

Hudson County State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Performance Report

Executive Summary

The County of Hudson is pleased to be a recipient of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to assist in responding to the impact that the COVID-19 Pandemic has had on County residents, businesses and activities. The County is still in high level discussions regarding the overall Plan for the use of the funds as there are so many competing needs, all of which are worthy of the attention. Moreover, the County has elected to provide additional assistance to six of the NEUs in the County to leverage the amount they were allocated from the SLFRF.

What the County has moved forward with is an all-out effort to vaccinate residents and to educate and encourage those that have resisted or lack convenient access to vaccinations by engaging a group that specializes in engaging hard to reach communities on a massive scale.

The County is also implementing a “healthy buildings” project to protect the more than 3,000 County employees, inhabitants and visitors to County buildings by completely overhauling the air filtration systems and installing UV systems to destroy germs and bacteria that may be circulating in the environment.

The County is also exploring ideas to provide economic support to County residents and businesses in an efficient and productive manner that will result in long term economic health for its residents and businesses.

We are currently evaluating several infrastructure programs to upgrade and repair the water and sewer infrastructure throughout the County.

There are ongoing projects, many of which began through the CARES Act as responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic to address services to disproportionately impacted communities including food insecurity, sustainable food programs, support services for individuals with disabilities, nutritional and physical wellness programs, mental health services for youth and adults, distance learning for youths, support to shelters including screening for behavioral health needs and case management, legal services for seniors, technology training for seniors and non-senior adults with disabilities, home health aides and of course, PPE.

The County plans to use the Revenue Loss provision to provide an array of government services that will result in greater use of public outdoor spaces for County residents, improved County facilities for County workers, and provide better on-site and off-site services to the public.

The County Administration will continue to research how best to use these funds for the betterment of its citizens, businesses and workforce and expects to solidify many of the plans not already implemented in the very near future.