

BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 Report

Note: The Recovery Plan Performance Report will provide the public and Treasury information on the projects that recipients are undertaking with program funding and how they are planning to ensure program outcomes are achieved in an effective, efficient, and equitable manner. While this template includes the minimum requirements for the Recovery Plan, each recipient is encouraged to add information to the plan that they feel is appropriate to provide information to their constituents on efforts they are taking to respond to the pandemic and promote an equitable economic recovery.

Each jurisdiction may determine the general form and content of the Recovery Plan, as long as it meets the reporting requirements, and recipients are encouraged to tailor this template to best meet their needs. Use of infographics, tables, charts, pictures, case studies, and other explanatory elements are encouraged.

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Brazoria County is actively planning a variety of eligible projects to be paid for with ARPA funds that will promote a response to the pandemic and economic recovery for Brazoria County, its citizens and visitors alike.

Progress to date on those outcomes include initial identification of numerous projects being assessed for eligibility under the four designated areas.

- Projects currently underway include:
 - Support to several local agencies of first responders to involve the purchase of medical equipment and PPE. It will enable staff to perform their functions while minimizing the sharing of equipment on or near the mouth and increasing the distance from the patient.
 - Provided financial assistance to local nonprofit organizations who experienced a negative financial impact as a result of the pandemic. One organization deals specifically with substance use disorders, the other operates shelters for domestic violence and sexual assault victim. Both agencies are critical resources within the county.
 - Brazoria County has provided funding to food assistance programs, which focus on serving and delivering meals to elderly residents within the County, one of the most vulnerable populations impacted by the Covid pandemic.
 - One community within our county was in need of a new water treatment system to remove harmful Total Trihalomethanes from the public water system, and our funding allows for cleaner and safer drinking water for the residents within that community.
 - Our provision of government services expenses have been utilized thus far to provide crucial improvements, repairs, and upgrades to our county parks, which are a vital outlet for county residents for recreation, mental health, and wellness. We also purchased vehicles to replace an aging fleet that supports our law enforcement agencies. We completed vital technology and computer upgrade projects, which provided for minimizing contact and increasing social distancing, and allowed remote opportunities for employees to work, for court to take place, for warrants to be signed and criminal and civil processes to continue to occur. We also utilized funding to begin a remediation and renovation of our county Animal Control facility. The ceiling was collapsing and the building was generally unsafe for animal or human habitation. The renovation will allow continuation of operations for a function that is widely used within our county. We continue to support our County Health Clinic as well, as they continue to respond to the pandemic and negative effects of Covid.
- The Brazoria County Judge and Commissioners will continue prioritizing future projects to be funded and managed by the County.

Uses of Funds

Brazoria County's intended and actual use of funds will help support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic downturn. Brazoria County will employ strategies to maximize programmatic impact and effective, efficient and equitable outcomes. Brazoria County will use the ARPA funds to support communities, populations and individuals within its jurisdiction by thorough evaluation of eligible uses, suggested projects, and potential grants to other entities committed to serve. Brazoria County will exercise its discretion in choosing the eligible projects to be funded only after consideration of impacts supporting equity and whether preparedness and/or resilience to the ongoing pandemic are also considered factors.

Brazoria County is promoting the ARPA Expenditure Categories as follows:

1. Public Health (EC 1). Brazoria County has funded PPE to nine emergency medical services providers and conducted contract tracing through two companies. Funding was needed to equip first responders so that they can best address pandemic related duties.
2. Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2). Brazoria County is considering multiple programs to support non-profit, for profit, industry and/or individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The County has funded two non-profit organizations for fleet replacements, updates to infrastructure, and loss revenue due to the pandemic. The County will continue developing criteria for evaluation of entities which will be required to apply for such funding. Brazoria County will work to develop proper systems to monitor each such program.
3. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3). There are no current such projects on Brazoria County's initial project list; however, as project development continues, the County may decide to develop or support the development of such projects.
4. Premium Pay (EC 4). There are no current such projects on Brazoria County's initial project list; however, as project development continues, the County may decide to develop or support the development of such projects.
5. Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure (EC 5). Brazoria County has funded two project to make improvements to drinking water and water treatment.
6. Revenue Replacement EC 6). Brazoria County has conducted an analysis of lost revenue and implemented the below governmental services. The County will continue to access other projects that may fit under this expenditure class.
 - Overtime pay for employees conducting contact tracing
 - Purchase of new County vehicles
 - Purchase of playground equipment and improvements
 - Purchase of computer hardware and software
 - County building improvements

Promoting equitable outcomes

Brazoria County has, to date, made efforts to create an initial list of possible projects showing intended outcomes that promote equity for historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups in Brazoria County and in making final project decisions, such concerns will be evaluated. The County will provide an update, using qualitative and quantitative data, on how the County's approach has achieved or promoted equitable outcomes or progressed against equity goals during each performance period.

Goals

The County will take care to decide and design its program with equity in mind, and, in part, by following and requiring subrecipients and contractors to follow the Uniform Administrative Requirement, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 CFR Part 200 and the Terms and Conditions of the Treasury's SLFRF assistance. Where projects may be designed to assist individuals or nonprofit organizations, eligibility to receive funds will, in part, be gauged upon income or other factors, such as homelessness, of the ultimate beneficiaries.

Brazoria County anticipates developing projects that will provide enhanced services and benefits for all people. In developing criteria for such projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic going forward, the County will consider the geographic and demographic distribution of funding, including whether it is targeted towards traditionally marginalized populations and communities.

Brazoria County, when subgranting SLFR funds to third parties, will encourage potential subgrantees to provide a level of evidence required or preferred that ask third party subgrantees about whether their programs or services are evidence based according to the definition in Appendix 2 of the Reporting Guidance. (p. 32 of User Guide: Treasury's Portal...) Brazoria County understands that requiring third party recipients to report on whether their programs or services are evidence based will facilitate reporting for the Recovery Plan.

Awareness

Brazoria County has posted the previous Recovery Plan Performance Report encompassing the period March 3, 2021 through July 31, 2021 on its website at www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/legal-notice. The County will also specifically communicate to the non-profit and business communities, as well as industry impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and individuals, how to access information about the ARPA funding possibilities and how to make comments and contributions to the County's programming decisions and outcomes. Communication efforts will include, but are not limited to, providing notices in the jurisdictions' widely circulated newspapers or newsletters, announcements on local television and radio stations, including special efforts to identify and involve minority owned businesses, working with local pastors and church leaders to communicate where to find the plan and how to contribute; and other targeted outreach efforts to assure that all of the common ways persons in the community receive information are included.

Brazoria County will also hold public meetings and public hearings as mandated by the law for proposed ARPA projects, as applicable; however, other community meetings and outreach efforts will be considered to ensure transparency and ways to participate and provide input.

Access and Distribution

Brazoria County will consider existing differences in levels of access to benefits and services across groups in developing its ARPA Program. The County will take care to identify and rework any administrative requirements that could result in disparities in an ability to complete applications or meet eligibility requirements. To this end, Brazoria County will react immediately to help any person or entity who needs assistance filling out the County's Application form(s) and efforts will be made to develop documents that are simple and easy to understand that will be available in English and Spanish. The County will provide accessible versions of any applications, forms or documents, and provide reasonable accommodations related to filling out and submitting required information on request.

Outcomes

Where relevant for the policy objective met by the project, Brazoria County is working towards closing gaps, reaching universal levels of services, and/or disaggregating progress by race, ethnicity, or other equity dimension.

Brazoria County's planned use of funds prioritizes economic and racial equity as a goal and the program will specify targets intended to produce meaningful equity results at scale, setting forth strategies to achieve those targets. Brazoria County's overall equity strategy will translate into specific services or programs offered in the following Expenditure Categories:

1. Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2): assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits to address impacts of the pandemic, which have been most severe among low-income populations. This may include assistance with food, housing, and other needs; employment programs for people with barriers to employment who faced negative economic impacts from the pandemic (such as residents of low-income neighborhoods, minorities, disconnected youth, the unemployed, formerly incarcerated people, veterans, and people with disabilities); and other strategies that provide disadvantaged groups with access to education, jobs, and opportunity; and
2. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3): services to address health disparities and the social determinants of health, build stronger neighborhoods and communities (e.g., affordable housing), address educational disparities (e.g., evidence-based tutoring, community schools, and academic, social-emotional, and mental health supports for high poverty schools), and promote healthy childhood environments (e.g., home visiting, child care).

Community Engagement

Brazoria County's planned use of funds will incorporate written, oral, and other forms of gathered input that captures diverse feedback from constituents, community-based organizations, and the community itself. The County will carry out projects that build community capacity and reach underserved communities.

Where relevant, Brazoria County will include descriptions of how ARPA funds will build the capacity of a community organization to serve people with significant barriers to services,

including people of color, people with low incomes, limited proficiency populations and other traditionally underserved groups.

Labor Practices

Brazoria County will use strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of high quality infrastructure projects whilst also supporting local economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers. Brazoria County will develop projects requiring project labor agreements, use of prevailing wage rates, and the County will promote local hiring.

Use of Evidence

Brazoria County will identify whether SLFRF funds will be used for evidence-based interventions and/or if projects will be evaluated through rigorous program evaluations that are designed to build evidence. Brazoria County will develop a Learning Agenda or other device and use relevant evidence Clearinghouses to assess the level of evidence for the County's interventions and to support its overarching evaluation efforts in order to create an evidence building strategy.

Brazoria County understands that this analysis will be applicable to most Expenditure Categories in Public Health (EC 1), Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2) and Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities (EC 3).

Performance Report

Brazoria County plans on identifying key performance indicators and data points by the end of the calendar year 2022.

PROJECT INVENTORY

Project 2201: Grant Administration Services

Funding amount: \$2,170,000.00

Project Expenditure Category: [7.01 Administrative Services]

Project Overview

- *General Administrative services for the management and oversight of ARPA funded Programs and projects. Services provided by consultants, contractors and/or staff and may include public notices, accounting and audit support, disbursement of funds, monitoring, reporting, or any other general administrative or grant management services. Development of internal policies and procedures that are compliant with ARPA guidelines which may include procurement, financial management, labor monitoring, oversight of subrecipient awards, etc.*

Project 2206: Lifesaving Equipment for Brazoria County EMS District No. 3

Funding amount: \$118,925.79

Project Expenditure Category: [1.05 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *Funding will be used to purchase specialized medical, life-saving equipment such as: (3) chest compression devices and (2) patient stretchers. Manual CPR can put a toll on workers, especially when they work 24/7. An electronic compression device will allow staff to rest in between care, protect them from future infectious disease and ultimately provide better care to patients.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2208: Lifesaving Equipment for Clute EMS

Funding amount: \$101,451.00

Project Expenditure Category: [1.05 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *Funding will be used to purchase the following medical, life-saving equipment for Clute EMS: (2) patient stretchers, (3) laryngoscopes to view the vocal cords and throat, and*

(1) chest compression device. Electronic equipment will limit direct exposure between staff and patient, providing protection from future infectious disease. In addition, it will provide better care to the patients.

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2209: Lifesaving Equipment for Danbury EMS

Funding amount: \$97,103.33

Project Expenditure Category: [1.05 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *Funding will be used to purchase medical, life-saving equipment for Danbury EMS not limited to the following: (3) Lucas chest compression systems to assist with CPR in a patient reducing patient contact during lifesaving therapies, decontamination and patient transfer equipment, including powerlift stretches, warranties and battery packs. See quotes from Stryker and Zogics.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2210: PPE for Freeport Fire Department

Funding amount: \$137,012.53

Project Expenditure Category: [1.05 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *The purchase of two new ambulance units with the capability of advanced air filtration to assist with communicable diseases as life-saving equipment for the provision of health and safety. As such, purchases of ambulance-related medical and personal protective equipment and supplies for the provision of safety from specialized companies.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2211: Lifesaving medical equipment for Lake Jackson EMS

Funding amount: \$92,691.16

Project Expenditure Category: [1.05 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *The purchase of specialized medical equipment for the provision of health and safety such as (4) mechanical CPR devices, (4) Desk-Top Battery Charger, (4) External Power Supply, (8) Battery Pack, and the maintenance package for the (4) devices. This specialized equipment may include lifesaving medical equipment, PPE, and other emergency services equipment as required for the enforcement of public health orders.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2217: Life-saving medical equipment for Sweeny Community Hospital EMS

Funding amount: \$92,697.95

Project Expenditure Category: [1.05 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- *The procurement of medical equipment for the provision of the health and safety of that will benefit patients and EMS staff. This equipment will include the following life-saving equipment: (1) automatic compressions devices, (4) video scopes for intubation, (5) CPR ventilators, (5) chairs for patient transfer, (5) sound amplifying device for the detection of weak pulses and breath sounds, and (1) patient EMS transfer machine.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the*

spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.

Project 2218: Fleet Replacement for Actions, Inc.

Funding amount: \$303,000

Project Expenditure Category: [2.01 Household Assistance: Food Programs]

Project Overview

- *The procurement of 6 fleet vehicles. This proposal will replace the 6 oldest vans used in the organization's COVID response efforts - primary function is food delivery.*

Use of evidence:

- *These services include both home-delivered meals and healthy meals served in group settings, such as senior centers and faith-based locations. In addition, the programs provide a range of services including nutrition screening, assessment, education, and counseling. Nutrition services also provide an important link to other supportive in-home and community-based supports such as homemaker and home-health aide services, transportation, physical activity and chronic disease self-management programs, home repair and modification, and falls prevention programs.*

Project 2219: Meal Delivery Truck Purchase for Actions, Inc.

Funding amount: \$65,000

Project Expenditure Category: [2.01 Household Assistance: Food Programs]

Project Overview:

- *The acquisition of a food delivery truck in response to the negative economic impact of food assistance to impacted households in the community. The objective of the project is to increase the meal delivery capacity to reduce hunger and food insecurities among the elderly population in Brazoria County. The acquisition of this vehicle will allow service to an additional 125-150 homebound seniors each week in our meals on wheels program.*

Use of evidence:

- *These services include both home-delivered meals and healthy meals served in group settings, such as senior centers and faith-based locations. In addition, the programs provide a range of services including nutrition screening, assessment, education, and counseling. Nutrition services also provide an important link to other supportive in-home and community-based supports such as homemaker and home-health aide services, transportation, physical activity and chronic disease self-management programs, home repair and modification, and falls prevention programs.*

Project 2221: Life-saving medical equipment for Alvin EMS

Funding amount: \$94,376.13

Project Expenditure Category: [1.5 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview

- The purchase of lifesaving medical equipment: (1) Stryker patient stretcher, (1) LUCAS CPR device, (1) Lifepack 15 monitor, (1) Stryker patient transfer stair chair, (4) McGrath patient assessment tools for Alvin's EMS. This specialized equipment will be used for the prevention and treatment of Covid-19 patients during medical or emergency services.

Use of evidence:

- Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.

Project 2222: Medical Equipment for Angleton Area Emergency Medical Corps, Inc.

Funding amount: \$89,657.52

Project Expenditure Category: [1.5 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview:

- The purchase of (2) Stryker patient assessment tools (video laryngoscope), (2) Stryker patient hydraulic stretchers for Angleton Area Emergency Medical Corps, Inc. that will supplement equipment in 2 of their 5 mobile units.

Use of evidence:

- Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.

Project 2224: Revenue Replacement Brazos Place Economic Impact Reimbursement

Funding amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: [2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations]

Project Overview:

- *Physical plant and infrastructure improvements to a congregate living behavioral health treatment facility. The facility includes 40 residential and 16 detoxification beds which are split evenly between genders in separate wings of the facility. Brazos Place is the only substance use disorder treatment program within Brazoria and the 13-county region that provides same-site medical detoxification and inpatient treatment services for indigent and low income men and women.*

Use of evidence:

- *Mental illness is highly comorbid in people with addiction and associated with low rates of treatment engagement, retention, and completion. CODs are linked to numerous negative health outcomes and life circumstances, like elevated risk of homelessness, trauma, and self-harm. To close treatment gaps and ensure that people with SUDs and mental disorders achieve long-lasting recovery, educating counselors, supervisors, and administrators about the prevalence and seriousness of these conditions is essential.*

Project 2226: Purchase of PPE for Lake Jackson Fire Department

Funding amount: \$162,081.00

Project Expenditure Category: [1.05 Personal Protective Equipment]

Project Overview:

- *The purchase of emergency response equipment by Lake Jackson Fire Department that includes CBRNE Hazardous Material Ensembles, Live Motion Tracking with Remote Handoff (reduces in person contact), Lapel Microphone Radio attachments, Structural Firefighting Ensembles, and Rescue Gear Ensembles. The additional ensembles will allow each member of the EMS team to have designated PPE to reduce the spread of COVID-19.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2227: Revenue Replacement Women's Center Economic Impact Reimbursement

Funding amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: [2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations]

Project Overview:

- *The Women's Center of Brazoria County is a nonprofit that suffered a loss in revenue that impacted services to domestic violence victims during the COVID-19 pandemic. Seeking funding assistance to recover programmatic losses.*

Use of evidence:

- *Mental illness is highly comorbid in people with addiction and associated with low rates of treatment engagement, retention, and completion. CODs are linked to numerous negative health outcomes and life circumstances, like elevated risk of homelessness, trauma, and self-harm. To close treatment gaps and ensure that people with SUDs and mental disorders achieve long-lasting recovery, educating counselors, supervisors, and administrators about the prevalence and seriousness of these conditions is essential.*

Project 2230: County Buildings & Building Improvements

Project Expenditure Category: [6.01 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview

- *This project is for various projects throughout County Departments. Currently, this includes design expenditures for a new emergency preparedness warehouse. Multiple security and building improvements were completed for our law enforcement agencies, as well as improvements at the county fairgrounds.*

Project 2233: Enhancement of Public Health Response_Insight Global

Funding amount: \$69,037.99

Project Expenditure Category: [1.03 COVID-19 Contact Tracing]

Project Overview:

- *Brazoria County will procure contractors for temporary staffing for the County Health Department to meet need for vaccination technicians, data entry, post-vaccination monitoring, and case investigators and contact tracing experts.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2234: Public Health Surveillance _ Yes & LLC

Funding amount: \$210,000

Project Expenditure Category: [1.03 COVID-19 Contact Tracing]

Project Overview:

- *Contract with a company to facilitate contact tracing in Fall 2021. Data was transferred from a legacy program to a new one, allowing for continued data analysis, tracking of vaccination rates, and case investigations.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2236: Drinking Water and Storage System for Turtle Cove Lot Owners' Association

Funding amount: \$270,000

Project Expenditure Category: [5.10 Drinking Water: Treatment]

Project Overview:

- *The Turtle Cove Lot Owners Association will make improvements to a drinking water project that serves a residential community. The treatment system proposal will remove harmful TTHM's from the Turtle Cove LOA public water system, PWS No. 0200062. Additional storage capacity will be added to comply with the TCEQ requirements.*

Use of evidence:

- *Poor water quality places the public's health at risk. Reducing harmful environmental exposures can improve population health and may contribute to decreases in health disparities.*

Project 2235: Rehabilitation of Detention Center Water Treatment

Funding amount: \$41,850.73

Project Expenditure Category: [5.10 Drinking Water: Treatment]

Project Overview:

- *Rehabilitation of Detention Center Water Treatment plant, specifically arsenic removal. Our treatment plant is aging and has been close to non-compliance with standards issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for arsenic levels in the drinking water. This project will involve installation of a modern filtration system, which will keep the drinking water clean. This project also includes repairs of the water well at the detention center, which allows that facility access to water.*

Use of evidence:

- *Poor water quality places the public's health at risk. Reducing harmful environmental exposures can improve population health and may contribute to decreases in health disparities.*

Project 2247: Overtime pay for health department employees

Funding amount: \$48,835.69

Project Expenditure Category: [6.01 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *This represents overtime pay beginning March 3, 2021 for our County Health Department employees who worked around the clock during the pandemic to perform contact tracing services.*

Use of evidence:

- *Contact tracing is a vital source of epidemiological data and prevention efforts against the spreading of infectious diseases. Layered prevention strategies—like staying up to date on vaccines, screening testing, ventilation, and wearing masks—can help limit the spread of COVID-19 and severe disease. It is necessary to protect pandemic response and recovery workers from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.*

Project 2237: Purchase/Replacement of County Vehicles & Equipment

Funding amount: \$1,697,428.30

Project Expenditure Category: [6.01 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Before this year, many departments within the County had a severely aged vehicle fleet, especially those related to law employment. The project funded a total of 21 police package law enforcement pursuit Tahoes. We also purchased 14 replacement trucks and SUVs for various law enforcement investigative divisions, as well as a cargo van for our SWAT team. Our Parks department and mosquito control also received new vehicles*

to continue carrying out the duties of their departments. Additionally, we purchased some technology related equipment for various county facilities that allows for greater social distancing and less contact between individuals, which helps mitigate the spread of disease.

Use of evidence:

- *Social distancing is reducing physical interaction between people and it lowers the chances of spreading illness between people. If you are not fully vaccinated, practice social distancing by putting space (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others. It is especially important during a health pandemic such as COVID-19.*

Project 2248: County Parks Playground Equipment

Funding amount: \$108,000

Project Expenditure Category: [6.01 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Playground equipment experiences quite a bit of normal wear and tear due to it's exposure to nature and weather. Throughout the pandemic, we have seen increases in park visitation due to the spaces being outdoors, and provided much needed outdoor time and recreation, which was much needed. We continue to see record usage of our county parks. Many parks have playground equipment that needs to be replaced in order to keep the equipment safe for park visitors going forward.*

Use of evidence:

- *Social distancing is reducing physical interaction between people and it lowers the chances of spreading illness between people. If you are not fully vaccinated, practice social distancing by putting space (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others. It is especially important during a health pandemic such as COVID-19.*

Project 2248: County Parks Improvements

Funding amount: \$593,298.70

Project Expenditure Category: [6.01 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Throughout the pandemic, our county parks have served as a vital outlet for recreation and mental health. As such, they have experienced significant wear and tear in addition to the normal wear and tear. This funding is for various repairs and improvements which will restore our parks, and improve them for county residents going forward.*

Use of evidence:

- *Social distancing is reducing physical interaction between people and it lowers the chances of spreading illness between people. If you are not fully vaccinated, practice social distancing by putting space (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others. It is especially important during a health pandemic such as COVID-19.*

Project 2249: Fingerprint Equipment - Juvenile Facility

Funding amount: \$20,022.00

Project Expenditure Category: [6.01 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *This project is funding for a new fingerprint machine for youth at the Juvenile Detention facility. The old machine was outdated and needed to be replaced.*

Use of evidence:

- *Social distancing is reducing physical interaction between people and it lowers the chances of spreading illness between people. If you are not fully vaccinated, practice social distancing by putting space (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others. It is especially important during a health pandemic such as COVID-19.*

Project 2250: Detention Center Roof

Funding amount: \$954,116.00

Project Expenditure Category: [6.01 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *During an annual inspection of our detention center facility, we were notified that the roof was in desperate need of repair and could not withstand another significant weather event. This funding is the cost of completely replacing the roof on our detention center, which is 25 years old.*

Project 2251: Computer Hardware & Software

Funding amount: \$898,090.72

Project Expenditure Category: [6.01 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *This project is funding the current year hardware and software needs of the County. Budgeted amounts also include funding of watch guard camera systems, and up to date adequate server storage for the needs of these body worn cameras.*

Project 2253: Animal Control Building Remediation & Renovation

Funding amount: \$371,500

Project Expenditure Category: [6.01 Provision of Government Services]

Project Overview:

- *Our Animal Control facility has not been renovated or repaired since 1995. There were several factors making the building unsafe for the county staff working there, and for the animals. This funding will allow for remediation of unsafe areas, and for some small improvements that will improve the safety and efficiency of the Animal Control operations.*