costs.

On November 8, 2022, the Board approved a redistribution of funds which reduced the County's earmark under EC1/EC2 program in its effort to increase funding assistance for CSA and CSD infrastructure projects. Within the approved redistribution of funds, the Board also approved funding for a second-round open application process for qualifying local entities, nonprofits, and County departments to request funding from the County.

As of April 25, 2023, the County has earmarked \$94,490,232, or nearly 49% of the County's total SLFRF allocation for County departments to implement programs that respond to the COVID-19



public health emergency or its negative economic impacts under EC1/EC2 of which the Board has obligated \$86.8 million to 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 \$30.1 million of SLFRF to fund ongoing COVID-19 mitigation and prevention measures through June 30, 2023. The Board allocated an additional \$6 million to assist three local area hospitals address hospital surge capacity issues by providing SLFRF to increase hospital bed capacity, address personnel shortages, and retain additional medical personnel to help combat the COVID-19 Omicron variant. The Board has earmarked \$8 million for Department of Public Health to implement rural mobile health and linkages to wellness programs that address health disparities within rural and unincorporated areas having disadvantaged communities in the County.

On February 1, 2022, the Board earmarked \$14,336,338 in SLFRF for nine subrecipient programs ranging from addressing negative impacts to emergency responders, affordable housing, and improvements to rural community centers. Subsequently, on June 21, 2022, the Board earmarked an additional \$7.1 million in SLFRF funding to assist 17 subrecipients implement programs under category EC1/EC2.

As of the preparation of this report, the County's expenditure plan earmarks \$120,737,332 for programs that fall under eligible categories EC1 / EC 2. County departments programs, initial and current earmarking as of 2023, and subrecipient programs are shown on Tables 1-1 through Tables1-7B.

County Administrative Office			
Short Description	February 1, 2022 Initial Earmark	Amended Earmark	Difference
On-going COVID-19 Mitigation (through 2023)*	\$43,500,000	\$31,139,957	-\$13,360,043
Contingency - Hospital Surge Capacity*	\$10,000,000	\$6,000,000	-\$4,000,000
Administration of ARPA - SLFRF (through 2025)*	\$2,500,000		
Homelessness Initiatives	\$6,500,000		

# Table-1-1, County Administrative Office

\*Denotes multi-year funding.

#### Table -1-2, Department of Public Health

Department of Public Health			
Short Description	February 1, 2022 Initial Earmark	Amended Earmark	Difference
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		

\*Earmarking scheduled to be reassigned to another project.



Short Description	Echrycery (1, 2022	Amondod	Difference
Short Description	February 1, 2022 Initial Earmark	Amended Earmark	Difference
Mobile Workforce Technology	\$7,900,000		
Cybersecurity Improvements*	\$10,000,000	\$0	-\$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-1-3, Internal Services Department

\*Cybersecurity Improvements: In 2023, now reported under Category D Projects due to updates in the Treasury's reporting.

# Table-1-4, Fresno County Public Library

Fresno County Public Library			
Short Description	February 1, 2022 Initial Earmark	Amended Earmark	Difference
Access Points at County Public Libraries*	\$161,000*		

\*Earmarking scheduled to be reassigned to another project.

## Table-1-5, Probation Department

Probation Department			
Short Description	February 1, 2022	Amended	Difference
	Initial Earmark	Earmark	

## Table-1-6, Department of Public Works and Planning

Public Works and Planning Department			
Short Description	February 1, 2022 Initial Earmark	Amended Earmark	Difference
Improvements to County Parks	\$3,000,000		
Improvements to El Porvenir Park (CSA 30)	\$150,000	\$400,000	+\$250,000
Improvements to Tenaya Park (CSA 2)	\$100,000	\$400,000	+\$300,000
Improvements to Raisin City Park (CSA 43)	\$100,000	\$400,000	+\$300,000
Improvements to Kearney Park (New, added on April 25, 2023)		\$4,485,275	+\$4,485,275



Subrecipient Program	S			
Entity Name	Short Description	February 1, 2022 Initial Earmark	Amended Earmark	Difference
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	\$201,833	-\$23,167

# Table-1-7A, EC1/EC2, Subrecipients Programs, February 1, 2022



Subrecipient Programs	S			
Entity Name	Short Description	June 21, 2022 Earmark	Amended Earmark	Difference
CBO - Exceptional Parent Unlimited, Inc. (EPU)	Public Health Impact - COVID19	\$300,815		
501c3- Valley Caregiver Resources Center	Public Health Impact - COVID19	\$451,071		
501c3 - Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	Computer lab improvements	\$48,584		
San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority (SJVIA)	Increased medical expenses related to COVID-19	\$2,426,734		
The Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County	Youth programs	\$600,000		
501c3 - CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties	Programs for foster youth	\$250,000		
501c3 - Fresno Metropolitan Ministry	Food distribution programs	\$512,000		
501c3 - ACTS Foundation	Food distribution programs	\$500,000		
501c3 - Fresh Start Youth Center DBA Mollie's House	Programs for victims of trafficking	\$180,000		
501c3 - Break the Barriers, Inc.	Programs, skill building for youth and veterans	\$300,000		
501c3 - Care Fresno, Inc.	After-school programs for children and youth	\$300,000		
501c3 - Easter Seals Central California (ESCC)	Public Health Impact - COVID19	\$200,000		
501c3 - Twilight Haven, Skilled Nursing Facility	Public Health Impact - COVID19	\$500,000		
501c3 - Access Plus Capital	Small business grants program	\$200,000		
Clovis Rodeo Association	Public Health Impact - COVID19	\$200,000		
Big Fresno Fair (subdivision of State)	Public Health Impact - COVID19	\$205,000		
501c3 - Dunlap Community Club	Public Health Impact - COVID19	\$20,000		
501c3 - Fresno City & County Historical Society (added in 2023)	Public Health Impact - COVID19		\$514,725	+\$514,725

# Table-1-7B, EC1/EC2, Subrecipients Programs, June 21, 2022



As of the preparation of this 2023 report, 45 of the 49 programs under this category have completed the vetting process ensuring SLFRF eligibility. County staff anticipates that the remaining six programs will complete the final review and vetting process to determine SLFRF eligibility by the end of calendar year 2023.

A significant change during the previous year occurred through Congress' passage of H.J.Res.7, a resolution that formally ended the public health emergency declared in 2020 related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The resolution became effective on April 10, 2023. However, the resolution does not affect ARPA recipients' spending ability for SLFRF permitted uses that respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, which includes mitigation of future pandemics.

For the upcoming year, the County will continue to assess programs that may qualify for funding under this category and develop potential funding recommendations for the Board's consideration.

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

Since the previous 2022 report, the County experienced the highest employee departures and vacancy rates in positions that require individuals to work in congregate settings within the Probation Department and the Sherriff's Office. In the County's effort to restore and support public safety employment, on July 12, 2022, County negotiated an agreement that will permit qualifying Correctional Officers (Unit 2), Correctional Sergeants (Unit 37), Juvenile Correctional Officers (Unit 2), and Supervising Correctional Officers (Unit 36) to receive Retention Payments not to exceed \$150 per pay period effective December 26, 2022, and through the last pay period of fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025.

As of the preparation of this report, the County is developing a scope of work for this program that will assess funding availability within the expenditure plan. The County still may explore potential programs that would qualify under the Public Health-Negative Economic Impacts: Public Sector Capacity that will support and build public sector capacity.

# 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 which appropriate qualifications would confirm eligible employees for premium pay. 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, \$15,400,000 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 2023. 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 the 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 (EPA) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) programs.

The County's February 1, 2022, 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.

On November 8, 2022, the Board approved a redistribution of available funding which increased funding support for infrastructure improvements by an additional \$3,700,000 the help fund the construction of a new groundwater well in the unincorporated community of Raisin City, created a new project that will fund improvements or replacement of outdated water meters within water systems managed by the County, and created a new program to fund water distribution improvements within CSA 44C.

To align the Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, an administrative correction to the expenditure plan was made that moved \$10,000,000 for improvements to the County's cybersecurity (previously shown under Category A) to instead be shown as a program under Category D, Water/Sewer/Broadband.

On April 25, 2023, the Board approved the reassignment of the \$5,000,000 initially earmarked for the Kearney Park – Reclaimed Water Project under Category D to instead fund improvements to Kearney Park and Kearney Museum & Gallery under program line items shown on Category A and the Subrecipient Programs.

The initial expenditure plan earmarked \$8,957,100 in SLFRF for four subrecipient programs that would fund necessary infrastructure improvements in economically impacted unincorporated communities. Additionally, on June 21, 2022, the Board approved five subrecipient programs for infrastructure improvements in the rural communities of Biola, Del Rey, Malaga, Tranquillity, and City of Mendota.

On November 8, 2022, the Board approved additional funding support for infrastructure improvements within the unincorporated disadvantaged communities of Caruthers and Laton. To date, the Board has earmarked \$20,476,325 in SLFRF for subrecipients to fund infrastructure improvements related to water or sewer under the Subrecipient Program.



In total, the County's expenditure plan earmarks \$47,926,325, for infrastructure programs that would fall under eligible categories EC 5. County Departments programs, initial and current earmarking, and the subrecipient projects are listed in the following tables 2-1 through 2-3.

#### Table-2-1, Internal Services Department

Internal Services Department			
Short Description	February 1, 2022 Initial Earmark	Amended Earmark	Difference
Broadband Fiber to Public Facilities	\$2,500,000		
Cybersecurity Improvements*		\$10,000,000	+\$10,000,000

\*Cybersecurity Improvements previously reported in Category A programs, moved to Category D to align with Treasury's reporting updates.

#### Table-2-2, Department of Public Works and Planning

Public Works and Planning			
Short Description	February 1, 2022 Initial Earmark	Amended Earmark	Difference
Kearney Park - Reclaimed Water Project, CWSRF*	\$5,000,000	\$0	-\$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	\$2,000,000	+\$1,000,000

\*Kearney Park – Reclaimed Water Project reassigned by Board, April 25, 2023. Program reassigned a portion of funding to Category A.



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Entity Name	Short Description	February 1, 2022 Initial Earmark	Earmarked on June 21, 2022	Amended Earmark	Difference
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	\$2,832,100			
Malaga County Water District	Water Storage Tank, DWSRF		\$2,567,225		
Biola Community Services District	Storm Drain Improvements		\$649,000	\$955,000	+\$306,000
Tranquillity Public Utility District	Sewer Rehabilitation		\$661,500	\$675,000	+ \$13,500
Del Rey Community Services District	Groundwater Recharge		\$418,000	\$600,000	+\$182,000
City of Mendota	Water Storage Tank		\$2,465,000		
Caruthers Community Services District				\$3,130,100	+\$3,130,100
Laton Community Services District				\$1,032,000	+\$1,032,000

#### Table-2-3, Subrecipient Projects related to Water or Sewer Improvements

As of the preparation of this report, the County may consider additional infrastructure improvements under this category which would need to be evaluated for potential funding, eligibility, and recommendation for the Board's consideration.

# 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 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.

In 2022, the Board elected to choose the standard allowance in lieu of calculating loss of revenue. SLFRF was put into the Countywide Revenue Budget Org. 0415 which funds Net County Cost for various General Fund Departments of the County. SLFRF provided funding assistance for governmental service provided by departments that are not covered by revenue generated from a specific department. A majority of the Countywide Revenue Budget dollars fund the justice departments consisting of: Sheriff, District Attorney, and Probation.

# **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 5 shows ACS' five-year survey report for Fresno County's demographics.





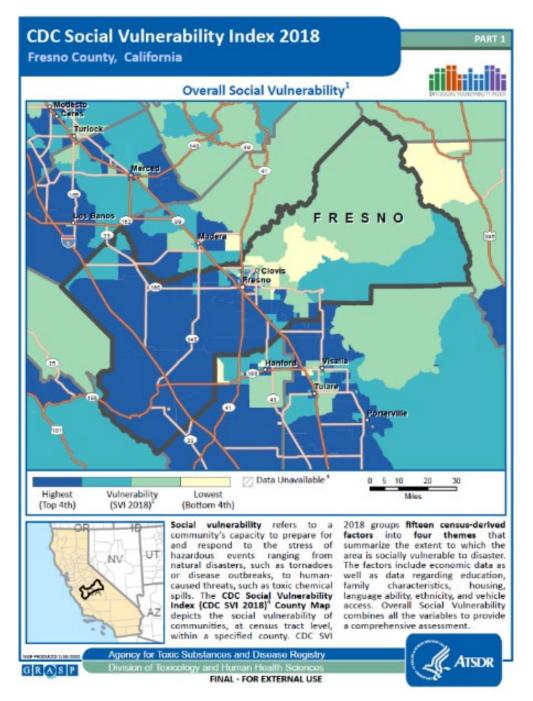


Throughout the nation, COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted communities of color, lowwage essential workers, seniors, and historically marginalized populations. Efforts to date include sponsoring programs that produce the greatest benefit to socially vulnerable communities in the County.

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 6.

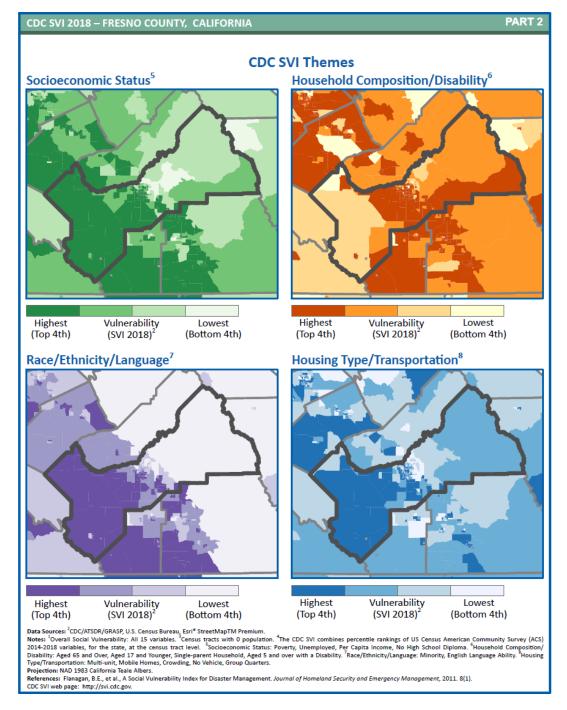




# Figure 6 - Fresno County's 2018 CDC SVI Map

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 7.





# Figure 7 - 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 QTCs. 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 impacted 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

In addition to the Census and the CDC SVI information, the County's Department of Public Health has prepared the Fresno County Health Priority Index (HPI) report for year 2022, which includes a technical summary and mapping software that helps identify community needs and the most health burden areas in the County based on the following datasets:

• Healthy Places Index 3.0 Composite Score: California-HPI by the Public Health Alliance of Southern California, is a composite measure based on 23 constituent indicators. The



goal of the California HPI score is standardized estimate of health and well-being in each area of California. The California-HPI 3.0 score is based on 8 domains with multiple indictors per domain.

 California's Health Equity Metric: The State of California developed the health equity metric initially to compare COVID-19 infections and test positivity between the most and least advantages communities. Although initially used for COVID-19, it can be used for other equity purposes.

Access to the Department of Public Health's Fresno County HPI interactive mapping software and 2022 Fresno County HPI report is available at: <u>https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Departments/Public-Health/Epidemiology-Surveillance-and-Data-Management</u>

According to the Fresno County HPI report for year 2022, the County's HPI percentiles are summarized on Figure 8 and the County's most health burden communities are depicted in Figure 9.

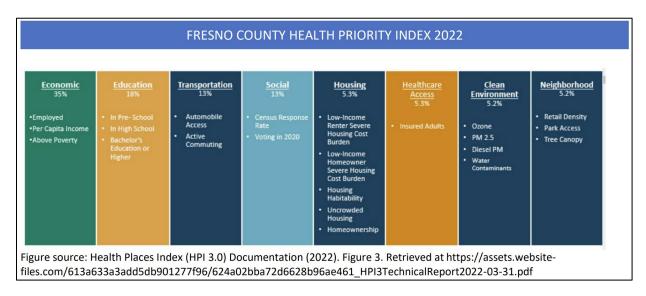
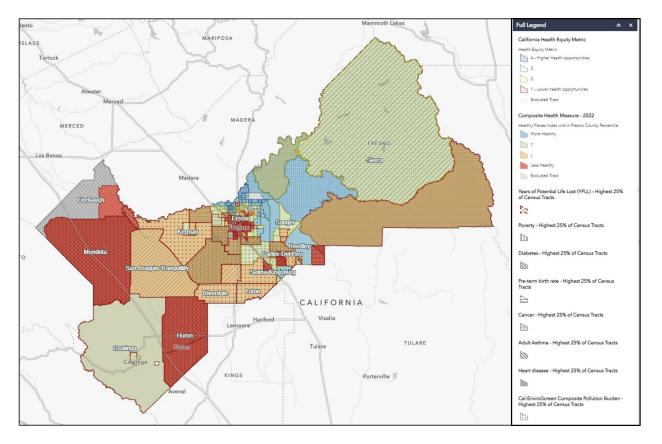


Figure 8 - Fresno County's HPI for year 2022





# Figure 9 - Health burden areas in the County.

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 can 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 developed a County ARPA website which includes information and resources on the SLFRF program. The County established a dedicated ARPA email address

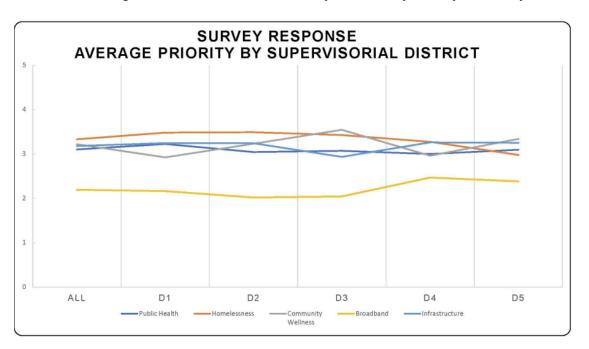


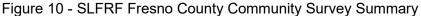
(<u>ARPA@fresnocountyca.gov</u>) that provides the public the ability to submit questions or comments to the County. Over 400 emails were received and responded to by the County from July 1, 2021, through May 11, 2022. Additionally, the County has created a listserv whereby interested individuals can 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 from 1 (most important) to 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 10 depicts the online survey results.







 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.

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 Ad-Hoc Committee's 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.

As of the preparation of this report, the County has entered written subrecipient agreements with 21 of the 22 awarded entities for SLFRF funding. The County will work with the remaining awarded entity to further vet the program for SLFRF eligibility and prepare a written agreement for the Board's consideration.

Table 3-1 lists the 22 subrecipient programs along with the Board approved earmarking for SLFRF.



Category	Subrecipient, Applicant	June 21, 2022 Earmark	Agreement Status
А	CBO - Exceptional Parent Unlimited, Inc. (EPU)	\$300,815	Executed
A	501c3- Valley Caregiver Resources Center	\$451,071	Executed
A	501c3 - Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	\$48,584	Executed
A	San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority (SJVIA)	\$2,426,734	Executed
А	The Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County	\$600,000	Executed
A	501c3 - CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties	\$250,000	Executed
А	501c3 - Fresno Metropolitan Ministry	\$512,000	Executed
А	501c3 - ACTS Foundation	\$500,000	Executed
A	501c3 - Fresh Start Youth Center DBA Mollie's House	\$180,000	Executed
А	501c3 - Break the Barriers, Inc.	\$300,000	Executed
А	501c3 - Care Fresno, Inc.	\$300,000	Executed
A	501c3 - Easter Seals Central California (ESCC)	\$200,000	Executed
A	501c3 - Twilight Haven, Skilled Nursing Facility	\$500,000	Executed
А	501c3 - Access Plus Capital	\$200,000	Executed
А	Clovis Rodeo Association	\$200,000	Executed
А	Big Fresno Fair (subdivision of State)	\$205,000	Executed
A	501c3 - Dunlap Community Club	\$20,000	Pending review
D	CWD - Malaga	\$2,567,225	Executed
D	CSD - Biola	\$649,000	Executed
D	PUD - Tranquillity	\$661,500	Executed
D	CSD - Del Rey	\$418,000	Executed
D	City of Mendota	\$2,465,000	Executed
	Total	\$13,954,929	

# Table 3-1, First Round Subrecipient Priority List

By mid-late 2022, the Ad-Hoc Committee anticipated that available funding within the expenditure plan could be identified and made available for additional subrecipient programs.

On November 8, 2022, County staff presented to the Board a SLFRF expenditure plan progress and the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendations to distribute approximately \$13.5 million within the SLFRF expenditure plan for existing projects, new infrastructure projects, and a recommendation to provide funding availability for a second-round open application process. At the end of the Board's discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommended redistribution which included \$4,225,000 in SLFRF to be made available to County



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

On November 18, 2022, County staff announced the County's second round of funding availability to over 422 representatives of several community-based organizations, nonprofits, small businesses, faith-based groups, entities that participated in the first round subrecipient application process, and County departments. The County's second round opened on Friday, November 18, 2022, and ended on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

During the open application period, the County staff provided an evening interactive Zoom webinar on November 29, 2022, to assist attendees with the subrecipient application materials and SLFRF program. The webinar was attended by 20 representatives from various organizations, nonprofits, and faith-based groups. At the conclusion of the second round of funding application solicitation period, the County received a total of 42 applications for programs, with an estimated funding total value of \$38.8 million.

Based on the total value, approximately \$32.8 million of the applications request funding for programs that would fall under Category A, respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. The remaining balance, or approximately \$6 million were applications requesting funding for projects that would fall under Category D, which will make necessary infrastructure improvements in unincorporated disadvantaged communities. As of the preparation of this report, County staff is reviewing the applications for SLFRF eligibility. County staff anticipate preparing a potential funding recommendation for the Board's consideration by August 2023.

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 highquality infrastructure projects while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities and prioritizing the hiring of a local workforce.

County- department 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 Analyst has the responsibility to 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 source specifically requires reporting compliance. Programs implemented by the Internal Services Department utilize Job Order Contracts (JOC) whereby contractors are retained to complete specific projects. Each JOC includes language that requires contractors to comply with state labor laws, filing, and reporting requirements.

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.

Regarding subrecipient programs, the County requires that all entities enter a written subrecipient agreement with the County prior to receiving a SLFRF allocation. The standard subrecipient agreement for infrastructure projects and capital improvements include 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 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

A complete expenditure categories list can be found on the official website of the US Department of the Treasury.	

xpenditure Category Public Health	EC <sub>28</sub>		ated by Board and of July 31, 2023	Ex pe Obli	Program enditures and gations, as of Ily 31, 2023		nated Balanc Program, July 31, 2023
OVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention Ingoing Covid Mitigation Claims, County of Fresno		\$	30,139,957	\$	18,240,387	\$	11,899,57
OVID-19 Vaccination^         OVID-19 Testing^	<u>1.1</u> 1.2						
OVID-19 Contact Tracing <sup>A</sup> revention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools,	1.3 <b>1.4</b>						
Fitness Zones for Youth at JJC, Probation	1.6	\$	279,000	\$	86,332	\$	192,66
edical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)* North Central Fire Protection District - Economic Impact - COVID19	1.0	\$	1,085,668		1,085,668		
Fresno County Fire Protection District - Economic Impact - COVID19 San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority - reimbursement of COVID-19 Medical Expenses		\$ \$	2,000,000 2,426,734	\$	2,000,000	\$ \$	- 2,426,73
ther COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, olation/Quarantine)^	1.7						
Community Medical Centers - Medical Equipment (Striker Beds & CT Scanner)		\$	2,720,670	\$	300,661	\$ \$	- 2,420,00
Integrated Data Sharing Initiative, DPH Mobile Workforce Technology, ISD		\$ \$	5,000,000 7,900,000	\$	7,866,969	\$ \$	5,000,00 33,03
Heating/Ventilation Improvements in Public Facilities, ISD		\$	6,000,000	\$	-	\$	6,000,00
Generation/Electrical Upgrade Improvements in Public Facilities, ISD Communication Improvements for Public Services, ISD		\$ \$	1,100,000 1,500,000		-	\$ \$	1,100,00
ommunity Violence Interventions	1.11						
501c3 - Marjaree Mason Center - Construction Cost for new Community Resource Center		\$	4,700,000	\$	-	\$	4,700,00
ehavioral Health Iental Health Services*^	1.12						
501c3 - Fresh Start Youth Center dba Mollie's House - program for victims of trafficking ther		\$	180,000	\$	27,000	\$	153,00
ther Public Health Services^	1.14						
501c3 - Valley Caregiver Resources Center - OASIS Program, Adult Care (Alzheimer's) 501c3 - Easter Seals Central California - payroll, billing services, cancellation of appts		\$ \$	451,071 200,000		95,677	\$ \$	355,39
501c3 - Twilight Haven, Skilled Nursing Facility - recruit nursing staff & maintain staff ratios Hospital Surge Capacity (Agreements with: FCHMC, CCMC, Saint Agnes), DPH		\$ \$	500,000 6,000,000	\$	52,899 6,000,000		447,10
Brix Basement - Lab Improvements, DPH		\$	3,000,000	\$	-	\$	3,000,00
DPH Brix Roof Repairs, DPH Rural Mobile Health - Contracts (UCSF & Saint Agnes), DPH		\$ \$	225,000 6,000,000		225,000 58,704		- 5,941,29
Homelessness Initiatives, Poverello House - Kitchen Tenant Improvements		\$	1,000,000	\$	505,059		494,94
Negative Economic Impacts ssistance to Households							
ousehold Assistance: Food Programs*^ 501c3 - Fresno Metropolitan Ministry - Food to Share Program	2.1	\$	512,000			\$	512,0
501c3 - ACTS Foundation - distribution of food, household goods, economic development, and		\$	500,000		135,548		364,4
ealthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families 501c3 - Court Appointed Special Advocates of Fresno & Madera Counties - Foster Youth	2.13	\$	250,000			\$	250,0
ealthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning**	2.14						200,0
CBO - Exceptional Parent Unlimited, Inc negative economic impact - payroll, billing ong-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing**	2.15	\$	300,815	\$	-	\$	300,8
Habitat for Humanity - Riverdale		\$	540,000		540,000		-
Habitat for Humanity - Firebaugh Upholdings Inc, Crossroads Village		\$ \$	790,000 2,050,000	\$ \$	41,565 2,050,000	\$	748,4
ong-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons** 501c3 - Fresno Mission, City Center	2.16	\$	2,429,186	\$		\$	2,429,1
ocial Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators**	2.19					\$	2,423,1
Homelessness Initiatives (Kings View) Rural Mobile Health Linkages to Wellness, DPH		\$ \$	1,020,814		88,371	\$ \$	932,4
trong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety <sup>A</sup>	2.22						
Improvements to County Parks Improvements to El Porvenir Park (CSA 30)		\$ \$	3,000,000 400,000	\$ \$	18,324 2,759	\$ \$	2,981,6 397,2
Improvements to Tenaya Park (CSA 2)		\$	400,000	\$	593	\$	399,40
Improvements to Raisin City Park (CSA 43) Improvements to Kearney Park (Originally was CWSRF)		\$ \$	400,000 4,485,275	\$	8,775	\$ \$	391,22 4,485,21
Calwa RPD - Community Center Improvements (pool) include connectivity to Broadband ddressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services*^	2.25	\$	275,000			\$	275,00
501c3 - Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission - replace 33 computers LLC Youth	2.20	\$	48,584			\$	48,5
501c3 - The Boys & Girls Club of Fresno County - Youth Program to address wellness for youth 501c3 - Break the Barriers, Inc Skill-building programs		\$ \$	600,000 300,000			\$ \$	600,0 300,0
501c3 - Care Fresno, Inc after-school programming, tutoring, mentoring ssistance to Small Businesses		\$	300,000			\$	300,00
oans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship <sup>^</sup>	2.29		000.000			\$	-
501c3 - Fresno Communnity Development Financial Institution, DBA Access Plus Capital ssistance to Non-Profits		\$	200,000				
id to Impacted Industries id to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality^	2.35	<u> </u>				\$	-
National Foods Festivals, 2022 Garlic Festival and Food		\$	201,833		201,833	\$	000.0
Clovis Rodeo Association Foundation - Loss of revenue 21st District Agricultural Association, Big Fresno Fair		\$ \$	200,000 205,000			\$	200,0
ther : Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity							
eneral Provisions							
: Premium Pay ublic Sector Employees	4.1	1					
One-time COVID-19 Pandemic Pay - Essential Workers		\$	15,400,000	\$	8,195,954	\$	7,204,0
Infrastructure /ater and Sewer							
lean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment Tranquillity Public Utility District - Sewer Rehab Project	5.1	\$	675,000	\$	89,363	\$	585,6
lean Water: Stormwater	5.6						
Biola Community Services District - Storm Drain Improvements lean Water: Water Conservation	5.8	\$	955,000	\$	73,540	\$	881,4
Liberty Cemetery - Reclaimed Water Project - CWSRF, PWP		\$	250,000	\$	72	\$	249,9
rinking water: Source Elkhorn Facility - Water and Sewer Projects - DWSRF and CWSRF, PWP	5.13	\$	1,500,000		105	\$	1,499,8
Raisin City (CSA43W) - Water Well - DWSRF, PWP Tranquilitiy Irrigation District - Replacement of Groundwater well - DWSRF		\$ \$	2,000,000 1,100,000		3,570 7,938		1,996,4 1,092,0
Riverdale Public Utility District - Groundwater well - DWSRF		\$	3,175,000	\$	15,489	\$	3,159,5
Malaga County Water District - Groundwater well - DWSRF rinking water: Storage	5.14	\$	1,850,000	\$	60,329	\$	1,789,6
Elkhorn Recharge Facility - CWSRF, PWP Turnout on Friant-Kern Canal at Big Dry Creek - CWSRF, PWP		\$ \$	6,000,000 2,500,000		615 9,657	\$ \$	5,999,3 2,490,3
River View Subdivision (CSA44C) - Water Distribution Improvements, DWSRF, PWP		\$	400,000			\$	400,0
Malaga County Water District - 1 MG Water Storage Tank at Well 5 City of Firebaugh - Replacement of HUD Storage for Las Deltas Mutual Water District		\$	2,567,225 2,832,100		18,574	\$ \$	2,548,6 2,832,1
City of Mendota - Water Tank (200,000 gallon) & Booster Pump Station		\$	2,465,000			\$	2,465,0
Caruthers Community Services District - Water storage tank at the westside of town rinking water: Other water infrastructure	5.15	\$	3,130,100			\$	3,130,1
Water meter improvements and replacement in CSAs and WWDs, DWSRF, PWP Laton Community Services District - Water meter replacement project		\$ \$	2,300,000	\$	965	\$ \$	2,299,0
ater and Sewer: Other	5.18						
Del Rey Community Services District - Groundwater Recharge Project roadband		\$	600,000	\$	50,810	\$	549,1
roadband: Other projects	5.21		0.555			\$	-
Broadband Fiber to Public Facilities, ISD Cybersecurity Improvements, ISD		\$ \$	2,500,000 10,000,000	\$	10,000,000	\$ \$	2,500,0
Revenue Replacement	<b>6</b> 4	· · I	.,,		.,,	•	
rovision of Government Services	6.1		\$10,000,000	\$	10,000,000	\$	-
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# **Project Inventory**

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

# 1. Ongoing- COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention

Funding Amount: \$30,193,957 through end of 2023. Funding Expended to Date: \$18,240,387 Project Expenditure Category: Items under 1.1 through 1.12 Public Health Services Managing Department: County Administrative Office Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$30,193,957

## 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. On, February 1, 2022, the Board 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. On November 8, 2022, the Board approved a funding reduction of \$13,360,043 for this program to help fund increasing cost to implement improvements to infrastructure and parks areas in rural unincorporated communities.

The Ongoing Covid-19 Mitigation and Prevention program has assisted departments meet staffing needs, mitigate, and prevent the spread of COVID-19 among employees and County facilities. The County has leveraged 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 under this category 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: \$6,000,000 Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services Managing Department: Department of Public Health Existing or New Program: Completed.

## Project Overview

The County experienced the largest surge of COVID-19 cases during January 2022, which was greater than any other month since the beginning of the 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 earmarked \$10 million as a contingency to assist local hospitals address surge capacities. To date, the Board has allocated \$6,000,000 in SLFRF for three local hospitals to directly respond to the COVID-19 surge that impacted 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 Reports

**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 2022 through March 2022, SAMC increased its staffed beds capacity from 382 beds to 398 beds, an increase of 16 staffed beds. 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:** Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC) added 51 beds that were staffed by 25.6 contract agency nurses from January 2022 through March 2022. Estimated day cost per nurse totaled \$1,327. CRMC's baseline area bed capacity is 673 and staffed by 517 travel nurses from January 2022 through March 2022. Occupancy rate for the expanded capacity during the billing period was 53.4%. Total register nurse staffing cost utilized during in the expanded area totaled: \$2,385,808.

**Clovis Community Medical Center:** Clovis Community Medical Center (CCMC) added 53 beds that were staffed by 24.8 contract agency nurses. Estimated day cost per nurse totaled \$1,327. CCMC's baseline area bed capacity 208 and staffed by 213 travel nurses from January 2022 through March 2022. Occupancy rate for the expanded capacity during the billing period was 46.2%. Total register nurse staffing cost utilized during in the expanded area totaled: \$2,067,346.



# 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 Website: <u>https://www.northcentralfire.org/</u> Existing or New Program: Completed. 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 it its response to COVID-19 related medical emergencies. The County reimbursed Fresno CFRD 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.

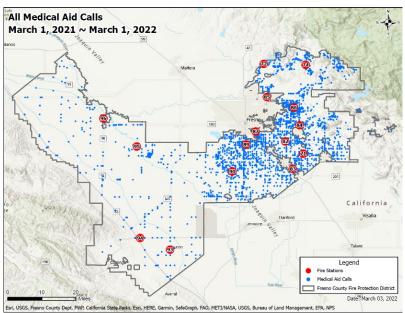


Figure 11 - Fresno CFPD Medical Aid Request, March 2021-2022.



# 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 Website: <u>https://www.fresnocountyfire.org/</u> Existing or New Program: Completed

#### 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 10 shows all medical aid calls to North CFPD from March 3, 2021, to March 1, 2022.

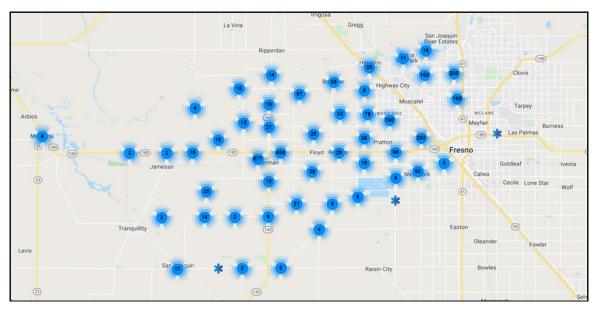


Figure 12 - North CFPD Medical Aid Request, March 2021-2022.



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

Funding Amount: \$6,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses Managing Department: Internal Services Department Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$616,300.91 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, 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 public facilities.

# Performance Report

Due to the complexities of each HVAC system and its requirements, completion dates for each building improvement will occur as soon as June 2023 and no later than the end of May 2024. As of April 11, 2023, \$616,300.91 has been spent thus far for chiller, cooling tower rebuild, HVAC and air handler replacements. The \$6 million allocation has been earmarked for a total of ten (10) public facilities: Facility Services Headquarters, Fresno County Sanger Library, Hall of Records Plaza, Brik/Mercer, Fleet Services, and Building No. 420.

Additional funding in the amount of \$3.5 million is needed in order to replace the HVAC systems to the following buildings proposed in the original request: Juvenile Justice Campus and the following County public library locations: Auberry, Kerman, San Joaquin, Bear Mountain, Laton Library, Sanger, Betty Rodriguez, Mendota, Selma, Easton, Orange Cove, Tranquility, Fowler, Parlier, and Woodward Park. In future reports, ISD intends to provide additional information including 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 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses Managing Department: Internal Services Department Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$0 In a Qualified Census Tract

#### Project Overview

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, which 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 pandemic 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 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

The County Department of Public Health is located at the Brix/Mercer Building in downtown Fresno. The current generator was originally installed in 1984 and is well past its useful lifetime and has become too costly to repair and maintain. Contractors have been contacted for a quote which are due back by the end of April 2023. Based on previous similar replacement projects, it is estimated this project will use all \$1,100,000.00 with an anticipated completion date of May 2024.



## 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 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses Managing Department: Internal Services Department Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$5,752 Serves Qualified Census Tracts

#### Project Overview

This project will allow ISD to purchase and install radio towers and associated equipment at the Reedley and Tranquillity 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, including 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

ISD represents that the engineering consultant for the project has been selected and is currently working on the plans, specifications, and estimate for the construction of the project. Anticipated completion date of construction for the Reedley location is scheduled for June 2024 and the Tranquillity Tower is scheduled for September 2024. ISD anticipates receiving preliminary cost estimates by the Winter of 2023. As of April 11, 2023, a total of \$5,752 has been spent to secure the engineering consultant from the department's budget, pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.



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

Funding Amount: \$7,900,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$7,866,969 Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses Managing Department: Internal Services Department Existing or New Program: Complete Serves Qualified Census Tracts

#### Project Overview

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 to reduce the spread of COVID-19. 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. Treasury provided an expansive list of enumerated eligible uses to mitigate and prevent COVID-19, including "other public health responses." The public health emergency had a negative public health impact on the employees to telework and responded to the negative public health impact of the COVID-19 before vaccines were widely available because this equipment allowed County staff to maintain continuity in delivering 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.

	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
Total	15,400	Sub-Total	\$7,316,408
		Taxes	\$514,181
		Environmental Fees	\$36,380
		Program Grand Total	\$7,866,969

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## 9. Poverello House Kitchen Renovations, Homelessness Initiative 3

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services Managing Department: County Administrative Office Website: <u>https://poverellohouse.org/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$505,059 Estimated Start Date: Summer 2023 Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2024

#### Project Overview

SLFRF provided under an agreement will provide funding assistance for kitchen renovations intended to increase daily meal production consisting of the following expenditures: general improvement requirements, planning, site work, concrete and masonry works, new foundation, plumbing improvements, purchase of materials, doors and windows, finishing items, specialty items, equipment, mechanical and electrical improvements in support of a new culinary services facility designed to provide workforce training, increase capacity for the next three decades, and will benefit individuals experiencing food insecurity or homelessness in the County. The Poverello House (Poverello) is a nonprofit that provides relief to the most vulnerable populations, including food, clothing, shelter, and medical attention. Poverello owns a small commercial kitchen headquartered in downtown Fresno, at 412 F Street, Fresno, CA 93706, that has served thousands of meals through three of its programs: 1) Onsite meals, provides free hot meals three times daily during breakfast, lunch, and dinner hours; 2) Offsite meals, hot meals that are delivered to various partner agencies consisting of emergency shelters, nonprofits, and neighborhoods within disadvantaged areas; and 3) Emergency Food Bags program, provides emergency food bags to clients upon request. Poverello is identified in Qualified Census Tract 06019000300, which had a reported population of 3,755 people, a MHI of \$38,167, and a poverty percentage of 48%, according to the five-year reports prepared by the U.S. Census, ACS estimates for the five-years 2017 through 2021.

In 2020-21, while many social service programs were closed due to COVID-19, Poverello represents that its commercial kitchen remained open and continued providing daily meals in the community. Poverello represents that the pandemic exacerbated the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in the past three years. Based on the 2020 Annual Point in Time Count (APTC), a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January, in 2020 there were 3,251 people in the County experiencing homelessness, while the 2022 APTC identified 3,938 people experiencing homelessness.

#### Performance Report

From 2022-22, demand for meals increased by approximately 200-300 daily meals. Poverello anticipates that by the end of 2023, approximately 5,500 daily meals will be needed to adequately meet the community demand and help individuals impacted by the pandemic. To date, the Poverello House project has been progressing rapidly with two drawdown requests totaling 89.4% of expendable funds for the project. The specific milestones that have been met are the completion of demolition, underground plumbing has been completed and inspected, a concrete foundation has been poured, wall framing has begun, and kitchen equipment has been ordered. The Subrecipient intends to provide additional information in future reports.



## 10. County Integrated Data Sharing System, Department of Public Health

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Public Health, Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses Managing Department: Department of Public Health Existing or New Program: New Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: February 2023 Estimated Completion Date: January 2025

#### Project Overview

The Final Rule specified that recipients may make various eligible capital expenditures, including establishing or enhancing public health data systems that support responses to the public health emergency, that may also provide benefits for other uses and long-term capacity of public health departments and systems.

The Integrated Data Sharing System (IDSS) project will assist County departments who are contributing data to coordinate more efficiently and improve delivery of resources in the County. Specifically, departments will be able to coordinate medical, mental health, and social services to avoid redundancies and duplication of services by County staff or County contracted services (e.g., community-based organizations). Further development of the IDSS will assist with coordination between appropriate County departments during a pandemic, epidemic, or high-risk event. For example, during the COVID-19 response, it was imperative to ensure first responders were well informed before providing aid to COVID-19 positive patients or individuals believed to be infected by COVID-19, to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and ensure appropriate protocols were followed in custody, during temporary detainment, and to determine if there was a possible exposure to COVID-19. This process was initially managed through spreadsheets and by phone calls, which were inefficient when communicating in situations that required real-time access to data for first responders to serve clients.

SLFRF will fund Phase I implementation which consists of the development of the necessary Master Agreement(s) (including confidentiality, financial, and governance provisions), consultant costs for project management, Request For Proposal (RFP) development, and legal support, and will support a significant financial portion of the information technology (IT) backbone to achieve a minimal viable product. The Department plans to pursue other funding sources to bring a total project budget to at least \$10 to \$15 million. In addition, the Department plans to partner with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) to establish the foundation of the IT backbone. FCSS would take the lead in supporting the Community Information Exchange component of the County IDSS that would support schools and contracted CBOs. The IT backbone will enable the various stakeholders to determine more easily which common clients are being provided service by not just County staff, but also by County-contracted CBOs, will streamline potential redundancies, and will result in improved coordination of care for County residents.

#### Performance Report

The Department has coordinated two internal meetings to discuss what this system would look like. The Department is working with County Counsel to develop a master agreement and to evaluate the hiring of a legal expert through end of 2023.



### 11. Rebuilding Brix/Mercer Basement, Department of Public Health

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services Managing Department: Department of Public Health Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: September 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2023

#### Project Overview

Funds allocated to this project will fund improvements to the Department's main facility's basement area. In 2018, the Department experienced a flood that destroyed the basement of the building. A previous flood occurred in 2016 that destroyed 70% of the Public Health Laboratory. The County relocated the public health laboratory to an offsite County-owned building after the second flood in 2018. The relocated public health laboratory is now fully rebuilt, and the basement area is still pending construction until the settlement with the insurance company is finalized.

Negotiations with the insurance company are moving forward and are not resulting in a full-cost reimbursement to the Department for rebuilding the laboratory and basement area. This project will assist the Department to ensure that funding is available to fully cover the costs for the basement, contingent upon the final settlement with the insurance company. The Department's newly redesigned basement will support the development of the County workforce in all service areas of the Department with training space and conference rooms. The design will include additional storage for Department programs, while still having the capacity for storing large assets, or larger inventory to respond accordingly during an epidemic or another pandemic. The basement has been utilized to store COVID testing kits for quick distribution to local medical providers, community-based organizations, and businesses. This has increased COVID testing capacity by having a test cache available to our local partners.

The County's COVID-19 response highlighted the importance of adequate space for both expanding safe space for the workforce as well as the need for adequate space for emergency response items received through the Department's OES, and Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC). Additionally, these areas will be shared with departments, CBOs, and the community to conduct community meetings, health education forums, and health trainings. Like other eligible uses of SLFRF funds in this category, investments to improve the Brix / Mercer Facility ensures that the department is able to continue to provide essential services as the pandemic continues.

#### Performance Report

Initial process of basement review and rebuild is being finalized by Job Order Contracting (JOC) Contractor. The initial estimate is this money will be used to repair and upgrade HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and fulfill tele data needs in Brix-Mercer Basement to accommodate for a future phase of build-out. The Department is awaiting final proposal from JOC Contractor.



## 12. Repairing Brix/Mercer Roof, Department of Public Health

Funding Amount: \$225,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services Managing Department: Department of Public Health Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$225,000 Estimated Start Date: September 2022 Estimated Completion Date: Spring of 2024

#### Project Overview

The funds allocated to this project will allow the Department to fund repairs and reroofing at the Department of Public Health's headquarters, Brix / Mercer Facility. During the winter seasons, the facility requires routine roofing crack or hole repairs to stop water leaks from entering the building. Portions of the roof are estimated to be over 50 years old and are in dire need of replacement. Replacement of the roof will address capital investment need, will allow for the continued delivery of critical public services, and protect the facility from experiencing additional water damage during the wet seasons.

The County's OES is located at the Department of Public Health Facility, and the Department of Public Health is integral to the County's public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 (roofing repairs will protect the facility from experiencing further water damage). By upgrading or replacing the roof at the Brix / Mercer Facility, the Department of Public Health will be able to continue to provide essential services as the pandemic continues and will not be hindered during the wet seasons.

#### Performance Report

Project commenced in October 2022 and anticipated to be completed by December of 2023. The total cost of this project is anticipated to exceed the \$225,000. The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$296,560 in support of the program from the department's budget, of which only \$225,000 is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.



## 13. Rural Mobile Health Program, Medical Services

Funding Amount: \$6,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services Managing Department: Department of Public Health Website: Fresno County Mobile Health - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov) Existing or New Program: New Current Period Obligation: \$58,704 Estimated Start Date: September 6, 2022 Estimated Completion Date: August 31, 2024

#### Project Overview

Funds allocated for Rural Mobile Health will assist the Department to set up a pilot program to increase access to health services in the underserved agricultural and rural communities. The goal of this project is to take healthcare services to rural areas, address health disparities, extend health education, and transition rural residents to a local clinic if they do not have a primary care provider. Prior to initiating the program, Department staff met with several partners that participated in the COVID-19 Food and Ag Initiative, which included local farmers and several CBOs. Some of these partners had also requested ARPA funding from the various sources for a rural mobile health program. The Department's preliminary design consists of two primary healthcare options that are planned to be delivered and provided through contracts with established mobile health clinics.

The first option will be made available upon request to rural communities or agricultural employers that would like to host the mobile clinic events at their location every 6 to 12 months. The first option has been designed to provide patients with the following basic screenings: glucose, blood pressure, COVID-19 testing/vaccination and routine immunizations, and counseling for chronic disease prevention and management.

The second option offers more extensive medical services, with an emphasis on preventive screenings and healthcare. The second option will be made available upon request to rural communities or agricultural employers that would like to host the mobile clinic events at their location every month for the duration of the contract term. The second option would provide the screenings included in option one and will also include additional laboratory services, medication management if indicated, and emergency prescription refills for certain medical diseases. Frequency and type of services will be evaluated throughout the project to address community needs and maximizing of funding resources.

The Department will extend the invitation to local agriculture businesses that previously hosted COVID-19 vaccine clinics at their workplace to be a clinic site location for this program. Other agricultural and rural locations will be selected based on the following criteria: the absence of a nearby medical clinic, within Health Places Index (HPI) Quartile 1, and/or alignment with other organizations conducting similar work in the rural areas of the County. The Department may adjust the location criteria based on participation from partners to expand into other underserved areas.

Final Rule, the Treasury has determined several enumerated uses for SLFRF including programs that address health disparities within impacted communities and increase access to health and



social services, in order to promote and reach health equity. Given that many rural communities do not have access to high-quality healthcare services at close proximity, this project will close the distance gap and increase access to healthcare services in an effort to address health disparities and increase access to health and social services.

#### Performance Report

In FY 2022-2023, County executed two contractor agreements for the Rural Mobile Health (RMH) program to provide health screenings, immunizations, and linkage for patients to primary care clinics in the County's rural areas. One with Saint Agnes Medical Center and one with The Regents of the University of California, San Francisco. The first RMH clinic was piloted in February 2023 and clinics have been scheduled as requests are received from local partners and agricultural businesses. In future reports, the County intends to provide service level data including but not limited to vaccinations, screenings, treatments, and referrals. The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$58,704 in support of this program from the department's budget which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.



## 14. Fitness Zones for Youth housed at Juvenile Justice Campus, Probation

Funding Amount: \$279,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings, adaption to a youth detention facility to mitigate impacts of COVID-19 Managing Department: Probation Department Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$86,332 Estimated Start Date: June 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

#### Project Overview

SLFRF allocated for this project will fund the installation of outdoor fitness zones and improvements to recreational areas at the JJC located at 3333 East American Avenue, Fresno, Ca 93725. During the pandemic, youth engage in outdoor recreational activities primarily in the grassy areas (fields) within the JJC. The Fitness Zones project consists of purchasing fitness equipment that is designed for circuit type training that will allow the youth to perform both strength and cardio workouts at the JJC. The fitness equipment may include but is not limited to 10 different zones as follows: push up bars, bench dip, latissimus dorsi pull down machine, chest press machine, hand cycle machine, leg press machine, recumbent cycle, chin-up station, cardio walker machine, and a balance board station. The fitness equipment will be mounted into the ground and will allow for circuit style training courses. Providing these youth access to fitness equipment and outdoor recreation space at the JJC will provide an additional outdoor exercise opportunity for these youth.

Improvements to these recreational areas will also include eliminating gopher holes, installing new grass, and leveling out the field, in order to enable youth at the JJC to more safely engage in recreational activities, and reduce risk of potential injury. The Final Rule recognize that certain populations have experienced disproportionate health impacts during the pandemic, including disparities in public health outcomes in people who are low-income and in communities of color. The demographics of the youth located at the JJC are as follows: 28% Black, 1% Filipino, 63% Hispanic/Latin/Mexican, 2% Asian, and 6% White, with most, if not all, from families falling below the poverty line. At home, these youth and their family members often do not have access to health and fitness services, exercise equipment, or parks for extracurricular activities. This project qualifies as an eligible use of SLFRF under the COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention subcategory in the Public Health Impacts category. This is an adaptation to a congregate living facility, which will provide these incarcerated youth an opportunity to support healthy habits that are conducive to mental and physical wellness, thereby preventing the transmission of COVID-19, and mitigating the impacts of COVID-19.

#### Performance Report

In 2022-2023, the Probation has been collaborating with ISD-Facilities to initiate the procurement process. Facilities has secured a vendor for the purchase of the fitness equipment and the grass renovation project. Probation has incurred expenditures totaling \$86,332 in support of the program from the department's budget which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program. In future reports, Probation intends to provide a detailed project status report.



## 15. Marjaree Mason Center, Construction of a Community Resource Center

Funding Amount: \$4,700,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.11 Community Violence Interventions Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://mmcenter.org/</u> Existing or New Program: New Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: May 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

#### Project Overview

SLFRF to Marjaree Mason Center will help fund capital expenditures to renovate and make prompt adaptation improvements to an existing building that will become a future Community Resource Center. Specifically, SLFRF will fund the costs to make interior repairs and improvements, roofing repairs, purchase materials, plumbing, fire protection, and electrical work at an existing 60-year-old building to address safety concerns and operational conditions, will improve usefulness, and will prolong the life of the building that will become a future Community Resource Center.

Marjaree Mason Center provides critical domestic violence services, including, but not limited to education and training, individual and group counseling, legal advocacy and supporting resources, emergency 24/7 safe-housing in the County for adults and children affected by domestic violence. In the past five years, the Marjaree Mason Center represents that it has experienced a 36% increase in demand to provide aid to victims of domestic violence in Fresno County. Marjaree Mason Center is the only recognized nonprofit organization in the County that meets the 14 Core Standards for Domestic Violence Support Services as listed in the California Penal Code.

Overall, the Community Resource Center is planned to be a site where victims of domestic violence may access a variety of resources and services including 24/7 crises response, intake assessment, safety planning, case management, counseling, legal advocacy, referrals and placement for housing, education, training and classes, and will provide Marjaree Mason Center space to potentially help double its service capacity to meet the increasing demand for services, will be responsive the public health emergency and the negative impacts of the pandemic, and will benefit victims of domestic violence and their families by centralizing resources at one location.

#### Performance Report

Marjaree Mason Center intends to report on the status of the renovation of the Community Resource Center. This will include providing status updates on the timeline, items currently in progress, notification when an item has been completed, updates on the physical renovation of the structure and updates on current move-in date and official opening.



## 16. Community Medical Centers, Medical Equipment

Funding Amount: \$2,720,670 Funding Expended to Date: \$300,660 Project Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (Medical Equipment) Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://www.communitymedical.org/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$300,660.93 Estimated Start Date: January 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

#### Project Overview

Fresno Community Hospital and Medical Center (CMC), a nonprofit, is the Central San Joaquin Valley's largest healthcare provider which has served and continues to serve as the region's safety-net hospital, caring for every patient that walks through its doors, and has kept its hospital and intensive care unit (ICU) beds available to care for the region's patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 and seek emergency medical attention. CMC represents that in 2021, it received over 110,000 emergency visits, of which over 8,500 of those visits were COVID-19 inpatient and outpatients.

SLFRF provided to CMC will fund the purchase of six adult Stryker beds for CMC's ICU to be used for treatment and mitigation of COVID-19 at the Community Regional Medical Center, Fresno; and the purchase of a Computed Tomography (CT) scanner and associated installation and adaptation costs to replace the aging CT scanner, used to diagnose COVID-19 complications, at the Clovis Community Medical Center. CMC represents that a new CT scanner is used to provide quick imaging to identify disease or injury within various regions of the body, diagnose pulmonary embolism, various types of heart disease or lung abnormalities, and diagnose potential COVID-19 complication for patients. The program is anticipated to benefit Central San Joaquin Valley residents, in particular individual seeking medical attention at either the Community Regional Medical Center, Fresno or Clovis Community Medical Center locations.

#### Performance Report

As of June 2023, six adult Stryker beds for CMC's ICU have been purchased for the Community Regional Medical Center, Fresno. CMC represents that the CT scanner program is undergoing preliminary planning for installation and associated adaption costs.



## 17. Twilight Haven, Maintain Staffing Ratios, Senior Care Facility

Funding Amount: \$500,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$52,898 Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://twilighthaven.com/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$52,898.82 Estimated Start Date: December 2022 Estimated Completion Date: March 2024

#### Project Overview

For over 65 years, Twilight Haven represents that it has provided affordable independent senior housing, assisted living apartment units, and housing with onsite skilled nursing services for individuals over the age of 58 in Fresno County. Twilight Haven represents that its assisted living apartment units annually provide housing for 80 to 85 senior residents who are generally independent, but who need supportive services such as daily meals, dressing, bathing, supervised medications, housekeeping assistance, transportation assistance, health care assistance, and social interaction with others that is not otherwise provided at home.

Twilight Haven represents that its services have been negatively impacted by the pandemic due to required closures to comply with the emergency public health orders to contain the spread of COVID-19 in its facility and among its senior residents, a high-risk population for COVID-19 hospitalizations and death, which subsequently impacted its senior residents' physical and mental health, and increased the responsibility on its caregiving skilled nursing personnel: licensed vocational nurses, certified nursing assistants, medical technicians, caregivers, and registered nurses. From January 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022, Twilight Haven represents that it experienced employee shortages, increased vacancy rates, and an uptick in abrupt employee resignations from its skilled nurses due to higher paying wages at other facilities compounded by the challenges of recruiting individuals willing to care for a vulnerable population in a high-risk facility for COVID-19 outbreaks, infection, and transmissions.

SLFRF provided under Agreement will respond to the negative public health impacts experienced by Twilight Haven's senior residents and its services by providing one-time funds to help Twilight Haven advertise and retain five new employees, provide a wage increase not to exceed \$4.00 per hour for hours worked by each its 55 employees in its skilled nursing program, and increase its census by 10 new admits for the term of this Agreement.

#### Performance Report

As of April 2023, Twilight Haven represents that its Skilled Nursing Program is fully staffed by both certified nursing assistance, and nursing staff. To date, Twilight Haven represents that 42 employees have received an increase pay of \$3.00 per hour for hours worked. Updates on the program will be provided in future reports.



## 18. Valley Caregiver Resources Center, OASIS Program, Adult Care (Alzheimer's)

Funding Amount: \$451,071 Funding Expended to Date: \$95,677 Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://valleycrc.org/caregiver-resources/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$116,601.76 (2023 Q1) Estimated Start Date: January 1, 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 31, 2023

#### Project Overview

For over 16 years, Valley Caregiver Resources Center (VCRC) represents that its OASIS program has served hundreds of patients, primarily adults over the age of 62, living on a set income or are low-income earners dealing with the challenges of aging and minor signs of Alzheimer's Disease or other dementia or brain impairments in the County. The OASIS program provides professional supervised daycare, daily social interaction activities with others, and a support group for families and their loved ones to find a sense of purpose to life while dealing with the challenges of aging. VCRC represents that its OASIS program annually serves between 55 to 60 senior patients that come from various areas in the County and greater Central Valley, including areas that are considered disadvantaged communities that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. VCRC represents that its OASIS program has been negatively impacted by the pandemic due to required closures to comply with the emergency public health orders to contain the spread of COVID-19 among its senior patients, a high-risk population for COVID-19 hospitalizations and death.

SLFRF provided under Agreement will address the negative public health impacts of the pandemic on brain-impaired adults and the elderly dealing with the challenges of aging and minor signs of Alzheimer's Disease, other dementia, and brain impairments, as well as their families and caregivers. SLFRF will provide a one-year funding source to help VCRC reinstate, support, and preserve the OASIS program to welcome back patients and increase its patient participation number to the maximum capacity allowed by Community Care Licensing, by funding personnel salaries and benefits and the OASIS program's operational expenditures for calendar years 2022-2023, which will benefit brain impaired adults and the elderly dealing with the challenges of aging and minor signs of Alzheimer's Disease, as well as their families and caregivers, who were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Performance Report

Updates for this program will be provided in future reports.



## 19. Easter Seals Central California - Negative Economic Impact of COVID-19

Funding Amount: \$200,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.14 Other Public Health Services Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: https://www.easterseals.com/centralcal/connect-locally/service-centerlocations/easterseals-central-california-fresno.html Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$69,282.82 Estimated Start Date: 2022 Estimated Completion Date: 2024

#### Project Overview

For over 40 years, ESCC represents that it has served thousands of patients in the County and their families with innovative services, early intervention, education, outreach, and advocacy for children, youth, and adults living with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other disabilities, or have special needs so they may actively live, learn, work and play in the community.

ESCC represents that over 86% of its patients live in poverty, are single-income households, are primarily Hispanic, Black or Southeast Asian, and reside in areas in the County that are identified in QCTs. ESCC represents that it annually serves approximately 400 patients and their families with critical services consisting of traumatic brain injury epilepsy group therapy, early intervention services for toddlers as young as 18 months old, family navigation and advocacy support, and behavior therapy, with a team consisting of early childhood specialists and intervention assistants, behavior therapists, speech therapists, and educational aids, who provide routine-based interventions, consultations, and advocacy for patients living with ASD or other disabilities.

ESCC represents that its services have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to required closures to comply with the emergency public health orders to contain the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to decreased revenue as a result of in-person appointment cancellations, reduced staffing levels due to sickness/COVID-19 leave time, less billable hours while staff responsibility has increased to meet patients' needs.

SLFRF provided under Agreement will address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic on early care and learning services, and to respond to behavioral health challenges exacerbated by the public health emergency. SLFRF will help bolster, support and preserve ESCC's services by providing SLFRF to help fund operational expenses to resume maximum patient caseload, augment staff training, personnel salaries and benefits, and community outreach expenditures for two calendar years, which will benefit patients and their families who need early learning services, therapies, consultations, wrap-around services which were impacted by the pandemic.

#### Performance Report

Updates for this program will be provided in future reports.



### 20. San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority - Reimbursement of COVID-19 Medical Expenses

Funding Amount: \$2,426,734 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.6 Medical Expenses Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://www2.co.fresno.ca.us/1010/sjvia/default.asp</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$2,426,734 Estimated Start Date: 2022 Estimated Completion Date: 2023

#### Project Overview

SJVIA is a joint powers authority (JPA) formed by the County of Fresno and the County of Tulare for the purpose of achieving greater purchasing power for health insurance volume purchasing and reducing administrative costs for covered employees. SJVIA operates the County's self-funded health insurance plan program ("County Insurance Plan").

SVJVIA represents that it was negatively impacted by the pandemic due to increase and excess medical expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of employees and their families seeking more frequent medical care to diagnose or treat COVID-19 infection. SLFRF provided under Agreement will help SJVIA to reimburse excess medical expenses incurred by SJVIA related to medical care and services to address the near-term and potential long-term impacts of the COVID-19 virus, which services were provided directly to County employees and their family members covered by their self-funded health insurance program for the period of March 3, 2021, through February 28, 2022.

The Final Rule clarifies that when providing COVID-19 prevention and mitigation services, recipients can identify the impacted population as the general public.

#### Performance Report

As of July 2023, SJVIA has submitted a reimbursement request to be reimbursed from the ARPA Program. Processing the claim is underway and pending the entity securing a UEI number and verification of employees benefitting from this program. Updates will be provided for this program in future reports.



## 21. Fresh Start Youth Center DBA Mollie's House, Program for victims of trafficking

Funding Amount: \$180,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 1.12 Mental Health Services Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://www.mollieshouse.org/programs</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$27,000 (2023 Q1) Estimated Start Date: 2022 Estimated Completion Date: 2024

#### Project Overview

Mollie's House is a nonprofit organization that provides essential services, such as emergency housing, therapeutic and mental health services, academic support, and case management to young girls ages 11-17 who are victims of crimes or human trafficking through its Empowering Silent Voices (ESV) program. Since Mollie's House's clients are generally waiting to be placed in the legal custody of the State, and are not yet wards of the State Court, Mollie's House also provides medical care for rescued victims.

Mollie's House provides victim assessments resulting in individual service/treatment plans that include therapeutic techniques, such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Eye-Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Psychotherapy, and Equine Therapy. Services are provided at Mollies House's short term residential therapeutic program (STRTP), which provides housing to persons served for three months to a year, or through their Emergency Housing Program, which provides transitional housing for up to thirty days. Mollie's House aims to serve 60 girls within a project year.

SLFRF will provide funding assistance to help Mollie's House fund operational expenses for the implementation of the ESV program, consisting of expenditures related to personnel salaries and benefits, medical services, mental health services, supplies, insurance, facilities, and professional fees. SLFRF for this program is intended to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn by providing funding assistance to the Mollie's House.

#### Performance Report

During the current reporting period, Mollie's House represents that six inpatient residential clients were served with housing, mental health services, and academic support. Mollie's House represents that 32 clients ages 12-17 were served through outpatient resources.



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

#### 22. Rural Outreach Services, Homelessness Initiative 1

Funding Amount: \$1,020,814 Funding Expended to Date: \$88,371 Project Expenditure Category: 2.19 Social Determinants of Health: Benefits Navigators Managing Department: Department of Behavioral Health Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: Estimated Start Date: FY 2022-2023

#### Project Overview

Under the Homelessness Initiatives, 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, 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 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 COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected areas of public health, including mental health. In January 2021, over 40% of American adults reported symptoms of depression or anxiety, up from 11% in the first half of 2019. The County Administrative Office will oversee the Program in collaboration with the Department of 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. The funding, which has currently been expended was done so through the oversight of the program in a Department of Behavioral Health reimbursement claim in FY 21-22. Furthermore, due to deadlines from other funding sources, The Kings View PATH project is being funded by those other sources and ARPA funding will likely begin in FY 24-25.



## 23. Crossroads Village Affordable Housing Conversion, Homeless Initiative 2

Funding Amount: \$2,050,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$2,050,000 Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing Managing Department: Department of Social Services / Subrecipient Website: <u>https://www.upholdings.net/crossroadsvillage</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$2,050,000 Estimated Start Date: FY 2022-23

#### Project Overview

SLFRF provides 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 affordable residential units. The development site is located at 3737 North Blackstone Avenue in Fresno, California. The Project will serve households that 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. 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. SLFRF provided to the subrecipient, UPholdings California, LLC, will provide funding assistance for the construction cost.

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

Crossroads Village consists of rehabilitation and conversion of 165 interim housing units (130 studios and 35 1-bedrooms) into 141 affordable housing units (51 studios, 43 1-bedrooms, 39 2-bedrooms, and 8 3-bedrooms), plus 2 manager units. The rehabilitation will move partition walls between units to allow for larger units and a variety of unit types. Common areas, such as the existing lobby, will be modified and expanded to allow for resident services spaces such as counseling and a community room. Exterior work includes adding a playground, dog run, basketball courts, picnic tables, and barbecue areas for the residents to enjoy. Construction began June 2023 and is anticipated to last 15-18 months. To date, total SLFRF expenditures for this project are \$2,020,213.24 in pre-development costs. These funds have been requested by the Subrecipient and are being processed by the CAO and Auditor for payment.



### 24. Alternative Dwelling Units Project, Homeless Initiative 4

Funding Amount: <u>PENDING FORMAL ALLOCATION</u> \$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: Department of Social Services Existing or New Program: Pending Formal Allocation Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: Pending Formal Allocation Estimated Completion Date: Pending Formal Allocation

#### Project Overview

The Fresno 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 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.

Homeless Initiative 4 received an initial earmark for the Fresno Mission to develop longer-term housing for women and families transitioning out of emergency or transitional shelter programs. As of the preparation of this report, the Fresno Mission is assessing whether the initial scope of work of using SLFRF to fund a portion of the cost to purchase 64 prefabricated units to be used as dwelling units for women and families will gain support from the City of Fresno. Currently, Fresno Mission represents that the city has not expressed support to move this initiative forward.

An alternative use of SLFRF being considered by Fresno Mission to instead use SLFRF to provide partial assistance for the construction of a four-story residential structure in the City of Fresno that will provide emergency and transitional housing to families, single women, and vulnerable youth. The new program is anticipated to construct 73 units ranging in size from 200 square feet to over 600 square feet that can hold families as large as 10. The proposed structure is located in Fresno Mission's City Center Campus, which will be a shared campus bringing together more than 20 different non-profits, schools, and ministries to focus on helping families who are in crisis. The campus will include a charter school for homeless and foster youth, a free grocery store, daycare, a medical clinic, mental health clinic, soccer park, dining facilities and more.

#### Performance Report

An agreement is being negotiated for these funds with an anticipated completion date of July 2023. An agreement to request consideration for the allocation of \$2,429,186 is SLFRF is scheduled to go to the Board by mid late 2023.



## 25. Rural Mobile Health - Medical System Navigation and Linkage with CBOs

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.19 Social Determinants of Health: Benefits Navigators Managing Department: Department of Public Health Existing or New Program: New Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: September 2022 Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

#### Project Overview

The funds allocated to this project will allow the Department to continue contracts with communitybased organizations to implement the community health worker (CHW) interventions to residents in the County. CHWs will strategically target health burdened zip codes to address social determinants of health (SDoH) and advance equity in underserved and disproportionately affected populations. Intervention activities include recruiting, training, and deploying CHWs to provide outreach, education, care coordination, and screening, with an emphasis placed on Healthy People 2030 focus areas. CHW trainings will include subjects such as: health equity, emergency preparedness, chronic disease, communicable disease, as well as other trainings as needed. CHW activities will include the following:

- Screen, provide education, address SDoH and COVID-19 related disparities, chronic disease management and prevention, and provide appropriate community linkages to wrap around services,
- Address cultural, linguistic, and literacy needs of the identified target population within Fresno County,
- Use appropriate screening or assessment tools to determine barriers of individual community members,
- Provide linkages and referrals to services based on identified needs,
- Develop a care plan, when appropriate, to address identified barriers of the client,
- Provide appropriate level of care coordination to ensure care plan goals are met.

All data (assessments, follow up, material distribution, etc.) will be entered and tracked in a designated data management system as determined by the Department. In the Final Rule, the Treasury determined a program that is provided to a disproportionally impacted community, including services to address health disparities, is an enumerated Eligible Use of SLFRF. This program provides community outreach and technical support in health-related issues that will address health disparities and increase access to health and social services in disproportionately impacted rural areas, which currently may not have access to high-quality healthcare services at close proximity.

#### Performance Report

ARPA funded implementation will begin August 2024 through December 2024 with the possibility of an extension dependent on available funds. In future reports, the Department intends to provide detailed scope of work deliverables including successes, data reports, and project status.



## 26. Foster Youth Programs, Court Appointed Special Advocated of Fresno and Madera Counties

Funding Amount: \$250,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.13 Services for Foster Youth/Families in Child Welfare System Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://www.casafresnomadera.org/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: FY 2022-23

#### Project Overview

For over 25 years, the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Fresno and Madera Counties (CASA) has trained and supervised community volunteers that advocate and represent the best interest of children including, but not limited, to victims of crimes, abuse, neglect, abandonment, or to help children and youth that become dependents of child welfare or the Fresno County Superior Court systems. During the pandemic, CASA represents that there has been an increase in court cases, longer waiting periods, and increased demand to help at-risk foster youth experiencing social emotional distress, anxiety, stress from the uncertainty, and to assist youth experiencing academic challenges with distance learning. CASA represents that in partnership with the Department of Social Services, it endeavors to improve delays in social service delivery, in particular emergency placement of youth by providing an advocate supervisor that will seek timely placements of youth when initially removed from their home.

SLFRF provided under an Agreement will address the negative impacts of the pandemic on child welfare, will provide funding assistance to help fund operational expenses for the implementation of the CASA's mission to recruit advocates to represent the best interest of the children and youth while they navigate the foster care system, assist to find emergency placement of foster youth, and improve employee retention, consisting of expenditures related to program administration, personnel salaries and benefits, training events, social events for foster youth, volunteer appreciation events, emergency materials and supplies for foster youth, marketing and advertisement for volunteer recruitments, transportation, and educational resources and services, which were impacted by the pandemic.

Most of CASA's clients are foster youth from the following demographics: Hispanic (62%), Black (16%), and White Non-Hispanic (17%) from low-income neighborhoods, youth with disabilities, and families from impoverished neighborhoods in Fresno County who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

#### Performance Report

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



## 27. Improvements to County Parks, PWP 1

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that promote Health & Safety Managing Department: Department of Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$18,324 Estimated Start Date: January 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

#### Project Overview

County's parks and open spaces experienced an increase in usage during the COVID-19 pandemic. The County's parks provide affordable low-cost recreational space for activities that can improve physical and mental health for all residents that have been impacted by the extended closures to indoor activities and other public health efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Improvements to parks will advance guest experience when visiting park facilities to participate in outdoor recreational activities. Improvements will take place in areas that have historically attracted large amounts of visitors, and in proximity to rural disadvantaged communities. SLFRF would fund improvements at the following five locations:

- Avocado Lake Park is a 210-acre day use park that provides outdoor recreational space, swimming, fishing, picnicking, and barbeque areas. SLFRF would fund facility improvements consisting of repairing, rehabilitating, and/or adding new group picnic areas, irrigation system repairs, shelter structures, required public accessibility improvements to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, such as restrooms, parking lot improvements, and surface road repairs throughout the park that will improve the experience for Avocado Lake visitors and make the park more accessible to the public (\$1,000,000).
- Courthouse Park provides leisure space in Downtown Fresno. Courthouse Park has a large treescape, outdoor benches, memorial monuments, and allows members of the community to host annual public events. Courthouse Park is connected to the Downtown Transit Center, Fulton Street Mall, Eaton Plaza, and the Mariposa pedestrian mall. Courthouse Park attracts thousands of daily visitors while they visit or stay in Downtown Fresno. SLFRF would fund transitioning sections of the park to drought tolerant landscaping and improving the existing irrigation systems (\$350,000).
- Lost Lake Park is a 38-acre recreation area located two miles below Friant Dam along the San Joaquin River. Lost Lake Park provides recreation facilities such as camping, softball fields, volleyball courts, hiking trails, nature study areas, kayaking, fishing, and playgrounds. SLFRF will fund the installation of new playground equipment, irrigation repairs, and required public accessibility improvements to comply with the requirements of the ADA, such as restroom improvements. parking lot improvements, and surface road repairs throughout the park facility (\$520,000).
- Skaggs Bridge Park is a 17-acre recreational area located along the San Joaquin River near the intersection of State Route 145 and the San Joaquin River waterway. Skaggs



Bridge Park provides outdoor picnic tables, barbeque areas, recreation playgrounds, and access to the river. SLFRF will fund an expansion of the parking lot and installation of perimeter fencing for the parking lot (\$500,000).

• Winton Park is a 24-acre day use park located on the Kings River and provides outdoor picnicking areas, barbeques, tables, and hiking trails. Winton Park currently has two restroom facilities for its visitors. SLFRF will fund the installation of prefabricated restrooms, new playground equipment, and make necessary improvements to comply with ADA requirements (\$630,000).

#### Performance Report

As of the first quarter in 2023, the Department represents that topographic surveys started January 2023 and three (Avocado, Lost Lake, and Winton) of the five locations have been completed. Environmental review has been initiated with an anticipated completion date of April 2023. A categorical exemption is anticipated. The target date to complete 30% Design is July 2023, for 60% Design is scheduled for September 2023, and the target for 90% Design is October 2023.

The Department anticipates that the project will be advertised in November 2023 and award in January 2024. With the long lead time (six to nine months) to order park equipment (picnic shelters, restrooms, tables, etc.) and a four-month window for construction the project is anticipated to be completed by September 30, 2024. The Courthouse Park improvements will proceed independently. The final scoping of the project is pending the outcome of the final structural evaluation of the Courthouse parking garage. A delivery schedule will be provided at the next update.

The following descriptions highlight department expenditures to date and what has accomplished:

- Avocado Lake Park improvements: \$2,703 was expended to accomplish preconstruction surveying and engineering preparations.
- Courthouse Park Improvements: \$72 were expended to conduct a project funding analysis.
- Lost Lake Park improvements: \$5,677 were expended to accomplish a project budget and funding analysis and the cost of engineering preparations for the project. A preconstruction survey was conducted and completed by consultants.
- Skaggs Bridge Park improvements: \$5,095 were expended for project budget and funding analysis as well as engineering preparations. Pre-construction surveying was also conducted.
- Winton Park improvements: \$4,777 were expended for a project budget and funding analysis and engineering preparations were worked on for the project. Pre-construction surveying was also conducted.

The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$18,324 in support of the program from the department's budget which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.



## 28. Improvements to El Porvenir Park (CSA 30), PWP Program 2

Funding Amount: \$400,000 Funding Expended to Date: Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that promote Health and Safety Managing Department: Department of Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Current Period Obligation: \$2,759 Estimated Start Date: January 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

#### Project Overview

The Community of El Porvenir is a rural disadvantaged community that receives specified public services through County Service Area (CSA) 30. SLFRF will fund the purchase of a new playground structure with a safe fall surface, ADA accessible tables, repair the existing basketball court, baseball and soccer fields, and install other ADA compliant improvements such as parking and accessibility paths. The Department conducted a community meeting and survey with El Porvenir residents to gauge the types of park improvements that they would like to see in their community. Approximately 78% of the respondents indicated that they were satisfied with the recommended park improvements. Additional desired improvements include bathrooms, additional trees, irrigation, and landscaping, but it is not anticipated that these will fit within the SLFRF current budget. The communities of El Porvenir and Cantua Creek have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed improvements will improve the safety and accessibility of the park, as well as promote physical wellness within an impacted disadvantaged community to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Performance Report

As of the first quarter in 2023, the Department represents that topographic surveys have been completed. Environmental review has been initiated with an anticipated completion date of April 2023. A categorical exemption is anticipated. The target date to complete 30% Design is July 2023, for 60% Design is scheduled for September 2023, and the target for 90% Design is October 2023.

The project is scheduled to advertise in November 2023 and award in January 2024. With the long lead time (six to nine months) to order park equipment (picnic shelters, restrooms, tables, etc.) and a four-month window for construction the project is anticipated to be completed by September 30, 2024. The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$2,759 in support of the program from the department's budget, which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.



## 29. Improvements to Tenaya Park (CSA 2), PWP Program 3

Funding Amount: \$400,000 Funding Expended to Date: Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that promote Health and Safety Managing Department: Department Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$593 Estimated Start Date: January 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

#### Project Overview

CSA 2, Tenaya Park provides recreational park service and maintenance of the park facility within the subdivision known as Tenaya Estates, located outside the City of Fresno near the intersection of Fruit Avenue and Sierra Avenue. Tenaya Park provides recreational space to nearby residents and the public at-large due to its location within an unincorporated island and in proximity to City residents. SLFRF will fund needed improvements to the electrical lighting system throughout the park to improve public safety and provide a safer environment for visitors to utilize the park facilities for extended hours. Improvements to the park will encourage residents to participate in outdoor recreational activities and promote healthy habits that are conducive to mental and physical wellness, thereby mitigating the negative impacts of the pandemic. In 2023, Department's staff met with Tenaya Estates, Inc., the entity that manages neighborhood park to assess the park need. Tenaya Estates, Inc expressed their concurrence with the proposed improvements.

#### Performance Report

As of the first quarter in 2023, the Department represents that topographic surveys have been initiated. Environmental review has been initiated with an anticipated completion date of April 2023. A categorical exemption is anticipated. An RFP will be issued to hire a qualified electrical consultant to design, procure and install the lighting system. A Board action will be required to declare the project as an energy efficiency improvement in order to allow any contract(s) to be procured under the authority of California Government Code Section 4217.10 through 4217.18. The target date to issue the RFP is July 2023, with an award in August 2023. With the long lead time (6-12 months) on electrical equipment, project completion is anticipated in September 2024. The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$593 in support of the program from the department's budget which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.



## 30. Improvements to Raisin City Park (CSA 43), PWP Program 4

Funding Amount: Funding Expended to Date: \$400,000 Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Health Communities: Neighborhood Feature that promote Health and Safety Managing Department: Department of Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Current Period Obligation: \$8,775 Estimated Start Date: January 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

#### Project Overview

The Community of Raisin City is a rural disadvantaged community that receives certain specified public services through CSA 43. CSA 43 is authorized to provide no-cost park and recreational activities to park visitors. Raisin City Park is a one-acre park located at the northwest corner of Henderson Avenue and Bowles Avenue. The park is frequently used for recreation activities, to host celebrations, and for community events. In Spring and Fall of 2022, the Department surveyed CSA 43 residents to gauge the types of improvements that they would like to see in the community park. Based on survey participant responses, the top three requested improvements include: new playground equipment, enhanced park lighting, new tables and seating areas, fencing, and removal of a non-permitted modular building placed at the park area. The proposed improvements will include as many of the community-requested improvements as the budget will allow, with the addition of ADA required parking improvements and a safe-fall surface for the new playground equipment. Improvements are anticipated to encourage visitors to participate in outdoor recreational activities and promote mental and physical wellness, thereby mitigating the negative impacts of the pandemic.

#### Performance Report

As of the first quarter in 2023, the Department represents that a non-permitted modular building has been removed from the site at no cost to the project, which will allow for inclusion of additional improvements in the project. Environmental review has been initiated with an anticipated completion date of April 2023. A categorical exemption is anticipated. The target date to complete 30% Design is July 2023, for 60% Design is scheduled for September 2023, and the target for 90% Design is October 2023. The project is scheduled to advertise in November 2023 and award in January 2024. With the long lead time (six to nine months) to order park equipment (picnic shelters, restrooms, tables, etc.) and a four-month window for construction the project is anticipated to be completed by September 30, 2024. The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$8,775 in support of the program from the department's budget which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.



## 31. National Foods Festivals Inc., 2022 National Garlic Festival and Food Expo

Funding Amount: \$201,833.00 Funding Expended to Date: \$201,833 Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to tourism, travel, and hospitality Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Complete Website: <u>https://www.nationalgarlicfestival.com/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$201,833 Estimated Start Date: May 2022 Estimated Completion Date: June 2022

#### 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 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

National Food Festivals contracted with JP Marketing and immediately went to work designing and executing a comprehensive marketing and public relations strategy to effectively promote the event and launched a multifaceted cross-platform marketing campaign. The campaign consisted of promotional videos, radio ads, billboards, bus/transit ads, Facebook & Instagram ads, inclusion in local magazines and newspapers, programmatic ads on YouTube and across the web, email campaigns, pre-roll movie theater ads, partnerships with local organizations such as the Fresno Grizzlies, and much more. The festival took place at the Fresno Fairgrounds between May 13th-15th 2022. Just over 30,000 people attended the event over the course of the weekend.





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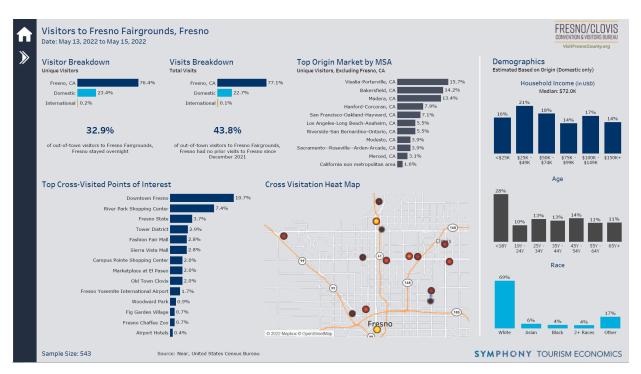
The County of Fresno awarded National Food Festivals SLFRF funds to market and promote the first annual National Garlic Festival in Fresno County. After receiving final funding approval in Late March, National Food Festivals contracted with JP Marketing and immediately went to work designing and executing a comprehensive marketing and public relations strategy to effectively promote the event. The campaign (and the festival as a whole were built with several goals and objectives in mind:

- Establish Fresno County as the Garlic Capital of the USA by informing the public about just how much garlic is grown locally.
- Address the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 to local organizations that celebrate Fresno County's rich agricultural heritage.
- Respond to the negative economic impact to the local tourism and hospitality industry.
- 4. Support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

After a great deal of strategic planning, National Food Festivals & JP Marketing launched a multifaceted cross-platform marketing campaign. The campaign consisted of: promotional videos, radio ads, billboards, bus/transit ads, Facebook & Instagram ads, inclusion in local magazines and news papers, programatic ads on YouTube and across the web, email campaigns, pre-roll movie theater ads, partnerships with local organizations such as the Fresno Grizzlies, and much more. In the month leading up to the event, the campaign was able to garner more than 10,000,000 paid impressions. We believe these impressions went an incredibly long way in establishing and promoting Fresno County as the Garlic Capital of the USA.

The Festival took place at the Fresno Fairgrounds between May 13th-15th 2022. Just over 30,000 people attended the event over the course of the weekend. Several thousand of which were healthcare workers who were admitted completely free of charge as a "thank you" to the sacrifices that were made in helping to fight the pandemic. According to a geographic analysis conducted by the Fresno Convention and Visitors Bureau, ~23% of attendees were visiting from outside of Fresno County. Our key industry advisors have shared that given the level of attendance that was achieved in its first year, the festival should expect to see 70% - 100% attendance growth each year for the next several years. It's important that the investment that the County of Fresno made in promotions for the Festival not be judged upon the year one attendance numbers by themselves; but rather as seed funding for a national event that will grow and continue to support the community for decades to come.







## 32. 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 Existing or New Program: Existing Website: <u>Calwa Recreation and Park District (specialdistrict.org)</u> Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: December 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

#### 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.

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.

#### Performance Report

As of April 2023, Calwa RPD represents that an RFP for blueprints and a contractor to manage the project has completed with bidding window set for March 31, 2023, through April 30, 2023. Calwa RPD represents that it will review proposals week of May 3, 2023, execution of consultant contract May 16, 2023; and project kick-off meeting May 22, 2023.

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



## 33. Habitat for Humanity Fresno, Inc., Riverdale Affordable Housing

Funding Amount: \$540,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$540,000 Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Serves Impacted Class: Yes Website: <u>https://www.habitatfresno.org/home</u> Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2023

#### Project Overview

Habitat for Humanity Fresno, Inc. (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 an 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. 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.

#### Performance Report

## Fresno County Facebook, Habitat Groundbreaking Ceremony in Riverdale: <u>https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1382215575626222</u>

At the end of 2022, Habitat selected all families for this project and has approval letters from the USDA for the permanent financing. The first five families have completed the HUD required first time homebuyer training, with the remaining three finishing classes this next reporting period. Out of the 8 homes, 6 have been framed by families and volunteers. Two homes, 20718 & 20720 Troutdale, have passed frame inspection, have had plumbing, rough electrical, HVAC and insulation installed, and are ready for drywall. Lathe has also been completed for these homes. 3856 Earl has had rough electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and lathe installation and is almost finished with roofing. It will be ready for frame inspection the first two weeks of January 2023. 3953 & 3941



Wilda were framed and are undergoing the installation of rough electrical, plumbing and HVAC. Roofing is scheduled for both homes in January of 2023. 3878, 3870, and 3858 Wilda have had their slabs poured with framing complete on 3878. 3858 and 3870 Wilda will be framed January 14<sup>th</sup> and February 4th. Applications for SoCal Gas and PG & E have been submitted on all homes and are awaiting trenching and hookup scheduling. Over the next quarter the final two homes will be framed and will pass frame inspection. 20718, 20720 Troutdale and 3856 Earl are expected to pass final inspection this next quarter. 3953,3941, 3878 Wilda will be completing finish trades this quarter.

At the end of December 2022, Habitat represents that it had selected the final three families for the project. The first five families have started the HUD required first time homebuyer training along with budgeting classes. Three of the eight homes have been framed and trusses have been installed. Over the next quarter these homes will have roofing installed, top out plumbing, rough electrical and HVAC complete. Two additional homes have completed grading and will have foundations poured the week of October 10th. Over the next quarter, these homes will be framed, and have roofs installed. Rough electrical and HVAC will begin along with plumbing top out. The final three homes will have grading started the week of October 10th. Over the next quarter these homes will have rough plumbing installed along with foundation pour. One home will be framed at the end of this quarter.

As of April 2023, Habitat represents that all eight families selected for the homeownership are successfully working through program requirements. All families have completed the required HUD first-time homebuyer classes and are on track to complete the 500 hours of sweat equity prior to the close of their escrow. All eight homes have been framed (passed frame inspection) and are finished with rough trades including HVAC, plumbing, and solar. Three homes, 20718 & 20720 Troutdale along with 3856 Earl are on track to have final inspection and close escrow in mid-May 2023. The utility connections have been run from the curb to the homes and we are waiting final hookup and meter sets. Solar, cabinets, and countertops have been installed and the finishing trades including painting, flooring, and flatwork are underway. Three additional homes are beginning finishing trades and are on schedule to close by June 30, 2023, pending utility hookups. Insulation, drywall and tape and texture are complete on 3953 & 3941 Wilda. Drywall is underway on 3878 Wilda. Cabinets are ordered and interior painting is scheduled to begin April 15th for 3953 & 3941 Wilda. Stucco brown coat is anticipated to start the week of April 24th for these homes. The final two homes, 3870 & 3858 Wilda, have started roofing and title 24 and insulation. Over the next quarter Habitat anticipates six out of eight homes will close escrow. The final two homes will close the following quarter or approximately August 2023. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



## 34. Habitat for Humanity Fresno Inc., Firebaugh Affordable Housing

Funding Amount: \$790,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$41,565.00 Project Expenditure Category: 2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Serves Impacted Class: Yes Website: <u>https://www.habitatfresno.org/home</u> Current Period Obligation: \$10,538.83 Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

#### Project Overview

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 seven affordable homes will be complete by December 2024.

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

#### Performance Report

In mid-2022, Habitat was in the final phases of establishing the purchase and sale agreement and closing escrow with California Community Builders on the land. A tentative tract map was created but will not be submitted to the City of Firebaugh for review until Habitat closes escrow on the land. Phase 1 environmental review was expected by October 31, 2022. Soils report complete and architect awarded contract. Habitat awarded the engineering contract LandDesign Consulting. Habitat secured permanent financing for the homebuyers through the United States Department of agriculture. Habitat met with existing homeowners in the San Joaquin Villas along with the City of Firebaugh to discuss the project and make sure Habitat is addressing existing concerns. Fidelity National Title to help with clearing title concerns and working through the dissolution of the HOA. Over the course of the next quarter Habitat expects to close escrow on the land and begin the process of dissolving the existing HOA, Once the HOA is dissolved, final map will be recorded.



At the end of 2022, Habitat represents that it closed escrow with California Community Builders on the property and started the process of transferring electrical and other HOA expenses into Habitat's name. Phase 1 environmental review and soils report are complete. Architectural plans are underway. Based on feedback from the city and residents, an updated tentative tract map has been created including additional parking places. Habitat has confirmed that it will be able to demolish the existing fire tank for additional parking. Habitat has secured permanent financing for the homebuyers through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provided the USDA with required paperwork. Fidelity National Title and California Builders Services to help with clearing title concerns and working through the dissolution of the HOA. Over the course of the next quarter Habitat expects to come to a resolution on how to proceed with the HOA and complete the required paperwork to handle the HOA. Habitat also expects to submit the updated tentative map to the City of Firebaugh for approval and begin bidding process for site improvement work related to the parking lots.

As of April 2023, Habitat represents that it successfully transferred HOA and utility expenses from California Community Builders to Habitat. First design charette was held with the construction team including, project manager, architect and engineer.

Updated tentative map including more parking spaces is now ready to submit for routing with the City of Firebaugh once the San Joaquin Villa HOA dissolution is complete. Habitat has applied for down payment assistance with the State of California for the seven families that will be served through this program. Habitat held an additional community meeting to confirm all existing residents are in agreement for the dissolution of the existing HOA and subsequent transfer of the common areas into a special lighting district within the City of Firebaugh.

All existing residents are in agreement and Habitat is currently working with the lenders of the existing residents to get appropriate approval. The USDA provides permanent financing for six families and has confirmed that it agrees with the dissolution of the HOA. Habitat has collected required USDA documentation from families that have mortgages provided by the USDA. Dissolving the HOA has taken longer than Habitat anticipated as lenders for the existing residents, other than the USDA, have been very slow to determine who will make the decision and have been slow to reply. Over the next quarter, Q2 of 2023, Habitat anticipates getting all lenders of the existing residents in the subdivision to be on board with a plan to submit the tentative map to formally dissolve the HOA. Habitat also anticipates having a rough set of drawings available for this project by end of 2023. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



# 35. ACTS Foundation, Distribution of Food, Household Goods, Economic Development, and Community Resources

Funding Amount: \$500,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$135,547.52 Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Website: <u>https://www.myactsfoundation.org/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$135,547.52 Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

#### Project Overview

ACTS Foundation (ACTS) mission is aimed at providing food, supplies, and education to the underserved communities through three key programs: the Grocery Giveaway, CityServe, and the Senior Citizens Grocery Delivery programs that provide food and supplies assistance to underserved individuals and families in Fresno County. In 2021, ACTS's Grocery Giveaways program fed over 17,394 individuals, CityServe program provided over \$130,000 worth of essential supplies ranging from toiletries, furniture, and home goods, and the Senior Citizens Grocery Delivery program delivered groceries to 5,015 senior residents in the community. ACTS represents that its service capacity has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency, as the demand for food assistance from individuals and families experiencing food insecurity has drastically increased during the course of the pandemic.

Food distributions events are held at ACTS' warehouse, 4798 North Marty Avenue, Fresno, which is located in a disadvantaged area within census tract 06019004205. According to the U.S. Census Bureau ACS 5-year reports, the census tract reported an estimated population of 6,000 residents and a median household income of \$49,283 for the surveyed period 2016 to 2020.

SLFRF provided under this Agreement will provide funding assistance to increase capacity service levels to meet the community's demand in ACTS' Grocery Giveaway, CityServe, and the Senior Citizens Grocery Delivery programs, consisting of personnel salaries and benefits, utility fees, operational and office supplies, food and bagging costs, facility security, and transport fuel expenditures for calendar years 2023 and 2024, which will benefit disadvantaged neighborhoods and populations in and near northwest City of Fresno at no cost to individuals and families in need. ACTS represents that SLFRF will assist to meet its 2022 goal to feed 36,000 individuals, including 6,000 senior residents, with the goal of increasing its numbers by 20% each year.

#### Performance Report

At the end of 2022, ACTS represents that it was able to continue to assist those in need through their Grocery Giveaways, Senior Deliveries, and City Serve. In 2022, ACTS was able to serve 16,975 individuals through grocery giveaway and its senior program served 5,146 seniors and made 2,153 deliveries. ACTS represents that it is less than 50% to complete the agreement.



## 36. Exceptional Parent Unlimited, Inc – Negative Economic Impact of COVID-19: payroll, billing services, cancellation of appointments

Funding Amount: \$300,815 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.14 Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Website: <u>https://epuchildren.org/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## Project Overview

For over 30 years, EPU represents that its Engage. Play. Inspire. Connect. (EPIC) program has served parents and family of infants and toddlers under the age of five with special needs that come from various areas in Fresno County, including areas identified in QCTs that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. The EPIC program annually serves between 500 to 550 infants and toddlers in Fresno County who have a developmental disability, are at risk for developmental delay, and who often have underlying health conditions. EPU represents that its EPIC program was negatively impacted by the COVID19 pandemic due to required closures to comply with the emergency public health orders to contain the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to decreased revenue because of in-person appointment cancellations, staff sickness/COVID-19 leave time, and increased staff turnover and burnout.

SLFRF provided under an Agreement will address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic on early learning services, and will help bolster, support and preserve the EPIC program's operation by providing funding assistance for the EPIC program. SLFRF will fund personnel salaries and benefits expenditures for calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024, which will benefit parents and families of infants and toddlers with special needs that were impacted by the pandemic.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, EPU represents that this program has four overarching goals and objectives: Restore projected revenue levels for the early intervention program: EPIC, through the billable services:

- 1) Reduce staff turnover rate by 20% by next fiscal year; and
- 2) Improve overall productivity levels by 5% compared to FY2021-2022; and
- 3) Track the number of children exiting EPIC not needing special education services at graduation (to reduce burden from special education services).

EPU represents that the following highlights shows progress made thus far: There was an increase of 9.62% in earned revenue levels compared to October-December 2022 earnings. Staff turnover, however, increased slightly by 2% this quarter (6.6%). Despite that, overall program productivity did improve (due to the implementation of the make-up sessions). At the close of the last quarter (December 31, 2022), the utilization rate was at 38% with the billable services at 852 hours. At the close of Q1 of 2023 (March 31, 2023), the billable services were at 1,125 hours with a utilization rate of 53%.



## 37. Fresno Metropolitan Ministry, Food to Share Program

Funding Amount: \$512,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Website: <u>https://www.fresnometmin.org/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$128,000 Estimated Start Date: 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## Project Overview

Fresno Metropolitan Ministry (FMM) administers an existing "Food to Share" program that facilitates the rescue of healthy edible food from schools, stores, food packers and growers that would otherwise be thrown away. FMM collects and redistributes food through an existing network for 49 churches, community-based organizations, senior and youth centers that serve low-income communities and residents experiencing high food insecurities. The "Food to Share" program benefits neighborhoods and populations in and near southwest City of Fresno, zip code 93706, an area that primarily consists of Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, and African American individuals and families, with median household incomes ranging from 32% to 39% below the poverty level. According to the U.S. Census Bureau ACS 5-year reports for years 2016 to 2020, zip code 93706 is identified as a disadvantaged area, with an estimated population of 41,534 residents and a reported average median household income of \$31,854.

SLFRF provided under an Agreement will provide funding assistance to FMM to increase capacity service levels to meet the community's demand in its existing "Food to Share" program for calendar years 2023 and 2024. FMM represents that SLFRF will assist with providing an additional 1 million pounds of food over a 24-month period to approximately 21,600 residents and provide relief to households and communities experiencing food insecurity that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is intended to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn by providing funds to assist a nonprofit organization administer its food assistance program that benefits neighborhoods that have been impacted by the pandemic in Fresno County.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, FMM represents that it achieved recovery and redistribution of 573,662 total pounds of food in 1Q 2023 – representing a 354,023-pound increase above our established 3-month benchmark baseline serving 12,391 total residents, which represents an additional 7,646 residents above baseline during this 1Q 2023 period using FMM's 7-year experienced average ratio of pounds/people served. Upcoming milestones are all related to continued work to increase pounds of recovered food to increase people served who are experiencing food hardship in the County. All pounds recovered and reported for the ARPA-SLFRF grant are consistent with documentation and baselines established for reporting for various other Food to Share program and St Rest + Food to Share Hub development grants.



## 38. The Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County, Youth Program to address Socialemotional and physical wellness for youth affected by the pandemic

Funding Amount: \$600,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Academic, Social, and Emotional Services Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Website: <u>https://www.bgcfresno.org/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$90,674.93 Estimated Start Date: 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## Project Overview

For over 75 years, the Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County (B&G Club) has provided fun, safe places for children and youth during out-of-school hours, whereby attendees can be involved in cultural enrichment, health and safety education, citizenship and leadership development. The B&G Club has 15 club locations in urban and rural Fresno County neighborhoods, in ethnically diverse disadvantaged communities of color and primarily Asian, Hispanic, and Black, near Title I eligible schools, and in areas in Fresno County that are identified in QCTs which are locations that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

B&G Club administers the "Triple Play" program which consists of three components 1) Healthy Habits, 3) Daily Challenges, and 3) Social Recreation, where participants learn about relationship building, social-emotional skills, empathy, perseverance, impulse control and stress management that educates and prepares participants to effectively and responsibly face challenges and opportunities in their daily lives. B&G Club represents that its services have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to required closures to comply with the emergency public health orders to contain the spread of COVID-19, while demand for supportive resources and enrichment programs for children and youth in impoverished neighborhoods has increased through the course of the pandemic.

SLFRF provided under this Agreement will bolster its existing program that provides safe afterschool care and learning for children and youth, will address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic at seven club locations: Zimmerman (540 N. Augusta Ave. Fresno, 92701), East Fresno (1621 S. Cedar Ave. Fresno, 93701), Pinedale (343 W. Minarets Ave. Fresno, 93650), Clovis (2833 Helm Ave. Clovis, 93612), Sanger (730 Recreation Ave. Sanger, 93657), Reedley (100 N. East Street, Reedley, 93654), and Mendota (190 Straw Street, Mendota, 93640) for three calendar years (2023, 2024, and 2025) that will benefit participants and their families that reside in areas identified in QTCs, areas near Title 1 elementary or middle schools, and in low-income geographic areas.

## Performance Report

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



## 39. Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, Replace 33 Computers

Funding Amount: \$48,584 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Academic, Social, and Emotional Services Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Website: <u>https://fresnoeoc.org/lcc/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$40,978.74 Estimated Start Date: 2023 Estimated Completion Date: 2023

## Project Overview

Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) is a nonprofit organization that assists economically and socially disadvantaged individuals in the County with various types of health and welfare services. Fresno EOC manages the Local Conservation Corps (LCC) program which provides students ages 18 through 24 with paid-skilled vocational training, career pathways, and certifications in the following areas: landscaping, public lands and trail conservation and resource management, recycling, solar, construction, and sterile processing.

The LCC program is administered from Fresno EOC's Neighborhood Youth Center at 1805 E. California Avenue Fresno, CA 93706, which is identified in Qualified Census Tract: 06019000400 and considered a disadvantaged neighborhood with a reported median household income of \$29,901. The Neighborhood Youth Center provides local organizations and program participants from low-income areas access to its vocational training facilities which includes a 40-station computer lab that provides individuals access to high-speed internet, assistance with job searches and applications, college applications and assignments, and social service program applications.

Fresno EOC represents that there are 33 computers in its lab that are outdated and in need of replacement. SLFRF provided under an Agreement will provide Fresno EOC funding assistance to replace 33 computers at its Neighborhood Youth Center's computer lab, will increase equity in technology and access to high-speed internet in a low-income community, will expand its service capacity to connect participants to vocational training courses, job search and placement, college applications, social service programs, and will be responsive to the negative economic impacts experienced by communities identified in QTCs as a result of the pandemic.

## Performance Report

In July 2023, Fresno EOC reported that during the second quarter, Fresno EOC's IT Department purchased and installed 33 HP ProDesk Computers and Monitors, along with two HP LaserJet Printers. Of which 30 computers purchased were installed in the Computer Lab, while three units were installed in the LCC front lobby. The Subrecipient represents that the computers are available to use by YouthBuild Charter High School students and LLC participants.



## 40. Care Fresno, Inc., After-School Programming, GED Prep Class Program, and Youth and Adult Sports Mentoring Programs

Funding Amount: \$300,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$45,000 Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Academic, Social, and Emotional Services Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://www.carefresno.org/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$45,000 Estimated Start Date: July 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## Project Overview

For over 25 years, Care Fresno represents that it has focused on providing resources through programs that provide a healthy and safe environment for youth to receive educational support, as well as physical, cognitive, social, and emotional enrichment through recreational activities and mentoring within seven impoverished neighborhoods in Fresno County.

Care Fresno's program locations are in the following Qualified Census Tracts: Summerset Village Apartments (06019003401); Kings Palace Apartments (06019002903); Hidalgo (06019002502); Martin Park (06019000601); Webster (06019002400). The following Care Fresno's program locations are identified in Census Tracts that are considered impoverished neighborhoods: Courtyard at Central Park (06019004217) and Bethel Christian Center (06019005000).

SLFRF provided under an Agreement with Care Fresno will address educational disparities through academic, social, and emotional services for youth and their families that reside in QCTs by providing funding assistance for the operational expenses in implementing the Care Fresno's Program, consisting of expenditures related to personnel salaries and benefits, program supplies, transportation, recreational activities, and indirect costs for the following four programs:

- The Care Club After-School Program provides students ages 6-18 who are from lowincome apartment complexes with reading support through online learning software, tutoring, homework assistance, and monthly field trips to places such as local museums, the zoo, musical performances, and civic events. This program strives to reduce drop-out rates, increase school attendance, improve grade level performance in reading, writing, and build long-term positive relationships between students, mentors, and parents/guardians who will share interest in student success.
- 2. The GED Prep Class Program helps adults ages 18 and over who would like assistance preparing for the General Education Development (GED) certification exam through individualized tutoring in subjects where they are most challenged. Along with assisting participants to pass the GED certification exam, this class will increase participant self-confidence and self-esteem in their academic abilities through the provision of critical tools and resources.
- 3. The Youth Sports Mentoring Program serves youth ages 6-18 and provides leadership development, mentorship, and neighborhood service opportunities. The Youth Sports Mentoring Program will provide physical, cognitive, social, and emotional enrichment, promote healthy living through physical activities outdoors, and act as a safe place for youth to go during the weekend.



4. The Adult Sports Mentoring Program provides young adults with physical, cognitive, and emotional enrichment through recreational activities and mentoring. The Adult Sports Mentoring Program will teach participants teamwork, cooperation skills, self-discipline, goalsetting and goal-reaching skills, and promote a healthy lifestyle through weekly physical activities.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, the subrecipient represents the following information:

- Bethel enrolled 141 children and youth (ages 5-13) in the after-school program. Youth attended 14 events.
- Courtyard enrolled 150 children and youth (ages 5-13) in the after-school program. Youth attended 7 events.
- Hidalgo enrolled 69 children and youth (ages 5-13) in the after-school program. Youth attended 4 events.
- Kings Palace enrolled 123 children and youth (ages 5-13) in the after-school program. Youth attended 10 events.
- Martin Park enrolled 131 children and youth (ages 5-13) in the after-school program. Youth attended 5 events.
- Summerset enrolled 94 children and youth (ages 5-13) in the after-school program. Youth attended 10 events.
- Webster enrolled 209 children and youth (ages 5-13) in the after-school program. Youth attended 8 events.

**GED Services:** 

• 27 Individuals have been tutored during the grant period. Ages 18-24 (10); Ages 25-34 (12); Ages 35+ (5). Four individuals have exited the program to take the GED test during the current period.



## 41. Clovis Rodeo Association, Loss of revenue due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Funding Amount: \$200,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to tourism, travel, or hospitality Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Website: <u>https://www.clovisrodeo.com/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$200,000 Estimated Start Date: April 2022 Estimated Completion Date: June 2022

## Project Overview

Clovis Rodeo Association Foundation (Clovis Rodeo) is a nonprofit organization that provides public education, support, and promotion on the heritage of the Rodeo; provides scholarships and resources for the education in the areas of agriculture, livestock, animal welfare, rodeo and related fields. For over 100 years, Clovis Rodeo in collaboration with its nonprofit partners, annually holds a five-day Rodeo event in Fresno County every April. The Rodeo attracts thousands of visitors to the County, its annual events contribute and supports numerous nonprofit organizations, local school districts, community-based organizations, and the event generates an economic impact of more than \$15 million in revenues for the region.

Clovis Rodeo represents that its 2020 Rodeo was completely cancelled due to the pandemic. The 2021 Rodeo was held at a limited capacity of less than 2,000 attendees per day, which was strictly regulated by health and safety protocols such as testing all guests and athletes prior to event entry, increased sanitation practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and/or verification of proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

SLFRF provided under Agreement is intended to respond to the negative economic impact to the impacted tourism, travel, and hospitality industry, and to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn, by providing operations funding assistance in support of the 2022 Rodeo event, retain patrolling services to maintain safety protocols for all guests, contract professional rodeo livestock and feed services, rent equipment such as generators, tractors, crowd fencing, ticketing equipment, golf carts, and lighting for the Rodeo, and retain technical assistance for marketing and promotional services for the 2022 Rodeo event. It is anticipated the SLFRF will help Clovis Rodeo recover from the negative economic impacts from the pandemic, enhance local tourism, travel, and hospitality industries, and contribute to an increase in revenue sales for local establishments, stores, hotels, restaurants, small business, and the local economy.

## Performance Report

Clovis Rodeo represents that after two years of closures and restrictions, on April 20, 2022, through April 24, 2022, it held the 2022 Rodeo event to bolster the local tourism and travel industry in Fresno County. The Clovis Rodeo represents that the five-day Rodeo hosts approximately 8-10,000 audience members, athletes, staff and volunteers per performance. Rodeo attendees primarily consist of more than 30 percent residing in the Clovis area (93611, 93619, 93612) and an equal percentage attending from Fresno County zip codes such as 93727, 93711, 93722, 93657. In total more than 15 percent of rodeo visitors come from the rural reaches of Fresno



County (93654, 93662, 93630, 93602), Madera County (93636, 93614, 93638) and Tulare County (93274, 93277, 93292, 93291). Visitors also from Merced and the northern counties that make up the San Joaquin Valley, as well as Bakersfield and the Los Angeles area. Rodeo cowboys and cowgirls that run at the Clovis Rodeo are from throughout the nation and world for example Brazil, Mexico and Australia, as well as the United States. Clovis Rodeo partnerships are with the American Legion, Kiwanis Clubs, 4-H, FFA, Clovis Schools, Clovis Police Department, Fresno County Sheriff's Department, California High School Rodeo Foundation, Fresno State Rodeo Team, Fresno State Veteran's Education Program, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Break the Barriers, Boy Scouts of America, Clovis Community Hospital, Valley Children's Healthcare Foundation and the Central California Blood Center.



## 42. Break the Barriers, Inc., Programs to provide skill-building services for underserved youth ages 5 – 17, Literacy Plus, Buddy Program, and Disable Vet Program

Funding Amount: \$300,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.25 Academic, Social, and Emotional Services Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://breakthebarriers.org/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$45,000 (2023 Q1) Estimated Start Date: November 2022 Estimated Completion Date:

## Project Overview

Since 1984, Break the Barriers has helped thousands of individuals by promoting acceptance and inclusion for individuals of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities through a diverse array of adaptive programs, providing quality athletics, physical conditioning/rehabilitation, performing arts and literacy courses for two specific populations: children and youth from underserved, low-income households and individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities. Break the Barriers provides various skill-building programs and services whereby participants can eliminate barriers by promoting inclusive physical activities and integrated sports, performing arts, and educational programs that accelerate community awareness, understanding, acceptance, and education for participants in particular individuals experiencing disabilities. Break the Barriers represents that its programs improve participants' physical and mental health, boosts self-confidence, personal wellness, and decreases symptoms of depression and anxiety.

SLFRF provided under this Agreement is intended to address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic to four of its programs that provide participants access to inclusive learning opportunities and recreational activities: 1) Literacy Plus, 2) Buddy Program, 3) "Helping Open Possibilities with Exercise" (HOPE), and 4) Disabled Veterans Program / Spectrum and Adaptive Swim, and will provide funding assistance to help fund operational expenses for the implementation of Break the Barriers' four programs consisting of expenditures related to program administration, personnel salaries and benefits, training and facility rental expenses, transportation, educational resources and services which were impacted by the pandemic.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, Break the Barriers represents that 71 Disabled Veterans entered the Veteran program from Sept. 2022 to March 2023. Additionally, 864 DAV were served during the grant term since Sept 2023. Break the Barriers represents that 41 underserved refugee youth are learning English (Literacy Plus Program) and building skills two days each week. Break the Barriers represents that 255 Buddy program students from 11 county schools received 515 support services during the grant period. Break the Barriers represents that 240 HOPE program participants have received mobility and adaptive services in the 1st quarter and 531 participants received services since September 2022. Break the Barriers represents that 293 Autism Spectrum youth were served in the 1st quarter and 424 since Sept. 2022.



## 43. Improvements to Kearney Park, PW&P Program 12

Funding Amount: \$4,485,275 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.22 Strong Health Communities: Neighborhood Features that promote Health and Safety Managing Department: Department of Public Works & Planning Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: January 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 31, 2025

## Project Overview

SLFRF for this project will fund improvements to Kearney Park consisting of the removal and disposal of one outdated playground that is past its useful life, the installation of three new playgrounds, improvements to the tennis courts, the addition of a group picnic shelter, tables and barbeque pits, replacement of one non-ADA compliant restroom and construction of one new restroom that will include a new septic and leach lines, well pump repair/s, and irrigation improvements for the landscaping beautification of the park's greenery and open space areas.

Additional improvements to Kearney Park will address interior circulation concerns such as: improvement of the pavement surface in several areas of the park, along with striping and speed bumps, and repair of the rock walls along the road to prevent reckless driving and improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and multimodal users of the park, the installation of wheel stops and updated parking space striping to improve safety, street lighting and signage throughout the park to improve pedestrian safety and traffic orientation, various ADA-compliant accessibility improvements, irrigation and septic improvements, and – if funding allows – various playground and shelter improvements, and miscellaneous improvements.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, the Department has ordered a topographic surveying be completed by July 2023. The Department anticipates that environmental review will be prepared by end of October 2023 with an anticipated completion date of January 2024. A categorical exemption is anticipated. An RFP to hire a design consultant will be issued in June 2023 and awarded in July 2023. The target dates for the consultant to complete the various design phases will be 30% Design: October 2023, for 60% Design is January 2024 and for 90% Design is March 2024. The project will be advertised in June 2024 and awarded in August 2024.

With the long lead time (six to nine months) to order park equipment, and a ten-month window for construction the project is anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2025.



## 44. Fresno Community Development Financial Institution DBA Access Plus Capital, Small Business Grants

Funding Amount: \$200,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Website: <u>https://www.accesspluscapital.com/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: June 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

## Project Overview

Since 2008, Access Plus Capital, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, has provided financial services and business expertise to businesses in Central California with the goal of eliminating economic barriers to financial success through fair and equitable community investment.

SLFRF provided under this Agreement will address the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic through grants that will be made available to Fresno County-based impacted small businesses and disproportionately impacted small businesses by funding technical assistance designed to strengthen each business, as well as financial assistance through the provision of start-up and expansion grant. Program will serve Fresno County-based impacted small businesses located in underserved areas or disadvantaged communities, and disproportionately impacted small businesses that are located in QCTs and will provide preference for small businesses that operate in rural unincorporated communities of Fresno County.

The Final Rule provides that programs that assist small businesses may include small business start-ups, microbusinesses, and individuals seeking to start small start-ups could be responsive to the negative economic impacts of the pandemic, for example assistance with additional costs associated with COVID-19 mitigation tactics, or if a small business start-up or microbusiness faced greater difficulty accessing credit than prior to the pandemic or faced increased costs to starting the business due to the pandemic or if a particular small business or microbusiness had lost expected start-up capital due to the pandemic.

## Performance Report

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



## 45. 21st District Agricultural Association, Loss of revenue due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Funding Amount: \$205,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 2.35 Aid to tourism, travel, or hospitality Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Website: <u>https://www.fresnofair.com</u> Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: June 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## Project Overview

The 21st District Agricultural Association (Big Fresno Fair) represents that its purpose is to hold fairs. expositions, and exhibits of all of the industries and industrial enterprises, resources, and products of the State, with a view of improving, stimulating, and promoting stock raising, agriculture, mining, and other industries and industrial enterprises of Fresno and Madera Counties. Since 1884, the Big Fresno Fair has annually held its Big Fresno Fair event, the fight largest fair in the State that takes place at the Fresno County Fairgrounds during the month of October. The Big Fresno Fair event spans over 12 days and draws in nearly 600,000 visitors annually to the area. The Big Fresno Fair event and the additional 250 community events held at the Fresno County Fairgrounds annually contribute more than seventy-seven million dollars in economic impact to Fresno County and the Central Valley region. The Big Fresno Fair was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to required closures in 2020 to comply with emergency public health orders for mega-events to reduce COVID-19 transmission, and experienced additional financial losses in 2021 due to additional expenses associated with public health restrictions and safety protocols to resume large scale events such as: upgrading to touchless ticketing and payment systems, upgrading facility HVAC filtration systems, upgrading restrooms to touchless sinks, soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers, adding sanitizer dispenser stations, and increased costs to purchase personnel protective equipment, to safely have attendees, attractions, and entertainment return to the annual Big Fresno Fair tradition.

SLFRF provided under Agreement is intended to respond to the negative economic impact to the impacted tourism, travel, and hospitality industry, and to support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn, by providing funding assistance to fund mechanical equipment, installation, and labor to upgrade the air handling equipment in the satellite wagering facility, administration office, and County Historical Museum located at the Fresno Fairgrounds, which will improve the indoor air quality of the buildings for operational use and upcoming events, including the Big Fresno Fair, which will be held October 4, 2023, through October 15, 2023. These ventilation improvements in these public facilities will help prevent the spread of COVID-19, a public health response enumerated in the Final Rule.

## Performance Report

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



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

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)

## 46. "One-time COVID-19 Pandemic Payment for County Employees"

Funding Amount: \$15,400,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$8,195,954 Project Expenditure Category: 4.1 Public Sector Employees Managing Department: Human Resources Department Existing or New Program: New Serves Impacted Class: Yes Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: Estimated Completion Date:

## 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.

## Performance Report

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)

## 47. New Groundwater Well, Tranquillity Irrigation District

Funding Amount: \$1,100,000 Funding Expended: \$7,937.73 Project Expenditure Category: 5.13 Drinking Water: Source Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Website: <u>http://trqid.com/wp/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$19,618.33 Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

## 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. 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.

## Performance Report

Work on the project began in January of 2023. Design of the well itself is underway and anticipated design to be completed by the end of June 2023. During this time the project team worked with Zim Industries to develop quotes for the cost of the well drilling and projected drill dates. The 60% design plans and estimate for site civil and well equipping work is scheduled to be delivered in May of 2023 for client and regulatory review. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



## 48. New Groundwater Well, Malaga County Water District

Funding Amount: \$1,850,000 Funding Expended: \$60,329Project Expenditure Category: 5.13 Drinking Water: Source Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Serves Impacted Class: Yes Website: <u>https://www.malagacwd.org/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$60,329 (2023 Q1) Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

## 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

As of July 2023, Malaga CWD represents that 90% of design plans, specifications and estimate is complete. Final edits are in process to complete SCADA design. An application has been submitted to PG&E for a Rule 16 determination. The project will not be advertised for construction until a Rule 16 determination has been received from PG&E. The Notice of Exemption has been adopted and filed with the County and State Clearing House. A temporary easement for the purpose of discharge of well development water has been finalized by the Malaga CWD and Vitro Architectural Glass Company. Permits required include a Well Drilling and Well Destruction Permit from Fresno County, an Encroachment Permit from Fresno County has been issued, and an Air Board Permit for the standby generator. These permits will be applied for and pulled during construction. An amendment to the water supply permit for the Water Supply Permit from the Division of Drinking Water will be required. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



## 49. Drinking Water Storage Tank, Malaga County Water District

Funding Amount: \$2,567,225 Funding Expended to Date: \$18,573.85 Project Expenditure Category: 5.14 Drinking Water: Storage Managing Department: Subrecipient Serves Impacted Class: Yes Website: <u>https://www.malagacwd.org/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$15,162.10 Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

## Project Overview

Malaga CWD provides domestic water supply regulated by the SWRCB. Malaga CWD is responsible to operate public water system number CA-1010042 under order 03-11-13P-016 issued by SWRCB. Malaga CWD represents that its existing three active wells are not sufficient to meet Malaga's maximum day demand of 2,654 gallons per minute (gpm) if one well were to go out of service. Malaga CWD's existing wells can provide the following flow rates: Well 6 (1,000 gpm); Well 7 (1,000 gpm); and, Well 8 (1,000 gpm). Malaga CWD represents that it owns five inactive well sites, one of which (Well 5) will be replaced through the construction of a new groundwater well, which construction is scheduled to begin in 2023.

The program will fund the design, planning, and construction of a new water storage tank for Well 5A with a capacity of 0.75 MG to 1 MG that will store potable water supply. The program is responsive to an identified need in the Community of Malaga, as it will increase drinking water resiliency, maintain adequate and stable service levels, improve drought resiliency, and increase drinking water capacity for the Disadvantaged Community of Malaga. Subrecipient represents that the program qualifies under the DWSRF eligible project category of water storage. The Community of Malaga is designated as a disadvantaged community.

## Performance Report

As of July 2023, Malaga CWD represents that feasibility studies have been completed as part of the project development process under a different grant: A test well was constructed and evaluated. The work confirmed that the proposed location would provide a viable potable water supply. A geotechnical evaluation of the site for a tank is pending. The Notice of Exemption has been adopted by the Malaga CWD. The notice has been filed with the County and State Clearing House. An amendment to the water supply permit for the Water Supply Permit from the Division of Drinking Water will be required. Malaga CWCD represents that 90% of design plans, specifications, and estimate is complete. Final edits are in process to complete SCADA design. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



## 50. New Groundwater Well, Riverdale Public Utility District

Funding Amount: \$3,175,000 Funding Expended: \$15,489 Project Expenditure Category: 5.13 Drinking Water: Source Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Serves Impacted Class: Yes Website: <u>https://www.riverdalepublicutilitydistrict.com/</u> Current Period Obligation: \$5,358.60 (2023 Q1) Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

## Project Overview

Riverdale Public Utility District (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 goes out of service, Riverdale PUD will not be able to meet the maximum water day demand.

SLFRF provided under an Agreement 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. Riverdale PUD represents this project meets the eligibility requirements of the DWSRF, as it would provide an alternative supply in case of emergency or drought. The project is intended to increase the community's resiliency for multi-year droughts in the Community of Riverdale.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, Riverdale PUD represents the following milestones:

- 1. The property purchase agreement has been agreed to, finalized, and is expected to be signed by the property owner in the coming weeks.
- 2. Topographic survey was conducted and data was processed to create topographic base maps for design and construction documents.
- 3. Utility maps were requested from utility companies that serve the community. Some responses and plat maps have been received.
- 4. The Environmental Phase began and biological and cultural surveys were scheduled.
- 5. Design has progressed. With topographic and utility information becoming available, design of the horizontal and vertical pipeline alignments is in progress. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.



## 51. Emergency Response Equipment ISD No. 6

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.21 Broadband: Other Projects Managing Department: Internal Services Department Existing or New Program: Existing Serves Qualified Census Tracts Current Period Obligation: \$0

#### 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 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

As of April 2023, ISD received a quote from a vendor in the amount of \$3,760,000 to extend highspeed broadband to the JJC and to the County's Hamilton Yard. Additional funding is necessary in order to move forward with this project. If additional funding is received, the anticipated completion of construction is expected to occur by December 2024.



## 52. Cybersecurity Improvements, ISD No. 5

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$10,000,000 Project Expenditure Category: 5.21 Broadband: Other projects Managing Department: Internal Services Department Existing or New Program: Existing Serves Impacted Class: Yes Estimated Start Date: December 2021 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## 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 603(c)(1)(D), as such investments are necessary for reliability and resiliency of broadband infrastructure.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, ISD represents that SLFRF has been fully expended in support of the modernization of cybersecurity. ISD represents that numerous hardware/software purchases have been made to strengthen the cybersecurity of the County's network. Most of these improvements were to micro-segment the network traffic to protect in case of a cyber-attack. Improvements were also made to the County's wireless access network as a result of employees working off-site and accessing the County's network remotely. Estimate cost to complete this project is \$19 million. ISD anticipates all costs related to cybersecurity improvements will exceed the allocated ARPA funds. Those excess costs are being financed through normal channels.



## 53. Liberty Cemetery - Well Pump Repair, Irrigation and Reclaimed Water Project - CWSRF, PWP

Funding Amount: \$250,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.8 Clean Water: Water conservation Managing Department: Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$72 Estimated Start Date: December 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2025

## Project Overview

Veterans Liberty Cemetery (Veterans LC) is located west of State Route 99 and Belmont Avenue. Veterans LC has existed over 100 years, and it is the only public cemetery in Fresno County dedicated to conduct interments of veterans who have served in the military forces of the United States. This facility is highly regarded by veterans, their family members, and the public as it honors multiple generations of veterans. Each year, ceremonies are held on Memorial and Veteran's Day, which attract hundreds of visitors to honor relatives who have passed.

Veterans LC draws its irrigation water supply from one underground well that is designed to primarily provide onsite potable water supply. The existing multi-year drought has led to a well pump failure at the beginning of November, and the facility has lost its only water supply.

SLFRF will fund well pump and irrigation repair for immediate needs, and then fund a connection to the City of Fresno's reclaimed water supply system to reduce well site pumping for irrigation purposes, which will ensure that the cemetery grounds and trees are properly irrigated to meet the expectations of site visitors and maintain a positive appearance that honors local veterans, while promoting water conservation and efficiency. The Department anticipates the program will resolve the immediate repair needs, and over time will reduce maintenance costs for the cemetery, save County resources, and money. This project qualifies under CWSRF for water reuse as well as water and energy conservation, as it promotes the beneficial use of treated municipal wastewater (water recycling) to augment fresh water supplies.

## Performance Reports

As of April 2023, the Department represents that CEQA will be initiated by end October 2023 with an anticipated completion date of February 2024. A categorical exemption is anticipated. The Department anticipates issuing a request for proposals for design in July 2023. The target date to complete 30% Design is December 2023, for 60% Design is February 2024 and 90% Design is April 2024. The project is scheduled to advertise in June 2024 and award in August 2024. It's anticipated that the project will require six months for construction, from October 2024 to April 2025, after which updated permitting will need to be completed with the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water and Regional Water Quality Control Board. The project's anticipated completion date is December 31, 2025. The department has incurred expenditures in support of the program from the department's budget, which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.



## 54. Elkhorn Facility - Water and Sewer Projects - DWSRF/CWSRF, PWP Program 6

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.13 Drinking Water: Source Managing Department: Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$105 Estimated Start Date: December 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 31, 2026

#### Project Overview

The County is developing a training facility located at the former Elkhorn Corrections Facility, at Elkhorn Avenue and Highway 41. The existing facility is being repurposed to a planned training facility for law enforcement. The existing wastewater treatment plant has not operated for decades, and water systems have failed and require improvements to make them operational and to provide clean drinking water.

The Departments planned improvements will include restoring the existing water well to make it operable for domestic water and the installation of onsite septic systems servicing the facility's needs. This facility will become a critical training facility that will help expand the Sheriff's law enforcement training program.

#### Performance Reports

As of April 2023, the Department represents that a request for proposals for design will be issued by July 2023. The Department intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports. The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$105 in support of the program from the department's budget, which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.



## 55. Elkhorn Recharge Facility - DWSRF, PWP Program 7

Funding Amount: \$6,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.14 Drinking Water: Storage Managing Department: Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$615 Estimated Start Date: December 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 31, 2026

## Project Overview

The County has responsibility within the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NFKGSA) to offset groundwater overdraft within the unincorporated land within the NFKGSA boundaries. SLFRF would fund the design and construction of a sixty-acre groundwater recharge facility and a conveyance system to transfer surface water from the Liberty Canal to the Elkhorn Juvenile Justice Facility. Diverted water from the Liberty Canal will be used to recharge the groundwater aquifer, increasing the reliability of clean drinking water for member agencies of the NFKGSA.

Surface water diversions may occur during wet year flood releases from Pine Flat Lake which would allow beneficial use of surface water storage that would otherwise be lost to areas outside of the County. Diversion, storage, and recharge of the surface water supplies during flood releases will provide relief for communities downstream from Pine Flat Lake, such as the Cities of Mendota and Firebaugh, which have both experienced flooding events as a result of surface water releases. The Department anticipates that this program will also benefit the water supplies of several disadvantaged communities in the County, including Riverdale and Lanare, which are down gradient from the project location. This proposed project is an eligible use under the DWSRF, under the category of Storage, and is therefore an eligible use for SLFRF under the Final Rule.

## Performance Reports

As of April 2023, the Department represents that it has issued an RFP for design and has selected Provost & Pritchard Engineering as the consulting firm. The Department intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports. The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$615 in support of the program from the department's budget, which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.



## 56. Turnout on the Friant-Kern Canal at Big Dry Creek - DWSRF, PWP Program 8

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.14 Drinking Water: Storage Managing Department: Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$9,657 Estimated Start Date: December 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 31, 2026

#### Project Overview

SLFRF would fund the design and construction of a turnout at the Friant-Kern Canal to route surface water supply to Big Dry Creek. As with the Elkhorn Recharge Facility improvements above, diverted surface water supply will be used to help recharge the groundwater aquifer, thereby improving access and reliability to clean drinking water for members of the NKGSA.

Surface water diversions may occur during wet year flood releases from Millerton Lake which would allow beneficial surface water storage that would otherwise be lost to areas outside the County. Diversion, storage, and recharge of the surface water supplies during flood releases will also provide flooding relief for communities downstream from Millerton Lake and benefit the water supplies of communities down gradient from the project. Recharging the groundwater aquifer would help to stabilize declining groundwater levels and will lead to decreased energy use from users not having to pump groundwater from deeper in the aquifer. The program is supported by members of the Fresno Stream Group, including the City of Clovis and Fresno Irrigation District, who are potential partners on the project. The proposed project is an eligible use under the DWSRF, under the category of Storage, and is therefore an eligible use for SLFRF under the Final Rule.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, the Department anticipates issuing a request for proposals for design in July 2023. The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$9,657 in support of the program from the department's budget, which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program. The Department intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



## 57. Raisin City (CSA 43W) – Groundwater Water Well - DWSRF, PWP No. 9

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.13 Drinking Water: Source Managing Department: Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$3,570 Estimated Start Date: December 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 31, 2026

#### Project Overview

The Community of Raisin City is a disadvantaged unincorporated community of approximately 300 residents. CSA 43W serves the community with potable water that is drawn from one groundwater well that pumps into a small public water distribution system with 68 service connections that are primarily rural residential units, the Raisin City Elementary School facility, and a local neighborhood park. The current well site does not provide sufficient supply to meet the community's maximum day demand as required by State mandates for public water systems. SLFRF would fund the design, engineering, planning, environmental review, right-of-way easements, construction, and permitting costs for a new groundwater well site that is necessary to maintain adequate service levels, improve drinking water capacity, and provide adequate fire flow within the community. The proposed project is an eligible use under the DWSRF under the category of source, and therefore is an eligible use for SLFRF.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, the Department represents that a topographic survey was completed and delivered in March 2023. Environmental review will be prepared by end of May 2023 with an anticipated completion date of June 30. A categorical exemption is anticipated. The Department has issued for request for proposals for a design consultant and anticipates making a selection in May 2023. The target date for County staff to complete 30% Design is July 2023, for 60% Design is September 2023, for easement acquisition is December 2023, and for 90% Design is December 2023. The Department is coordinating with Raisin City Elementary School District for acquisition of an easement for the well location and anticipates completion of acquisition by December 2023. The project is scheduled to advertise in January 2024 and award in March 2024. With an eightmonth window for construction the project is anticipated to completed by December 31, 2024. The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$3,570 in support of the program from the department's budget, which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program. The Department intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



## 58. Installation of New Water Meters to Various CSAs and WWDs, PWP Program 10

Funding Amount: \$2,300,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.15 Drinking Water: Other water infrastructure Managing Department: Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$965 Estimated Start Date: December 2022 Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

## Project Overview

The Department has identified the need to replace dated and non-operational water meters within 18 different CSAs and 5 Waterworks Districts. Meter replacement will occur if, upon inspection, a meter has been damaged, cannot provide a proper reading, is leaking, or has reached its useful life expectancy. The Department has identified a total of 3,639 meters to be updated or replaced with new meters. The Department anticipates that most of the meters only need a new head and cellular transponder or individual connections, while in some districts a full replacement of the meter body will be needed. Meters functioning properly will not require replacement. Customers will not be charged for the replacement of the water meters, nor would it affect their existing water bills. It is anticipated that new water meters will match the size of the existing meter, and the replacements involve minimal interruption to customers' services, with a duration of the work lasting approximately 30 minutes. The proposed project is an eligible use of SLFRF under the Final Rule.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, the Department represents that the environmental review is complete. A categorical exemption has been received. County staff is in the process of assessing the 3,639 meters to identify the type of replacements and updates needed. The target date to complete the assessment is May 2023. The project is scheduled to advertise in June 2023 and award in August 2023. However, delays in lead times with the manufacturer and scheduling the field work needed to verify the strength of cellular service signals in the deployment areas, has pushed the completion of the project out to June 2024. The department has incurred expenditures totaling \$965 in support of the program from the department's budget, which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program. The Department intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



## 59. River View Subdivision (CSA No. 44C) - Water Distribution System Improvements Program 11

Funding Amount: \$400,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.14 Drinking water: Storage Managing Department: Public Works and Planning Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: December 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 31, 2024

## Project Overview

The River View Subdivision, CSA 44C, is experiencing deterioration of parts of the water distribution system, including the water storage tank. The Department represents that if any of the aging components were to fail, the community would lose access to potable drinking water.

SLFRF for this project will fund the replacement the existing water storage tank, as well as other necessary components of the public water distribution system. The new water storage tank will have a capacity of 0.80 million gallons to 1.20 million gallons that will store potable water supply. The project is responsive to an identified need within CSA 44C, as it will increase drinking water resiliency, maintain adequate and stable service levels, improve drought resiliency, and increase drinking water capacity for the River View Subdivision. The proposed project is an eligible use under the DWSRF under the category of Water Storage Projects and is therefore an eligible use for SLFRF under the Final Rule.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, the Department represents that it has completed 30% Design. Environmental review will be submitted by end of April 2023 with an anticipated completion date of June 30, 2023. A categorical exemption is anticipated. The Department represents that the target date to complete 60% Design is May 2023 and 90% Design is June 2023. The project is scheduled to advertise in August 2023 and award in October 2023. With the long lead time (three months) to order equipment, and a six-month window for construction the project is anticipated to be completed by July 31, 2024. The Department intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



## 60. City of Firebaugh – Replacement of HUD Storage Tank for Las Deltas Mutual Water District

Funding Amount: \$2,832,100 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.14 Drinking Water: Storage Managing Department: Subrecipient Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: 2023 Estimated Completion Date: 2026

## Project Overview

The City of Firebaugh (Firebaugh) is responsible to operate a public water distribution system (CA-1010005) that is regulated by Order Number 03-23-11PA-006 issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water. Firebaugh provides potable water supply to non-residential and residential rate payers in a disadvantaged community with an estimated population of 8,126 residents. Firebaugh represents that it owns a 500,000-gallon water storage tank (Tank) located in its city limits near the Main Canal, south of Nees Avenue and north of Main Street, that provides storage for water supply that is pumped and sold through contract to the Las Deltas Mutual Water Company. Firebaugh represents that the Tank, pumps, and transmission mains used to supply potable water to the community of Las Deltas are well past their useful lives, the Tank has visible damage and the roof continues to deteriorate, and Firebaugh represents that water storage has been significantly reduced to mitigate further damage to the Tank, and to reduce the risk of compromising the Tank's integrity, which has the potential to become an immediate threat to the community of Las Deltas water supply.

The unincorporated community of Las Deltas, a sparsely populated rural residential community located south of Firebaugh's city limits that consists of 107 service connections and approximately 375 residents of the County. Firebaugh is in three Qualified Census Tracts (QTCs: 06019008403, 8301, and 8303) as designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with a reported median household income of \$36,667.

SLFRF provided under Agreement will fund project administration, bid support, construction cost, supportive services, construction inspections, and easement applications for the replacement of the Tank. The Program is designed to increase Firebaugh's water storage capacity, improve water availability, and correct the water system pressure deficiency during peak hours in the community of Las Deltas, and will provide water storage for drought resiliency for City residents and the residents of the community of Las Deltas.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, the City represents that the project is still in planning phase and work on plans and specs and CEQA documents continue to progress. Work has started on the development and justification of the notice of exemption that is required and filed with County and State Clearing House. Work on the electrical design for the HUD tank and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents have started.



## 61. Storm Drain Improvements, Biola Community Services District

Funding Amount: \$955,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$73,540 Project Expenditure Category: 5.6 Clean water: Stormwater Managing Department: Subrecipient Serves Impacted Class: Yes Website: <u>https://www.biolacsd.org/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$73,540.00 (2023 Q1) Estimated Start Date: September 2023 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

## Project Overview

Biola Community Services District (Biola CSD) provides street lighting, water, sewer, storm drainage, and solid waste services in the Community of Biola, a Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community of approximately 1,705 residents located in a census tract with a reported median household income of \$54,390 (census tract 06019004100).

Biola CSD represents that historically, after rainfall events the community generally floods along D Street, Fifth Street, West F Avenue, and North Biola Avenue due to inadequate drainage slopes to convey rainwater into Biola CSD's nearby storm drainage network and ponding basins. Biola CSD intends to use SLFRF to fund the design, surveying and engineering, environmental review, and construction to install storm drain pipelines and inlets along D Street, Fifth Street, West F Avenue, and North Biola Avenue, which is a necessary infrastructure investment, and will address stormwater drainage issues in areas that are prone to flooding in the Community of Biola.

The Program will construct 11 storm water inlets and 1,100 linear feet of underground storm drain pipeline (15-inch to 18-inch diameter pipes) to connect to Biola CSD's existing storm drainage network. The Program will manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water, an eligible use under ARPA. Biola CSD represents that the Program qualifies under the CWSRF eligible category of stormwater gray infrastructure projects and will help to recharge 150 acre-feet of water annually back into the aquifer in support of meeting state and local groundwater recharge mandates and achieving long-term groundwater sustainability goals.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, Biola CSD has retained AM Consulting Engineers as the engineering firm to help implement the project. Biola CSD represents that AM Consulting began work on the required survey, design plans, and grant administration for the Stormwater Improvements Project. The Subrecipient intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



## 62. Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Tranquillity Public Utility District

Funding Amount: \$675,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$89,362.86 Project Expenditure Category: 5.1 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://tpud.specialdistrict.org/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$17,992.60 (2023 Q1) Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

## Project Overview

Tranquillity PUD owns and operates a public wastewater system that consists of sewer lines, two lift stations, and a wastewater treatment plant (identification number: 273195), which is regulated and permitted by Monitoring and Reporting Program Number No. 2014-0153- DWQ-R5361 issued by the California EPA, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB).

Tranquillity PUD represents that its two sewer lift stations (Lincoln Avenue and Silveria Street Lift Stations) are near the end of their useful operational lives, in need of repair, and/or complete replacement to ensure that Tranquillity PUD continues to provide adequate sewer conveyance and treatment levels to meet service demand in the Community of Tranquillity. The Community of Tranquillity is a Disadvantaged Community of approximately 1,000 residents, with an average median household income of \$35,368 (census tract 060190082002).

Tranquillity PUD intends to use SLFRF to fund the design, surveying and engineering, environmental review, and the purchase of two new lift station pumps, and wet well coating to rehabilitate the Lincoln Avenue Lift Station and repair the Silveria Street Lift Station, which are critical components of the wastewater treatment system, and make necessary investments in sewer infrastructure to comply with CVRWQCB's wastewater treatment system mandates. Tranquillity PUD represents that the Program qualifies under the CWSRF eligible category of centralized wastewater treatment, sewer system projects.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, Tranquillity PUD represents that it procured a submersible wastewater pump for Sewer Lift Station No. 2. AM Consulting Engineers completed the required survey, started work on the design plans and performed grant administration duties. The Subrecipient intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



## 63. Groundwater Recharge Project, Del Rey Community Services District

Funding Amount: \$600,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$50,810 Project Expenditure Category: 5.18 Water and Sewer: Other, Groundwater Protection and Restoration: Aquifer Recharge Projects Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://www.delreycsd.com/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$50,810.00 (2023 Q1) Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

## Project Overview

Del Rey CSD is a member of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SKGSA), a seven-member joint power authority formed under State law that is responsible to develop and implement plans to comply with the State's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA). The goal of the SKGSA is to ensure that by 2040 the Kings Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Basin (ID 5-022.08) is managed in a sustainable manner to maintain reliable water supply for current and future uses.

Del Rey CSD's primary source of domestic water supply is drawn from its five underground water wells. Del Rey CSD represents that a recharge project is necessary to ensure that the Community of Del Rey, the community that is served by Del Rey CSD, continues to have access to groundwater supply, to improve the groundwater aquifer's recharge capacity, and to help Del Rey CSD comply with SGMA mandates. The Community of Del Dey is a disadvantaged community of approximately 1,261 residents, located in a census block group with a reported median household income of \$29,766 (census block group 060190069001).

Del Rey CSD intends to use SLFRF to fund the design, surveying and engineering, environmental review, and construction of the Carmel Avenue Basin, Del Rey Avenue Basin, canal turn outs and conveyance facilities to divert surface water from nearby canals into the Del Rey CSD's recharge basins, thereby helping Del Rey CSD comply with SGMA by avoiding an overdraft scenario, which will help to annually recharge 193 acre-feet of water back into the aquifer and will support Del Rey CSD to achieve its long-term goal for groundwater sustainability.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, Del Rey CSD represents that it has awarded AM Consulting Engineers the contract to provide grant administration services and complete the required survey, environmental, final plans and specifications, design, and management of construction for the Groundwater Recharge Project (Project). AM Consulting Engineers has begun work on the required survey, design plans, and grant administration services. The Subrecipient intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



## 64. Water Tank (200,000 gallon) and Booster Pump Station, City of Mendota

Funding Amount: \$2,465,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.14 Drinking Water: Storage Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://www.ci.mendota.ca.us/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$0 Estimated Start Date: June 2022 Estimated Completion Date: December 2026

## Project Overview

The City of Mendota (Mendota) is responsible to operate a public water distribution system (CA-1010021) that is regulated by Order Number 03-23-15PA-004 issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water. Mendota provides potable water supply to non-residential and residential rate payers in a disadvantaged community with an estimated population of 12,595 residents.

The transfer of SLFRF pursuant to this Agreement will benefit the County because Mendota provides potable water supply to the Mendota-Federal Correctional Facility, a Federal institution within the County unincorporated area immediately outside Mendota's city limits, that houses a population of 1,527 inmates in the County. Mendota also provides irrigation water supply to land immediately east the Mendota Pool, which serves the Mendota Pool, an area where the San Joaquin River and Kings River diversion points meet that has served individuals with outdoor recreational space. Mendota is identified in two Qualified Census Tracts (QTCs: 06019008302; 8301) as designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with a reported median household income of \$36,376.

Mendota's public water distribution system consists of three active groundwater wells, two standby wells, two storage tanks, five booster pumps, a treatment facility, and approximately 34 miles of distribution pipeline. Mendota represents that its public water system is within a single pressure zone. Mendota represents that during daily peak hour demand, the public water system's southwest portion experiences water pressure deficiencies that affect the system's ability meet the minimum fire flow requirement standard for fire protection. Mendota intends to use SLFRF to fund the planning, engineering design, environmental review, administration, construction cost, and project management for the construction of a new 200,000 water storage tank and pump station equipped with three booster pumps designed to correct a water system pressure deficiency in the southwest portion of the water distribution system during peak hour demand. The Program will assist Mendota to meet the fire flow requirement standard for firefighting and provide water storage for drought resiliency. Mendota represents that the program qualifies under the DWSRF eligible project category of water storage.

## Performance Reports

Mendota intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



## 65. Water Storage Tank, Caruthers Community Services District

Funding Amount: \$3,130,100 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.14 Drinking Water: Storage Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>https://carutherscsd.com/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$0 (2023 Q1) Estimated Start Date: 2023 Estimated Completion Date: 2026

## Project Overview

Caruthers CSD provides domestic water supply and sewer treatment services in the Community of Caruthers, a disadvantaged community of approximately, 2,245 residents, located in a census tract with a reported median household income of \$53,801 (census tract 06019007500). Caruthers CSD's domestic water supply is regulated by the SWRCB. Caruthers CSD owns and is responsible to operate public water system number CA-1010039 under order Amendment No. 03-12-05PA-003 issued by SWRCB.

Caruthers CSD represents that a new water storage tank is necessary to comply with California Waterworks Standards for small water systems, will address flow and pressure deficiencies in the west side of Caruthers CSD's distribution system, and will improve water delivery during peak demand. Caruthers CSD represents that it recently purchased property on the west side of Caruthers, near the intersection of Seaman Avenue and Caruthers Avenue, where a new 500,000-gallon water storage tank is proposed to be installed that will address its distribution system's flow and water pressure deficiencies.

SLFRF provided under an Agreement will fund the design, environmental documents, bidding process, construction review and administration, funding administration, and construction of a water storage tank, booster pumps, and pipeline, electrical and control facilities, and associated site improvements on the west side of the Community of Caruthers. The proposed water storage location will provide improved flow and pressure for the water distribution system since all existing active water sources are on the east side of the Community of Caruthers.

## Performance Report

As of April 2023, Caruthers CSD represents the following program achievements:

- 1. The Agreement was executed on March 28, 2023, and received on March 30, 2023.
- 2. No work was completed between January 1 and March 31, 2023.

Upcoming Milestones:

- 1. Kickoff design work and prepare Basis of Design document.
- 2. Kickoff environmental services.
- 3. Biological and cultural surveys will be scheduled.
- 4. A geotechnical investigation of the site will be scheduled.

Caruthers CSD intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



## 66. Water Meter Replacement, Laton Community Services District

Funding Amount: \$1,032,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 5.15 Other Water Infrastructure Managing Department: Subrecipient Website: <u>http://latoncsd.com/</u> Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$0 (2023 Q1) Estimated Start Date: 2023 Estimated Completion Date: 2026

#### Project Overview

Laton CSD provides domestic water supply and sewer treatment services to the Community of Laton, a disadvantaged community of approximately 1,967 residents, located in a census tract with a reported median household income of \$46,654 (census tract 06019007400).

Laton CSD provides domestic water supply that is regulated by the SWRCB. Laton CSD owns and is responsible to operate public water system number CA-1010020 under order No. 03-11-99P-009 issued by SWRCB. Laton CSD represents that its existing water meters have been in place for over twenty-five years and need to be replaced due to age and condition. The Program will replace them with new water meters that provide a more detailed water usage for each service and a remote read out, resulting in cost savings and reduced time needed to prepare billing for residents.

Laton CSD will use SLFRF to fund the Program through mobilization and demobilization, clearing and grubbing, sheeting and shoring, F&I meter boxes and lids, F&I meters in existing boxes and lids, engineering, meter reading equipment, software, and training in the Community of Laton.

## Performance Report

Laton CSD intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



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

## 67. Standard Allowance, Loss Revenue

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$10,000,000 Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Provisions of Government Services Managing Department: County Administrative Office Existing or New Program: Complete Serves Impacted Class: Yes Estimated Completion Date: Complete

## 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

The Board elected to choose the standard allowance in lieu of calculating loss of revenue. SLFRF was put into the Countywide Revenue Budget Org. 0415 which funds Net County Cost for various General Fund Departments of the County. SLFRF provided funding assistance for governmental service provide by departments that are not covered by revenue generated by a specific department. Majority of the Countywide Revenue Budget funds the justice departments consisting of: Sheriff, District Attorney, and Probation.

## Administrative Cost under Eligible Category: Administrative (EC 7)

## Administration of ARPA – SLFRF Program

Funding Amount: \$2,500,000 Funding Expended to Date: \$0 Project Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses Managing Department: County Administrative Office Existing or New Program: Existing Current Period Obligation: \$201,808 Estimated Completion Date: December 2025

#### Project Overview

On February 1, 2022, the County approved \$2.5 million to fund the administration of the SLFRF program through the end of 2025. The Final Rule permits recipient to use funds for administering the SLFRF program, including costs of consultants to support effective management and oversight, including consultation for ensuring compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements. Direct costs are those that are identified specifically as costs of implementing the SLFRF program objectives, such as contract support, materials, and supplies for projects and programs.



## Acronym Appendix

ACTS Foundation	ACTS
American Community Survey	ACS
American Rescue Plan Act	ARPA
Americans with Disabilities Act	ADA
Area Median Gross Income	AMGI
Area Median Income	AMGI
	AMI
Autism Spectrum Disorder	
Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County	B&G Club
Calwa Recreation and Park District	Calwa RPD
Center for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability	CDC SVI
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	CVRWQCB
Child Care and Development Fund	CCDF
Children's Health Insurance Program	CHIP
Clean Water State Resolving Fund	CWSRF
Clovis Community Medical Center	CCMC
Clovis Rodeo Association Foundation	Clovis Rodeo
Community Based Organization	СВО
Community Health Worker	CHW
Community Regional Medical Center	CRMC
Community Services District	CSD
County Board of Supervisors	Board
County of Fresno	County
County Service Area	CSA
Court Appointed Special Advocate	CASA
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	DWSRF
Emerging Infectious Diseases	ELC
Engage. Play. Inspire. Connect.	EPIC
Environmental Protection Agency	EPA
Exceptional Parent Unlimited, Inc.	EPU
Expense Category	EC
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch/National School	NSLP
Lunch Program	
Fresno County Fire Protection District	CFPD
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	FCSS
Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	Fresno EOC
Fresno Metropolitan Ministry	FMM
Full-Time Equivalent	FTE
Gallons per minute	gpm
General Education Development	GED
Habitat for Humanity Fresno, Inc.	Habitat
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	HVAC
Health Places Index	HPI
Helping Open Possibilities with Exercise	HOPE
Home Investment Partnerships Program	HOME
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	IFR
	ISD
	ICU
	JOC
	JPA
	JJC
	KPI
	LGBTQ+
	LLC
	LCC
	LIHEAP
	MHI
	MHOAC
	NFFI
	HTF
9	NFKGSA
	OES
	PPE
	PUD
	PWP
	QCT
	RFP
	RMH
	SAMC
0	SJVIA
	SBP
	STRTP
	SDoH
	SKGSA
	SLFRF
	SWRCB
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	SOI
	SNAP
	SSI
	TANF
	HUD
Development	
	Treasury
	VCRC
	Veterans LC
	WIC