



County of Fresno Recovery Plan Performance Report

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

2024 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 Coronavirus State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program provides \$350 billion to over 30,000 state, local, Tribal, and territorial governments across the country to support both their immediate needs in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and their long-term efforts to build a strong recovery. The County of Fresno (County) has been allocated \$194,063,657 in federal stimulus funding through the ARPA-SLFRF program.

In the past year, the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) announced two major updates to the SLFRF program. The first update occurred on December 23, 2022, with Congress' approval of the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023 which revised legislation to include new flexibilities to use funding to provide relief from natural disasters or address the negative economic impacts of natural disasters, to fund certain surface transportation projects, and fund Title I projects under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. On September 20, 2023, Treasury published the 2023 Interim Final Rule (IFR) for the new eligible uses in the SLFRF program which became effective upon publication.

The second update occurred on November 20, 2023, with Treasury's publication of the Obligation IFR which amended the definition of "Obligations" and included additional flexibility for recipients with respect to the ARPA-SLFRF program. The implementation of the SLFRF program under ARPA is regulated by the following: 2021 IFR, 2022 Final Rule, 2023 IFR, and the Obligation IFR.

The foundation of the County's expenditure plan recognizes that SLFRF provides assistance to address various government service needs, respond to the immediate and emerging health or the negative economic impacts due to the pandemic, and to make needed investment to strengthen communities for the future. 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.

On February 1, 2022, the Board approved the Ad-Hoc committee's recommended ARPA-SLFRF expenditure plan which earmarked funding for 65 initial major programs consisting of internal County programs and subrecipient programs. After its original inception, on November 8, 2022, the Board received an SLFRF expenditure plan progress report which included the Ad-Hoc committee's recommendation to redistribute approximately \$13.5 million within the expenditure plan to increase funding support for infrastructure projects and designated funds for additional subrecipient projects.

On May 21, 2024, the Board received funding recommendations from the County Administrative Office. The County Administrative Office's recommendations included the redistribution of approximately \$24.3 million within the expenditure plan to move funding availability from programs that were not likely to materialize and instead reassign those available funds to address operational needs and ensure full utilization of funds. On May 21, 2024, the Board approved the recommended revisions to the County's expenditure plan.



On June 18, 2024, the Board approved an additional adjustment to the expenditure plan which revised the scope of work for a County department project and reassigned the cost savings from Category D Infrastructure Projects to instead help fund necessary improvements to failing heating and ventilation systems and electric backup generators at the County's essential downtown public facilities.

To date, the Board has approved 83 programs to receive funding support provided by the County's SLFRF allocation, of which 16 programs have been completed or have received their full funding allocation.

Most notably, since the last reported Recovery Plan, SLFRF has helped deploy Department of Public Health's Rural Mobile Health and Linkages to Wellness program, helped the Poverello House complete the remodel of its 30-year-old kitchen which serves free daily meals for individuals in need or experiencing food insecurity, and helped Habitat for Humanity Fresno Inc. complete the construction and award eight-affordable homes to eight families in the community of Riverdale. The Project Inventory section of this Recovery Plan provides the reader with additional information regarding programs funded by the County's SLFRF program.

The County anticipates that its full SLFRF allocation of \$194,063,657 will be obligated in the upcoming months, ahead of the Treasury's December 31, 2024, deadline. This 2024 Recovery Plan Performance Report (Recovery Plan) expands on information presented in previous reports and provides a summary of the County's SLFRF achievements through June 30, 2024. Future Recovery Plans will build upon the groundwork laid out in previous reports to ensure consistency, and report on major milestones and progress made through the implementation of SLFRF funded programs. It is anticipated that the County may add, remove, or amend projects on the expenditure plan to ensure alignment with ARPA rules and maximize full utilization of funds. Modifications to SLFRF funded programs will be captured and summarized in future Recovery Plans.

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.

During 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).
- Improve Efficiency/Longevity.
- Technology (data sharing, business intelligence).
- Facility Improvements.
- Infrastructure Improvements (shovel-ready projects).

The Board's adopted guiding principles provide staff and public policy direction regarding how the Board will 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 ongoing 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. The County's framework included community input through a community survey during the program's first year and demonstrates 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.

The 2022 Recovery Plan noted that by the end of June 2022, the Board had earmarked its full \$194.0 million in SLFRF allocation in support of 65 initial initiatives. The 2022 Recovery Plan included 23 program descriptions in the Project Inventory; the additional earmarked programs were omitted while they were undergoing the vetting process to determine SLFRF eligibility for funding. In 2022, the SLFRF expenditure plan was reviewed by County staff and the Ad-hoc committee to assess the expenditure plan’s feasibility, identify opportunities, and to prepare recommendations adjustments to the expenditure plan for the Board’s consideration.

The 2023 Recovery Plan noted that on November 8, 2022, the Board approved the Ad-Hoc committee’s recommendation to redistribute a total of \$13.5 million within the expenditure plan’s Ongoing COVID-19 mitigation program and unused funding within the Subrecipient Program. On the same Board agenda item, the Board approved \$4.2 million in SLFRF to be made available to local entities, nonprofits, and County departments through a second-round open application process. The second-round resulted in the Board approving 10 additional programs to receive SLFRF, consisting of two programs that were approved to receive additional funds and eight new programs.

As of the preparation of this 2024 Recovery Plan, the Board has approved 83 programs scheduled to receive funding support provided by the County’s SLFRF allocation. The most recent ARPA-SLFRF expenditure plan summary, as approved by the Board on June 18, 2024, is depicted as Figure 1.

Figure 1, County Approved ARPA-SLFRF Expenditure Plan, June 18, 2024.

2024 ARPA-SLFRF Expenditure Plan	
\$102.0M (53%)	Category A - Public Health and Economic Impact
\$10.0M (5%)	Category B - Premium Pay
\$10.0M (5%)	Category C - Lost Revenue
\$25.8M (13%)	Category D - Water/Sewer/Broadband
\$46.2 (24%)	Subrecipient Projects/Programs
\$194.0M (100%)	

Based on the past four years of implementing the ARPA-SLFRF program, the County anticipates that changes to the expenditure plan will continue to occur to account for changes in funding availability, amending program descriptions, leveraging other funding opportunities, or if the Board’s priorities change to maximize the use of ARPA-SLFRF. A summary of how funds are being utilized by SLFRF Expenditure Category is provided in the following subsections. Further details can be found in the Project Inventory of this Recovery Plan.

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

Since the initial approval of the County’s SLFRF expenditure plan, the largest portion of funds has been allocated for programs that would respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its



negative economic impacts. Efforts under this category cover a wide range of costs including SLFRF program administration, County department initiatives, and subrecipient programs.

Under Public Health, the Ongoing COVID-19 mitigation program assisted County departments through end of July 2023 to meet staffing needs, mitigate, and prevent the spread of COVID-19 among employees and County facilities. This category provided funding support in 2022 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.

Nearly \$8 million in SLFRF has been approved for Department of Public Health (DPH) to implement rural mobile health and linkages to wellness programs that address health disparities within rural disadvantaged communities in the County. Additional funds have been awarded to DPH to make capital investments to the DPH headquarters facility, including lab improvements, reroofing DPH's facility, and establishing a public health data system (Integrated Data Sharing System) that supports and provides long-term capacity for public health to coordinate more efficiently and improve delivery of resources within the community.

ARPA funding in the amount of approximately \$18.6 million in SLFRF has been approved for the Internal Services Department (ISD) to fund improvements to essential County facilities, including heating and ventilation, generation/electrical, and public and emergency communication improvements. Under this category, the Department of Public Works and Planning (PWP) has been awarded approximately \$8.6 million to fund park improvements in various locations including Kearney Park, which provides recreational space at low-to-no cost for activities that can improve physical and mental wellness for all residents and visitors of the County.

On May 21, 2024, the Board approved a redistribution of funding availability which, among several actions, pulled approximately \$5.3 million from Category B – Premium Pay for Essential Workers, and reassigned these funds to increase funding availability for EC1 and EC2 department programs, including providing assistance to address negative economic impacts to the County Sheriff's Office and designated additional funding support to implement congregate settings retention payments program.

As of June 18, 2024, funding for department programs under EC1 and EC2 increased from \$94,490,232 in 2023 to \$101,967,942 by June 2024. Total funding support for County department programs under EC1 and EC2 represents nearly 53% of the County's SLFRF allocation. There are eight County departments responsible to implement their awarded programs under this category.

The County's expenditure plan identifies subrecipient programs under its own category; however, each Board-approved SLFRF subrecipient agreement includes its own expenditure designation under EC1 or EC2. The subrecipient category consists of 46 approved programs, of which 35 programs fall within EC1 or EC2. Subrecipient programs under EC1 and EC2 have an estimated funding value of \$25.7 million in SLFRF assistance.

Since 2022, the County's SLFRF subrecipient program has provided financial aid to local fire protection districts (first responders in rural communities) to assist them with operational expenses due to increased emergency calls for service related to COVID-19 during the pandemic. Additionally, the County designated funding to the County's self-funded health insurance plan to



reimburse the excessive medical expenditures associated with COVID-19 infections during the pandemic, which benefits the employees of the County and their families, by keeping member rates at reasonable affordable levels.

Subrecipient programs under this category include assistance for nonprofit organizations to address food insecurity, serve under-resourced communities, including programs that benefit impacted children, youth, elderly populations, and victims of domestic violence. Additionally, this expenditure category provides funding assistance to subrecipients to complete the construction of affordable housing units and is also helping four entities in the local travel, tourism, and hospitality industries recover from the extended closures during the pandemic.

As of the preparation of this report, the County's expenditure plan designates \$126,113,859 for 59 programs that fall under eligible categories EC1 and EC2. To note, Treasury's initial 2022 eligible categories numbering system was restructured by the Treasury in February 2022 to align with the publication of the 2022 Final Rule.

Under this EC 1 category, a reporting discrepancy occurred under the "Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19" category, which was originally EC 1.9, then updated by Treasury and reassigned to EC 3.1. This change inadvertently modified spending tracking under the County's Ongoing COVID-19 Mitigation Program. Additional information is provided in the Project Inventory section of this Recovery Plan.

County department programs and subrecipient programs under EC1 and EC2 are shown on Figure 2.



Figure 2, County and Subrecipient programs under EC1 and EC 2.

EC1 and EC2, Category A - Respond to the Public Health Emergency or Negative Economic Impacts		
Departments	Short Description	Amount
CAO	On-going COVID-19 Mitigation (through 2023)	\$ 18,142,953
DPH	Contingency - Hospital Surge Capacity (Agreements w/ FCHMC, CCMC, Saint Agnes)	\$ 6,000,000
Sheriff	Negative Impacts: public safety, public health, mental and behavioral health, County Jail	\$ 10,846,029
HR	Congregate Setting Retention Payments	\$ 13,504,502
CAO	Administration of ARPA - SLFRF (through 2025)*	\$ 2,500,000
CAO	Homelessness Initiatives	\$ 6,500,000
DPH	Integrated Data Sharing Initiative	\$ 5,000,000
DPH	Department of Public Health Brix Basement- Lab Improvements	\$ 3,000,000
DPH	Department of Public Health Brix Roof Repairs	\$ 225,000
DPH	Rural Mobile Health - Contracts (UCSF and Saint Agnes)	\$ 6,000,000
DPH	Rural Mobile Health Linkages to Wellness	\$ 2,000,000
DPH	Revised 8/22/23 - Improvements to Brix/Mercer, (former Staffing Support)	\$ 684,000
ISD	Mobile Workforce Technology	\$ 7,900,000
ISD	Heating/Ventilation Improvements in Public Facilities	\$ 6,000,000
ISD	Generation/Electrical Upgrade Improvements in Public Facilities	\$ 1,100,000
ISD	Communication Improvements for Public Services	\$ 1,500,000
PROB	Fitness Zones for Youth in Probation	\$ 279,000
PWP	Improvements to County Parks	\$ 3,000,000
PWP	Improvements to El Porvenir Park (CSA 30)	\$ 400,000
PWP	Improvements to Tenaya Park (CSA 2)	\$ 400,000
PWP	Improvements to Raisin City Park (CSA 43)	\$ 400,000
PWP	Improvements to Kearney Park (Originally was CWSRF)	\$ 4,485,275
ISD	Improvements to Facilities Headquarters	\$ 490,761
ISD	HVAC, Generation, and Electric Improvements for Downtown Public Facilities	\$ 1,610,422
	<i>Department Programs, Subtotal</i>	\$ 101,967,942
Subrecipient Name	Short Description	Amount
National Food Festivals, Inc.	Support partnership of bringing a Garlic Festival to Fresno County in May 2022	\$ 201,833
North Central Fire Protection District	Economic Impact - COVID 19	\$ 1,085,668
Fresno County Fire Protection District	Economic Impact - COVID 19	\$ 2,000,000
Marjaree Mason Center	Capital Improvements to an existing building, Community Resources Center	\$ 4,700,000
Community Medical Centers	Medical Equipment - Striker Beds and CT Scanner	\$ 2,720,670
Habitat for Humanity Fresno Inc	Affordable Housing Project, Backfill Ponding Basin (Firebaugh)	\$ 1,363,200
Habitat for Humanity Fresno Inc	Affordable Housing Project (Riverdale)	\$ 540,000
Self Help Enterprises, Lanare Community Services District	Improvements to Lanare Community Center	\$ 1,600,000
Exceptional Parent Unlimited, Inc.	Negative Economic Impact of COVID-19: payroll, billing services, cancellation of appointments.	\$ 300,815
Valley Caregiver Resources Center	Negative Economic Impacts to OASIS Program, Adult Care (Alzheimer's).	\$ 451,071
Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	To replace 33 computers (30 in the computer lab and three computers in the entry way) that are outdated at the LCC Youth Center in SW Fresno	\$ 48,584
San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority	Reimbursement of Covid-19 Medical Expenses, Fresno County employees and dependents.	\$ 2,426,734
The Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County	Youth Program to address social-emotional and physical wellness for youth affected by the pandemic.	\$ 600,000
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Fresno and Madera Counties	Program to recruit volunteer advocates of a diverse background that closely resemble fostered youth.	\$ 250,000
Fresno Metropolitan Ministry	Food to Share Program: redistribution of food via 49 church locations, CBOs, and senior and youth centers.	\$ 512,000
ACTS Foundation	Distribution of Food, Household Goods, Economic Development, and Community Resources.	\$ 500,000
Fresh Start Youth Center DBA Mollie's House	Program for victims of trafficking: trauma-informed private counseling and psychiatric care, addiction classes to teach girls to live a sober lifestyle, equine therapy through Abundant Life Ranch, and case management and mentorship from MH staff members.	\$ 180,000
Break the Barriers, Inc.	Programs to provide skill-building services for underserved youth ages 5-17, Literacy Plus, Buddy Program, and Disable Vet Program.	\$ 300,000
Care Fresno, Inc.	Program to provide After-school programming, tutoring, mentoring, and activities for children and youth 5-17 and GED Prep Classes and Sports Mentoring for young adults.	\$ 300,000
Easter Seals Central California	Negative Economic Impact of COVID-19: payroll, billing services, cancellation of appointments. Funds will address economic hardship due to COVID-19	\$ 200,000
Twilight Haven	Address Negative Impacts of COVID-19, recruit nursing staff and provide competitive wages, sign on bonus, and retention bonus to nursing staff and caregivers. (Maintain staffing ratios)	\$ 500,000
Access Plus Capital	Program to provide financial assistance to small business via emergency grants to pay past due bills and provide technical assistance to strengthen the business.	\$ 200,000
Clovis Rodeo Association Foundation	Loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.	\$ 200,000
21st District Agricultural Association	Loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.	\$ 205,000
Dunlap Community Club	Loss of revenue - Turkey Testicle Festival.	\$ 20,000
Fresno City & County Historical Society	Negative Economic Impacts, Improvement to Kearney Mansion	\$ 514,725
Poverello House	Kitchen Remodel	\$ 1,500,000
Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation	Mobile Food Vendor Program	\$ 500,000
Westside Family Preservation Services Network	Youth Empowerment Center, in San Joaquin	\$ 349,039
Self-Help Enterprises, Inc.	Play structure and Equipment, Cherry Crossings I, City of Sanger	\$ 210,000
Self-Help Enterprises, Inc.	Play structure and Equipment, Guardian Village, City of Reedley	\$ 210,000
Central California Food Back	Food Distribution and School Capacity Expansion	\$ 202,000
Auberry Sawmill, Inc.	Three-Phase, Auberry Sawmill	\$ 140,000
Valley Center for the Blind	Accessible Transportation for People with Disabilities	\$ 50,000
Calwa Recreation and Park District	Community Center Improvements, Pool	\$ 675,000
	<i>Subrecipient Programs, Subtotal</i>	\$ 25,756,339
	Total Category A Programs (EC1 and EC2)	\$ 127,724,281



As of the preparation of this 2024 Recovery Plan, all 24 programs to be implemented by County departments under EC1 and EC2 have a program description that has been approved by the Board to use SLFRF funding for the implementation of their programs.

Under the subrecipient program, there are 35 subrecipient agreements under the EC1 or EC2 category that have been approved by the Board to receive SLFRF funding. As of the preparation of this report, six subrecipient programs in this category have been completed or have received their full award.

With the passages of the 2023 IFR and Obligation IFR, the County will continue to assess programs under this category to determine whether there are any potential funding opportunities to redesignate available funds and develop potential funding recommendations for the Board's consideration before Treasury's obligation deadline.

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

Since the last Recovery Plan, nearly \$13.5 million in SLFRF has been assigned for the implementation of the Congregate Settings Retention Payment (CSRP) program. The CSRP program was created to address the County's highest employee departures and vacancy rates in positions that require individuals to work in congregate settings within the Probation Department and the Sheriff's Office.

In the County's effort to restore, recruit employees, 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. On December 13, 2022, the Board approved ARPA-SLFRF funding for the implementation of the CSRP program.

On May 21, 2024, the Board clarified its funding commitment by designating the CSRP program in the expenditure plan under Category A, public sector capacity. The County will continue to assess programs under this category to determine whether there are any additional funding opportunities to redesignate available funds for the Board's consideration before Treasury's obligation deadline.

As noted previously, although the County's Ongoing COVID-19 Mitigation program is identified under EC1/EC2, a portion of Ongoing COVID-19 Mitigation expenditures were tracked and reported as expenditures under EC 3.1 due to Treasury's 2022 restructure of its EC.

c. Premium Pay (EC 4)

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. Payments to the County's essential employees were distributed beginning in March 2022, with the last payments issued by the end of 2023.



Since the last reported period, Congress passed resolution H.J.Res.7 on April 10, 2023, which formally ended the public health emergency declared by the President in 2020 related to the COVID-19 pandemic. H.J.Res.7 became effective on April 10, 2023. With the end of the national emergency, Treasury announced that ARPA recipients generally will be able to continue to make investment using SLFRF without any changes, except for programs under this Premium Pay category.

The initial expenditure plan appropriated \$15,400,000 in SLFRF for the premium pay category. At the end of 2023, the County completed this program with a cost of approximately \$10 million. This program provided funding for the County to issue 6,510 premium payments of \$1,500 to FTE essential workers; and 92 premium payments of \$750 to employees who worked less than 32 hours per week. Additional costs incurred under this program included unanticipated retirement contributions attributed to the one-time payments for certain retirement tiers.

On May 21, 2024, the Board approved an adjustment to this category from the initial \$15.4 million to approximately \$10 million. Approximately, \$5.3 million under this category was reassigned to help fund EC1 and EC2 programs. 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 provides funding to make 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 Board's expenditure plan designates nine infrastructure improvements that will be implemented by two County departments with a funding value of approximately \$25.8 million in SLFRF. Since the last reported Recovery Plan, ISD completed improvements to broadband connection to public facilities and funded the County's modernization of network security against cyber-attacks and cyber-intrusion threats. Under this category, PWP will implement water management improvements, water recharge projects, and the construction of a groundwater for the rural community of Raisin City.

Under EC5, the County's expenditure plan designates approximately \$20.3 million in SLFRF to subrecipient programs that will help fund necessary improvements to local infrastructure. The subrecipient program designates funding to the cities of Mendota and Firebaugh to fund water storage projects. The County has awarded eight special districts with SLFRF funding that will help fund water and sewer infrastructure improvements in the rural communities of Biola, Caruthers, Del Rey, Laton, Malaga, Riverdale, and Tranquillity.



In total, the County’s expenditure plan designates \$46.2 million in SLFRF for infrastructure programs that would fall under eligible categories EC 5. County departments programs and subrecipient programs are listed in Figure 3.

In the upcoming year, the County will continue to monitor costs to implement infrastructure projects to gage whether adequate funding has been appropriated for each project. The County may consider modifying the scopes of work for the existing projects, updating funding availability, and/or including additional or reducing the number projects under this category, which would be prepared as recommendations for the Board’s consideration.

Figure 3, County and Subrecipient programs under EC5.

EC 5, Category D - Water, Sewer, and Broadband		
Department	Short Description	Amount
ISD	Broadband Fiber to Public Facilities	\$ 889,578
PWP	Liberty Cemetery - Reclaimed Water Project - CWSRF	\$ 250,000
PWP	Elkhorn Facility - Water and Sewer Projects - DWSRF and CWSRF	\$ 1,500,000
PWP	Elkhorn Recharge Facility - CWSRF	\$ 6,000,000
PWP	Turnout on Friant-Kern Canal at Big Dry Creek - CWSRF	\$ 2,500,000
PWP	Raisin City (CSA43W) - Water Well - DWSRF	\$ 2,000,000
PWP	Water meter improvements and replacement in CSAs and WWDs, DWSRF	\$ 2,300,000
PWP	River View Subdivision (CSA44C) - Water Distribution Improvements, DWSRF	\$ 400,000
ISD	Cybersecurity Improvements	\$ 10,000,000
<i>Department Programs, Subtotal</i>		\$ 25,839,578
Subrecipient Name	Short Description	Amount
City of Firebaugh	Replacement of HUD Storage tank for Las Deltas Mutual Water District - DWSRF	\$ 2,832,100
Tranquillity Irrigation District	Replacement of Groundwater well - DWSRF	\$ 1,100,000
Riverdale Public Utilities District	Groundwater well - DWSRF	\$ 3,175,000
Malaga County Water District	Groundwater well 5A- DWSRF*	\$ 4,329,561
Malaga County Water District	Final Design and Engineering for 1 MG Water Storage Tank at Well 5*	\$ 87,664
Biola Community Services District	Storm Drain Improvements	\$ 955,000
Tranquillity Public Utilities District	Sewer Rehabilitation Project - two sewer lift stations coating, wet wells, replace lift station, emergency generators.	\$ 675,000
Del Rey Community Services District	Groundwater Recharge Project.	\$ 600,000
City of Mendota	Water Tank (200,000 gallon) and Booster Pump Station (3 booster pumps).	\$ 2,465,000
Caruthers Community Services District	Water storage tank on westside of town.	\$ 3,130,100
Laton Community Services District	Water meter replacement project.	\$ 1,032,000
<i>Subrecipient Programs, Subtotal</i>		\$ 20,381,425
Total Category D Programs (EC5)		\$ 46,221,003

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 the one-time standard allowance option through the performance period 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 services provided by departments that are not covered by revenue generated from a specific department. A majority of the Countywide Revenue Budget dollars fund the County's justice departments consisting of: Sheriff, District Attorney, and Probation.

f. Administrative (EC 7)

SLFRF recipients, such as the County, may 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.

The County's expenditure plan designates \$2.5 million in SLFRF to fund administrative costs for the implementation of projects and programs through the program's performance period. Administration of the SLFRF program is a multidepartment collaborative effort involving the County's Administrative Office, Auditor's Office, and County Counsel. This category includes funding for County staff time and other resources required to respond to the pandemic comply with the award's terms and conditions. Administration consists of designated staff available to review and vet program descriptions for funding eligibility, oversight of the County's expenditure plan, preparing subrecipient agreements or amendments, staffing to process ARPA-SLFRF payments, data monitoring and processing, subrecipient monitoring, as well as administering the County's quarterly expenditure reports and developing the County's annual Recovery Plan. Administrative funds may also be used to hire consultants or reimburse staff time associated with the administration, monitoring, and reporting of the County's Recovery Plan.

g. Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters (EC 8)

For the upcoming six months, the County may explore potential programs that may qualify for SLFRF funding under this category. The County's current expenditure plan designates funding allocations for 81 programs scheduled to received ARPA-SLFRF. Should any of the approved programs in the expenditure plan not materialize, the County may elect to use available funds to provide the County relief from natural disasters or to address negative economic impacts of natural disasters.

During the 2023 Winter, the County proclaimed two local emergencies from natural disasters due to extreme weather conditions which created power outages, unprecedented snowfall, and rainstorms, which damaged ingress and egress to County residents in the mountain and foothills of the Sierra Nevada. The abundant amount of rain and snowfall overwhelmed available local resources and impacted the County's ability to rapidly mitigate and address compromised roadways, drainage systems and watersheds, and flooded areas of the County. Future natural disasters anticipated to occur generally arise due to extreme dry summers or prolonged wet seasonal conditions. For example, wildfires threatened mountain communities during dry summers while flooding threatens various areas of the County during extreme wet seasons. As of the preparation of this Recovery Plan, the County is considering potential programs that may be funded under this category.



h. Surface Transportation Project (EC 9)

For the upcoming six months, the County may explore potential programs that may qualify for SLFRF funding under this category, should any funding become available within the expenditure plan.

i. Title I Projects (EC10)

For the upcoming six months, the County may explore potential programs that may qualify for SLFRF funding under this category, should any funding become available within the expenditure plan.

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."

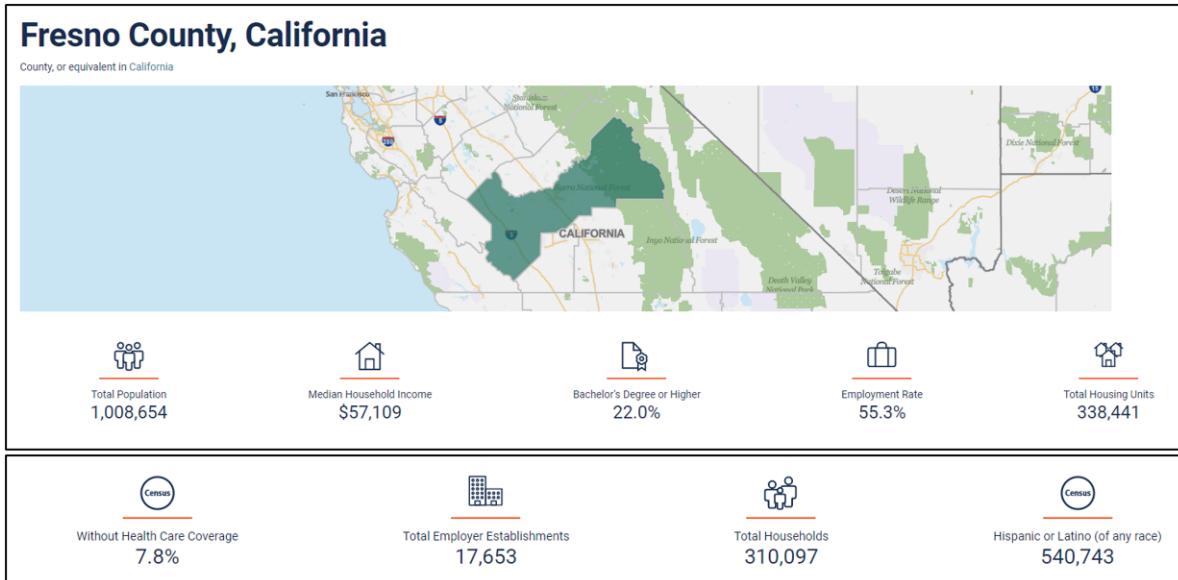
According to the U.S. Census, American Community Survey (ACS) for the five-year period that started 2015 and ended in 2020, the County had an estimated population of 1,008,654. Nearly 53.6 percent (540,743 residents) of the County's population identified as Hispanic or Latino, while approximately 46.4 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 4, Fresno County Demographics, source ACS 2015-2020

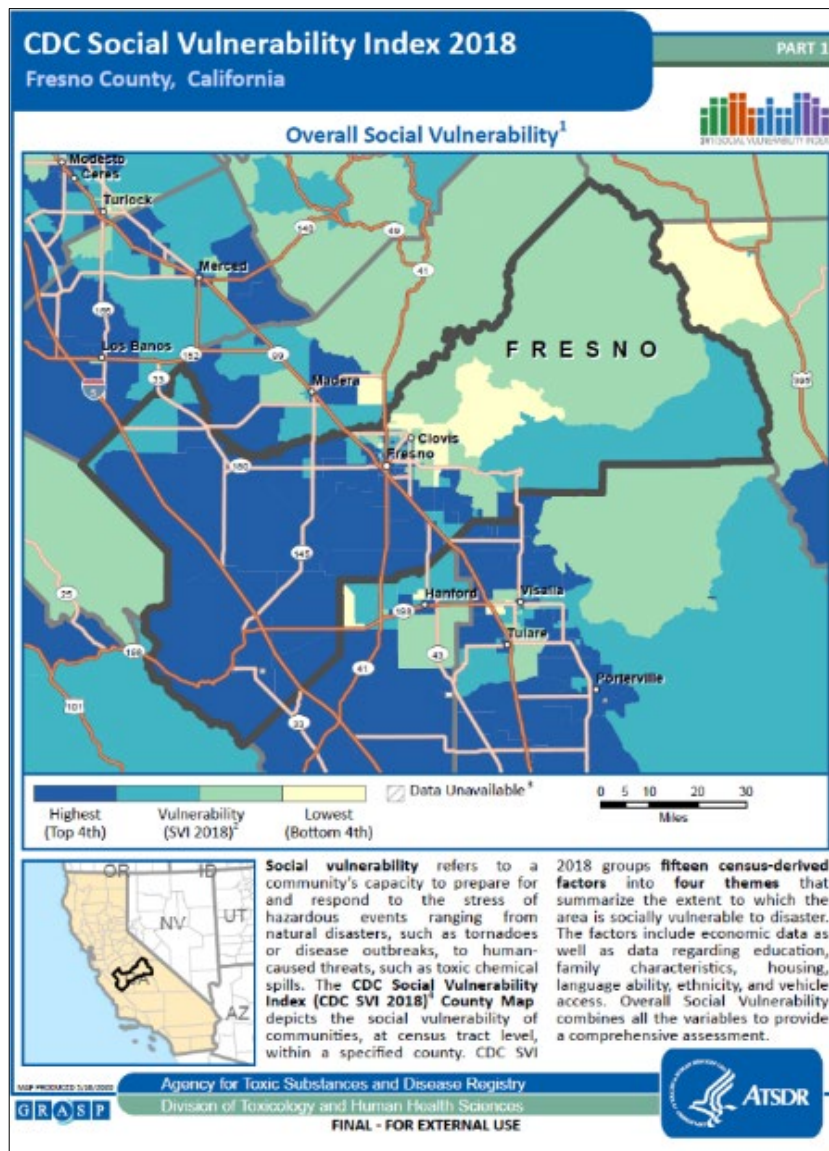


Throughout the nation, COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted communities of color, low-wage essential workers, seniors, and historically marginalized populations. Efforts to date include sponsoring programs that produce the greatest benefit to socially vulnerable communities in the County.

The Final Rule provides resources to assist recipients identify impacted communities such as the Center for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability Index (CDC SVI) tool. The CDC SVI assists recipients to gauge the vulnerability for low-income and socially disadvantaged communities that are susceptible to experiencing the most severe health impacts. Several factors, including poverty, lack of access to transportation, and crowded housing may weaken a community's ability to prevent human suffering and financial loss in a pandemic or a disaster. These factors are known as social vulnerability. The County's 2018 Regional CDC SVI map is shown on Figure 5.



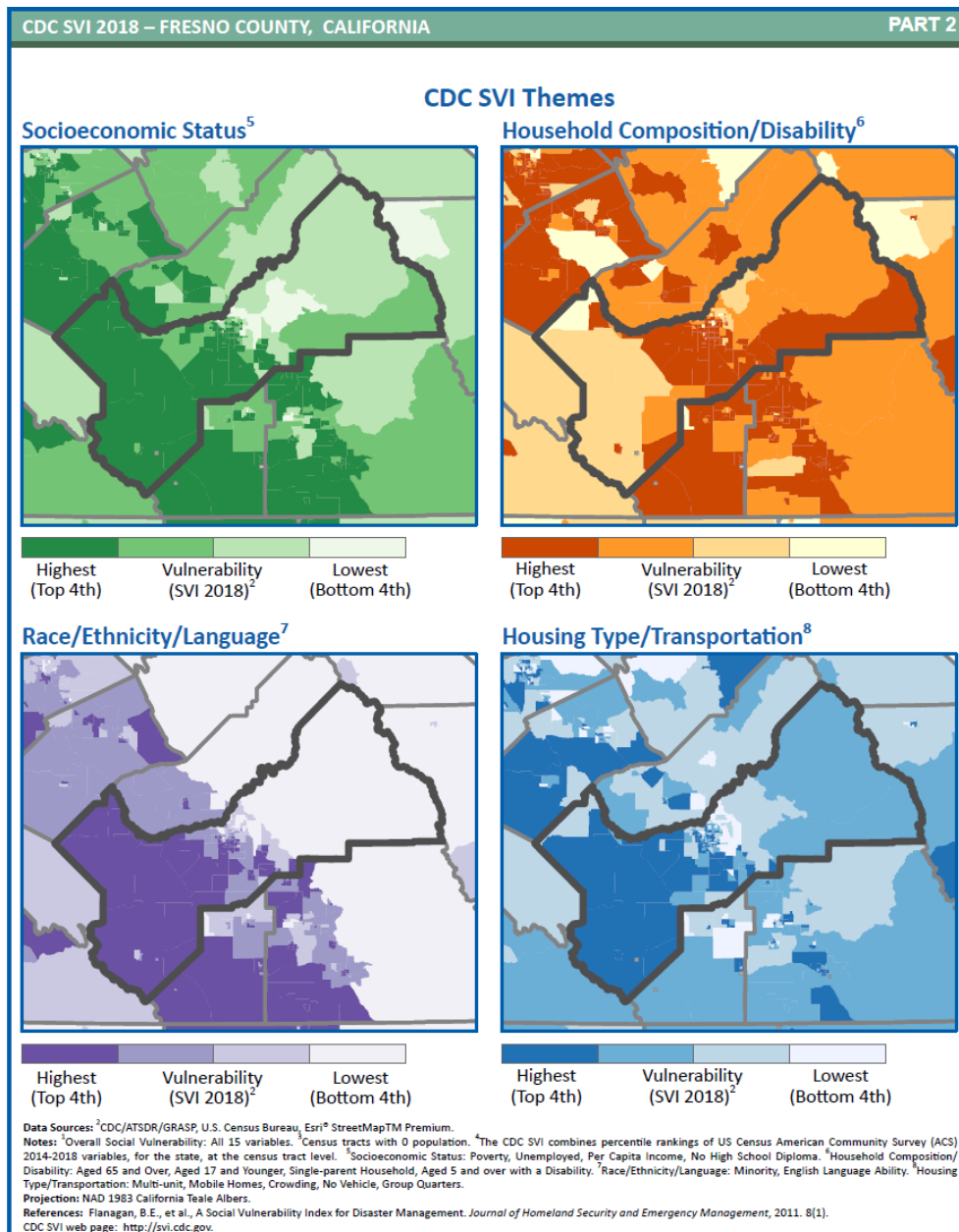
Figure 5, Fresno County's 2018 CDC SVI Map



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 6.



Figure 6, Fresno County's CDC SVI 2018 Themed Maps



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



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

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

According to the Fresno County HPI report for year 2022, the County’s HPI percentiles are summarized on Figure 7 and the County’s most health burden communities are depicted in Figure 8.

Figure 7, Fresno County’s HPI for year 2022

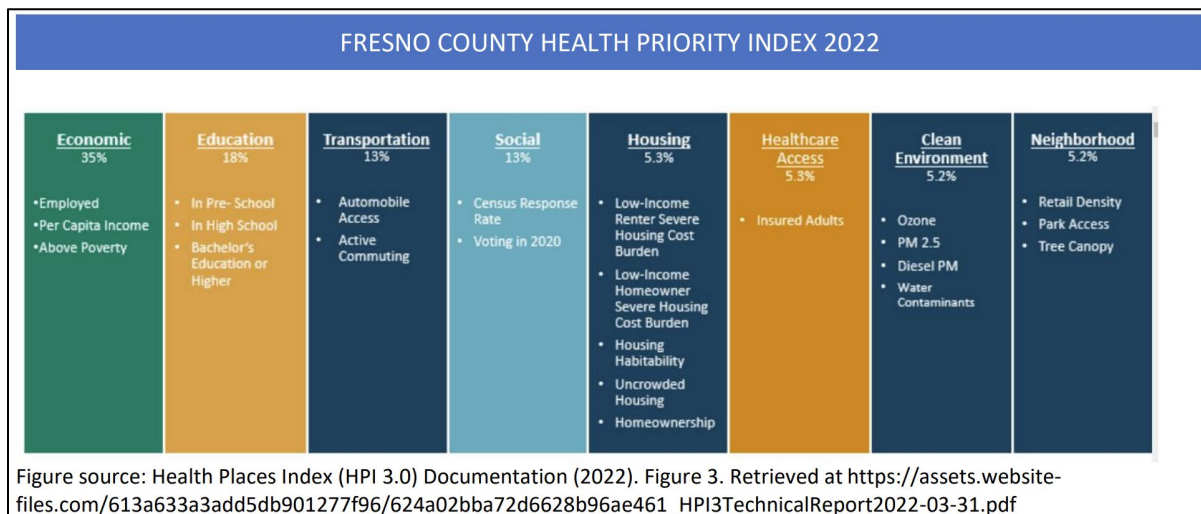
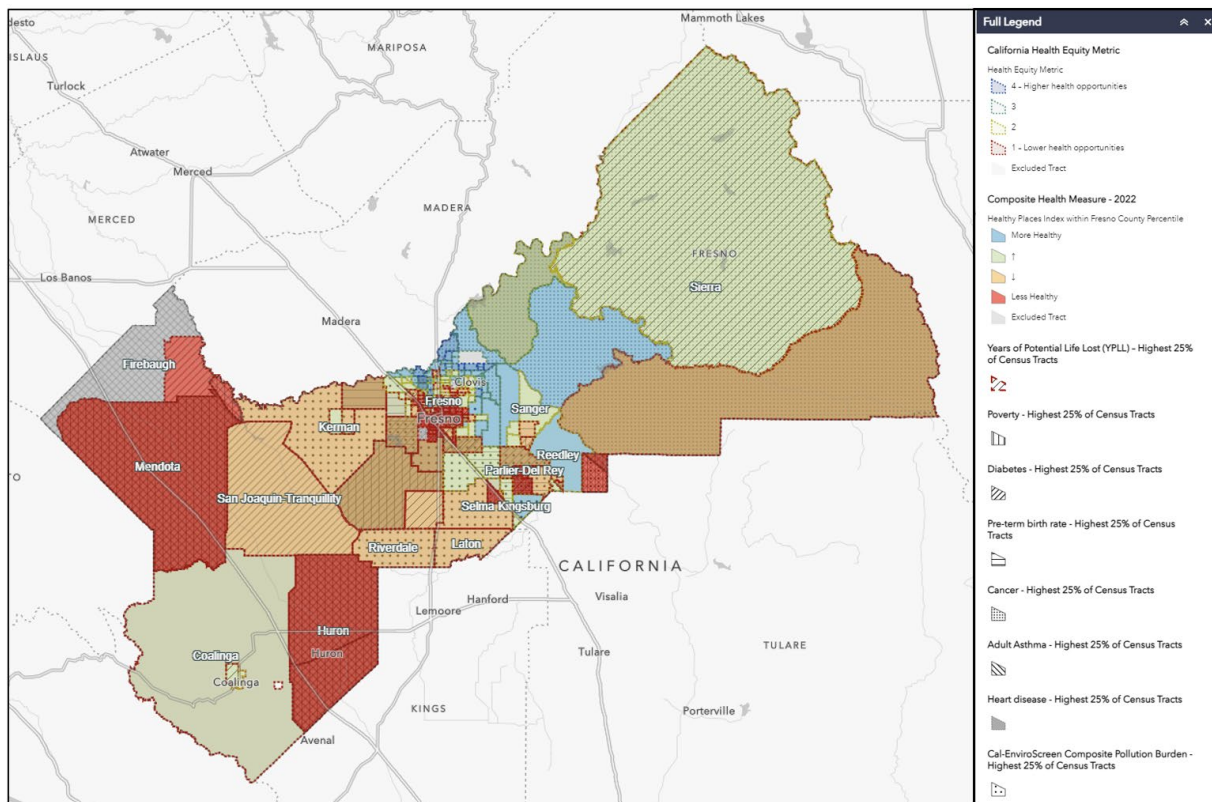


Figure 8, Health burden areas in the County.



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.

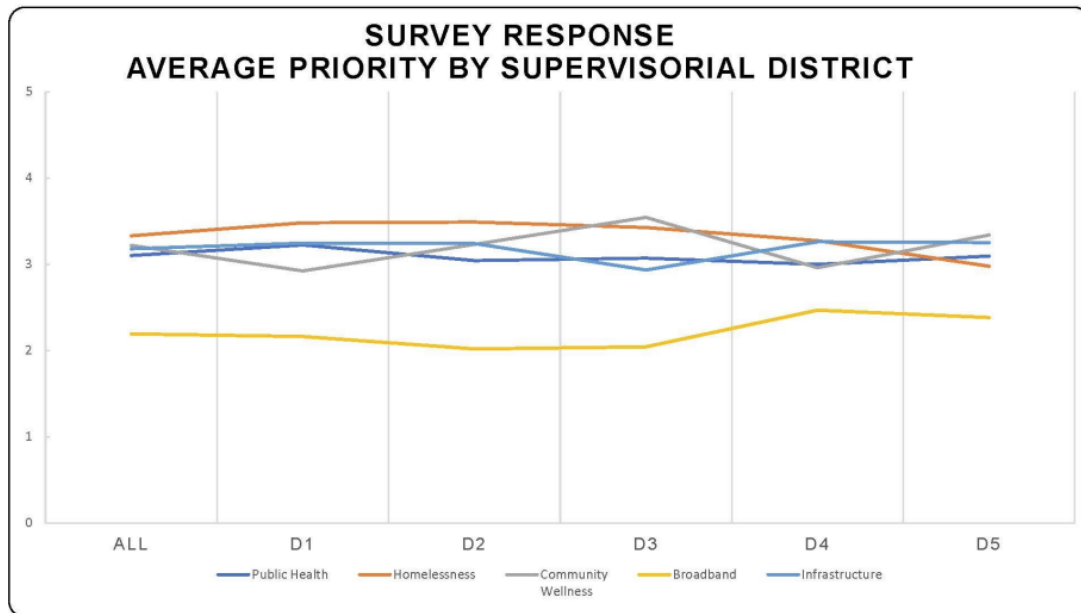
Community Engagement

- County ARPA website provides information and resources on the SLFRF program. The County has a dedicated ARPA email address (ARPA@fresnocountyca.gov) that provides the public the ability to submit questions or comments to the County. County Administrative Office staff monitor and respond to inquiries submitted to the ARPA email.
- From November 1, 2021, through December 24, 2021, the County conducted an online survey to solicit community input regarding the County's future expense plan for the SLFRF program. Survey participants were provided the opportunity to rank their top five priorities in the following areas: 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 the input provided by survey participants, the results showed that the community's top priorities were: Public Health Response/Economic Recovery, Homelessness, Community Wellness, and Infrastructure. Participants ranked investment in broadband infrastructure as the lowest priority. Figure 9 depicts the online survey results.

Figure 9, SLFRF Fresno County Community Survey Summary



- From December 15, 2021, through January 28, 2022, the County conducted the Statement of Interest (SOI) process which provided community-based organizations, nonprofits, special districts, and small business an opportunity to share with the County any potential programs that may be considered for ARPA funding. 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. The County advertised the SOI form through its social media platforms, the internet, and emailed over 150 CBOs and agencies to invited them to participate in this process. Through this process, the County received 71 SOIs, with an estimated funding need value of \$93.3 million.
- On February 1, 2022, the Board approved \$14.1 million in SLFRF to be made available to qualifying entities through a 30-day open application solicitation period and selection review process.
- From February 7, 2022, through March 9, 2022, the County held the first round subrecipient 30-day open application solicitation period. County staff announced the County's subrecipient application solicitation period through social media and by the ARPA email. Over 250 representatives of several community-based organizations, nonprofits, small businesses, faith-based groups, and entities that participated in the



previous SOI process were invited via email to participate in this process. Participants were provided the opportunity to present their program description, establish their program objectives and goals, identify strategies to address community needs, and present a budget and timeline to complete their program. 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. From March 2022 through May 2022, a Selection Review Panel and County staff reviewed each application submittal and evaluated which application best achieved the Board's adopted Guiding Principles and aligned with the SLFRF eligibility requirements. On June 21, 2022, the Board approved the Ad-Hoc Committee's 22 recommended programs to receive SLFRF funding.

- On November 8, 2022, the Board unanimously approved an additional \$4.2 million in SLFRF to conduct a second round of funding availability available to County departments and qualifying entities. The second-round 30-day open application process was held from November 18, 2022, through January 4, 2023. At the conclusion of the second round, the County received a total of 42 applications for programs with an estimated funding total value of \$38.8 million. From February 2023 through June 2023, the County Administrative Office reviewed each application submittal and evaluated each application that best achieved the Board's adopted Guiding Principles and aligned with the SLFRF eligibility requirements. On August 22, 2023, the Board approved the County Administrative Office's 10 recommended programs consisting of programs that help address food insecurity, provide resources to impacted children, youth, individuals with disabilities, and programs to help purchase play structures for low-income housing neighborhoods.

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 affordable housing.
- Investment needs that address pre-existing infrastructure inequities within impacted communities of the County.

As part of the Recovery Plan, the County's effort to disseminate information through various means including the ARPA website, ARPA email, social media platforms, partnerships with community-based organizations, or during the Board of Supervisor meetings will help the County inform the public of the various programs and services that are provided through the County's allocation of SLFRF.

Labor Practices

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



County 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.

For 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 includes provisions that address compliance with procurement requirements, compliance with state and federal Department of Labor regulations, compliance with nondiscrimination state and federal laws, and compliance with prevailing wage laws for public work projects.

Use of Evidence

While the County has not set an SLFRF amount for evidence-based interventions or evaluating projects through rigorous program evaluations designed to build evidence at this time, the County Administrative Office continues to work with Department Directors to improve data-driven resources to aid decision-making that is focused on improved outcomes for the community. For the purposes of SLFRF, Treasury provides guidance on evidence-based intervention in Appendix 2 of its Compliance and Reporting Guidance. As a condition of ARPA-SLFRF, recipients must also identify the dollar amount of the total project spending that is allocated towards evidence-based intervention for each program under specific Expenditure Categories denoted by Treasury with an asterisk.

The County's expenditure plan consists of a mix of approaches that may use preliminary evidence and conduct evaluations, whenever possible.

Where feasible, 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. 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 SLFRF funded programs 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](#)

Figure 10, SLFRF Expenditure Category Roster, part 1

SLFRF Expenditure Plan by Treasury's Expenditure Categories		Page 1 of 3
Expenditure Category	EC28	Approved SLFRF Allocations as of June 18, 2024
1: Public Health		
COVID-19 Mitigation & Prevention		
Ongoing Covid Mitigation Claims, County of Fresno		\$ 18,142,953
Negative Impacts: public safety, public health, mental and behavioral health, County Jail / JJC Wellpath		\$ 10,846,029
COVID-19 Vaccination [^]	1.1	
COVID-19 Testing [^]	1.2	
COVID-19 Contact Tracing [^]	1.3	
Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Fitness Zones for Youth at JJC, Probation)	1.4	\$ 279,000
Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)[^]		
North Central Fire Protection District - Economic Impact - COVID19		\$ 1,085,668
Fresno County Fire Protection District - Economic Impact - COVID19		\$ 2,000,000
San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority - reimbursement of COVID-19 Medical Expenses		\$ 2,426,734
Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)[^]	1.7	
Community Medical Centers - Medical Equipment (Striker Beds & CT Scanner)		\$ 2,720,670
Integrated Data Sharing Initiative, DPH		\$ 5,000,000
Mobile Workforce Technology, ISD		\$ 7,900,000
Heating/Ventilation Improvements in Public Facilities, ISD		\$ 6,000,000
Generation/Electrical Upgrade Improvements in Public Facilities, ISD		\$ 1,100,000
Communication Improvements for Public Services, ISD		\$ 1,500,000
HVAC, Generation, and Electric Improvement for Downtown Public Facilities, ISD		\$ 1,610,422
Facility Services Headquarter HVAC/Envelope Project, ISD		\$ 490,761
Community Violence Interventions		
Community Violence Interventions[^]		
501c3 - Marjaree Mason Center Inc., Construction Cost, New Community Resource Center	1.11	\$ 4,700,000
Westside Family Preservation Services Network, Youth Empowerment Program (San Joaquin)		\$ 349,039
Behavioral Health		
Mental Health Services[^]		
501c3 - Fresh Start Youth Center dba Mollie's House - program for victims of trafficking	1.12	\$ 180,000
Other		
Other Public Health Services[^]		
501c3 - Valley Caregiver Resources Center - OASIS Program, Adult Care (Alzheimer's)	1.14	\$ 451,071
501c3 - Easter Seals Central California - payroll, billing services, cancellation of appts		\$ 200,000
501c3 - Twilight Haven, Skilled Nursing Facility - recruit nursing staff & maintain staff ratios		\$ 500,000
Hospital Surge Capacity (Agreements with: FCHMC, CCMC, Saint Agnes), DPH		\$ 6,000,000
Brix Basement - Lab Improvements, DPH		\$ 3,000,000
DPH Brix Roof Repairs, DPH		\$ 225,000
Rural Mobile Health - Contracts (UCSF & Saint Agnes), DPH		\$ 6,000,000
Brix-Mercer Improvements and Repairs (BMI) Project		\$ 684,000
Homelessness Initiatives, Poverello House - Kitchen Tenant Improvements		\$ 2,500,000
Valley Center for the Blind, Accessible Transportation		\$ 50,000
2: Negative Economic Impacts		
Assistance to Households		
Household Assistance: Food Programs[^]		
501c3 - Fresno Metropolitan Ministry - Food to Share Program	2.1	\$ 512,000
501c3 - ACTS Foundation - distribution of food, household goods, economic development, and Community Resources.		\$ 500,000
Central California Food Bank, Rural Food Delivery Capacity		\$ 202,000
Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families		
501c3 - Court Appointed Special Advocates of Fresno & Madera Counties - Foster Youth	2.13	\$ 250,000
Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning[^]		
CBO - Exceptional Parent Unlimited, Inc. - negative economic impact - payroll, billing	2.14	\$ 300,815
Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing[^]		
Habitat for Humanity - Riverdale	2.15	\$ 540,000
Habitat for Humanity - Firebaugh		\$ 1,363,200
Homelessness Initiatives, Upholdings Inc, Crossroads Village		\$ 2,050,000



Figure 11, SLFRF Expenditure Category Roster, part 2

SLFRF Expenditure Plan by Treasury's Expenditure Categories		Page 2 of 3
Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons[^]	2.16	
Homelessness Initiatives, Fresno Mission, Construction cost for The City Center		\$ 2,429,186
Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators[^]	2.19	
Homelessness Initiatives, Kings View Rural Outreach Services		\$ 1,020,814
Rural Mobile Health Linkages to Wellness, DPH		\$ 2,000,000
Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety[^]	2.22	
Improvements to County Parks, PWP		\$ 3,000,000
Improvements to El Porvenir Park (CSA 30), PWP		\$ 400,000
Improvements to Tenaya Park (CSA 2), PWP		\$ 400,000
Improvements to Raisin City Park (CSA 43), PWP		\$ 400,000
Improvements to Keamey Park, PWP		\$ 4,485,275
Calwa Recreation and Park District - Community Center Improvements Pool Project		\$ 675,000
Self-Help Enterprises, on behalf of Lanare Community Services District		\$ 1,600,000
Self-Help Enterprises, Play structure for Cherry Crossings, Sanger		\$ 210,000
Self-Help Enterprises, Play structure, Guardian Village, Reedley		\$ 210,000
Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services[^]	2.25	
501c3 - Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission - replace 33 computers LLC Youth		\$ 48,584
501c3 - The Boys & Girls Club of Fresno County - Youth Program to address wellness for youth		\$ 600,000
501c3 - Break the Barriers, Inc. - Skill-building programs		\$ 300,000
501c3 - Care Fresno, Inc. - after-school programming, tutoring, mentoring		\$ 300,000
Fresno City and County Historical Society, Negative Impacts - Keamey Mansion Museum		\$ 514,725
Assistance to Small Businesses		
Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship[^]	2.29	
501c3 - Fresno Community Development Financial Institution, DBA Access Plus Capital		\$ 200,000
Auberry Sawmill, Inc.		\$ 140,000
Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation, Mobile Food Vendor		\$ 500,000
Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality[^]	2.35	
National Foods Festivals, 2022 Garlic Festival and Food		\$ 201,833
Clovis Rodeo Association Foundation - Loss of revenue		\$ 200,000
21st District Agricultural Association, Big Fresno Fair		\$ 205,000
Dunlap Community Club, Loss Revenue Turkey Testicle Festival		\$ 20,000
3: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity		
General Provisions		
Public Sector Workforce: Other	3.3	
Congregate Settings Retention Payment Program		\$ 13,504,502
4: Premium Pay		
Public Sector Employees	4.1	
One-time COVID-19 Pandemic Pay - Essential Workers		\$ 10,023,473
5: Infrastructure		
Water and Sewer		
Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment	5.1	
Tranquillity Public Utility District - Sewer Rehab Project		\$ 675,000
Clean Water: Stormwater	5.6	
Biola Community Services District - Storm Drain Improvements		\$ 955,000
Clean Water: Water Conservation	5.8	
Liberty Cemetery - Reclaimed Water Project - CWSRF, PWP		\$ 250,000
Drinking water: Source	5.13	
Elkhorn Facility - Water and Sewer Projects - DWSRF and CWSRF, PWP		\$ 1,500,000
Raisin City (CSA43W) - Water Well - DWSRF, PWP		\$ 2,000,000
Tranquillity Irrigation District - Replacement of Groundwater well - DWSRF		\$ 1,100,000
Riverdale Public Utility District - Groundwater well - DWSRF		\$ 3,175,000
Malaga County Water District - Groundwater well - DWSRF		\$ 4,329,561
Drinking water: Storage	5.14	
Elkhorn Recharge Facility - CWSRF, PWP		\$ 6,000,000
Turnout on Friant-Kern Canal at Big Dry Creek - CWSRF, PWP		\$ 2,500,000
River View Subdivision (CSA44C) - Water Distribution Improvements, DWSRF, PWP		\$ 400,000
Malaga County Water District - Final Design and Engineering for Water Storage Tank at Well 5		\$ 87,664
City of Firebaugh - Replacement of HUD Storage for Las Deltas Mutual Water District		\$ 2,832,100
City of Mendota - Water Tank (200,000 gallon) & Booster Pump Station		\$ 2,465,000
Caruthers Community Services District - Water storage tank at the westside of town		\$ 3,130,100



Figure 12, SLFRF Expenditure Category Roster, part 3

SLFRF Expenditure Plan by Treasury's Expenditure Categories		Page 3 of 3
Drinking water: Other water infrastructure	5.15	
Water meter improvements and replacement in CSAs and WWDs, DWSRF, PWP		\$ 2,300,000
Laton Community Services District - Water meter replacement project		\$ 1,032,000
Water and Sewer: Other	5.18	
Del Rey Community Services District - Groundwater Recharge Project		\$ 600,000
Broadband		
Broadband: Other projects	5.21	
Broadband Fiber to Public Facilities, ISD		\$ 889,578
Cybersecurity Improvements, ISD		\$ 10,000,000
6: Revenue Replacement		
Provision of Government Services	6.1	
Recovery of Lost Revenue - Standard Option based on "Final Rule"		\$10,000,000
7: Administrative		
Administrative Expenses	7.1	
Administration of ARPA - SLFRF (through 2025)*		\$ 2,500,000
8: Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters		
9: Surface Transportation Projects		
10: Title 1 Projects		
	Summary	Amounts
	Total Allocated to Date:	\$193,968,757
	Earmarked by Board, vetting for ARPA Eligibility:	\$94,900
	Total SLFRF Award:	\$194,063,657



Project Inventory

Programs under Eligible Category: Public Health (EC 1)

1. Ongoing COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention

Managing Department:	County Administrative Office		
Allocated Amount:	\$18,142,953	Expenditures:	\$18,142,953
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 3, 2021	Completion Date:	June 30, 2023
Eligible Category:	1.1 through 1.12 Public Health Services		
Website:	https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Home		

Project Overview

The County's initial expenditure plan earmarked \$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. During 2022, the expenditure plan earmarked \$30,139,957 for this program through the end June 30, 2023. Since the last reporting period, the National Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19 ended on April 10, 2023. Likewise, the Board's approved expenditure plan completed funding support for this program on June 30, 2023. At the end of this program, expenditures totaled to \$18,142,953.

On May 21, 2024, the Board approved the redesignation of the unspent funds for this program, approximately \$11.9 million, to instead help fund other Category A programs, such as the Congregate Settings Retention Program and Negative Economic Impacts to the Sheriff's Office. Although the public health emergency ended in 2023, the Sheriff's Office continues to be negatively impacted by the pandemic due to cost increases in medical care and behavioral health treatment provided to individuals at the County Jail and Juvenile Justice Campus.

The Ongoing Covid-19 Mitigation and Prevention program, through its implementation, assisted departments meet their staffing needs, mitigate, and prevent the spread of COVID-19 among employees and County facilities. The County 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.

Performance Report

During the pandemic, the County was impacted by several surges of COVID-19 cases, with the largest surges occurring during the Delta and Omicron variants. This program provided approximately \$18.1 million in SLFRF funding assistance to 13 participating departments to reimburse costs associated with the public health emergency and efforts to mitigate or prevent the spread of COVID-19 within eligible expenditures EC. 1.1 through 1.12. To note, although this program is identified under this eligible category, in 2022 Treasury restructured its numeric system



for “Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19” category which was originally coded as EC 1.9, and then was updated by Treasury (February 2022) and reassigned to EC 3.1. Treasury’s change inadvertently modified quarterly expenditure reporting and tracking for the County’s Ongoing COVID-19 Mitigation Program, however the Recovery Plan reports approximately \$4.4 million in public sector labor spending under this program.

Use of SLFRF for this program decreased over the course of the pandemic which may be attributed to advances such as widespread vaccinations, treatment options, and COVID-19 becoming a new common seasonal virus. Through the implementation of this program, a wide range of public health response activities were covered which include but are not limited to: public sector payroll costs, contact tracing for COVID-19 positive cases and exposures, sanitation supplies, personal protective equipment, and other necessary public health expenditures that helped maintain service levels during the course of the public health emergency. Activities under this program helped fund expenses not otherwise covered by other emergency grants, such as isolation and quarantine, supplemental sick leave, contracts that provided testing services, reporting, and screening for public sector staff and their families. During the surge of the Omicron variant, this program assisted the County address increased cost to provide responsive medical staffing and treatment of individuals detained in the County jail facilities.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Given that the public health emergency impacted delivery of services, this program funded a wide range of activities that helped maintain the continuity of public services while incorporating safety measures to prevent and mitigate the transmission of the virus in the community. This program allowed County departments to quickly adapt by incorporating safety measures in their operations as new information was announced by the CDC on how the virus is spread, precautions, and measures to mitigate infection.

2. Hospital Surge Capacity

Managing Department:	Department of Public Health, BAI 22-0114		
Allocated Amount:	\$6,000,000	Expenditures:	\$6,000,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	February 2022	Completion Date:	March 2022
Eligible Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services		
Website, Saint Agnes:	Saint Agnes Medical Center (samc.com)		
Website, CMCs:	Community Medical Centers - About Us		

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 patient care as a result of testing positive for COVID-19. In 2022, the County earmarked \$10 million as a contingency to assist local hospitals address surge capacities. On March 8, 2022, the Board ratified the allocation of \$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. Since the last reporting period, on May 21, 2024, the Board approved the redesignation of the unspent funds for this program, \$4 million, to instead help fund the implementation of the Congregate Settings Retention Program under Category A.

Under this program, 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 registered 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 registered nurse staffing cost utilized during in the expanded area totaled \$2,067,346.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Given that the public health emergency impacted all populations, this program made it possible for each hospital to expand its existing services by contracting for additional travel nurses and open bed capacity to accommodate additional COVID-19 patients due to the Omicron variant. This program benefited patients in the hospital seeking medical attention for COVID-19; in addition, this program allowed each hospital to preserve bed capacity for patients being treated for other non-COVID illnesses and conditions.



3. Fresno County Fire Protection District, Increased Emergency Response

Managing Entity:	Subaward to Special District, Subrecipient, A 22-126		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,000,000	Expenditures:	\$2,000,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 2021	Completion Date, est.:	March 2022
Eligible Category:	1.6 Medical Expenses		
Website:	Fresno County Fire Protection District		

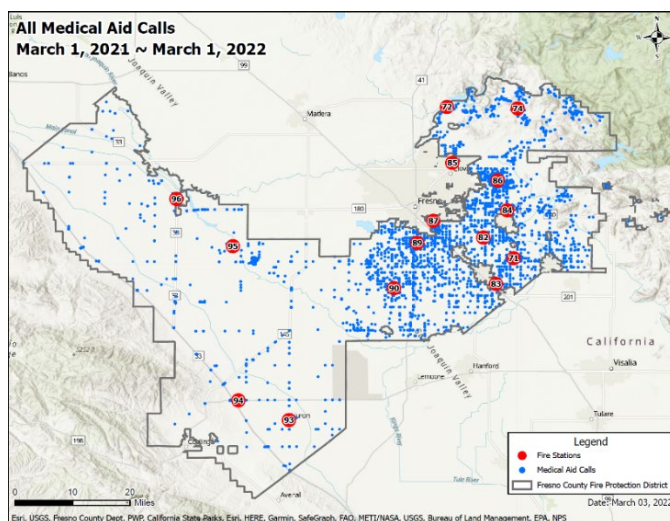
Project Overview

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 for 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 2-1 shows all medical aid calls to Fresno CFPD from March 1, 2021, to March 1, 2022.

Figure 2-1, Fresno CFPD Medical Aid Request, March 2021-2022.





Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Given that the public health emergency impacted all populations, this program made it possible for the Fresno FPD to receive financial assistance for providing emergency medical response to COVID-19 related medical emergencies in the rural areas of the County, which has an estimated population of approximately 220,000 residents. Most of Fresno FPD's 2,500 square mile service area is recognized as economically disadvantaged communities by the State of California.

4. North Central Fire Protection District, Increased Emergency Response

Managing Entity:	Subaward to Special District, Subrecipient, A 22-127		
Allocated Amount:	\$1,085,668	Expenditures:	\$1,085,668
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 2021	Completion Date:	March 2022
Eligible Category:	1.6 Medical Expenses		
Website:	North Central Fire Protection District (specialdistrict.org)		

Project Overview

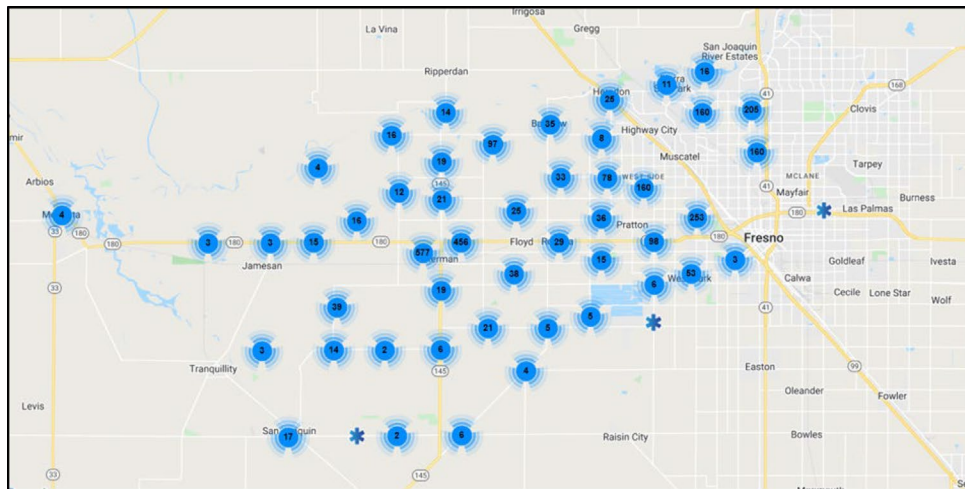
North Central Fire Protection District (North CFPD) provides a full range of fire prevention and suppression services in a district service area that encompasses 215 square miles, and an estimated population of 51,000 residents in central Fresno County. A substantial portion of North CFPD's service area is composed of areas recognized as economically disadvantaged 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 North CFPD 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 2-2 shows all medical aid calls to North CFPD from March 3, 2021, to March 1, 2022.



Figure 2-2, North CFPD Medical Aid Request, March 2021-2022.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Given that the public health emergency impacted all populations, this program made it possible for the North Central FPD to receive financial assistance for providing emergency medical response to COVID-19 related medical emergencies in the rural areas of the County, which has an estimated population of approximately 51,000 residents. Most of North Central FPD’s 215 square mile service area is recognized as economically disadvantaged communities by the State of California.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Internal Services, BAI 22-0336		
Allocated Amount:	\$6,000,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$2,696,519
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 2021	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses		
Website:	Internal Services - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

The funds allocated for this project will fund the modernization of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units at various essential County facilities serving the public that include but are not limited to: up 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 to repair or complete replacements, completion dates have been delayed due to long lead times for required parts and necessary equipment. The department represents that HVAC equipment has been taking up to 44 weeks to be delivered once order is placed, many current delays are from pending equipment arrival. As of February 14, 2024, \$661,870.63 has been spent for chiller, cooling tower rebuild, HVAC and air handler replacements at the following County public facilities:

Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721

This project funded the replacement of two outdated air handlers that are beyond the rated lifecycle. The air handlers are high efficiency units and add UV air cleaners. The equipment was delivered and replacement of the air handlers was completed in April 2024. Invoices have been paid with Department Voucher Numbers: 02442403, 02451113, 02468675, 0284641, and work order 415876.

Brix/Mercer – 1221 Fulton Street, CA

This project, as planned, will fund the replacement of outdated building automation controls to improve efficiency and ability to better control fresh air intake into the ventilation system. This project was completed in December 2023. Invoices have been paid with Department voucher numbers: 02480181, 02480142 and Work Order 536710.

Plaza Building - 2020 Tulare St. Fresno, CA 93721

The Plaza Building, as planned, would fund the necessary replacement of an original chiller with a new modular, high efficiency chiller. The Department issued a Notice to Proceed, which was approved on February 28, 2023. Currently, the Plaza Building is being prepared for the installation of the new chiller, anticipated cost is approximately \$3 million to complete the project. Additional funds will be invested to rebuild the Plaza Building's cooling tower with a new high efficiency tower. This project is complete. Invoices have been paid with Department voucher numbers 02425236, 02363098 and work order 374010.

Pontiac Way – 333 W. Pontiac Way, Clovis, CA 93616

Similarly, the Department represents that the Pontiac Way Building No. 6 requires the replacement of HVAC package units. A total of five-high efficiency units with outside air intakes



will replace the aging units. The Department represents that this project is complete, pending reimbursement from the ARPA-SLFRF program.

Facility Services Headquarter – 4590 E. Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, CA 93702

This project, as planned, will replace four outdated HVAC package units at the Facilities Service Headquarters that are beyond their rated lifecycle with high efficiency fresh air intake units. The Department approved a Notice to Proceed on November 8, 2023. This project is complete and waiting on invoices.

Hall of Records –2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721

As of the preparation of this report, the Department represents that the stand-alone chiller plant at the Hall of Records is in dire need of replacement due to its outdated design. The project consists of commissioning an assessment, which will guide the necessary engineering and design for a new stand-alone central plant that will provide cooling and heating for downtown public facilities.

Libraries – San Joaquin, Sanger and Bear Mountain Libraries

Many of the County’s libraries need HVAC replacements of outdated package units. The Department is currently working to finalize a Notice to Proceed for equipment for the San Joaquin Library and anticipates the project may be completed in a quick turnaround timeline. The Department ordered equipment for the Bear Mountain Library in January 2024, which installation was completed in June 2024. Pending funding availability for the previously listed locations, the Department plans to fund additional HVAC system replacements for additional public libraries, which benefit the residents that visit their local libraries.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Given that the public health emergency impacted all populations, this program provides an opportunity for the Department to make necessary heating ventilation air conditioning improvements to various County public facilities that 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. Future Recovery Plans will update statuses for the previously listed ventilation improvement location.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Internal Services, BAI 22-0336		
Allocated Amount:	\$1,100,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$44,400
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 2021	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses		
Website:	Internal Services - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		



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

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. In 2023, the Department received contractor quotes to prepare a facilities assessment that included upgrading and/or replacing the emergency electrical system, back-up power sources. The Department represents that a permit for this project was completed in December 2023, which has allowed for the project to begin the construction phase. The Department represents that minor delays in this project moved the anticipated completion date to Fall 2024. Invoices have been paid with Department voucher numbers: 02365107 and 02419194.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program provides an opportunity for the County to fund necessary improvement to Department of Public Health's headquarters. The Brix/Mercer Building provides essential programs in the community including but not limited to: children's medical services, emergency services, environmental health, public health nursing, health policy and wellness, community health, epidemiology surveillance, and data management. 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. Future Recovery Plans will update statuses for the previously listed ventilation improvement locations.



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

Managing Entity:	Department of Internal Services, BAI 22-0081		
Allocated Amount:	\$1,500,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$1,348
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 2021	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses		
Website:	Internal Services - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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

Since the last reporting period, the ISD represents the following achievements. ISD is working with the Department of Public Works and Planning Design Division on this capital project to purchase and install radio towers and associated equipment in or near the City of Reedley and the unincorporated community of Tranquillity. The engineering consultant for the project has been selected and the consultant is currently working on the plans, specifications, and estimate for the construction of the project. As of Spring 2024, ISD is working with Public Works and Planning to finalize design and start the public bidding process. Once the bidding process is complete, contractors will be selected by end of Summer 2024. ISD represents that construction for the Reedley tower and the Tranquillity tower are anticipated to begin construction by the Fall 2024. As planned, the Reedley tower will be located near the intersection of E. Manning Avenue and S. Rio Vista Avenue; the Tranquillity tower will be located near the intersection of W. Morton Avenue and Randolph Avenue in the community of Tranquillity.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program provides an opportunity for the County to enhance communication coverage, in particular public safety communication, in and near the underserved rural communities of Reedley and Tranquillity. Once completed, the towers will improve voice and data communications for users such as the Sheriff's Office, fire protection, public health response, and public works. Future Recovery Plans will update statuses for the previously listed ventilation improvement locations.

8. Mobile Workforce Technology, ISD No. 4

Managing Entity:	Department of Internal Services, BAI 22-0081		
Allocated Amount:	\$7,900,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$7,900,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 2021	Completion Date, est.:	Complete
Eligible Category:	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses		
Website:	Internal Services - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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 of the County, as well as on the public.

The provision of this program enabled County 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

Under this program, the Department acquired 15,432 essential items that assisted County employees to telework during the pandemic and also equipped the County for future events where teleworking would be necessary.

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. Invoices have been paid with Department voucher numbers: 02484683 and 02484683.

Figure 2-3, Mobile Workforce Summary

	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
	32	Dell Precision, various technology systems	33,031.03
Total	15,432	Sub-Total	\$7,316,408
		Taxes	\$514,181
		Environmental Fees	\$36,380
		Program Grand Total	\$7,900,000

9. Facility Services Headquarter, HVAC/Envelope Project, ISD

Managing Entity:	Department of Internal Services, BAI 23-1052		
Allocated Amount:	\$490,761	Expenditures, est.:	\$
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	October 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2023
Eligible Category:	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses		
Website:	Internal Services - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

ISD-Facility Services provides critical maintenance services to County-owned facilities, including mechanical, electrical, structural, and janitorial services. On August 22, 2023, the Board approved the Second Round Award List, which included \$490,761 in SLFRF for ventilation and facility improvements at the County ISD Facility Services Headquarter (Facilities HQ) to be implemented by ISD Facility Services.

During the pandemic, ISD-Facility Services staff assisted County departments to increase janitorial cleaning services at various County own facilities, including helping departments to retrofit workspaces to enable social distancing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Facilities HQ provides storage of materials, tools, equipment, and supplies used by ISD-Facility Services staff to respond to department service requests for all aspects of facility maintenance, repairs, and janitorial needs.



There are currently 25 employees who are based out of the Facilities HQ who are responsible to repair heating, cooling, ventilation, electrical, plumbing, and structural systems, as well as provide janitorial services such as cleaning and sanitizing County-owned or leased facilities where County departments provide resources and services to individuals and residents of the County. The Department represents that the use of Facilities HQ has been instrumental in responding to the public health emergency and addressing the County's operational needs. Facilities' HQ's physical structure is in dire need of investment to address structural concerns to preserve the building's functionality and usefulness for its Facility employees.

This program provides partial funding to help ISD fund necessary repairs to Facilities HQ, which consist of installing new HVAC units and replacement of the roof and supporting systems will support the new HVAC units. Replacement and roofing repairs will help mitigate water intrusion to the building during wet years, which in turn can effectively improve the HVAC system's ability to adequately circulate and sanitize air flow throughout the building's ventilation system.

The Final Rule provides that capital investment in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs, such as adaptation improvements to public buildings to implement COVID-19 mitigation tactics is a permitted use of SLFRF.

Performance Report

According to the Department, this program began in October 2023 with the objective to provide for a safe working environment to ensure that ISD-Facility Services staff may continue responding to County departments' service and janitorial needs. This project funded necessary repairs on a public building that functions as the County's maintenance hub/shop, provides storage of materials and equipment, and serves as the primary workplace for essential employees who are deployed to help departments address maintenance, repairs, and janitorial services in County-owned and leased facilities. According to the Department, improvements were completed by December 2023. The Department has incurred costs to complete this project, which are pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Facilities HQ is located at 4590 E. Kings Canyon, Fresno, CA, and identified in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT: 06019001301), according to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Policy Development and Research, QCTs and Difficult Development Areas Dataset Finder. Given that the public health emergency impacted all populations, this program provides an opportunity for the Department to make necessary heating ventilation air conditioning improvements to its Facilities HQ, which is the County's maintenance hub/shop for all County owned facilities.



9. Poverello House Kitchen Renovations, Homelessness Initiative 3

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 23-216, 23-529		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,500,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$2,500,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	May 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2023
Eligible Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services		
Website:	https://poverellohouse.org/		

Project Overview

SLFRF provided funding assistance to the Poverello House (Poverello) for kitchen renovations 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 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, which provides free hot meals three times daily during breakfast, lunch, and dinner hours; 2) Offsite meals, which are 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, which 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.

The small kitchen, which was 30 years old, had an initial rated capacity to prepare approximately 1,200 daily meals. Over the years, the kitchen and its workforce helped increase serving capacity to approximately 2,500 daily meals. The kitchen's wear and tear were evident during 2020-2022, when the kitchen's functionality reached its maximum capacity to effectively meet the increasing demand for daily meals during the pandemic. The kitchen was in desperate need for a renovation to maximize use of the existing space, to accommodate additional staffing support, and to allow for the modernization of the facility to acquire new appliances and equipment so that the kitchen could increase its volume of daily meals produced and continue providing over 1,000,000 meals annually in the community.



Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, this project reached completion. The new kitchen renovations included two kitchen facilities in the same footprint. The first kitchen is “volume-based” facility with space, equipment, and other thoughtful design to produce 2,000-4,000 meals daily. Many in the community benefit from the meals produced in Poverello House’s kitchen as these meals go to six other homeless shelters, the largest Domestic Violence shelter in Fresno County, and several smaller organizations as well. The new kitchen incorporates capacity for future growth, should there be need to expand the operation. The second kitchen is a “restaurant-style” facility. This component of the project allows for meals to be served on-site at a new restaurant venture called “Papa Mike’s Café.” Poverello House named the restaurant after their founder who served those experiencing homelessness through giving out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in downtown Fresno. The “Papa Mike’s Café” will provide dignity and choice for anyone in need of a meal. Every guest in the restaurant has the opportunity to order off a menu for three meals daily, receive full table service, and nobody pays anything for their meal. This part of the project is truly unique and there may not be another example of this magnitude in the country.

The next section provides key milestones that were achieved during the project timeline:

Spring 2023 Poverello completed demolition of the old kitchen, underground plumbing was completed and inspected, a concrete foundation had been poured, wall framing had begun, and kitchen equipment had been ordered.

During the Summer 2023, Poverello reported significant progress on the completion of the kitchen renovation. Specific achievements and milestones included:

- 1) All walls in the kitchen had been framed, finished, and completed.
- 2) Stainless steel was installed on the exterior of all walls in the kitchen.
- 3) All drainage and plumbing had been completed and inspected by the City of Fresno (passed inspection).
- 4) Kitchen equipment had begun installation.
- 5) Floor tile and epoxy grouting had been completed throughout the entire kitchen; T-Bar, ceiling tiles, and lighting was installed.
- 6) Walk-in refrigerator and freezer units had been installed.
- 7) Dry storage room was fully completed

By late Fall of 2023, Poverello’s kitchen renovation had been completed. Major milestones included:

- 8) Finalized installation of hood equipment on the roof
- 9) Completed all mechanical, electrical, and plumbing component
- 10) Completed all paint and finish
- 11) Passed final inspections from the City of Fresno (October 18th)
- 12) Passed final inspections from the Fresno Fire Department
- 13) Passed final inspection from the Fresno County Department of Public Health
- 14) Began utilizing kitchen to prepare food

The project began on May 1st, 2023, and was finalized on October 18th, 2023. In the first month of operating “Papa Mike’s Café” and the volume-based component of the project, over 120,000 meals have been produced and served. Guests in the restaurant have been thrilled and it has been extremely impactful. Not only this, but over 2,500 hours of workforce development hours



have been served by men in Poverello House’s residential drug rehabilitation program. Since opening “Papa Mike’s Café” and the volume-based kitchen, three graduates of the rehabilitation program have become employed by the organization who used their new skills to be competitive for these employment opportunities. The kitchen renovation project goes beyond the meals. The project was about dignity for all people, providing a space for workforce development for men turning their lives around, and for countless volunteers of all ages to serve some of the most vulnerable populations in Fresno County.

In 2024, the County was recognized with a 2024 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the Kitchen Renovation at Poverello House. The award honors innovative and effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents. A video of Poverello House Kitchen Renovation, is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhGIt_RdLtw

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The kitchen renovation project is open and serves anyone in need of a meal. The kitchen itself is built in the 93706 zip code; the most recent data reveals that 80% of the residents of the 93706-zip code are persons of color. The area is identified in a Qualified Census Tract (06019000300), which is an area that has a poverty percentage of 48%, according to the U.S. Census. The 93706-zip code is also a notorious food desert where healthy food options are not easily accessible to those individuals in need or homeless. The addition of “Papa Mike’s Café” improves free food availability in this zip code, and it provides an access point for individuals and families to access free healthy food options three times a day.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Health, BAI 22-0837		
Allocated Amount:	\$5,000,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	December 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses		
Website:	Public Health - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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, which will streamline potential redundancies, and will result in improved coordination of care for County residents.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, the Department has coordinated additional internal meetings to discuss the planned IDSS system. On May 21, 2024, the department received the Board's approval to retain a contractor, Manifest MedEx, to provide support for developing a policy framework to support ongoing data exchange between providers, public health, county behavioral health, and school districts/schools for patients who are minors, providing recommendations for both Manifest MedEx and the County best practices and potential policies. Manifest MedEx, under contract with the County, will work with staff and stakeholders to further define existing and novel data flows for Youth Suicide Prevention, including but not limited to how and where relevant data is captured, triggers for data transmission, user permissions, and user technology needs, including infrastructure and user interfaces. The contractor's scope of services consists of helping the County to expand processes and policies as the IDSS continues to be built.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program will assist County departments with tailoring a data system to address suicide prevention or home visitation/care coordination requirements. The Department may evaluate the capacity with Manifest MedEx to assess patients receiving rural mobile health services if a reduction of emergency room utilization from certain patients or population. This program would create the ability for the County, stakeholders, local and private organizations to work with community partners to collaboratively design plans, identify barriers and community assets and dismantle health disparities.



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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Health, BAI 22-0837		
Allocated Amount:	\$3,000,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	September 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services		
Website:	Public Health - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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 a 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 ensure that the Department is able to continue to provide essential services as the pandemic continues.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, the Department represents that initial basement review and rebuild was finalized by the Job Order Contracting (JOC) contractor. The initial estimates show that 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 has retained three contractors to begin the project by late Spring 2024, and with an estimated completion timeline of nine months.



DPH is currently working to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Internal Services Department (ISD) and Department of Public Works and Planning (PWP) to outline fulfillment of spending obligations and complete construction for future phase buildout.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program will help the County modernize the Department's lab, which serves the community in many ways including providing support for the development of the public sector workforce in all service areas of the Department with training space and conference rooms. At completion, the lab 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.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Health, BAI 22-0837		
Allocated Amount:	\$225,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$225,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	September 2022	Completion Date:	Complete
Eligible Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services		
Website:	Public Health - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

The funds allocated to this project helped the Department fund repairs and the reroof of 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 were estimated to be over 50 years old and in dire need of replacement. Replacement of the roof addressed needed capital investment to allow for the continued delivery of critical public services, and to 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 was completed by December of 2023. The total cost of the reroof project exceeded \$225,000, and at completion totaled \$296,560. SLFRF helped the Department's budget offset its cost to complete this project.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program helped the County address needed maintenance of the Department of Public Health's headquarters, Brix/Mercer facility. The Brix/Mercer Building provides essential programs in the community including but not limited to: children's medical services, emergency services, environmental health, public health nursing, health policy and wellness, community health, epidemiology surveillance, and data management. 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.

13. Rural Mobile Health Program, Medical Services

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Health, BAI 22-0837, BAI 22-0795		
Allocated Amount:	\$6,000,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$628,279
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	September 2022	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services		
Website:	Fresno County Rural Mobile Health - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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 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.



In the Final Rule, the Treasury established 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, including 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. On May 9, 2023, the Board approved expanding services by including the Buddhist Tzu Chi Medical Foundation to provide professional eye exams and prescription eyewear under this program.

Since the last reporting period, the Department represents that 94 events have been held in rural communities and at Ag/farm worker locations such as: Biola, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fresno, Huron, Mendota, Kerman, Orange Cove, Riverdale, Fowler, Malaga, Caruthers, Helm, and Del Rey. According to the contractors, total number of patients seen by the mobile health program amounts to 3,060.

Additionally, the mobile eye exam and free glasses program has been held on eight separate occasions in the communities of Laton, Mendota, Raisin City, and Caruthers. This program has provided 98 free eye exams of which 91 individuals received prescription glasses at no cost to them.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program aims to improve health and prevent disease by offering medical services at no cost to agricultural workers and people living in the rural areas of the County. The mission statement for this program is: Fresno County strives to build upon the health department's COVID-19 pandemic work and strengthen existing multi-sectoral collaborations to develop sustainable interventions that reduce the burden of communicable and chronic diseases among rural communities in the region. The rural mobile health program aims to make healthcare access more equitable for people living in rural areas of Fresno County.



14. Improvements to Brix/Mercer, Department of Public Health

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Health, BAI 23-0764		
Allocated Amount:	\$684,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$3,800
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	September 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services		
Website:	Public Health - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

The Initial Agenda Item approved the Department to use ARPA fund for various improvements to Department of Public Health’s headquarters, Brix/Mercer facility with a funding commitment of up to \$2.8 million; however, after further review and scoping the entire project, the Department prioritized ARPA spending to fully complete the repairs to the roof, make ADA improvements, and upgrade Clinic Vaccine Refrigerated Room to add new backup HVAC electrical connections of the Department’s Brix/Mercer facility with a budget commitment of \$684,000.

On August 9, 2022, the Department was initially approved \$225,000 in ARPA funds for the re-roof of the Brix-Mercer Complex. Upon the Department receiving bids for the re-roofing, the cost was determined to only cover the cost of one of the two primary roofs of the building. This program allowed for the Department to fund the second primary roof and other smaller secondary roofs to be completed in 2023.

The Department headquarters’ main entrances to the Brix-Mercer Complex are not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991. This prevents those who have certain disabilities from being able to freely access the Department’s facility to conduct business such as restaurant plan checks, birth or death certificate requests, immunization, and tuberculosis clinics. The Department is the only facility in the area that tests, treats, or takes tuberculosis patients, making ADA repair even more critical. This program will fund the installation of mechanically operated door systems at the main and rear entrances of the Brix-Mercer Complex.

Additionally, the Department’s Immunizations Clinic at the Brix-Mercer Complex stores the County’s vaccines including Measles Mumps and Rubella, Polio, Tuberculosis, COVID, and annual flu supply for the benefit of County residents. These refrigerators are connected to a backup generator so that in the event of power loss, the refrigerators would continue to provide a constant temperature to the vaccines. This program will help the Department upgrade this room to an exterior wall in the Brix-Mercer Complex and place the system on its own independent HVAC system that is connected to the backup generator. This allows for continuity of operations in and to keep the County’s vaccine supplies refrigerated at their optimal temperatures.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, the Department started to scope cost estimates and timelines for the entire project. During the first quarter of 2024, the Department retained contractors through ISD to make several improvements. As of July 2024, the Mercer Re-roof received a quote for \$244,031.82 to this project, the bid amount is 44% less than originally estimated of \$419,750.00. The Department issued the contractor a Notice to Proceed (NTP) on July 2024. Cost savings from



the reroof project are anticipated to become available for redesignation for other ARPA projects. As of July 2024, the Department does not anticipate that they will be able to contract the IZ HVAC improvement project before December 31, 2024, cost savings from the IZ HVAC improvement are anticipated to become available for redesignation for other ARPA projects.

As of July 2024, the Department updated the front and rear doors at the Brix-Mercer Complex to comply with ADA requirements. Cost of installing ADA doors and hardware exceed initial estimates and project budget. The Department represents that the remaining funding will be made up through internal DPH resources. The Department issued the contractor a NTP on May 2024.

The Department has incurred expenditures and anticipated obligations primarily consisting of project implementation, management, materials and construction, which are pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program helped the County address needed maintenance of the Department of Public Health’s headquarters, Brix/Mercer facility. The Brix/Mercer Building provides essential programs in the community including but not limited to: children’s medical services, emergency services, environmental health, public health nursing, health policy and wellness, community health, epidemiology surveillance, and data management. 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.

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

Managing Entity:	Probation Department, BAI 22-0313		
Allocated Amount:	\$279,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$205,883
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings, adaption to a youth detention facility to mitigate impacts of COVID-19		
Website:	Probation Department - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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 at the JJC 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 recognizes 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 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.

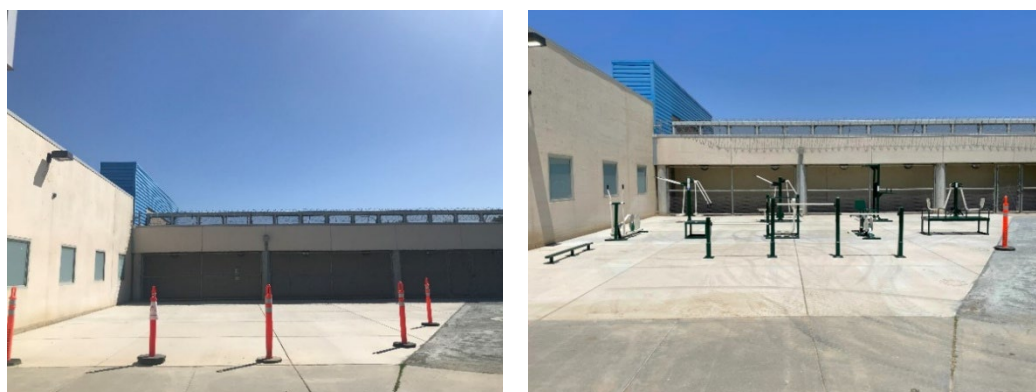
Performance Report

In 2022-2023, the Probation Department collaborated with ISD-Facilities to initiate the procurement process for the purchase of the fitness equipment. Facilities secured a vendor for the purchase of the fitness equipment and the grass renovation project. In FY 22-23, Probation completed the recreational grass area renovation, totaling \$36,108, and the first phase of the fitness equipment installation, totaling \$50,223. Probation represents that phase one is complete. In FY 23-24, Probation continued working with ISD to complete the second phase of the fitness equipment, totaling \$38,565, along with concrete slab jobs needed to mount the equipment. The cost for the concrete and mounting services are \$80,385. To date, Probation has incurred expenditures totaling \$205,283 in support of the program. Additional updates will be provided in future recovery plans.

Figure 2-4, Fitness Zones at JJC



Figure 2-5, Fitness Zones at JJC, Phase 2.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Probation operates the JJC, which is used primarily as a detention facility to hold minors who have committed law violations while they await processing through the Juvenile Court system. The JJC also provides secured confinement for minors awaiting delivery to the California Youth Authority, other juvenile and adult justice authorities, foster and group home placements, and court-ordered commitments. On average, the JJC houses an estimated average population of 90-125 youth at any given time. Often, minors that enter the JJC facility come from neighborhoods where there is limited access to recreational opportunity, open space, or access to fitness equipment. Adding fitness equipment and recreational space provides an opportunity for minors to learn about health, fitness, and wellness while housed at the JJC, thereby promoting healthy habits that are conducive to mental and physical wellness.

16. Marjaree Mason Center, Construction of a Community Resource Center

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 23-101		
Allocated Amount:	\$4,700,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$ -
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	May 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	1.11 Community Violence Interventions		
Website:	Marjaree Mason Center (mmcenter.org)		

Project Overview

SLFRF to Marjaree Mason Center (MMC) 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.



MMC 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 MMC represents that it has experienced a 36% increase in demand to provide aid to victims of domestic violence in Fresno County. MMC 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

During the Q2 and Q3 of 2023, the MMC was working with their architect and construction consultant to prepare a request for proposals for general contractors for their project. At the end of Q3 of 2023, MMC did not have any expenditures to charge the subaward.

During the Fall of 2023, MMC announced a request for qualifications for potential general contractors interested in overseeing this project. MMC received several applications and MMC's Bullard selection committee narrowed down the potential contractors to three agencies that would put in their formal bid for the project. MMC received all bids, and a general contractor was chosen with the approval of MMC's Board of Directors on September 28, 2023. MMC selected BMY Construction as the general contractor for their project, the Bullard renovation project. Pre-demolition began in mid-January 2024 and construction of the project started March 2024.

On February 28, 2024, MMC broke ground for this project. ([Marjaree Mason Center breaks ground on \\$21M Fresno center \(msn.com\)](#)). As of the preparation of this Recovery Plan, MMC is working to request payment from the ARPA subaward.

As of Q2 of 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County that wall framing (Walls 1 and 2) was complete. Bids for electrical (low voltage) work was announced and awarded to the most responsive bidder, EKC.

By June 2024, the Subrecipient and EKC team met to go over the project deliverable, which will focus on the amount of low voltage needed for the facility which includes doors and security key fob entries. The Subrecipient anticipates that during the Summer 2024 additional projects will include: expansion joints over lath at exterior wall, plaster on exterior walls, drywall and site plumbing for the south sewer line. Some concerns include getting a finalized contract with Pacific, Gas & Electric and finalizing a bid package for furniture.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

According to MMC, since April 2022 and through September 2022, their facilities assisted 14,164 individuals (adults and their children) who were victims of domestic violence, and MMC provided 125,931 nights of emergency shelter for victims of crimes. Individuals who request MMC’s help often come from the Central Valley’s most impoverished neighborhoods, with a substantial percentage of the victims of crime identifying as: Hispanic (53%), Caucasian (18%), African American (13%), and Asian American Pacific Islander (0.05%). During the pandemic, MMC represents that its downtown Fresno headquarters, which has been in operations for many decades, reached its maximum service capacity to effectively continue providing services and resources to its clients.

This program strives to help MMC increase service capacity by remodeling a recently acquired building that is planned to be transformed into a Community Resource Center. This Center will become a “One-Stop Center” that will increase its service capacity, will include 24/7 hotline and crisis response, case management, safety planning, counseling, legal advocacy, housing navigation services, children’s programs, art therapy, prevention programs, education classes and linkages to community service providers to ensure that clients can engage in services in one easy-to-access location while they work towards recovering from the traumatic effects of abuse and domestic violence.

17. Fresno Community Hospital and Medical Centers, Medical Equipment

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 22-340 and 23-625		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,720,670	Expenditures, est.:	\$ 394,520
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	January 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (Medical Equipment)		
Website:	https://www.communitymedical.org/		

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

Since the last reporting period, CMC completed the purchase of six adult Stryker beds for its ICU at Community Regional Medical Center, Fresno. In the last year, CMC continued its efforts to replace the CT scanner at Clovis Community Medical Center. CMC represents that bid results showed that construction and installation cost exceeded its initial estimates to replace the CT scanners. In the last year, the County approved the first amendment to this program to shift funding availability for the installation and replacement cost. As of April 2024, CMC represents that electrical work for the CT scanner replacement is undergoing final design prior to the replacement and installation phase.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

During the pandemic, CMC 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 beds available to care for the region's patients who tested positive for coronavirus and seek emergency medical attention. This program helps the CMC to add six striker beds in its ICU, and will replace the CT scanner that 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 within patients, which benefits and improves the level of care and provided within the region.

18. Twilight Haven, Maintain Staffing Ratios, Senior Care Facility

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 22-538		
Allocated Amount:	\$500,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$134,391
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	December 2022	Completion Date, est.:	November 2023
Eligible Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services		
Website:	Not Available		

Project Overview

For over 65 years, Twilight Haven (Twilight) 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. 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 was 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. Additionally, Twilight experienced employee shortages, increased vacancy rates, recruitment challenges, and an uptick in abrupt employee resignations from its skilled nurses due to higher paying wages at other similar facilities. Under its subrecipient agreement, SLFRF provided Twilight funding assistance to help advertise, recruit, and retain employees by providing a wage increase not to exceed \$4.00 per hour for hours worked by each its 55 employees in its skilled nursing program.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, Twilight continued to experience operational hurdles which negatively impacted recruitment, employee retention, and its ability to continue operating its Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF). In June 2023, Twilight filed proceedings to declare bankruptcy after the closure of its SNF which caused disruption of its services, employment, as well as the relocation of its SNF residents. By July 2023, Twilight's SNF closure displaced 50 employees and 51 senior patients. During Fall of 2023, Twilight informed the County that they did not foresee any additional ARPA billable hours going forward due to the grant being specific to employees within the SNF. Twilight informed the County that they will not be able to fully expend the ARPA grant.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

During Twilight's operation, the grant helped compensate an increase pay of \$3 per hour to 50 employees ranging from registered Nurses, Licensed Vocational Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Medical Techs, and Caregivers assigned to the SNF. Employees in the SNF received and increase pay of \$3 per hour for a combined total of 44,778 hours worked which also benefited 51 seniors that lived or visited Twilight's SNF.

As of February 2024, the California Attorney General announced the conditional approval of Twilight's sale to Bayshair Central, LLC. As planned, the sale would potentially help to reinstate the SNF and resume services in the future, although the timeline to complete the sale is unknown at this time. Since the last reporting period, the Subrecipient has informed the County of the likelihood that they will not be able to fully expend funds provided by the subaward.

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

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 22-537 and A 24-056		
Allocated Amount:	\$451,071	Expenditures, est.:	\$413,755
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2024
Eligible Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services		
Website:	https://valleycrc.org/caregiver-resources/		



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 who 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 who 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.

Under its subrecipient agreement, SLFRF 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 through end of 2024, 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

As of January 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County that over 70 families and a total of 8,970 hours of service have been provided by the Oasis program. As the first quarter of 2024, the Subrecipient represents that the Oasis Adult Day Program is back in operation at capacity and with its distinguished reputation, the Subrecipient began a waiting list for interested participants to sign up for the program. Since the last reporting period, the Subrecipient informed the County that they are contemplating an expansion to the Oasis program so additional aging adults can be served by the program.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Oasis Program provide services for the elderly community, in particular adults with disabilities with the majority being over the age of 62 and underserved. The program helps prevent unnecessary placement in long term care facilities and helps promote the health, safety, and wellbeing by providing participants an opportunity to socialize and receive daily special attention. The Oasis Program's services are essential and lifesaving to those experiencing various forms of dementia or Alzheimer's.



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

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 22-535 and A 24-055		
Allocated Amount:	\$200,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$62,807
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2024
Eligible Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services		
Website:	Easterseals Central California (celebratingabilities.org)		

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 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 the subrecipient 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

In February 2023, Subrecipient reported that it had launched a revised and improved version of its Attendance Policy and introduced number of strategies to counter the number of client cancellations and no shows. The Subrecipient provided an in-service for how the policy would be implemented and discussed practical ways for building stronger partnership with parents and caregivers around engagement and communication to support consistent attendance.



In addition, the Subrecipient reported to the County that they offered their staff new strategies to shift perspective from "cancellation fatigue" to "positive engagement" by using the makeup sessions as a way of anticipating life's unforeseen situations while still reaching service goals. While cancellation rates remained the same during Q2 of 2023, the Subrecipient represents that providing the option for "makeup sessions" for both staff and families demonstrated positive results, with approximately 12% of cancellation benefiting from makeup sessions.

During Q3 of 2023, the Subrecipient recruited and hired seven new team members, of which five are bilingual (Spanish and Hmong). The Subrecipient reported that it implemented regular staff trainings and skill-building sessions, in various topics ranging from certification renewal process, prep for annual competency assessment, CentralReach data collection updates in HIPAA practices, effective team-building, conflict resolution, Crisis Prevention Intervention, Mandated Reporter refresh, Incident Reporting, compassion and human service fatigue. Additionally, during the time period the Subrecipient served 133 new families and 41 existing families graduated from their program.

The Subrecipient participated in 26 community events, and conducted community outreach to 214 families in-person (home and center based), provided education, one-on-one coaching and referred 181 families for supports: mental health, counseling, early child immunizations/check-ups, and food pantries. Additional updates for this program will be provided in future Annual Recovery reports.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Subrecipient's program serves families that face daily struggles of living with a child typically 18 months to 12 years of age who have a developmental and/or intellectual disability. According to the Subrecipient, their clients and their families typically have 3 children and come from low-income or extremely low-income neighborhoods and may have specific language needs with nearly 70% of households being single income earners.

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

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 22-013		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,426,734	Expenditures, est.:	\$2,426,734
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 3, 2021	Completion Date, est.:	March 2022
Eligible Category:	1.6 Medical Expenses		
Website:	San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority (fresno.ca.us)		

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").



SJVIA represents that it was negatively impacted by the pandemic due to increased and excessive 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 the subrecipient 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

Since the last reporting period, SJVIA's payment request was processed and reimbursed to SJVIA for excess medical expenses due to COVID-19 medical care incurred by the County employees' self-insured medical plans operated by the SJVIA. According to SJVIA, a total of 2,970 unique County members were served for over 5,772 claims from March 2, 2021, through end of March 2022. The SLFRF reimbursement payment helped to offset increases to the County of Fresno's self-funded plan's health insurance premiums due to the excess in claim cost during the pandemic, which in turn benefits the employees of the County of Fresno and their families by keeping member rates at reasonably affordable levels.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program is intended to address negative impacts to the County's self-funded health insurance plans which provide health insurance coverage for thousands of County employees. The County's self-funded health insurance plans provide participants equitable access to quality health care and other services at reasonably affordable rates. SLFRF helped offset the anticipated increase in insurance premium rates to all County self-funded health insurance participants due to the excess in claims during the pandemic, which in turn helps and benefits County employees and their families to continue to have access to health insurance at reasonably affordable levels.

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

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 23-057		
Allocated Amount:	\$180,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$102,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2024
Eligible Category:	1.12 Mental Health Services		
Website:	Mollie's House (mollieshouse.org)		

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 Mollie's 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

In 2023, 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.

During Q3 of 2023, the Subrecipient worked with five survivors of commercial sexual exploitation of children, including 20 girls in the age range from 11-17. In Q2 of 2024, the Subrecipient reported that it served four girls in transitional living from ages 11 to 17 during from April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. The Subrecipient assisted nine adult ladies, ages 18 and older, with prenatal care, college mentoring, independent living skills, and financial literacy. In the public, the team has worked with 21 girls through the ESV program. The program helps provide services in small groups to ensure that they receive optimal and focused care throughout the term of the program. The Subrecipient represents that each girl has received more than 350 individualized services, primarily in the areas of Mental Health. All participants take part in Equine Therapy at least twice per month, while additional supportive services in physical health, education, occupational development, and counseling are provided daily.

Since the last reporting period, the Subrecipient reported the following services provided under its Empowering Silent Voices (ESV) program: Good Dirt, Mike Valentine, Recreational Trips, Lafonda Hart, Equine Therapy, Pottery, and Art Therapy.

Good Dirt is a local program that focuses on emotional healing and psychological counseling through working with soil, plants, and art. As of June 2024, the Subrecipient represents that 27 clients have participated in this program.

Mikie Valentine provides an evidence-based trauma-focused program for the residents of Mollie's House, female youth ages 11 to 17 who have been victimized through Human Trafficking and sexual exploitation. The ESV program includes Dream Again (DA), which focuses on shifting the participants' mindsets to overcome barriers, employs a holistic, strengths-based approach, preparing people to conceive, implement and maintain change based on empirically sound evidence-based solutions.



Recreation Trips: Since the last reporting period, during Q2 of 2023 the Subrecipient took its clients on two trips, one to Universal Studios and one to Disneyland. During Q3 of 2023, the Subrecipient took its clients to the Fresno Art Museum, Bass Lake, and Hearst Castle to provide recreation and enriched opportunities. During Q1 of 2024, the Subrecipient took its clients to Oakhurst for a hiking activity and volunteered at an animal shelter in Fresno.

Lafonda Hart, LMFR provides BrainPaint, a software-based neurofeedback program that provides new opportunities for brainwave training. Through this service, the Alpha-Theta brainwave training, helps assess and address trauma and PTSD, panic symptoms, and even attachment breeches – including RAD. Sessions are generally provided twice weekly. The total number of sessions needed varies, depending on the target goals/growth areas and the client’s brain profile.

Equine Therapy provides the Subrecipient’s clients an opportunity to reduce feelings of anxiety, depression, and isolation. The Subrecipient’s clients participate in therapy sessions at Abundant Life Ranch every two weeks for five-hour sessions of equine therapy. While at the ranch, the resident clients have the opportunity to help groom and ride horses, participate in group grounding exercises, which help improve mental health, increase trust, self-esteem, self-acceptance, impulse control, problem-solving skills, communication skills, and social skills.

Pottery and Art Therapy provides the Subrecipient’s clients an opportunity to attend art classes during the week, which are dedicated toward emotional and psychological healing through clay work and painting of garden art pieces. The Subrecipient’s clients produced works of art which were subsequently installed in the Subrecipient’s facilities and yard gardens.

The Subrecipient represents during Q2 of 2024, the program’s therapies showed progress in improving their clients’ ability to communicate and use their voice. Subrecipient represents that the art therapy sessions have also improved to their clients’ mental health through creative artwork the coveys their message of resiliency and recovery.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program is intended to provide funding assistance for the Subrecipient’s ESV program, which helps address negative impacts on victims of human trafficking. The Subrecipient represents that victims of human trafficking are young girls from all communities, with majority of victims from under-resourced communities. The Subrecipient represents that ESV helps victims to reintegrate into society safely and adapt to the community, and to mitigate falling victims of human trafficking.

23. Valley Center for the Blind, Transportation

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A-23-568		
Allocated Amount:	\$50,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$10,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	October 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services		
Website:	https://myvcb.org		



Project Overview

For over 50 years, Valley Center for the Blind (VCB), whose specific purpose is to assist blind and visually impaired individuals with experiencing more independent and opportunity-filled lives, serves the blind and visually impaired so they can achieve their goals regardless of their disability, and overcome obstacles to secure personal mobility and autonomy in the community.

During the course of the pandemic, VCB stated that not only were transportation services limited due to the public health emergency, but public transportation in general was considered unsafe for highly and medically vulnerable individuals due to the risk of potential exposure and/or becoming infected by the virus, which contributed to an even deeper inequity for individuals with disabilities. Under the subrecipient agreement, SLFRF will be used to increase transportation capacity to assist individuals who were disproportionately impacted and who want or are available to work, including job training, public jobs programs, job fairs, and transportation to and from a jobsite or interview.

Performance Report

During the Q4 of 2023 and the Q1 of 2024, VCB was able to conduct a marketing campaign and utilize Fresno County's Disability Equity Project (DEP) resource line, which supports a number of disability disparities including blindness and assisting those with vision impairments, and provide access to transportation services, which may help overcome social disparities that create significant barriers to independence, wellness and health, and employment opportunities. VCB also made an effort to reach out to other community-based organizations to inform them about the program, aiming to facilitate their clients' transportation needs to essential destinations for accessing vital services.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program is primarily aimed to serve people with disabilities, who are twice as likely to come from underserved communities. During the First Quarter of 2024, VCB was able to assist 44 distinct and disproportionately impacted individuals within the blind community, with 197 separate rides for work-related events, training, or Doctor appointments.

24. Public safety, public health, mental and behavioral health, WellPath at County Jail, Sheriff's Office

Managing Department:	Sheriff's Office, BAI		
Allocated Amount:	\$10,846,029	Expenditures:	\$5,956,380
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 3, 2021	Completion Date:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	1.1 through 1.12 Public Health Services		
Website:	https://www.fresnosheriff.org/		



Project Overview

Since the last reporting period, the Sheriff's Office has continued to experience negative economic impacts due to ongoing efforts to improve public safety and medical treatment of individuals in custody at the County Jail facilities. Although the public health emergency ended, the virus continues to circulate and continues to affect the daily lives of people exposed or infected by the virus.

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the provision of care, monitoring, and control of infectious disease, which includes COVID-19, at the County Jail. Infectious control is provided through contract with California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. (WellPath), the primary medical provider that provides services including infectious disease prevention, dedicated medical staff who are responsible for identifying trends, monitoring, minimizing risk of outbreaks, and providing treatment for all incarcerated persons who require medical attention while being detained. The Sheriff's Office represents that there is additional need to provide increased behavioral health services and treatment for individuals detained at the Jail, such as opioid use disorders, violence prevention, and behavioral health care, which are also provided by WellPath. The Treasury recognizes that the pandemic exacerbated mental health and substance use challenges for many Americans, which has proven to be true for individuals incarcerated at the Jail.

Increasing costs to provide for public safety, public health, mental and behavioral health services at the County Jail have impacted the Sheriff's Office budget. SLFRF will help the Sheriff's Office to address negative impacts on services related to public safety, which includes assistance to address public workforce capacity, retention, and recruitment, and funding assistance to address negative impacts on services related to public health and behavioral health at the County Jail. The Final Rule provides substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs within the ARPA-SLFRF eligible use categories. Although the public health emergency has ended, the Final Rule allows recipients to continue using SLFRF to respond to the public health impacts or negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Sheriff's Office oversees the detention facility which holds adults who have committed law violations while they await processing through the Court system. People who experience incarceration rely on the public sector to obtain health care or medical treatment while in custody. Individuals who experience incarceration are more likely to have a high burden of physical and mental health care needs and addressing these health disparities requires effective care while individuals are in custody of the Sheriff's Office, and effective integration with community health services.



25. HVAC, Generation, and Electric Improvement for Downtown Public Facilities, ISD

Managing Entity:	Department of Internal Services, BAI 24-0339		
Allocated Amount:	\$1,610,422	Expenditures, est.:	\$
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 2024	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses		
Website:	Internal Services - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

The funds allocated for this project will fund necessary ventilation design and engineering costs, improvements, inspections, maintenance work, repairs to the HVAC systems, and necessary generation and electrical maintenance and repairs to emergency generators at critical downtown public facilities including, but not limited to, the Plaza Building, Hall of Records, South Annex Jail, and Sheriff's Office.

On June 5, 2024, the ventilation system that provides cooling for the County's downtown public facilities including the Hall of Records, South Annex Jail, and Sheriff's Office Administration building began demonstrating operational issues, which subsequently caused the cooling system to temporarily fail. Affected buildings include a 24-hour detention facility, and two other buildings that provide necessary operations for the County.

On June 11, 2024, the Plaza Building generator began demonstrating operational issues, which subsequently caused the generator to temporarily fail. The Plaza Building is occupied by essential departments such as Human Resources, County Clerk and Registrar of Voters, County Counsel, Probation, and Public Works and Planning, which are departments that provide necessary services in the County's operations. During these summertime outages, temperatures in Fresno ranged above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, so air conditioning is essential to continue operations at these locations. Standby generators provide electrical and power safeguards for the Plaza Building and the County's back-up data center in the event of power failures.

In the Final Rule, Treasury enumerated several projects as examples of eligible capital expenditures (investments in property, facilities, or equipment) including installation and improvements of ventilation systems, as well as maintenance and repairs to emergency electrical systems. These projects will respond to the public health emergency through the installation and improvement of ventilation systems in congregate settings and other public facilities, which will improve air quality in these public facilities and prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as replace emergency electrical systems allowing the County to maintain an uninterrupted power supply for continued delivery of critical public services, protect properties and data systems during emergencies, and protect the County's resiliency in the event of power grid failures.

Performance Report

Due to this program's recent approval performance measures and program progress will be reported in future Recovery Plans.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Given that the public health emergency impacted all populations, this program provides an opportunity for the Department to make necessary heating ventilation air conditioning improvements to various County downtown public facilities that 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. Additionally, improvements to emergency electrical systems will allow the County to maintain an uninterrupted power supply for continued delivery of critical public services. Future Recovery Plans will update statuses for the previously listed ventilation improvement location.

26. Youth Empowerment Centers, Westside Family Preservation Services Network

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient A 23-567		
Allocated Amount:	\$349,039	Expenditures, est.:	\$
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 2024	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	1.11 Community Violence Interventions		
Website:	Youth Empowerment Programs West Fresno Family Resource Center (wfresnofrc.org)		

Project Overview

Westside Family Preservation Services Network is a nonprofit organization established in 1999 with its mission to prevent child abuse and neglect in rural communities in West Fresno County by strengthening families and communities through a network of neighborhood resource centers and home visitation programs. The Subrecipient currently operates five Youth Empowerment Centers (YEC) that provide a range of prevention, wellness, and recovery focused activities for individuals in need in the rural communities of Huron, Coalinga, Kerman, Mendota and Firebaugh, under contract with the County of Fresno's Department of Behavioral Health.

Under the subrecipient agreement, SLFRF will fund the extension of the Subrecipient's YEC program in the community of San Joaquin beginning January 2024 through September 2025. Since the pandemic, the Subrecipient represents that there is an alarming increase in gang participation by youth and adults in the community of San Joaquin, which has resulted in more violence and crimes than prior to the pandemic. The Subrecipient represents that youth in rural and unincorporated areas of the County were disproportionately negatively impacted by the extended closures during the pandemic which resulted in youth staying at home without access to reliable access to broadband, daily school meals, safe and quiet places to study, or healthy social interaction with peers and educators.

The Final Rule recognized that public health challenges exacerbated by the pandemic included the increase in community violence, violent crimes, and gun violence, therefore community violence intervention programs in all communities, not just the disproportionately impacted communities, is an enumerated eligible use of SLFRF and responsive to the impacts of the pandemic in all communities.



Performance Report

As of June 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County that they have retained supporting staff for their new San Joaquin location. Services and programs are anticipated to begin helping the community of San Joaquin by Summer of 2024. Due to this program's recent approval performance measures and program progress will be reported in future Recovery Plans.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The YEC program will provide extended resources and services that will address social-emotional and physical wellness to all prospective participants regardless of income, race, gender, and physical and/or mental disability, and will benefit youth and residents in San Joaquin and neighboring rural communities which historically have been under resourced and from low and moderate-income households that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.



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

27. Rural Outreach Services, Homelessness Initiative 1

Managing Entity:	Department of Behavioral Health, BAI 22-0403		
Allocated Amount:	\$1,020,814	Expenditures, est.:	\$88,371
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	2.19 Social Determinants of Health: Benefits Navigators		
Website:	Behavioral Health - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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.

Since the last reporting period, 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.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The PATH Mobile Outreach Project delivers outreach, engagement, and linkage services to homeless individuals in rural communities and unincorporated areas of the County. The program serves as a point of entry for individuals that need assistance with housing, document readiness, mental health and primary health care services, and substance use treatment services.

28. Crossroads Village Affordable Housing Conversion, Homeless Initiative 2

Managing Entity:	Department of Social Services, BAI 22-1117		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,050,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$2,050,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	complete.
Eligible Category:	2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing		
Website:	Social Services - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov) https://www.upholdings.net/crossroadsvillage		

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, Crossroads Village LLC, (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

Since the last reporting period, all of the award has been spent to date in support of the Crossroads Village Project. The award was used to reimburse architectural and engineering



design, permit fees, third party studies, legal fees, accounting and organizational fees, and construction costs. The project closed on its construction loan and received its building permit on or before June 6, 2023, and is currently under construction.

As of Q3 of 2023, the project was fumigated in order to stop future termite damage and the started asbestos abatement was conducted throughout the 8-building site. All buildings have been cleared of asbestos, the construction crew was able to begin working onsite safely and have begun demo work throughout the abated buildings as well as site work on the parking lot and landscaped areas outside. According to the Upholdings LLC, the project is expected to be complete by Winter 2024.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The project at completion will improve housing by providing emergency and temporary housing for individuals and families at risk of homelessness. The units will be made affordable through operating subsidies provided by the Fresno County Department of Social Services and services will be offered on-site by the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health.

29. City Center Campus, Emergency and Transitional Housing, Homeless Initiative 4

Managing Entity:	Department of Social Services, BAI 22-0370, BAI 23-0606, A-23-437		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,429,186	Expenditures, est.:	\$2,429,186
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2023	Completion Date, est.:	Complete.
Eligible Category:	2.16 Negative Economic Impacts Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons		
Website:	Social Services - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov) https://citycenterfresno.org/ https://thebusinessjournal.com/fresno-city-center-to-serve-homeless-with-dignity/		

Project Overview

The Fresno Mission is a non-profit faith-based organization with the express 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.

On May 17, 2022, the Board approved earmarked funding for the Fresno Mission to develop longer-term housing for women and families transitioning out of emergency or transitional shelter programs. By early 2023, the Fresno Mission informed the County that the scope of work consisting of purchasing 64 prefabricated units to be used as dwelling units for women and families did not gain support from the City of Fresno to move forward.

Since the last reporting period, the County approved SLFRF for the City Center Campus to help the Fresno Mission fund a portion of 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

The housing project was initiated on schedule. As of October 2023, the Subrecipient represents that work has moved along on schedule with underground piping, earth work and foundation are completed, and the three stories of framing are completed. Sheetrock materials work has begun on stairwells and first floor. Siding on first and second floors on exterior is complete. At this time, the facility's fourth floor has been initiated along with flooring on the 3rd floor. As of Q3 of 2023, the Subrecipient represents that steel structure for the elevator is near complete, and electrical, plumbing, and heating and air ventilation systems work has begun. Since the last reporting period, all of the award has been spent to date in support of the City Center Campus. The award was used to reimburse construction costs consisting of demolition, electrical, plumbing, cement, materials, supplies, labor, grading, and structural expenditures. As of Q4 of 2023, the Subrecipient informed the County that City Center's framing for all four floors were complete, as well as roofing, siding and stucco. Figures 2-5 depict construction progress for Fresno Mission's City Center Campus, as of Q3 of 2023.

Figures 2-6, City Center Campus construction



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The City Center site is located in the City of Fresno and identified in a Qualified Census Tract (06019005100) which reported Median Household Income of \$39,444 for the area, according to the five-year reports prepared by the U.S. Census, American Community Survey estimates for the five-years 2016 through 2020. The project will provide emergency and transitional housing to families, single women, and vulnerable youth in the community.



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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Health, BAI 23-0122		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,000,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$262,164
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	2.19 Social Determinants of Health: Benefits Navigators Managing Department: Department of Public Health		
Website:	Fresno County Rural Mobile Health - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

The funds allocated to this project will allow the Department to continue contracts with community-based 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

Since the last reporting period, the Department has retained seven community-based organizations to help implement this program with each assigned a unique target population, to beginning on March 28, 2023. Since each agreement's execution, CHWs have been providing



services to address social determinants of health to residents throughout Fresno County. Agreements with CBO's have been executed and are fully operational to monitor completion of referrals in the following areas:

- Primary healthcare provider
- Dental provider
- COVID-19 related resources
- Job/Educational training
- Transportation
- Food security related referrals
- Cal Fresh Healthy Living benefits

In future reports, the Department intends to update project status.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program aims to improve health and prevent disease in tandem with the Department's Rural Mobile Health Program. 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.

31. Foster Youth Programs, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Fresno and Madera Counties

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient A 23-197		
Allocated Amount:	\$250,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$10,132
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	July 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	2.13 Services for Foster Youth/Families in Child Welfare System		
Website:	https://www.casafresnomadera.org/		

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 the subrecipient 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.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, the Subrecipient reported a growth in their staff by adding ten new employees, of which three are new Advocate Supervisors. Employee recruitment and marketing has assisted the Subrecipient retain, maintain, and train new employees with CASA's mission and advocacy.

During Q4 of 2023, CASA held its October New Advocate Academy Training. During this training, an additional 15 volunteer advocates were sworn in by the court judge to Advocate for the best interest of foster youth cases in Fresno County. CASA recruited an additional 25 volunteers who registered for their upcoming New Advocate Training, scheduled for February 2024.

During the Q1 of 2024, CASA held 2 New Advocate Academy Trainings, one in February 2024 and the second in March 2024. An additional 16 new Advocates joined CASA to advocate and provide care for an additional 37 youths. Most notably, in the beginning of 2024, CASA reported that it opened a new satellite office location at the Fresno Mission City Center. At the new location, CASA's focus will be on serving foster youth with emergency needs, support, resources, and employment opportunities. Through the employment opportunity CASA has helped 22 foster youth get employment and work experience. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County with additional progress information.

During Q2 of 2024, CASA informed the County that its New Advocate Academy Training program welcomed five new volunteers into the CASA program. By the end of June 30, 2024, CASA represents that 133 advocates were actively engaged in supporting youth cases. During the Q2 of 2024 time period, CASA served a total of 182 foster youth with advocacy services, groceries, and placement and transitional support.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The majority of CASA's clients are youth and children in foster care from low-income families. According to CASA, their client foster youth come 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.



32. Improvements to County Parks, PWP 1

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI – 22-1306		
Allocated Amount:	\$3,000,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$96,350
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that promote Health & Safety		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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 planned 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).

Figure 2-7, Avocado Lake



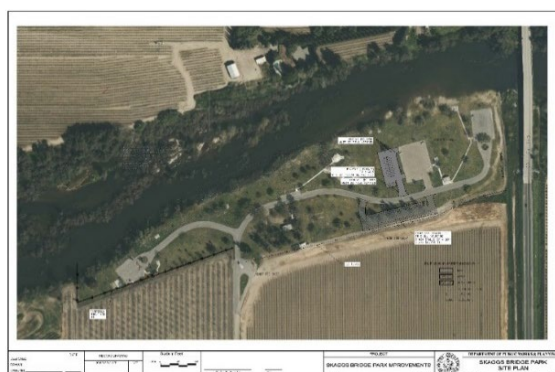
- Courthouse Park provides leisure space in Downtown Fresno. The Department initially planned to use SLFRF to fund transitioning sections of the park to drought tolerant landscaping and improving the existing irrigation systems (\$350,000). As of the preparation of this Recovery Plan, the department represents that this program does not have sufficient funds to complete the entire project. The department is considering scaling down the scope of this project, not proceed with the planned improvements or reassign funding availability to other identified park locations in this program to maximize the use of ARPA funds.
- 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 (\$520,000).

Figure 2-8, Lost Lake



- 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).

Figure 2-9, Skaggs Bridge Park



- 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).

Figure 2-10, Winton Park



Performance Report

The Department represents that environmental review, under the California Environmental Quality Act, has been completed for the following four locations: Avocado, Lost Lake, Skaggs, and Winton. The Courthouse Park improvements will not be possible due to funding needed for the other parks and on-going underground parking structural improvements. The underground parking structure has been evaluated and a repair estimate is being prepared before improvements to the park can proceed.

Since the last reporting period, the Department represents that potential delays have occurred due to California Valley Flood Protection permits needed for Lost Lake and Skaggs Bride Parks. Permits are anticipated to be completed by Winter 2024. Winton and Avocado Parks groundwater elevation have been studied. The project is being designed considering the current groundwater elevation. Lift stations will be necessary in order to pump water from the restroom septic tank to leach field. Design of the Avocado, Winton, Skaggs and Lost lake park are currently at 90%. Department staff is planning to start negotiations with JOC contractors to get bids and perform the work. The Department has incurred expenditures primarily consisting of project management, engineering, and design in support of the program from the Department's budget, which are pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The County's parks provide affordable low-cost recreational space for activities that can improve physical and mental wellness for all Fresno County residents that have been impacted by the COVID-19 closures and/or other public health emergency efforts to contain the spread of the virus. Improving public parks will encourage residents to visit the parks and participate in outdoor



recreational activities that promote healthy habits that are conducive to mental and physical wellness.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI – 22-1306		
Allocated Amount:	\$400,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$8,434
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that promote Health & Safety		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

The Community of El Porvenir is a rural disadvantaged community that receives specified public services through County Service Area (CSA) 30. The Community of El Porvenir, and neighboring residents of Cantua Creek have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 and accessibility paths. In 2023, 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, at no-cost to the residents for El Porvenir. 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.

Performance Report

As of the preparation of this Recovery Plan, the Department represents that design of the project is at 90% completion. Department staff is planning to start negotiations with JOC contractor to get bids and perform the work. The Department has incurred expenditures primarily consisting of project management, engineering, and design in support of the program from the Department's budget, which are pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program. The Department has incurred expenditures primarily consisting of project management, engineering, and design in support of the program from the Department's budget, which are pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The County's parks provide affordable low-cost recreational space for activities that can improve physical and mental wellness for all Fresno County residents that have been impacted by the COVID-19 closures and/or other public health emergency efforts to contain the spread of the virus. Improving public parks will encourage residents to visit the parks and participate in outdoor



recreational activities that promote healthy habits that are conducive to mental and physical wellness.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI 22-1306 and BAI 24-0689		
Allocated Amount:	\$400,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$2,843
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that promote Health & Safety		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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.

On December 2022, the Board approved SLFRF to 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. By 2023, Department's staff met with Tenaya Estates, Inc., the entity that manages neighborhood park to assess the park need. As of March 2024, the Department represents that the community requested rescoping the improvements to include: adding a shade structure above the existing play structure, replacing the foam padding of the play structure, replacing bollards throughout the park, improvements to the irrigation system and pumps, replacing drinking fountains including adding pet-friendly drinking fountain/s, adding dog waste dispensers, updating signage such as parking areas, adding more garbage and recycling cans, and additional benches through the Tenaya Park.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, the Department represents that additional time is needed to prepare and finalize the design phase. On July 9, 2024, the Department received the Board's approval to include additional park improvements to the scope of work for CSA 2. As of June 30, 2024, the Department informed the CAO's Office that estimates were being requested for several improvements including but not limited to: sidewalk repairs, surface replacements, bollard and signage replacements, pet friendly improvements, replacement of benches, and a new shade structure. The Department anticipates to complete bidding process by September 2024.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The County's parks provide affordable low-cost recreational space for activities that can improve physical and mental wellness for all Fresno County residents that have been impacted by the



COVID-19 closures and/or other public health emergency efforts to contain the spread of the virus. Improving public parks will encourage residents to visit the parks and participate in outdoor recreational activities that promote healthy habits that are conducive to mental and physical wellness.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI 22-1306		
Allocated Amount:	\$400,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$16,154
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that promote Health & Safety		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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

In 2023, the Department removed a non-permitted modular building from the site at no cost to the project, which will allow for inclusion of additional improvements in the project. As of the preparation of this Recovery Plan, the Department represents that design of the project is at 90% completion. The project is anticipated to fund a new shelter, new playground and accessible path. Department staff is planning to start negotiations with JOC contractor to get bids and perform the work. The Department has incurred expenditures totaling \$16,154 in support of the program primarily consisting of engineering and design from the Department's budget, which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The County's parks provide affordable low-cost recreational space for activities that can improve physical and mental wellness for all Fresno County residents that have been impacted by the



COVID-19 closures and/or other public health emergency efforts to contain the spread of the virus. Improving public parks will encourage residents to visit the parks and participate in outdoor recreational activities that promote healthy habits that are conducive to mental and physical wellness.

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

Managing Entity:	Subaward, Subrecipient A 22-151		
Allocated Amount:	\$201,833.00	Expenditures, est.:	\$201,833
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	May 2022	Completion Date, est.:	June 2022 (Complete)
Eligible Category:	2.35 Aid to tourism, travel, and hospitality		
Website:	https://www.nationalgarlicfestival.com/		

Project Overview

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

On April 5, 2022, the 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

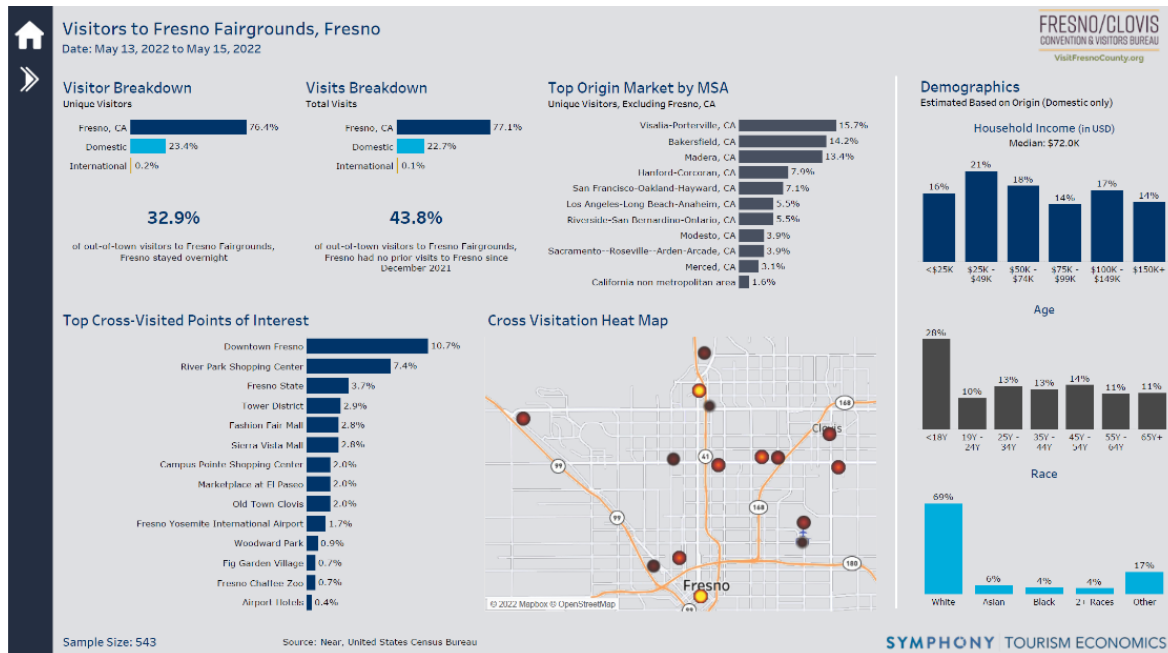
National Food Festivals contracted with JP Marketing and immediately went to work designing and executing a comprehensive marketing and public relations strategy to effectively promote the event and launched a multifaceted cross-platform marketing campaign. The campaign consisted of promotional videos, 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. The Subrecipient has been fully reimbursed from this grant, and the program is complete.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Fresno County’s travel, tourism, and hospitality sectors were hit the hardest by the global pandemic. Both, 2020 and 2021 are the worst years on record for cancelation of annual festivals, traveling, conferences, and large gathering event cancellations due to the global pandemic. Funding for this program contributed to help the Subrecipient’s recovery from the negative impacts and help reinstate is annual event.

Figure 2-11, 2022 National Garlic Festival and Food Expo Event Summary



37. Calwa Recreational and Park District, Community Pool Improvements

Managing Entity:	Subaward to Special District, Subrecipient A 22-128 and A 24-066		
Allocated Amount:	\$675,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$137,500
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	December 2023	Completion Date, est.:	September 2025
Eligible Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety.		
Website:	Calwa Recreation and Park District (specialdistrict.org)		

Project Overview

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



SLFRF allocated to Calwa RPD will support its effort to reopen its outdoor community pool, which has been inoperable for over 20 years. 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

Since the last reporting period, the Subrecipient reports that the project experienced delays due to challenges in obtaining blueprints, structural testing, and surveying data. As of Q3 of 2023, the Subrecipient reported that it completed testing for the structural integrity of the pool. The District retained an Engineering firm to draft plans for the development and construction of the restrooms as a standalone structure. An RFP for the drafting of the pool plans were released in May of 2023, which did not result in any bids. The District contracted with a Consultant who specializes in Public Projects and will oversee the completion of the Calwa Park Pool Project. Since the last reporting period, the District Engineer identified about a dozen issues related to the current construction of the pool. The engineer's assessment was reviewed by an independent pool contractor who determined that the issues could be addressed during this project. Estimates for proceeding as well as including all scope items identified a need for additional funding.

During late 2023 and early 2024, the Subrecipient and County staff met on at least two occasions to discuss the project's funding need, which lead to a subsequent amendment to the initial agreement. On February 6, 2024, the County Board approved the allocation of an additional \$400,000 in SLFRF to help implement the Calwa Community Pool Project. Under the Amended Agreement, the Subrecipient will be able to use SLFRF to fund design-engineering, environmental review, bid support, construction management, construction for the pool. During Q1 of 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County that an underground utility contractor was retained to conduct a utility line site assessment for the pool area, and prepare CAD plans.

As of Q2 of 2024, the Subrecipient's project timeline shows that CAD plans will be finalized by the District Engineer. On June 7, 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County about the retirement of the District Engineer, which will delay their timeline to initiate a Request of Proposals which was tentatively scheduled by August 2024. According to the Subrecipient, a new engineer will need to be retained to help complete this project. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Community of Calwa is identified as a Disadvantaged Community, with a median household income of \$39,314 (census tract 0601900001201). The Calwa area, historically has been under sourced with limited access



to neighborhood features that promote health and wellness. Calwa Park is the largest space that provides residents the opportunity to access open space, recreational opportunities, and civic engagement. Efforts to reopen the Community Pool will provide children, youth, and residents of the Calwa and neighboring communities access to aquatic activities and recreational opportunities that promote healthy habits that are conducive to mental and physical wellness.

38. Habitat for Humanity Fresno, Inc., Riverdale Affordable Housing

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient A 22-170 and A 23-183		
Allocated Amount:	\$540,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$540,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2023
Eligible Category:	2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing		
Website / Coverage:	https://www.habitatfresno.org/home https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1382215575626222 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5qfh0fgcP8 https://www.yourcentralvalley.com/news/local-news/6-families-in-fresno-to-receive-brand-new-homes/		

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 assisted 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 helped 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. By September 2023, Habitat reported that construction of the eight-affordable homes was complete.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, Habitat informed the County that during Q3 of 2023, in June 2023, the first three families closed escrow for their homes. Habitat held its key dedication ceremony at the end of June 2023, while the remaining homes were completing final building inspections for occupancy. An additional three families closed escrow by August 2023, with the last two families closing escrow by September 2023. As of Q2 of 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County that



the eight homes have been officially sold, with the last home completing the sale process on June 21, 2024. Links to videos are provided above, which highlight the Subrecipient’s achievements in completing this program.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

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.

39. Habitat for Humanity Fresno Inc., Firebaugh Affordable Housing

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient A 22-224 and A 23-530		
Allocated Amount:	\$1,363,200	Expenditures, est.:	\$106,813
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing		
Website:	https://www.habitatfresno.org/home		

Project Overview

Funds allocated for this program will assist Habitat to fund unanticipated construction costs of \$1,363,200, for the construction of seven-affordable homes, each approximately 1,400 square-foot in size, in an existing multi-family subdivision and backfilling a ponding basin for a subdivision located at the northeast corner of State Route 33/Dos Palos Road and San Joaquin Avenue in the City of Firebaugh. The area is designated as 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.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, Habitat reported to the County that the dissolution of a San Joaquin Villa HOA has been a lengthy process which including consulting with existing residents, their lenders, and requesting consent to formally dissolve the HOA.

As of Q3 of 2023, Habitat retained a land use consulting attorney to help dissolve the HOA. The Subrecipient reported efforts to submit a tentative subdivision map application to the City of Firebaugh to review the architectural plans and site design. During Q4 of 2023, the City’s Planning Commission and City Council approved the tentative subdivision map, which are pending final maps to complete the final survey for utility easements. Based on satisfaction of the conditions



on the Final Map, the Subrecipient plans to work with HOA owners to move forward to dissolve the HOA.

During Q1 of 2024, Habitat informed the County that the comments to the Final Map were received, and Habitat’s engineering team is working on a few corrections to the maps. Once the Final Map is in hand, it will route through USDA, and a meeting with the existing HOA owners will be scheduled to continue the dissolution of the existing HOA. Additionally, house plans have been drafted and are awaiting fire sprinkler and solar plans before submitting to the City of Firebaugh for plan check. The Subrecipient reports that they are continuing to work with the engineering team on environmental assessments and the coordination of site improvement needs for the project.

At the end of Q2 of 2024, Habitat informed the County 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 and soil reports 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 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. 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. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County additional updates for the Program performance.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

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.

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

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient A 22-408 and A 23-450		
Allocated Amount:	\$500,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$386,109
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	2.1 Household Assistance: Food Programs		
Website:	Grocery Giveaways / Senior Deliveries - ACTS Foundation (myactsfoundation.org)		



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.

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

Since the last reporting period, ACTS Foundation has continued its efforts to help individuals in need through its Grocery Giveaways, Senior Deliveries, and City Serve. By the end of Q4 of 2023, ACTS Foundation estimated that more than 50% of the program was complete. During 2022 and 2023, ACTS Foundation represented to the County that they were able to serve 42,383 individuals through the grocery giveaway drive through and their senior program helped serve 11,015 seniors and made 4,577 deliveries. ACTS reported that in the course of two years, SLFRF helped serve 53,121 people.

During Q1 of 2024, ACTS Foundation provided the County additional data that summarized the program's performance through the end of Q1 of 2024. According to ACTS Foundation, from year 2022, 2023, and Q1 of 2024, ACTS Foundation was able serve a total of 47,578 individuals through the grocery giveaway drive through program, and their senior program served 12,493 seniors and made 5,206 deliveries. In total, SLFRF has helped served 60,071 people.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Food distribution 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.



41. Exceptional Parents Unlimited, Inc – Negative Economic Impact of COVID-19: payroll, billing services, cancellation of appointments

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 22-536 and A 24-118		
Allocated Amount:	\$300,815	Expenditures, est.:	\$268,573
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2024
Eligible Category:	2.14 Negative Economic Impacts – Healthy Childhood Environments – Early Learning		
Website:	https://epuchildren.org		

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 the subrecipient 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

During the Third Quarter of 2023, Subrecipient reported that it had an average of 40% of cancelled appointments rescheduled and reached 51% at the end of the Quarter. Staff Turnover decreased and the total number of hours of services provided increased. Moreover, professional training of staff with a primary focus on newly hired staff. The EPIC program caseload increased from the third quarter through the first quarter of 2024. And even though coming through the flu season impacts participation, EPU had measurable increases in success community engagement despite the impacts of the winter months.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Subrecipient's program serves and empowers families facing extraordinary medical and developmental needs and provides early treatment that significantly improves outcomes along with education and systems of care to support the individuals and families facing these unique challenges.



42. Fresno Metropolitan Ministry, Negative Economic Impact of COVID 19 - Food to Share Program

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 22-531		
Allocated Amount:	\$512,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$128,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2024
Eligible Category:	2.1 Negative Impacts, Assistance to Households: Food Programs		
Website:	https://www.fresnometmin.org/		

Project Overview

For over 50 years, Fresno Metropolitan Ministry (FMM) represents that it has served the Fresno community and currently 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 the subrecipient 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.

Performance Report

As of Q3 2023, the Subrecipient represents that it has Achieved recovery and redistribution of 596,061 total pounds of food, which represents a 440,950-pound increase above an established 3-month benchmark baseline. This success allowed for the serving of 12,875 residents, which represents an additional 9,525 residents above baseline during this period using a 7-year experienced average ratio of pounds/people served. All pounds recovered and reported for the Fresno County ARPA 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, including: Transformative Climate Communities, Kaiser Permanente, City of Fresno ARPA, U.S. Dept. of HUD, Community Medical Centers, CalViva Health, Trinity Health/St. Agnes, Central Valley Community Foundation, U.S. EPA, Kresge Foundation, Valley Children’s Healthcare, and more.

Most recently, the Subrecipient informed the County of the following program achievements through end of June 2024. The Subrecipient successfully recovered and distributed 482,994



pounds of food this quarter. This achievement surpasses the established baseline benchmark by 244,440 pounds, demonstrating the program's effectiveness and commitment to addressing food security in Fresno County. During this quarter, the program also extended its reach to serve a more significant number of residents. In total, 21,155 residents were provided food, representing an increase of 16,002 above the baseline. According to the Subrecipient, the figures are based on the 7-year experience average ratio of pounds/people served by the organization. Looking ahead, the Subrecipient informed the County that this program has set upcoming milestones that focus on expanding its efforts to help more individuals experiencing food hardship in Fresno County. The primary objective is to increase the pounds of recovered food, which will enable the program to serve many people in need.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Subrecipient's program serves families that face daily struggles related to food insecurity. FMM serves individuals in what is identified as a disadvantaged area where residents typically fall below 40% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

43. The Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County - Negative Economic Impact of COVID-19

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 23-012		
Allocated Amount:	\$600,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$90,415
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	2.25 Negative Impacts: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services		
Website:	https://www.bgcfresno.org		

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, 2) 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

As of end of June 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County of the following program achievements. The Subrecipient implemented the “Triple Play” Program experience as one of their activities, which is known as the Ultimate Journey Program. The program incorporated the theme “Youth Outside Now.” Activities included a trip and tour to Kearny Park Mansion as well as a trip to Millerton Lake that was organized with park rangers who led the group in activities that included a guided hike, fishing, and a boat ride. Triple Play activities also included having theme weeks with special activities which include History Week, Space Week, Water Week, and Rainbow Week.

Power Hour program celebrated the end of the school year by clubs recognizing all their Seniors and Members who got promoted to the next grade level. Members who completed a reading challenge as well as raised the grade challenge earned two free tickets to a Fresno Grizzlies Game. Power Hour also included a Bookmobile visit to clubs as well as field trips to the County Libraries to participate in organized programs.

Career Launch included a field trip to University of California, Santa Cruz (UC Santa Cruz) for members as well as a trip to the College of the Sequoias. Members got to tour the campus and also got to hear from students and administration. Career Launch also included a career fair that brought club alumni who are now in the profession of a police officer, teacher, local business owner, counselor, and a city council member to share their experiences with members. Through 2024, the Subrecipient’s program has served 783 youth, consisting of the following participation numbers:

- Power Hour participants: 236
- Career Launch participants: 78
- Junior Staff participants: completed in 2023, 60 teens
- Triple Play participants: 548

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

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Subrecipient’s program serves families and individuals through its club locations, which are in urban and rural 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 qualified census tracts (QCTs) which are locations that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.



44. Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, Replace 33 Computers

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 23-119		
Allocated Amount:	\$48,584	Expenditures, est.:	\$40,979
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2023
Eligible Category:	2.25 Academic, Social, and Emotional Services		
Website:	https://fresnoeoc.org/lcc/		

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 the subrecipient 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. 30 of the 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.

In June of 2024, Fresno EOC requested an Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement to acquire additional Computer equipment consistent with the agreement in order to fully expend the Awarded funds. That Amendment is still in process as of the date of this report.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Fresno EOC represents that it administers the LCC program from its Neighborhood Youth Center at 1805 E. California Avenue Fresno, CA 93706, which is identified in a Qualified Census Tract as designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and is 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.

45. Fresno City and County Historical Society - Negative Economic Impact of COVID-19

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 23-590		
Allocated Amount:	\$514,725	Expenditures, est.:	\$0
Impacted Class:	No	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	November 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	2.25 Academic, social and Emotional Services		
Website:	https://www.valleyhistory.org		

Project Overview

For over 100 years, FCCHS’s mission has been to engage, inform, and educate the public through collecting, preserving, and interpreting the stories, images, and cultural resources of Fresno County and the San Joaquin Valley to help understand the past and shape the region’s future. It promotes and educates individuals on the history of Fresno County, the San Joaquin Valley, and California through exhibits and cultural resources available at the historic Kearney Mansion Museum & Gallery, a 119-year-old historical structure located at Kearney Park in Fresno County.

FCCHS represents that the Kearney Mansion Museum & Gallery offers public tours, guided tours for students ranging from kindergarten through twelfth grade and coordinates special events and exhibits that represent various eras of history such as Civil War reenactments, settling of California, and the evolution of the Central Valley’s rich agriculture history.

The provision of SLFRF under this agreement is intended to provide assistance to a nonprofit organization that experienced negative economic impacts due to the pandemic so that it may fund needed facility repairs, restore exterior surfaces and interior spaces, and make improvements to the learning spaces in the Kearney Mansion Museum & Gallery consisting of: the Servants’ Quarters, the Carriage House, the Icehouse, and the Archive rooms so that it may safely reinstate in-person academic programs that benefit students from kindergarten through twelfth grade from local area school districts, history researchers, Kearney Park visitors, and will be responsive to the negative social impacts exacerbated by the public health emergency.

Performance Report

As of the First Quarter of 2024, FCCHS reported that two invoices had been received and, due to the specific requirements for Historical Landmarks, FCCHS was vetting potential contractors that



had the required capabilities and knowledge of the applicable laws. The program was not expected to fully start until the Third Quarter of 2024. Future Recovery Plans will update the Subrecipient's efforts to repair the Kearney Mansion Museum so that they may safely reinstate in-person academic programs for Kearney Park visitors.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Subrecipient's program serves families and individuals of all ages, ethnic groups and is open to all people willing to come to Kearney Park and learn of the Valley's history in Fresno County and the San Joaquin Valley.

46. Care Fresno, Inc. - Negative Economic Impact of COVID-19

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 23-056 and A 24-494		
Allocated Amount:	\$300,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$237,884
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	July 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2024
Eligible Category:	2.25 Academic, Social, and Emotional Services		
Website:	https://www.carefresno.org		

Project Overview

For over 25 years, Care Fresno represents that it has focused on providing resources to under-resourced communities in Fresno County, and its after-school programs have helped thousands of children, youth, and their families by providing a safe and positive learning atmosphere within their neighborhood where they can receive mentorship, educational support, and participate in extracurricular programs provided in collaboration with community leaders and partners who volunteer their time to build relationships in the communities.

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,

Performance Report

During the First Quarter of 2024, Subrecipient reported that 169 children attended the after-school programs provided by Care Fresno. GED Services had 15 men, 11 women and one non-binary person enrolled. Students utilized an online-based GED test preparation program that tests student knowledge and were assigned coursework to prepare them for state GED tests across mathematics, English/writing, social studies, and sciences. The Sports Program had 27 adults participating in Saturday Sports, and the Garage club that started up in January was canvassing neighborhoods to meet families and build friendships and trust.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes



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 program locations are identified in Census Tracts that are considered impoverished neighborhoods: Courtyard at Central Park (06019004217) and Bethel Christian Center (06019005000).

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

Managing Entity:	Subaward, Subrecipient A 22-035 and A 24-147		
Allocated Amount:	\$200,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$200,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	February 2022	Completion Date, est.:	April 2022 (Complete)
Eligible Category:	2.35 Aid to tourism, travel, and hospitality		
Website:	https://www.clovisrodeo.com/		

Project Overview

Clovis Rodeo Association Foundation (Clovis Rodeo) is a nonprofit organization that provides public education, support, and promotion of the heritage of the Rodeo, and 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 the subrecipient 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.

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.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Fresno County’s travel, tourism, and hospitality sectors were hit the hardest by the global pandemic. Both, 2020 and 2021 are the worst years on record for cancelation of annual festivals, traveling, conferences, and large gathering event cancellations due to the global pandemic. SLFRF helped 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.

48. Break the Barriers, Inc., - Negative Economic Impact of COVID-19

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 23-034 and A 23-451		
Allocated Amount:	\$300,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$202,430
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2024
Eligible Category:	2.25 Addressing Educational Disparities - Academic, Social, and Emotional Services		
Website:	https://www.breakthebarriers.org		

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 the subrecipient 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 end of June 2024, Break the Barriers served 3,210 individuals monthly through all adaptive sports programming at the Ability Center during the reporting period time.

VETERAN PROGRAM - Break the Barriers served 1,006 Veterans with disabilities. The Veteran Program roster increased by 39 Veterans. In April 2024, 42 Veterans participated in the BTB & NFAA 3D National Championship in Madera, California where 485 archers attended from the nation and around the world.

AQUATICS AND SPECTRUM SWIM - Break the Barriers opened the Aquatics Indoor Center in June 2023. For youth on the Autism Spectrum (ASD), the indoor environment has helped its coaches to provide their undivided attention to improve swimming, sensory control, and emotional/behavioral control. The aquatics program teaches participants skills such as a developed work ethic, self-discipline, teamwork, endurance, and sportsmanship. It helps develop mental, physical, and emotional skills that contribute to success. During reporting period time, the subrecipient served 2,142 students with ASD and provided additional support for other disabilities, such as muscular dystrophy and Down syndrome. Additionally, 1,362 underserved youth from Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) benefitted from swimming lessons and for many participating youths it was their first-ever swimming lesson experience.

BUDDY PROGRAM - Through the Buddy Program, Break the Barriers provides educational support and adaptive sports training to students with various abilities, pairing special and general education students in a structured class environment. During the reporting period while school is in session, seven schools brought on average 1,320 youth with various abilities and their buddies.

LITERACY PLUS - Break the Barriers continued efforts to serve youth of all abilities, youth from underserved communities, and refugees from Ukraine or Afghanistan through the Literacy Plus Program. This program operates three days a week. Wednesday sessions mainly target Afghani refugee youth who struggle in the public school system, providing them with English lessons. Thursday and Friday's sessions mainly target students with various abilities and children from low-income neighborhoods who transport their youth to receive further tutoring.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Subrecipient represents that its programs promote acceptance and inclusion for individuals of all ages, ethnicities, abilities, and disabilities through a diverse array of services consisting of



adaptive programs, quality athletics, physical conditioning/rehabilitation, and performing arts and literacy courses for two specific populations: children and youth from underserved areas or low-income households, and individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities. All programs are available to all prospective participants regardless of age, income, race, gender, and physical and/or mental disability.

Figure 2-12, Break the Barriers, Archery



49. Improvements to Kearney Park, PW&P Program 12

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI – 23-1066		
Allocated Amount:	\$4,485,275	Expenditures, est.:	\$57,401
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	April 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that promote Health & Safety		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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

Since the last reporting period, the Department completed the environmental review assessment process for this project. Design phase is moving forward. The Department anticipates that the project will be advertised during the Summer/fall 2024 and tentatively scheduled for award by Fall/winter 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.

The Department has incurred expenditures primary consisting of project management, engineering, and design in support of the program from the Department’s budget, which are pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Kearney Park is the largest County park consisting of 225 acres located two miles west of the City of Fresno, near the intersection of W. Kearney Boulevard and S. Grantland Avenue in the 93706 ZIP Code area, which is one of the most highly impacted for pollution and poverty in the State of California. According to the Healthy Places Index (HPI), 98.9% of Californians live in healthier conditions than the residents of 93706. The HPI tool evaluates the relationship between 23 identified key drivers of health and life expectancy at birth - which can vary dramatically by neighborhood. The 93706 ZIP Code also has a higher level of poverty than the rest of Fresno County with 60% of households earning less than \$50,000, compared with 41% for all of Fresno County and 29% in California. Kearny Park provides affordable low-cost recreational space for activities that can improve physical and mental health for all Fresno County residents that have been impacted by the COVID-19 closures and/or other public health emergency efforts to contain the spread of the virus. The planned improvements will ensure that Kearney Park continues to provide a reliable and affordable recreational open space for the residents and visitors of Fresno County.

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

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient A 23-355		
Allocated Amount:	\$200,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$20,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship		
Website:	https://www.accesspluscapital.com/		



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 the subrecipient 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

Since the last reporting period, the Subrecipient has retained a consultant to begin the planning process to roll out the program. Subrecipient has met with their consultant on three occasions to prepare for their program launch. The Consultant is helping with workshop design and strategies for providing technical assistance, financial planning, and program materials for their participants. Through the parameters of the program, Access Plus Capital was able to identify an opportunity to serve rural, Spanish speaking communities.

As a result of these planning meetings, the Subrecipient and consultant determined the City of Kerman as the host site for an 8-week workshop series. With a demographic and location determined, outreach began. The Consultant assisted the Subrecipient with identifying potential participants, which led to 41 individuals enrolled in the course, as well as a waitlist if participants drop out. Through the first 5 classes there are 37 individuals that are in good standing, meaning that they have missed no more than 3 classes and remain eligible for grant funding.

Each class averages 27 attendees and is taught primarily in Spanish. 100% of program participants identify as Hispanic, with 79% indicating that they live and/or work in a rural area. Thus far, Access Plus Capital and the Consultant have been able to effectively identify and serve the desired community within this program and will continue to do so in the coming weeks.

In preparation for the cohort's completion in Quarter 3 2024, Access Plus Capital has begun tracking the participants through various systems. This is to ensure the appropriate storage of the documents that participants will be providing, to receive the grant. It will also serve to assist in tracking technical assistance activities in the year following grant disbursement. As documentation comes in, more exact numbers and origins of participants will be provided. Most



of the cohort is from Kerman and the surrounding area, but there has been some inconsistency in the way addresses have been self-reported. Thus, future reports will be able to more accurately define the range of the participants.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The extended closures during the pandemic disproportionately impacted small businesses. These impacts included: loss of customers and revenue because of “non-essential” business closures and stay at home orders, loss of employees due to illness and death, major disruption of typical market conditions, and increase of costs of goods. 86% of the entrepreneurs with existing businesses indicated that they faced difficulties because of COVID-19.

This program is designed to help impacted small businesses and bolster startup business with grants and resources that will help them return to business. The program strives to improve small business’ ability to secure start-up loans paired with technical assistance in financial planning to help them leverage other state and federal assistance programs. Through the completion of the program, small businesses will have the skills and resources to continue to expand their business. Upon receiving the start-up or expansion grant, the entrepreneurs will have equipped themselves with the documentation needed to run a business and have a team in Access Plus Capital, that is dedicated to supporting the growth of their business.

51. 21st District Agricultural Association, Loss of revenue due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Managing Entity:	Subaward, Subrecipient A 23-356		
Allocated Amount:	\$205,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$61,500
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2024
Eligible Category:	2.35 Aid to tourism, travel, and hospitality		
Website:	https://www.fresnofair.com		

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.

SLFRF provided under the subrecipient 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 is held annual during the month of October. 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

Since the last reporting period, the Subrecipient has contracted services with California Construction Authority to oversee the project management. According to the Subrecipient, as of Q4 of 2023, the project completed the procurement process and equipment was ordered. The Subrecipient informed the County that delays in HVAC system deliveries have delayed completion of this project. The Subrecipient intends to provide the County updated on the Program performance in upcoming reports.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Fresno County’s travel, tourism, and hospitality sectors were hit the hardest by the global pandemic. Both, 2020 and 2021 are the worst years on record for cancelation of annual festivals, traveling, conferences, and large gathering event cancellations due to the global pandemic. Funding for this program was a contribution to help the Subrecipient’s recovery from the negative impacts and help reinstate is annual event. The Big Fresno Fair was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to required closures to comply with emergency public health orders for mega-events to reduce COVID-19 transmission. SLFRF will help the Big Fresno Fair make ventilation improvements to their public facilities and will help the Big Fresno Fair improve airflow at various buildings which are frequently visited by tourists and residents of the County.

52. Turkey Testicle Festival, Dunlap Community Club, Loss of revenue due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient A 23-495		
Allocated Amount:	\$20,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$20,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2024
Eligible Category:	2.35 Aid to tourism, travel, and hospitality		
Website:	https://www.facebook.com/p/Dunlap-Community-Club-100066568848777/		

Project Overview

The Dunlap Community Club is a nonprofit organization that is responsible to maintain its Community Center, which is a social meeting place and holds events, social gatherings, and meetings for residents of the eastern Fresno County communities, including hosting Mono Indian Tribal meetings, American Legion meetings, weddings, and funerals. For over 40 years, the Dunlap Community Club has held its Annual Turkey Testicle Festival (Festival), a social event in Dunlap that draws approximately 200 to 250 visitors to the area and provides significant revenue for local small businesses and also provides revenue for the nonprofit.



Dunlap Community Club represents that its 2020, 2021, and 2022 Festivals and other fundraising events were completely cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in unprecedented financial losses to their organization. Under the subrecipient agreement, SLFRF will provide funding assistance to mitigate financial hardship due to declines in revenue and help purchase liability insurance, supplies and material needed to adequately maintain, replace, and renovate interior and exterior areas at the Dunlap Community Center in its efforts to restart its annual Festival tradition by the Fall of 2024.

Performance Report

According to the Subrecipient, work began in April 2024. Implementation is being performed by volunteers who are licensed and donating their time to help make repairs, maintenance work, or installations that will help improve the Dunlap Community Center. As of June 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County that its Community Center’s driveway and parking areas have been graded. Landscaping maintenance and new trees have been planted in the property. Faulty door locking mechanisms have been replaced with new hardware. The Program is expected to be complete within eight to ten months. Once complete, the Subrecipient intends to resume holding its annual Festival, which will again bring much-needed travel and tourism revenue to the Dunlap area and its local businesses. To date, SLFRF has helped the Subrecipient pay its Liability Insurance, purchase landscaping, outdoor picnic tables, and materials that help improve the Community Center property.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Fresno County’s travel, tourism, and hospitality sectors were hit the hardest by the global pandemic. Both, 2020 and 2021 are the worst years on record for cancelation of annual festivals, traveling, conferences, and large gathering event cancellations due to the global pandemic. According to the US Census American Community Survey five-year reports, the Community of Dunlap (060190064012) reported an estimated population of 1,931 residents with a reported median household income of \$57,361 for years 2016-2020. SLFRF will help the Subrecipient resume holding its annual Turkey Testicle Festival tradition, which in turn will also help bring back visitors to the area and help the local small business community in Dunlap.

53. Play Structure for Cherry Crossing I in Sanger, Self-Help Enterprises

Managing Entity:	Subaward to, Subrecipient A 23-570		
Allocated Amount:	\$210,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	January 2024	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety.		
Website:	https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/		



Project Overview

Self-Help Enterprises is a nonprofit organization that helps improve the living conditions of low-income individuals in the San Joaquin Valley by constructing affordable housing, preserving affordable housing stock, assisting communities to meet basic infrastructure needs, and encouraging individuals from underserved areas to participate in service delivery and decision-making, and develop skills for self-sufficiency by providing technical assistance with the goal to improve communities around emergency preparedness and leadership development.

Self-Help Enterprises plans to construct the Cherry Crossing I project, a 72-unit affordable housing complex that will offer one, two, and three-bedroom units and an on-site community center in the City of Sanger. The Cherry Crossing's community center is planned to provide future residents with free access to after-school programs, curriculum that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) for children and youth, access to a computer lab and classes, provide financial and budgeting classes for adults, outdoor recreational areas, as well as various wellness activities. SLFRF will help Self-Help Enterprises purchase a play structure, bicycle racks, and recreation equipment (foosball table) for the community center that will provide recreational space, promote community wellness, and provide outdoor space for a healthier living environment that will benefit the residents of the Cherry Crossing project and neighboring areas have been disproportionately negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Performance Report

Since the preparation of this Recovery Plan, the Subrecipient the project timeline was not ready to formally request funding to purchase the play structure. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Cherry Crossing project is located in a disadvantaged community with an average median household income of \$44,815, and a poverty level of 23.2 percent according to the US Census, American Community Survey 5-year estimates for years 2015-2019 (census tract 0601900006100). The planned community center will provide children, youth, and future residents of the Cherry Crossings and neighboring communities access to recreational opportunities that promote healthy habits that are conducive to mental and physical wellness.



54. Play Structure for the Guardian Village in Reedley, Self-Help Enterprises

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient A 23-571		
Allocated Amount:	\$210,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	January 2024	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety.		
Website:	https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/		

Project Overview

Self-Help Enterprises is a nonprofit organization that helps improve the living conditions of low-income individuals in the San Joaquin Valley by constructing affordable housing, preserving affordable housing stock, assisting communities to meet basic infrastructure needs, and encouraging individuals from underserved areas to participate in service delivery and decision-making, and develop skills for self-sufficiency by providing technical assistance with the goal to improve communities around emergency preparedness and leadership development.

Self-Help Enterprises plans to construct the Guardian Village project, a 48-unit affordable housing complex that will offer one, two, and three-bedroom units and will include an on-site community center and recreational open space in the City of Reedley. The Guardian Village's community center is planned to provide future residents with free access to after-school programs, curriculum that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) for children and youth, access to a computer lab and classes, provide financial and budgeting classes for adults, as well as various wellness activities that will benefit individuals that have been impacted or disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Under agreement, SLFRF will help Self-Help Enterprises purchase a playground structure and equipment for the community center that will provide recreational space, promote community wellness, and provide for a healthier living environment that will benefit the residents of the Guardian Village project and neighboring areas.

Performance Report

Since the preparation of this Recovery Plan, the Subrecipient applied for building permits for the design and installation of the play structure for the Guardian Village project. During Q2 of 2024, the Subrecipient ordered the play structure and equipment, and secured the necessary installation permits from the City. By the end of June 30, 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County that all the equipment and materials covered by this grant had been delivered and installed on site. The following figures depict the play structure install for the future residents of the Guardian Village community.

Figure 2-13, Play Structure at the Guardian Village, Reedley



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Guardian Village project is in a disadvantaged community with an average median household income of \$47,083, and a poverty level of 25.8 percent according to the US Census, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates for years 2017-2021 (census tract 0601900006606). The planned community center will provide children, youth, and future residents of the Guardian Village and neighboring communities access to recreational opportunities that promote healthy habits that are conducive to mental and physical wellness.

55. Improvements to the Lanare Community Center, Self-Help Enterprises on Behalf of Lanare Community Services District

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient A 23-493		
Allocated Amount:	\$1,600,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$214,850
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	September 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety.		
Website:	https://www.selfhelpenterprises.org/		



Project Overview

Self-Help Enterprises is a nonprofit organization that helps improve the living conditions of low-income individuals in the San Joaquin Valley by constructing affordable housing, preserving affordable housing stock, assisting communities to meet basic infrastructure needs, and encouraging individuals from underserved areas to participate in service delivery and decision-making, and develop skills for self-sufficiency by providing technical assistance with the goal to improve communities around emergency preparedness and leadership development.

Self-Help Enterprises is assisting Lanare Community Services District (Lanare CSD) to make capital improvements to the Lanare Community Center (Center) which will address necessary improvements to Lanare CSD's public facility. The Center is the only public facility in Lanare that is available to hold community meetings for civic engagement. The Center's dated configuration limits the public facility's ability to meet existing needs of the community due to several issues such as: a leaky roof, its kitchen and storage space is in disrepair, outdated ventilation system that does not effectively move air flow throughout the building, and a limited electrical capacity to power modern equipment.

Under the subrecipient agreement, SLFRF will help Self-Help Enterprises fund improvements to the Center which will range from the following: new roof, windows, heating and ventilation, electrical upgrades and renewable energy, kitchen, restrooms, storage, new flooring, park restrooms, parking lot repaving and painting, new exterior lighting, children and youth play equipment, outdoor meeting and green space improvements, construction management, administration, outreach, permitting, and program contingency.

Performance Report

Since the preparation of this Recovery Plan, the Subrecipient and the County executed an agreement for the implementation of this project. During Fall 2023, the Subrecipient informed the County that they are working with the Lanare CSD to scope the project, identify community priorities which would help develop design, and budget estimates.

At the beginning of Q1 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County that an open bid process for Civil Engineering and General Contractor services was held to help the Subrecipient to plan and coordinate the project.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Center serves Lanare, a disadvantaged community that is primarily Hispanic/Latino with an estimated population of 540 residents, approximately 23% of the residents live in poverty, and with a reported Median Household Income of \$41,724, according to the US Census, American Community Survey estimates for the five-years 2017 through 2021. The project will make improvement to Lanare CSD's Center and property which has been instrumental in helping the rural communities receive resources such as food distribution, and access to public health. Improvements to the Center will improve a public facility that provides resources, services, and access to social and recreational opportunities that benefit the rural residents of Lanare and of the County.



56. Central California Food Bank - Negative Economic Impact of COVID-19

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient, A 24-016		
Allocated Amount:	\$202,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$10,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	January 2024	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	2.1 Food Programs		
Website:	https://www.ccfoodbank.org		

Project Overview

For over 30 years, CCFB represents that its mission is to fight hunger by gathering and distributing food, engaging in partnerships that advance self-sufficiency, and provide community leadership on issues related to hunger. CCFB was also organized to accomplish this mission by conducting programs that provide food pantries and agencies, while organizing resources for volume purchasing, warehousing, and for food product management capacity to deliver food and goods in an efficient and effective manner. CCFB represents that it helps more than 300,000 people each month, one-third of whom are children, throughout a five-county region of the San Joaquin Valley, including rural communities in the counties of Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings, and Kern Counties.

SLFRF provided under the subrecipient agreement will provide for the purchase of a refrigerated Box Truck that will be used in CCFB's Member Partner Truck Loan Pilot Program, which is a program that will be made available to its Member Partners to "check out" the Box Truck at no cost so that the Member Partners may pick-up larger volumes of food and distribute in the rural communities they serve. Additionally, CCFB indicates that SLFRF will support the growth in the School Pantry Program, which currently partners with 25 schools and supports families in need by providing convenient access to food resources. Expanding the School Pantry Program to five additional school sites that are ready to begin distributing food requires additional food storage equipment and food transportation equipment, including but not limited to refrigeration, pallet jacks, rolling shelf racks, push carts, etc., and SLFRF will allow participating schools to choose the distribution model they are equipped to offer.

Performance Report

In the First Quarter of 2024, CCFB put down a \$10,000 deposit on a refrigerated box truck for the Member Partner Truck Loan Program (referred to as "Truck Loan Program"). For Member Partners who are limited by the amount of food that fits in their passenger vehicles, this Truck Loan Program will increase their capacity to pick up more food by providing a larger vehicle for food transport to rural communities in Fresno County.

CCFB has shared this exciting new program with the Member Advisory Council, who have discussed how to maximize the Truck Loan Program's full potential. While waiting for the truck to be delivered (expected by July 31, 2024), CCFB unveiled its Truck Loan Program at the All-Agency Member Partner Meeting in April 2024. CCFB is in the process of developing a "Scheduling Agreement" to list guidelines for the Truck Loan Program that includes allowable guidelines and stipulations, such as members being in good standing to participate and how to



track mileage. As of June 30, 2024, CCFB plans to have the truck loan program operating as a test trial with five participating member partners by the end of Q3 of 2024.

Additionally, CCFB is working with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to secure commitments from rural schools with capacity for additional food storage and food transportation equipment to expand their food distribution operation. CCFB represents that it has interest from seven school districts, including Firebaugh Las Deltas Unified School District, Kings Canyon Joint Unified School District, Kingsburg Elementary School District, Mendota Unified School District, Riverdale Joint Unified School District, Sierra Unified School District, and Washington Unified School District. CCFB is committed to purchasing equipment for at least 5 of these school districts. Once necessary equipment has been determined, CCFB will begin purchasing this equipment to be deployed in the 2024-2025 school year.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Subrecipient's comprehensive feeding programs in rural communities saw an increased demand due to food insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in response, the Subrecipient enhanced its food assistance programs to target food insecurity in some of Fresno County's most vulnerable populations.

This has been impactful for working families, seniors, disabled and immunocompromised individuals, and groups struggling with stigma as a barrier to accessing supplemental food programs. CCFB's comprehensive hunger-relief programs serve low-income families with children, seniors, immigrants, veterans, and college students affected by food insecurity and remove barriers to food accessibility in populations affected by poverty, unemployment, or lack of transportation.

57. Auberry Sawmill, Inc., Small Business Grant

Managing Entity:	Subaward to small business, Subrecipient A 23-566		
Allocated Amount:	\$140,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$10,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship		
Website:	None available		

Project Overview

Auberry Sawmill, Inc. is an independently owned, small business performing necessary services in the wood product manufacturing industry. Auberry Sawmill represents that it employed six individuals prior to closing down the woodworking operation of the sawmill during the public health emergency due to the instability in the labor market, decline in revenues, increased operational costs due to labor shortages, a collapse in the supply chain, and limited access to financial assistance endure the negative impacts. Auberry Sawmill represents that it sought financing during the pandemic and was denied such financing due to limited financial instruments in support of the wood product industry, which caused negative economic impacts, while attempting to keep the



small business operational. The Auberry Sawmill is working with the U.S. Forest Service and other organizations in the restoration and maintenance of the Sierra National Forest to promote conservation, recreation, and imminent natural disaster mitigation. Under the subrecipient agreement, SLFRF will help Auberry Sawmill purchase necessary equipment which will restore the three-phase power supply needed to fully operate the sawmill and will help mitigate imminent natural disasters in Fresno County.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, the Subrecipient and the County executed an agreement for the provision of SLFRF funding. At the end of Q4 2023, the Subrecipient informed the County that it executed an agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric, local power company, to begin the design and engineering for the restoration of the three-phase power connection to the sawmill, which will allow the sawmill to operate at full capacity. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program provides funding assistance to Auberry Sawmill, a small business, that was unable to secure financial assistance during the pandemic due to lending agencies in the area not recognizing sawmills or similar woodworking business as “startup business.” SLFRF will help the subrecipient finance necessary improvements to re-start the sawmills operation, which once complete, will provide training for an estimated twelve employees in highly skilled labor positions to ensure proper professional use of the facilities and manufacturing operations.

58. Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation, Mobile Food Vendor Grants

Managing Entity:	Subaward to nonprofit, Subrecipient A 23-569		
Allocated Amount:	\$500,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$50,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	June 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship		
Website:	About FAHF (fresnoahf.org)		

Project Overview

Since 2002, the Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation’s primary purpose is to promote education and self-sufficiency in the Hispanic business community within the Central Valley by providing resources to individuals in business management or individuals interested in entrepreneurship with help, including but not limited to: technical assistance, educational workshops, loan programs, networking events, and operating as a business incubator that helps to meet the needs of the growing small business community. Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation represents that it works closely with the local mobile food vendor industry, which historically has been underrepresented with limited access to resources to help existing vendors and/or entrepreneurs navigate through the governmental permitting processes, lack of educational information, or help



for individuals to pursue financial assistance or to obtain proper permits and licensing requirements to operate or start a mobile food vending business.

Fresno County's small business community was negatively economically impacted, in particular, many minority-owned small businesses and microbusinesses in the food vending industry struggled to generate sales to stay in operation, lost revenue due to required closures, and were unable secure federal or state COVID relief funding, which subsequently resulted in many closures in the community due to the pandemic.

Under the subrecipient agreement, SLFRF will help Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation fund personnel, grant administration, will provide technical assistance in the fields related to financial management and business planning designed to strengthen each business, as well as to provide financial assistance through the provision of start-up and expansion grants that will assist and grow the mobile food vendor industry in Fresno County. As planned, the Subrecipient will also provide grants to impacted small business and start up grants to help entrepreneurs purchase or improve a mobile food vendor cart that meets the Department of Public Health standards.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, the Subrecipient and the County executed an agreement for the provision of SLFRF funding. At the end of Q4 2023, the Subrecipient began the design and create the application process, website landing page, and marketing materials to launch their program. On March 5, 2024, the Subrecipient launched the program, which included promotional materials and an open application solicitation process.

As of June 2024, the Subrecipient informed the County of its extensive marketing and social media campaigns to announce the program. The Subrecipient represents that over 4,200 individuals were reached by its marketing efforts. The Subrecipient assisted 115 clients who enquired about this program, which amounts to a total of 206 hours of technical assistance provided to existing or prospected mobile food vendors. According to the Subrecipient, there are 9 individuals that qualified to receive a grant. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Mobile Food Vendors program will assist entrepreneurs in areas that are in great need of affordable and accessible financial assistance. The program will help individual interested in the mobile food business to operate a legal micro-food business with proper licenses and permits while receiving the necessary technical assistance to grow their business. One-on-one consulting and workshops will be provided to educate and coach individuals that are new or existing mobile food vendors, which often are minority owns businesses that operate within low-income areas of the County.



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

59. Congregate Setting Retention Payments Program, Human Resources

Managing Entity:	Department of Human Resources, BAI – 22-1291 and BAI – 24-0545		
Allocated Amount:	\$13,504,502	Expenditures, est.:	\$5,761,336
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	December 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	3.1 Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity		
Website:	https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Departments/Human-Resources		

Project Overview

The Congregate Setting Retention Payment (CSRP) program was created during the pandemic to address the highest levels of employee departures and vacancy rates in positions that required individuals to work in congregate settings within the Probation Department (the Juvenile Justice Campus) and Sheriff’s Office (the Jail facilities).

The CSRP program compensates eligible employees with bi-weekly payments (\$150 per pay period) for individuals working in congregate settings who have an active payroll status and occupy a permanently allocated position within the Probation Department and Sheriff’s Office. The CSRP program became effective from December 26, 2022, and will run through June 22, 2025, with an anticipated total cost of \$13,504,502.

The Final Rule permits recipients to use SLFRF to provide worker retention incentives, including reasonable increases in compensation to persuade employees to remain with the employer as compared to other employment options.

Under the Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity eligible use category, recipient can use funds to support and expand the workforce, including by helping impacted workers enter in-demand careers, such as in health care and childcare, build public sector capacity, including hiring public sector workers and providing retention incentives. The CSRP program provides retention incentives for County employees who work in congregate settings.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, the County began the implementation of the CSRP program. In the first pay period after December 26, 2022, the CSRP program made payments to 625 eligible County employees working in congregate settings. Over the course of six months, the County issued additional payments through 12 pay periods ending on June 25, 2023. For the payments issued on June 25, 2023, there were 631 County employees that received payments under this program.

During the first six months of the program (December 26, 2022-June 25, 2023) the County issued approximately 8,000 payments, with an estimated value of \$2.1 million. Departments have issued



additional CSRP to eligible employees through end of June 30, 2024, from the Departments' budgets, which are pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program. In future reports, the County intends to provide additional summaries for this Program's performance.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The pandemic had detrimental effects on corrections due jails being high risk areas for COVID-19 transmission and infection. Correction officers work in a dangerous profession, and COVID-19 made their environment even more deadly. Recruitment and retention payments provide eligible County employees and new employees an additional payment to their regular pay for working in congregate settings. Jail staffing work 24-hours a day, 365 days a year monitoring inmates (residents) on every shift. This field of law enforcement is understaffed, which burdens existing employees by requiring them to work extended hours to maintain custody. This program strives to maintain and improve workforce capacity in the corrections field, which would provide relief to existing staffing and improve staffing levels to inmate population.



Programs under Eligible Category: Premium Pay (EC 4)

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Human Resources, BAI – 22-1330 and BAI – 24-0545		
Allocated Amount:	\$10,023,473	Expenditures, est.:	\$10,023,473
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	New
Start Date:	January 2022	Completion Date, est.:	April 10, 2023
Eligible Category:	4.1 Pandemic Payment, One-time Pandemic Pay		
Website:	https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Departments/Human-Resources		

Project Overview

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 beginning in March 2022 through end of September 2022.

Since the last reporting period, the County completed this program by issuing 6,510 premium payments of \$1,500 to FTE essential workers; and 92 premium payments of \$750 to employees who worked less than 32 hours per week. Additional costs incurred under this program included unanticipated retirement contributions attributed to the one-time payments for certain retirement tiers. This program is complete.



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

61. New Groundwater Well, Tranquillity Irrigation District

Managing Entity:	Subaward to special district, Subrecipient A 22-171 and A 24-097		
Allocated Amount:	\$1,100,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$84,292
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	5.13 Drinking Water: Source		
Website:	Tranquillity Irrigation District (trqid.com)		

Project Overview

Tranquillity Irrigation District (Tranquillity ID) provides domestic water supply to the Community of Tranquillity. 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. In 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 Tranquillity ID's public water system.

Under the subrecipient agreement, SLFRF 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

Since the last reporting period, the Subrecipient informed the County that based on its design process, updated engineer's estimates of probable costs indicated that the cost to drill and equip the well would exceed the grant funding amount allocated for the work. Tranquillity ID is constructing an additional well (Well No. 8) and received a bid for well drilling that was over \$1 million dollars. Tranquillity ID represents that they anticipate the Well No. 9 will likely have a similar drilling cost.

As of Q4 of 2023, the design approach for Well No. 9 may need to be adjusted to allow for Tranquillity ID to complete the well while staying within grant and Tranquillity ID budget limitations. Any cost overages that the grant does not cover will need to be covered by Tranquillity ID. This



may result in Tranquillity ID altering the design of the Well No. 9 power distribution system to refurbish and use an existing motor control center that TID has available.

Tranquillity ID informed the County of the following potential issues/concerns with the project's performance: Long lead times for drilling mobilization may delay project construction. Pacific Gas and Electric's new service applications may have an impact on the schedule due to long lead times. The project can still be designed and constructed and may run on a temporary generator until electrical services can be connected.

Increased costs for materials, equipment, and labor will impact the project. Tranquillity ID is working on funding solutions to help cover increased project costs for well drilling and equipping. Tranquillity ID would like to explore the potential option to request the County's consideration to reallocate funding support to the Well No. 8 project.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

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. The project, at completion, would make investment in a rural community's public water system by improving their access to safe, secure, and affordable potable water supply.

62. New Groundwater Well, Malaga County Water District

Managing Entity:	Subaward to special district, Subrecipient A 22-172 and A 24-186		
Allocated Amount:	\$4,329,561	Expenditures, est.:	\$167,425
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	5.13 Drinking Water: Source		
Website:	https://www.malagacwd.org/		

Project Overview

Malaga County Water District (Malaga CWD) provides domestic water supply to the Community of Malaga. 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

Since the last reporting period, Malaga CWD represents that design plans, specifications, and estimates are complete. Malaga CWD applied 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.

Environmental review was completed with Malaga CWD filing a Notice of Exemption 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 are required during construction.

As of Q3 of 2023, Malaga CWD completed feasibility studies as part of the project development process for a different grant: A test well was constructed and evaluated. The work confirmed that the proposed location would provide a viable potable water supply.

Malaga CWD informed the County that the project was advertised for bid on November 2023. The Bid Opening was held from January 4, 2024. A bid summary and recommendation of award was provided to both Malaga CWD and the County for review on January 11, 2024.

The lowest responsive base bid for the Well 5A project came in above the initial grant award. A request for an amendment to the original budget was submitted to the County to address the funding deficit. All bids were rejected by the Board of Malaga CWD.

During Q1 of 2024, Malaga CWD submitted amendment requests to the County for Agreement 22-172 and Agreement 22-339. Said amendments, as requested by Malaga CWD, would move unspent funds from the Malaga Water Storage Tank Project (\$2.4m) to instead be used to fund the full construction of Malaga's well project. On April 23, 2024, the County approved the Malaga CWD's request. Since the approval of the amendments, Malaga CWD informed the County that it will rebid the project during Spring 2024. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

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. The project, at completion, would make investment in a disadvantaged community's public water system by improving their access to safe, secure, and affordable potable water supply.



63. Final Engineering and Design Drinking Water Storage Tank, Malaga County Water District

Managing Entity:	Subaward to special district, Subrecipient A 22-339 and 24-185		
Allocated Amount:	\$87,663	Expenditures, est.:	\$87,642
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	Complete.
Eligible Category:	5.14 Drinking Water: Storage		
Website:	https://www.malagacwd.org/		

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.

The initial program was approved to help Malaga CWD 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. Since the last reporting period, the County approved Malaga CWD's request to amend the scope of work from funding design, planning, and construction of a water storage tank to instead use SLFRF to only fund the final design and engineering cost for a water storage tank for well site 5A. Additionally, unspent funds were reassigned to fund the construction of the new groundwater well for the community of Malaga, as it will increase drinking water availability. With SLFRF helping to fund the final engineering and design, Malaga CWD intends to leverage other funds to help construct the water storage tank.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, Malaga CWD completed several milestones which lead to its April 2024 request to the County to amend the approved scope for this project and reassign available SLFRF to help with the construction of Well 5A. Prior to the request receiving approval, the Subrecipient informed the County of the following achievements:

The Project was advertised for bid in November 2023. The Bid Opening was held on January 4, 2024. A bid summary and recommendation of award was provided to both Malaga CWD Board of Directors, and the County for review on January 11, 2024. The lowest responsive base bid for the Tank at 5A project came in less than what was allowed in the original funding agreement. According to the subrecipient, unforeseen challenges during construction would likely occur which warranted requesting the County for additional funds for construction contingency.

The Malaga CWD rejected all bids based on limited funding availability provided by the grant. Amendments to Agreement 22-172 and Agreement 22-339 were submitted to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for approval. On April 23, 2024, the County approved the Malaga CWD's request. Since the approval of the amendments, Malaga CWD informed the County that future funds for a tank construction may be sought by Malaga CWD, as funding assistance opportunities become available. In the meantime, the Malaga CWD represent that final design and engineering for the water storage tank are complete.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

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. This project helped Malaga CWD fund the final design and engineering plans which will help the district leverage future funding opportunities for the construction of the water storage tank. The final plans will help the community secure future funds for “shovel ready” projects that would make further investment in a disadvantaged community’s public water system by improving their access to safe, secure, and affordable potable water supply.

64. New Groundwater Well, Riverdale Public Utility District

Managing Entity:	Subaward to special district, Subrecipient A 22-225		
Allocated Amount:	\$3,175,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$101,124
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	Complete.
Eligible Category:	5.13 Drinking Water: Source		
Website:	https://www.riverdalepublicutilitydistrict.com/		

Project Overview

Riverdale Public Utility District (PUD) provides domestic water supply to the Community of Riverdale. 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 the subrecipient 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 funds 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 that 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

Since the last reporting period, Riverdale PUD represents the following achievements:

During Q3 of 2023, Riverdale PUD reported to the County that the project’s geotechnical investigation and report, and biological and cultural reports were completed. Riverdale PUD completed their environmental review and prepared written documents to publish for public



review. The district made progress with electrical and structural plans and prepare an application submittal for PG&E service.

During Q4 of 2023, Riverdale PUD reported that they completed and provided responses to written public comments to their environmental review documents, Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). Riverdale PUD finalized the environmental review process to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, and posted documents to State Clearinghouse and County. Riverdale PUD completed 50% electrical design and incorporated into plan set. Riverdale PUD began the coordinating the construction of Mt. Whitney Avenue water main connection with County of Fresno for incorporation into county paving project. The District finalized and executed a utility and access easement agreement with the project's neighboring property owners. For the upcoming Q2 of 2024, Riverdale PUD plans to announce and bid the pilot hole and production well as a separate project as the rest of the well site, equipping, and distribution piping plans are finalized in order to complete construction as early as possible. In future reports, the Subrecipient intends to provide the County a summary of the Program performance.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

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. The project, at completion, would make investment in a disadvantaged community's public water system by improving their access to safe, secure, and affordable potable water supply.

65. Emergency Response Equipment ISD No. 6

Managing Entity:	Department of Internal Services, BAI 22-0081 and BAI 24-0339		
Allocated Amount:	\$889,578	Expenditures, est.:	\$889,578
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 2021	Completion Date, est.:	Complete
Eligible Category:	5.21 Broadband: Other projects.		
Website:	Internal Services - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

In 2022, these funds were allocated to 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 was 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 enhance high-speed broadband to critical County facilities that lack reliable internet speed, and will complement radio communication infrastructure, and improve emergency dispatch communication for first responders.

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 a congregate setting.

The provision of County broadband to this facility will allow the JJC to be connected to the County network, which may be essential in the event of an emergency, when the JJC staff must manage its population of detained youth. The County morgue is also located at the JJC location, and the provision of broadband to the morgue as part of this project will assist in the County's emergency response, in the event of large-scale public health emergency deaths. 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). Based on Treasury's reporting numeric changes, the program description for this project best fits within Treasury's eligible category 5.21 Broadband: other projects.

Performance Report

As noted in the previous 2023 Recovery Plan, ISD received a quote from a vendor in the amount of \$3,760,000 to extend high-speed broadband to the JJC and to the County's Hamilton Yard. The Department was not able to secure additional funding to move this project forward.

As a contingency, the Department requested bids for connecting the JJC to Golden State Boulevard, and received a bid in the amount of \$889,578. The contingency plan allowed for the connection of the JJC to Golden State Boulevard, and specifically, to the CVIN fiber vault, which completed the connection of the Hamilton facility, the Coroner's Office, and the JJC through both private and public fiber lines. The original project was scoped only utilizing a private fiber line, but due to an updated scope that included both public and private lines, cost savings were realized by the Department. The broadband connection was completed in January 2024, which resulted in a cost savings of approximately \$1,610,422 to this project.

On June 18, 2024, the Department returned to the Board and received approval to amend the initial scope of work to accurately reflect the program's description to state, Broadband Fiber to Public Facilities, connect the Hamilton facility, the County Coroner's Office, and the JJC through both private and public fiber lines, not solely a private fiber line as initially scoped, to the Central Valley Independent Network (CVIN) fiber vault under Category D, Investment in Broadband, and reduce program budget by \$1,610,422, from \$2,500,000 to \$889,578.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

This program provided an opportunity for the County to enhance communication coverage by connecting the Hamilton Facility, JJC, and County Morgue to a more reliable connection to broadband fiber, which in turn also improve public safety communication including staffing and or residents that visit the listed locations. This project provided an opportunity for the County to consider further expansions to broadband into additional rural locations.



66. Cybersecurity Improvements, ISD No. 5

Managing Entity:	Department of Internal Services, BAI 22-0081		
Allocated Amount:	\$10,000,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$10,000,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 2021	Completion Date, est.:	Complete
Eligible Category:	5.21 Broadband: Other projects, cybersecurity.		
Website:	Internal Services - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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 reported in the 2023 Recovery Plan, 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. The County entered into an agreement with CoverageOne, Inc. to assist in cybersecurity modernization efforts. Estimated 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.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI – 22-1306		
Allocated Amount:	\$250,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$22,156
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	5.8 Clean Water: Water conservation		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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

Since the last reporting period, the Department completed environmental review and preliminary cost estimates. The Department represents that initial estimates to connect the site to the City's reclaimed water system will likely exceed funding availability for this project. The Department represents that staff is working to rescope the project. Potential options may include updating the program description to instead make necessary repairs to an existing well, incorporating water conservation strategies, and the installation of drought tolerant landscaping or hardscape designs.

The Department has incurred expenditures totaling \$21,887 in support of the program primarily consisting of engineering and design 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. 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.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI – 22-1306		
Allocated Amount:	\$1,500,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$1,904
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	5.13 Drinking Water: Source		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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 Department’s 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

Since the last reporting period, the Department has incurred expenditures totaling \$1,904 in support of the program primarily consisting of engineering and design from the Department’s budget which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program. The Department has retained a consultant and well driller to perform site investigations of the existing wells. A septic and leach line consultant will be performing test in the following weeks to finalize the septic design. Once design is completed, Department staff will start negotiations with JOC contractor to get bids and perform the work which includes installation of two prefabricated restrooms, construction of septic and leach field system and connection to the water well should the well test results favorable for water supply. The Department intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.

69. Elkhorn Recharge Facility - DWSRF, PWP Program 7

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI – 22-1306		
Allocated Amount:	\$6,000,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$161,526
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	5.14 Drinking Water: Storage		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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

Since the last reporting period, the Department represents that it issued a request for proposals for engineering and design and retained Provost & Pritchard Consulting to help with the project. The Department represents that as of Q1 of 2024, engineering and design is at 90% completion. For Q2 of 2024, the Department received the final design plans from Provost and Pritchard. The Department intends to advertise the project in Summer / Fall 2024, award before the end of 2024 and build immediately after. The Department has incurred expenditures totaling \$161,526 in support of the program primarily consisting of engineering and design from the Department's budget which is pending a reimbursement request from the ARPA program.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI – 22-1306		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,500,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$73,823
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	December 2022	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	5.14 Drinking Water: Storage		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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

Since the last reporting period, the Department represents that it issued a request for proposals for engineering and design and retained Provost & Pritchard Consulting to help with the project. Most recently, the Department expects to receive 100% design from Provost and Pritchard by Summer 2024. The Department represents that construction is planned to move forward as scheduled for early 2024. The Department anticipates that potential delays may occur due to canal access scheduling, which is regulated by the Department of the Interior. The County is developing an agreement with Fresno Irrigation District to construct the project. The Department has incurred expenditures totaling \$78,829 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.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI –22-1306		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,000,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$16,651
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	January 2023	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	5.13 Drinking Water: Source		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

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

Since the last reporting period, the Department represents that a topographic survey was completed and delivered in March 2023. The Department issued a request for proposals for engineering design and selected a local engineering firm, Provost & Pritchard Consulting, to design the well site. The Department is coordinating with Raisin City Elementary School District for acquisition of an easement for the well location. Department staff have made the offer to the school. The acquisition is planned to be finalized in early Fall 2024.



The Department is working with the consultant to advertise the project for bid by Summer / Fall 2024. With an eight-month window for construction the project is anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2025. The Department has incurred expenditures totaling approximately \$16,651 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.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Community of Raisin City is a disadvantaged unincorporated community of approximately 300 residents. The project, at completion, would make investment in a disadvantaged community's public water system by improving their access to safe, secure, and affordable potable water supply.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI 22-1268		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,300,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$8,887
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	December 2022	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	5.15 Drinking Water: Other water infrastructure		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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 under EPA's DWSRF under the category of Water Efficiency projects and is therefore an eligible use of SLFRF under the Final Rule.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, the Department represents that on June 4, 2024, the Board approved the implementation of this project, and the project was awarded to West Valley Construction Company to implement the water meter replacement project, under Contract 23-26-C. SLFRF will fund the installation and replacement of water meters to County Service Areas (CSA) and Waterworks District (WWD) including CSAs 10, 10A, 34A, 34B, 34C, 34D, 34G, 39AB, 43W, 44C, 44D, 47, 49, and Water Works Districts 37, 38, 40, 41, and 42 and fund the purchase of new meters for in County Service Areas 1, 5, 14, and 23.



The work to be done for Contract 23-26-C, consists, in general, of inventorying approximately 3,200 water meters in various locations of the County, replacing and programming County furnished meter encoders, installing and programming County furnished endpoints, replacing water meter box lids, and replacing meter bodies with associated plumbing at no cost to the residents. The project was awarded on June 4, 2024, and construction has started. The department has incurred expenditures totaling approximately \$8,887 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.

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

Managing Entity:	Department of Public Works and Planning, BAI – 22-1268		
Allocated Amount:	\$400,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$40,505
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	December 2022	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	5.14 Drinking water: Storage		
Website:	Public Works and Planning - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

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

Since the last reporting period, the Department represents that project design is complete. Environmental review has been complete and filed. The project was advertised for bid; however, no formal bids were received during the solicitation period. The Department anticipates that implementation of the project will exceed funding availability. Currently, the Department is working with the County Administrative Office to explore potential funding reallocation from the water meter project to address the anticipated construction deficit. The Department intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



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

Managing Entity:	Subaward to subrecipient, A 23-075 and 24-119		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,832,100	Expenditures, est.:	\$52,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	December 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	5.14 Drinking Water: Storage		
Website:	The City of Firebaugh		

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. SLFRF provided under the subrecipient 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 Firebaugh residents and the residents of the community of Las Deltas.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, Firebaugh represents that the program has completed the planning phase and environmental review to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

As of Q1 of 2024, Firebaugh met with County staff to discuss the project timeline and anticipated construction cost increases which will likely exceed funding availability in the SLFRF agreement.

Firebaugh represents that the existing project site is located in FEMA's 100-year flood plain, which will likely increase project cost because the site is required to be elevated above the flood plain. To reduce project cost, Firebaugh is exploring various options for potential cost effective project site solutions, as well as reducing the HUD Tank from 500,000 gallons to 427,000 gallons.



During January 2024, Firebaugh staff and their consulting team met with State representatives from the Department of Financial Assistance and the Urgent Drinking Water Need programs to brief them of the anticipate project deficit and to request additional funding support. Firebaugh represents that ongoing efforts are underway to secure additional funding support.

In February 2024, Firebaugh submitted an amendment request to the County to consider and approve a revision to the expenditure plan, and redesignate available funds to help fund anticipated construction costs. On March 19, 2024, the Board approved Firebaugh’s amendment request which is expected to help reduce a portion of the construction cost deficit. At the end of Q1 of 2024, Firebaugh informed the County that the Plans and Specifications have received comments from the Department of Drinking Water and are waiting for additional information from Firebaugh to complete and finalize the Plans and Specifications.

At the end of Q2 of 2024, Firebaugh informed the County that it completed the public bid process for the project. Bid results exceeded funding availability. The City of Firebaugh is working the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance to secure additional funding support for the implementation of this project.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The unincorporated community of Las Deltas is 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. The project, at completion, would make investment in disadvantaged communities by improving their access to safe, secure, and affordable potable water supply.

75. Storm Drain Improvements, Biola Community Services District

Managing Entity:	Subaward to subrecipient, A 22-371 and 23-098		
Allocated Amount:	\$955,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$73,540
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	September 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	5.6 Clean water: Stormwater		
Website:	https://www.biolacsd.org/		

Project Overview

Biola Community Services District (Biola CSD) provides street lighting, water, sewer, storm drainage, and solid waste services in the Community of Biola. 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.

Under the subrecipient agreement, SLFRF will help Biola CSD 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

Since the last reporting period, Biola CSD informed the County that its engineering team, AM Consulting Engineers, worked on the preparation of design plans and technical specifications and completed the plans at the end of Q3 of 2023.

At the beginning of Q1 of 2024, the Biola CSD informed the County that the project was advertised for bid and results are expected by January. At the end of the open bid process, a total of eight bids were received at the Biola CSD office on January 30, 2024. The lowest bid was submitted by Rolfe Construction in the amount of \$474,145. The District anticipates that a contingency of approximately \$300,000 is needed to account for unforeseen change orders.

Biola CSD informed the County that it awarded the project to Rolfe Construction at its February 15, 2024, Board meeting. Most recently, the Biola CSD's engineering team held a pre-construction meeting with the contractor to plan for the implementation of the project. The project is estimated to begin the construction phase by the Summer 2024. As of June 2024, the Subrecipient estimates that the project completion will occur by Fall 2024. The Subrecipient intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The community of Biola is 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). The project, at completion, would make investment in a disadvantaged community by funding improvements to the community's storm drainage system, which is prone to flooding during wet seasons. The planned improvements will also help the Biola to recharge 150 acre-feet of water annually back into the aquifer in support of meeting state and local groundwater recharge mandates.



76. Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Tranquillity Public Utility District

Managing Entity:	Subaward to subrecipient, A 22-338m 23-100, and 24-187		
Allocated Amount:	\$675,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$135,221
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	5.1 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment		
Website:	https://tpud.specialdistrict.org/		

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.

Under the subrecipient agreement, SLFRF will be used by Tranquillity PUD 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

Since the last reporting period, Tranquillity PUD submitted an application to Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) for the Lincoln Lift Station. The purpose of the application is to find out the type of service available at the Lincoln lift station, whether there is a Single Phase, or opportunity to install a 3 Phase underground power supply.

During Q3 of 2023, Tranquillity PUD informed the County that it procured two pumps for Sewer Lift Station No. 1 (W. Silveria Street). One pump was previously installed in 2023, and the second pump is pending electrical connection. By the end of the Q4 of 2023, Tranquillity PUD informed the County that AM Consulting Engineers completed the design plans and technical specifications. The project went out to bid with results anticipated to be received by January 2024.

As of Q1 of 2024, Tranquillity PUD informed the County that the open bid process was closed on January 31, 2024. At the end, Tranquillity PUD received five bids for the construction of the project ranging in cost from \$1,162,757 to \$1,500,866. All bids were significantly higher than the SLFRF agreement's expenditure plan. Tranquillity PUD's Board of directors rejected all bids received at the February 26, 2024, meeting and directed staff to restructure the agreement to prioritize certain improvements.



By the end of February 2024, Tranquillity PUD informed the County of their funding deficit, and requested consideration for an amendment to the expenditure plan which would redistribute available funds, to instead fund project construction costs. Tranquillity PUD informed the County that such an amendment will provide needed flexibility to revise the construction documents to include a base bid amount with the most needed improvements and several bid alternatives that can be added if sufficient funding is available to complete the improvements.

On April 23, 2024, the County approved the second amended to the agreement with Tranquillity PUD. As of the preparation of this 2024 Recovery Plan, Tranquillity PUD completed the re-bid process and is working to finalize plans that will fall within the approved budget. The District anticipates awarding the project contract by early Summer 2024, with a tentative construction start timeline by late Summer 2024. The Subrecipient intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

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). The project, at completion, would make necessary investment in a rural community’s public sewer system which is in dire need of maintenance to address operational deficiencies.

77. Groundwater Recharge Project, Del Rey Community Services District

Managing Entity:	Subaward to subrecipient, A 22-407 and A 23-099		
Allocated Amount:	\$600,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$50,810
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	5.18 Water and Sewer: Other, Groundwater Protection and		
Website:	Home Del Rey Community Service District (delreycsd.com)		

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. 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

Since the last reporting period, Del Rey CSD retained AM Consulting Engineers 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.

AM Consulting completed the Topographic survey and prepared the plans and specifications for the Del Rey Avenue Basin.

As of Q3 of 2023, Del Rey CSD reported to the County that the design of the Carmel Avenue Connection is complete. AM Consulting Engineers worked with the Consolidated Irrigation District (CID) to determine the optimal location for the Del Rey Avenue Basin Connection. CID rejected the original connection proposal for the Del Rey Avenue Basin on Central Street. Del Rey CSD informed the County that its engineering team was working to redesign the connection to be north of American Avenue. Plans were completed and resubmitted to CID for their review.

As of Q1 of 2024, Del Rey CSD informed the County that connection plans were approved by CID. AM Consulting Engineers was then in progress to prepare an easement for the Del Rey Ave Basin since the land is privately owned by POM Wonderful.

As of Q2 of 2024, the District informed the County that the easement for the Del Rey Avenue Basin receive approval. The District Engineer updated the plans which received approval from Fresno County; however CID has requested an opportunity to complete a second review of the connection plans. According to Del Rey CSD, they estimate that bidding will take place by end of Summer 2024, pending CID's second approval of the plans. The Subrecipient intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The Community of Del Rey 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). The project, at completion, would make necessary investment in a rural community's storm drainage system and add a recharge basin which will help the community divert surface water from nearby canals into the Del Rey CSD's recharge basins, thereby helping Del Rey CSD comply with groundwater regulations and help the community to annually recharge 193 acre-feet of water back into the aquifer.



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

Managing Entity:	Subaward to subrecipient, A 22-539		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,465,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$73,848
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2022	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	5.14 Drinking Water: Storage		
Website:	City of Mendota		

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.

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. Under the subrecipient agreement, 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. Mendota represents that the program qualifies under the DWSRF eligible project category of water storage.

Performance Reports

Since the last reporting period, Mendota experienced delays in securing the land from Westlands Water District which delayed the project's implementation.

As of Q4 of 2023, Mendota represents that conversations with Westlands Water District are promising and allow for the project to resume moving forward. As of Q1 of 2024, Mendota informed the County that the project is being coordinated with the design of the Amador & Smoot Street Extension project as those will be the fronting streets of the tank and pump station site. As of January 2024, Mendota's critical path item is the acquisition of the 4.61 acres of land from Westlands Water District as both the street extension project and pump/tank site are planned to be located on this land. Mendota intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

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 provides potable water supply to its residents and the Mendota-Federal Correctional Facility, a Federal institution immediately outside the Mendota city limits that houses a



population of 1,527 inmates. At completion, the project will make investment to a rural city's public water system that will help meet the fire flow requirement standard for firefighting and provide water storage for drought resiliency for the disadvantaged community of Mendota.

79. Water Storage Tank, Caruthers Community Services District

Managing Entity:	Subaward to subrecipient, A 23-120		
Allocated Amount:	\$3,130,100	Expenditures, est.:	\$125,132
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	5.14 Drinking Water: Storage		
Website:	Caruthers Community Services District (carutherscsd.com)		

Project Overview

Caruthers Community Services District (Caruthers CSD) provides domestic water supply and sewer treatment services in the rural unincorporated community of Caruthers. 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, which will address flow and pressure deficiencies in the west side of Caruthers' 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 the subrecipient agreement will help Caruthers CSD 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 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 town.

Performance Report

Since the last reporting period, Caruthers CSD informed the County that the project basis of design has been prepared, environmental review has been initiated in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, topographic surveys and geotechnical investigation has been completed.

As of Q1 of 2024, the District's engineer informed the County that the project design documents have been prepared and nearing 90% completion, preliminary electrical design has been prepared, and an application has been submitted to Pacific Gas and Electric for a Rule 16 determination. As of June 2024, Caruthers CSD anticipates internal QA/QC reviews and



circulation of the environmental documents will be made available for public review by Summer 2024. Caruthers CSD intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The community of Caruthers is 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). The project, at completion, would make investment in a disadvantaged community by improving their access to safe, secure, and affordable potable water supply.

80. Water Meter Replacement, Laton Community Services District

Managing Entity:	Subaward to subrecipient, A 23-198		
Allocated Amount:	\$1,032,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$45,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	June 2023	Completion Date, est.:	December 2026
Eligible Category:	5.15 Other Water Infrastructure		
Website:	Laton CSD		

Project Overview

Laton CSD provides domestic water supply and sewer treatment services to the Community of Laton. 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.

Under the subrecipient agreement, Laton CSD will use SLFRF to fund the replacement of dated water meters with new 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. SLFRF will help fund the 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

During the last year, Laton CSD initiated an inventory of the meters to identify meter conditions and prepare a schedule of work that will be performed. On Q3 of 2023, Laton CSD informed the County that the scheduled field inventory will identify broken boxes, missing lids, existing installations that are in concrete that may require saw cutting, and buried meters. During Q4 of 2023, Laton CSD requested the first payment from the SLFRF grant to fund the final inventory of the meters and mobilization. As of Q2 of 2024, Laton CSD will be preparing the work schedule for the implementation of the project and completing a specification list for meter replacements. Laton CSD intends to provide additional performance report summaries in future reports.



Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The community of Laton is 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). The project strives to replace outdated water meters that are in poor conditions with new meters that will improve water consumption readings, tracking, and management efforts at no cost to the residents.



Programs under Eligible Category: Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

81. Standard Allowance, Loss Revenue

Managing Entity:	County Administrative Office, BAI 21-1322 and BAI 22-0517		
Allocated Amount:	\$10,000,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$10,000,000
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 3, 2021	Completion Date, est.:	June 2023
Eligible Category:	6.1 Provisions of Government Services		
Website:	County Administrative Office - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

To ease the burden on recipients and account for anomalous variations in revenue, Treasury incorporated a “standard allowance” option into the Final Rule. A recipient may choose to use the standard allowance, which under the Final Rule is set at \$10 million, as an alternative to calculating revenue loss according to the methodology provided in the Interim Final Rule and the Final Rule. The standard allowance option is intended to promote administrative efficiency, simplify the revenue loss calculation for majority of recipients, and simplifies reporting requirements for recipients that elect to use the standard allowance option.

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

Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government such as: road building and maintenance, infrastructure, health services, general government administration such a staff and administrative facilities, environmental remediation, provisions of police, fire, and other public safety services (including the purchase of public safety vehicles and equipment).

The County Administrative Office administers the Countywide Revenues Budget, Org. 0415 which is not related to the revenue generating activities of any particular department. The Countywide Revenues Budget includes property taxes, sales tax, motor vehicle in lieu, interest, and other miscellaneous revenues. This revenue is used to fund the Net County Cost (NCC) of General Fund departments. SLFRF was put into the Countywide Revenue Budget which provided funding assistance for governmental services provide by departments that are not covered by revenue generated by a specific department. The majority of the Countywide Revenue Budget funds the County justice departments consisting of: Sheriff, District Attorney, and Probation.



Administrative Cost under Eligible Category: Administrative (EC 7)

82. Administration of ARPA – SLFRF Program

Managing Entity:	County Administrative Office, BAI – 21-1322		
Allocated Amount:	\$2,500,000	Expenditures, est.:	\$891,692
Impacted Class:	Yes	Program Type:	Existing
Start Date:	March 3, 2021	Completion Date, est.:	In progress.
Eligible Category:	7.1 Administrative Expenses		
Website:	County Administrative Office - County of Fresno (fresnocountyca.gov)		

Project Overview

On February 1, 2022, the County approved \$2.5 million to fund the administration of the SLFRF program. 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.

Performance report

The County's expenditure plan depicts funding for the administration of the SLFRF under Category A, however administrative expenditures are captured under EC 7.1. The administration of the SLFRF program is achieved through a multi-department effort consisting of the County Administrative Office, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office.

Under this program, SLFRF funds SLFRF administrative costs for the implementation of the County's expenditure plan, reporting quarterly expenditure reports, and development of annual Recovery Plans. Additional costs include but are not limited to: fulfilling reporting and compliance requirements, preparing subaward agreements and/or amendments, including subrecipient monitoring activities, processing payment requests, department and subaward performance monitoring, record retention and internal control requirements. If needed, administrative funds may also be used to hire a consultant or reimburse staff time associated with the administration, monitoring, and reporting of the County's Recovery Plan.



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	AMI
Autism Spectrum Disorder	ASD
Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County	B&G Club
Calwa Recreation and Park District	Calwa RPD
Center for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability Index	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	CBO
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 Lunch Program	NSLP
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



Information Technology	IT
Integrated Data Sharing System	IDSS
Interim Final Rule	IFR
Internal Services Department	ISD
Intensive Care Unit	ICU
Job Order Contracting	JOC
Joint Powers Authority	JPA
Juvenile Justice Campus	JJC
Key Performance Indicators	KPI
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer	LGBTQ+
Limited Liability Company	LLC
Local Conservation Corps	LCC
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program	LIHEAP
Median Household Income	MHI
Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator	MHOAC
National Food Festivals Incorporated	NFFI
National Housing Trust Fund	HTF
North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency	NFKGSA
Office of Emergency Services	OES
Personal Protective Equipment	PPE
Public Utilities District	PUD
Public Works and Planning	PWP
Qualified Census Tract	QCT
Request for Proposal	RFP
Rural Mobile Health	RMH
Saint Agnes Medical Center	SAMC
San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority	SJVIA
School Breakfast Program	SBP
Short-term Residential Therapeutic Program	STRTP
Social Determinants of Health	SDoH
South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency	SKGSA
State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	SLFRF
California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water	SWRCB
Statement of Interest	SOI
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	SNAP
Social Security Income	SSI
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	TANF
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development	HUD
United States Department of the Treasury	Treasury
Valley Caregiver Resources Center	VCRC
Veterans Liberty Cemetery	Veterans LC
Women, Infants, and Children	WIC