

Hudson County

American Rescue Plan -State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Performance Report and Plan

Executive Summary

The County of Hudson is pleased to be a recipient of the American Rescue Plan, 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 continues to be 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 attention. Moreover, the County has elected to provide additional assistance to six of the NEUs in the County by leveraging the amounts they were directly allocated from the SLFRF.

The County has conducted an all-out effort to vaccinate residents and to educate and encourage those that have resisted or lack convenient access to vaccinations by contracting with a group that specializes in engaging hard to reach communities on a massive scale. We have established vaccination and testing sites including mobile operations.

A “healthy buildings” project was implemented to protect the more than 3,000 County employees, inhabitants and visitors to County buildings that consisted of completely overhauling the air filtration systems and installing UV systems in all County buildings 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 such as down payment assistance for new homeowners to encourage and increase home ownership.

Infrastructure programs are being developed to upgrade and repair the water and sewer infrastructure throughout the County.

County parks will be provided with upgraded fiber optic networks for improved Wifi available to the public and Blue Light Stations to improve safety and security.

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 improve the integrity of public buildings and other infrastructure, These will be one time expenditures that won't create structural holes in the budget.

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.