



County of San Luis Obispo  
**Recovery Plan**

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**  
2023 Report

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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### Executive Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on individuals, businesses, and the San Luis Obispo Community as a whole. The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors (Board) continues to address the unprecedented challenges brought on by the pandemic and is working to leverage all federal recovery funds to address the specific needs of the community. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, and funding provided by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, was enacted to accelerate the United States' recovery from the economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to the ARPA, the County received \$28.3 million in Federal Coronavirus Relief Funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act funding was used to reimburse necessary expenditures incurred early in the COVID-19 pandemic as well as fund investments to support the community and promote economic recovery in the region. While the CARES Act funding helped mitigate some of the financial and social impacts of the pandemic, additional relief funds are required beyond these funds to maintain the County's ongoing efforts in addressing needs within the community, especially the needs of those identified by the County as vulnerable populations.

Building on experience from the County's initial pandemic response, the County developed a framework for allocating the County's \$54.9 million award of SLFRF funds based on eligible use categories defined in the U.S. Treasury Department's Final Rule. The County Board of Supervisors, with input from community workshops held in March 2021, identified the following funding categories in prioritization of its SLFRF funding.



After these funding categories were identified, the County then identified specific projects that fall within the County's APRA framework and are consistent with the primary objective of ARPA. The County, along with the help of community partnerships, identified various projects that provide relief, assist in recovery, minimize the harmful impacts from the pandemic, and lay the foundation for a solid and equitable recovery. The Board approved projects meet a broad range of community needs across multiple SLFRF expenditure categories.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic created a set of new needs and exacerbated existing unmet needs for many individuals, businesses, and organizations in the community; the SLFRF funding provides an opportunity for the County to implement several impactful projects. Many of these projects strive to work toward long-term solutions that not only address immediate needs but also seek to build future resilience. A summary of the projects include:

- Leveraging SLFRF funds to enact projects supporting housing and homelessness. This investment is critical to implementing the Board's Countywide strategic plan to address housing and homelessness challenges within the community, which is one of the Board's top priorities.
- Public health emergency funds are also being used to address disparities in the community that have been exacerbated by the pandemic.
- Grants to support nonprofits and small businesses provide the catalyst for a quick recovery and vibrant local economy. Expansion in programs for workforce development and job training, along with investments in the child care sector, sets businesses up for long-term success.
- Workforce capacity has increased to provide critical resources in support of a broad range of public health response activities.
- Available SLFRF funding for water, wastewater, and broadband projects provide an opportunity for the County to invest in improvements to access clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and expand broadband service to County facilities. Many of these projects would not otherwise be funded in normal circumstances due to budgetary constraints.

Since the submission of our first Recovery Plan Performance Report in 2021, the County and its partners have made significant progress in identifying and implementing projects that will have an immediate and lasting impact in San Luis Obispo County.

The County has devoted considerable attention to ensuring the successful management, oversight, monitoring, and evaluation of its SLFRF funds, not only to ensure compliance with federal regulations but to ensure efficient and effective program management.

## Uses of Funds

Over the past two years, the County has worked with several community organizations, business owners, industry partners, residents, and other stakeholders to solicit input from the community to identify unmet needs and ensure the equitable use of its SLFRF resources. At the June 15, 2021, County budget hearings, the Board adopted an ARPA framework and provided staff direction on how the SLFRF funds would be allocated, while ensuring they align with the guidelines set by the U.S. Treasury Department. Based on the Board's adopted ARPA framework, a spending plan was approved to address the communities most pressing needs and Board priorities which include:

- Support the public health response and address negative impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Provide support to local businesses to accelerate recovery efforts from the pandemic
- Initiate projects to address Housing/Homelessness needs within the community
- Continue critical government services deferred or impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Make investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

The County was awarded \$54.9 million in SLFRF funds to provide relief, recovery, and growth to residents and businesses across the County of San Luis Obispo.

The sections below provide a more detailed breakdown of the use of SLFRF funds by expense category, as defined by the U.S. Treasury's Final Rule. While the County's ARPA framework identified and allocated funding based on an initial set of expense categories, these allocations are flexible by design, allowing the County to adjust to the evolving needs of the community and make program changes when determined necessary.

Public Health Emergency (EC 1)	\$6.5 Million
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### Public Health Community Projects

The County's Public Health Department is allocated most of the Public Health Emergency funding to direct the County's COVID-19 response and mitigation efforts. This effort includes the costs incurred for a variety of activities in support of the prevention and reduction in the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

On May 26, 2022, the Public Health Department issued a Request for Applications (RFA) to solicit funding proposals that address the negative economic and public health impacts brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Public Health Department recognized the need to address disparities in the community that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Subsequently, \$5,925,000 of the ARPA emergency funding is being directed toward the strategic goals of the Public Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which in turn advances the goals of ARPA. Key requirements of the RFA process were designed to address the CHIP and meet the following goals:

- Address the public health impacts brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Improve community health through data-informed projects
- Engage community through committees and work together to ensure an objective and fair Request for Applications process

- Spend \$5,925,000 in allocated SLFRF funds. Both having alignment with Board’s direction and meeting ARPA guidelines
- Prevent duplication of funding across ARPA categories

Public Health staff convened community stakeholders to review health indicator data and prioritize critical health impact areas. The stakeholder group identified that the most critical community health improvement areas of the county are access to care, mental health, substance abuse services, food access, and healthy aging. These critical health impact areas also align with the ongoing work of the countywide CHIP.

As part of the RFA process, 27 organizations submitted 31 applications requesting a total of \$13.9 million dollars. Twenty-nine (29) applications were considered eligible for review. A review committee, consisting of community stakeholders and Public Health staff, evaluated and scored all applications based on the following scoring criteria:

- Overall average score
- Number of reviewers ranking each application in their top 12
- Alignment to the health impact areas
- Capital versus. operating expense requests
- Application components

Of the 31 applications received, 15 projects were recommended for approval to the Board. At the September 13, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board approved \$5,925,000 of funding to the 15 projects. The portfolio of approved projects includes the following:

Project	Amount	Purpose
Boys & Girls Club of Mid Central Coast	\$300,000	After school programming with mentors for youth and teens to improve academic success, reduce risky behaviors, decrease mental health issues, and provide emotional support to families.
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO)	\$200,000	Adult Day Center (Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm): Serve adults with early-stage Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, & cognitive impairments to maximize living skills and maintain highest level of cognitive functioning. Also provide caregiver respite, community outreach, and education.
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO)	\$500,000	Purchase, license, and equip a mobile licensed medical facility to increase access to care by removing barriers such as transportation, insurance, legal status, finances, linguistic and cultural barriers.
Centers for Family Strengthening	\$275,000	Promotores Collaborative: Expand Community Health Worker Workforce Capacity. Building Coalition based on an established Spanish/Indigena/Mixteco bilingual and bicultural Latinx Health Outreach Project.
City Farm of SLO	\$155,000	Implement a Youth Empowerment Project that includes bilingual English/Spanish career & college readiness, where students develop skills and knowledge necessary for health and successful futures. A van was purchased to transport youth from throughout the county to the farm. Food grown and harvested from the project is provided to the SLO Food Bank for county-wide distribution.
Community Counseling Center	\$425,000	The project will strengthen the network of mental health services, increase the number of volunteer and paid therapists, non-clinical family advocates, and Promotores; & increase the bilingual/bicultural capacity of coalition members.
Food Bank	\$985,000	Connect more residents with long-term financial support for food to reduce hunger and improve health. Increase enrollment by training SLO Food Bank partners to enroll participants, host targeted enrollment events with the SLO County Department of Social Services, leverage SLO County CalFresh Alliance partnerships, implement targeted media campaigns and communications, and

		utilize data analysis and evaluation services through the UC Cooperative Extension.
French Hospital/Hearst Cancer Research Center	\$400,000	Offer bilingual navigation, outreach, and transportation. Bilingual navigation will increase patient's cancer care knowledge, understanding of treatment options, navigation of the healthcare system, and provide emotional support.
Housing Authority of City SLO	\$400,000	Acquire a disability-accessible van to take clients to physical and mental health appointments; provide one-on-one and group mental health and substance use counseling; assist in applying for CalFresh benefits; provide community-based and individualized services to seniors who are aging in place.
Lumina Alliance	\$200,000	Provide direct services for adult & child survivors of sexual & intimate partner violence (no-cost, culturally sensitive, age appropriate, directive/non-directive, individual and group therapy services).
One Cool Earth	\$350,000	Expand year-round, bilingual, weekly, garden-based, science-linked nutrition education project and grow fresh produce at 42 schools with 19,000 students. Increase food access to families by promoting Cal Fresh enrollment and contributing fresh produce to food distribution agencies.
Meals that Connect	\$200,000	Enhance health, support independence, and reduce isolation by providing free, hot, noontime meals delivered at 10 community dining sites or at home to 60+older seniors.
Transitions Mental Health	\$450,000	Youth Mental Health & Suicide Prevention: Implement a series of 5 coordinated and complementary project components that will provide an overall response to the mental health needs of our young people.
SLO Noor Foundation	\$840,000	Provide mobile, bilingual, accessible, inclusive primary care in residential and commercial areas where underserved populations reside, work, congregate; expand follow-up preventive health and access to community support services.
SLO County Office of Education	\$245,000	Purchase 3 minivans and a mobile kitchen to increase student attendance for the most vulnerable secondary students, connect them to wrap-around services, increase positive engagement in the community by providing school transportation, increase access to medical and mental health services, and offering 2 meals per day.

Highlights for the Public Health Community Projects during the 2023 reporting year include:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast's "Opportunity to Thrive for All Youth" project increased their staffing by 60%, opened a seventh club, and provided more staff development trainings, which in turn, increased their capacity to serve 50% more youth in a 6-month period. (September 2022 – 189 youth served, March 2023 - 283 youth served).
- French Hospital Medical Center's Bilingual Patient Navigation Team supported Spanish speaking underserved and uninsured cancer patients and their continuity of care by providing in-person interpretation at 658 medical appointments, 836 referrals, coverage for 87 mammograms, 662 Spanish-language one-on-one learning sessions, and four group learning sessions.
- Senior Nutrition Program's "Meals that Connect" cooked and served 210,029 meals to 1,892 seniors in the community, by utilizing a new larger refrigerated van that allows them to be more efficient and take single trips to the 10 towns they serve county-wide.
- San Luis Obispo County Office of Education purchased three SUVs to provide transportation to students and is seeing an overall gain in attendance over the last year by 4% and a reduction in behavioral referrals. With an increase in attendance, students have greater access to wrap-around services that include mental health and substance abuse supports, and food offerings during the day.

In addition to the project-specific results, Public Health established a structure to leverage the collective impact the projects could have on addressing community health improvement. Public Health staff met with staff from each project at least twice a quarter, once for one-on-one technical

assistance and another time for a collaborative convening of all project staff. The collaborative convenings are called “Shared Learning Sessions” and Public Health facilitated two sessions thus far. The first Shared Learning Session was held in March 2023 and focused on orienting project staff to the portfolio of funding projects. Each project team provided an overview of their project and then worked with staff from other teams to identify opportunities for collaboration. The second Shared Learning Session was held in May 2023 and focused on effective outreach strategies. Project teams shared best practices for outreaching to targeted populations and then worked with other teams to problem solve their outreach challenges.

The Shared Learning Sessions provided Project Teams an opportunity to network with each other and has led to a greater collaboration of efforts and service coordination. As an example of the connections made, Transitions Mental Health Association is partnering with One Cool Earth to train their staff in mental health best practices and suicide prevention and will present a mental health workshop to each of their summer Youth Employment Program cohorts.

Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)	\$15 Million
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**Business, Non-Profit, Child Care Programs (\$9 million)**

On January 11, 2022, the Board allocated \$9 million of the County’s SLFRF funds to support local businesses, non-profits, and child care services. The funds are allocated evenly across the three categories, each receiving \$3 million per category. The following table provides a summary of each of the three categories, followed by a more in-depth discussion on how the funds are being utilized.

Project	Amount	Purpose
Businesses	\$550,000	Grants to small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
	\$2,450,000	Grants to organizations providing technical assistance to businesses, workforce development, or job training for individuals impacted by COVID-19.
Non-Profits	\$3,000,000	Grants to non-profit organizations to expand low-income housing options and shelter support for the homeless. Food assistance to low-income families and the expansion of arts/cultural activities.
Child Care	\$3,000,000	Funding for child care sector organizations to provide child care sector program relief and stabilization; program expansion (new slots) and quality improvement; and reinvigoration of the child care workforce.

**Businesses**



Recognizing that small businesses have faced significant impacts perpetuated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the County leveraged existing processes and partnerships to administer an initial \$500,000 in small business grant assistance. The grant amount was split among the five supervisorial districts, with \$100,000 distributed to businesses in each district. Funding impacted communities in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees received \$5,000 and businesses with 25 or fewer employees received \$10,000. In total, 98 grants were awarded to eligible small businesses within the county.

The grants were awarded on a first come, first served basis to eligible small businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Outreach focused on the hardest-to-reach businesses that may not have had an opportunity to participate in other local grant programs. The



County's Workforce Development Board served as the fiscal agent for the grants. Under an existing contract with the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce, as the lead entity on behalf of the Central Coast Coalition of Chambers, business support specialists at the chambers provided support with application intake, technical review, and outreach to the business community. Due to the overwhelming demand for small business grant funding, an extra \$50,000 in funding was allocated by the Board bringing the total in small business grant funding available to \$550,000.

In addition to the \$550,000 in small business grants, up to \$2,430,000 in SLFRF funds were made available through a Request for Applications process to local community-based organizations that provide technical assistance to businesses and entrepreneurs; workforce development and education; as well as job training. The intention of this funding is to provide technical assistance to local businesses and entrepreneurs in navigating the challenges of starting, surviving, adapting, and growing during the pandemic. The funding for workforce development and job training is intended to address the regional labor shortage, particularly a shortage of skilled labor, and to benefit unemployed and underemployed individuals and those who have suffered economically because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Four projects were selected that provide a multitude of critical support services to businesses and individuals impacted by COVID-19. The projects build upon partnerships the County already has with community organizations to support economic development, small business development, workforce development, and job training. Half of the funding in this category has been approved to fund a project to expand outreach centers into areas of the County that previously have been underserved. The table below highlights the projects selected, amount awarded, and project purpose.

Project	Amount	Purpose
SLOCOE and SLO Partners	\$750,000	SLO Partners will expand proven projects to meet employment needs of SLO companies by upskilling under and unemployed residents impacted by COVID-19. ARPA funds will be used to support SLO Partners' mission of building a strong workforce and a healthy economy through innovative modern apprenticeship projects.
Atascadero and Paso Chambers of Commerce	\$197,500	The Atascadero and Paso Robles Chambers of Commerce are partnering to offer digital marketing and social media services to help small businesses in a post-pandemic economy. The project will add a Program Specialist to offer hands-on digital literacy training and services.
South County Chambers of Commerce (SCCC)	\$250,000	SCCC will provide Business Technical Assistance, Workforce Development, and Job Training at "Launchpads" in the cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, and unincorporated area of Nipomo in partnership with other local agencies. "Launchpads" will feature coworking spaces, conference rooms, and targeted support to businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic.
Cal Poly Corporation and Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE)	\$1,232,500	The Cal Poly CIE will launch three Outreach Centers to provide technical assistance, business planning, counseling, and job training to small businesses county-wide. Cal Poly CIE will create specialized incubator programs at each location: AgTech in Paso Robles, Aerospace in Grover Beach, CleanTech in Morro Bay, and MedTech in San Luis Obispo.

The four projects total \$2,430,000. An additional \$20,000 was set-aside to cover the administrative costs of the Workforce Development Board in administering the small business grant program.

Highlights for the Job Training, Technical Assistance, Workforce Development Projects during the 2023 reporting year include:

- Atascadero and Paso Robles Chambers of Commerce’s “Get Your Business Online” provides in-person training, personalized consultations, and creative assistance for website design and content. The project conducted 47 business consultations, launched 26 new websites, and held 18 trainings for local businesses.
- The Cal Poly Corporation and Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) project provides technical assistance, business planning, counseling, and job training to small businesses County-wide. CIE will also create specialized incubator projects at various locations. The project hired multiple staff who continue to build relationships and assist with local businesses.

## Non-profits



Many non-profit organizations have experienced negative economic impacts during the pandemic due to challenges in fundraising, closures related to the public health emergency, and increased demand for their services from the community. Three (3) million in SLFRF funding is allocated to provide grants to non-profit organizations with the specific emphasis on projects that address the Board’s priority to address housing availability, homelessness, and services to low-income families. A non-profit grant review committee was formed consisting of members of the Adults Policy Council, Children’s Resource Network, Health Commission and two members-at-large to review grant applications and make funding recommendations to the Board. The review committee’s recommendations were presented to the Board on July 12, 2022, at which time the Board approved projects to non-profit organizations that best address housing and homelessness or provide services to low-income families. The table below highlights the selected organizations, project purpose, and approved funding amount.

Project	Amount	Purpose
5 Cities Homeless Coalition	\$275,000	A temporary emergency shelter for medically fragile and chronically homeless in Grover Beach.
Community Action Partnership of SLO County	\$450,000	Homeless outreach and engagement that provides a safe place to park vehicles and SAFE school program.
El Camino Homeless Organization	\$430,000	Funding to continue operations for the new ECHO Paso Robles shelter.
Food Bank	\$200,000	Support the purchase of food on the wholesale market to supplement donations.
People’s Self-Help Housing	\$200,000	Supportive housing program throughout San Luis Obispo County.
Boys & Girls Club of So SLO County	\$150,000	Provide scholarships for 80 youths for out-of-school enrichment programming or child care.
Boys & Girls Club of Mid Central Coast	\$150,000	Opportunity to Thrive for all Youth Program
South County Youth Coalition	\$150,000	Elementary Student & Family Mental Health Relief Program
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$115,000	Recoup lost funds from lack of fund raising during COVID to continue providing volunteers
SLO Noor Foundation	\$100,000	Establishment of a free health clinic at a People’s Self-Help Housing apartment complex
Transition-Mental Health Association	\$150,000	Palm Street Studios in San Luis Obispo: 8-unit housing project for adults living with mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
Grants < \$100,000	\$630,000	22 Grants awards under \$100,000 that add services through various projects to the community.

With the funding provided to the non-profit organizations, many local non-profit organizations were able to continue carrying out their mission. The direct impact on our community includes shelter and case management services, distribution of essential and nutritious food to residents in need, direct scholarships to youth whose family experience financial barriers, support to afterschool programs, support to culinary training, job placement program for justice-involved persons, weekly psychoeducational support to the elementary school students, assistance with fundraising

capabilities to those organizations that suffered as a result of COVID-19, and services to sexual assault and intimate partner violence survivors. Specific measured results for non-profit organizations are described in the Project Inventory section.

**Child Care**



Child care is critical to the County’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Without access to high-quality and reliable child care, substantial segments of the workforce may remain or become unemployed. These individuals could be forced to reduce their hours, or leave the labor force entirely, which will exacerbate the labor shortage in the region and decrease household incomes. The stress on the child care sector has only worsened because of the pandemic, as child care providers have faced increased costs and decreased revenues, and ultimately resulting in a reduced supply of child care professionals. A recent report from Cuesta College, the County’s local community college, on the economic impact of child care in San Luis Obispo County estimated that even if the low-end of the estimate for child care needs in this County were achieved this would increase the County’s Gross Regional Product by more than \$108 million annually and support the creation of 425 jobs alone.

Based on the critical and immediate child care needs in the community, on March 15, 2022, the Board allocated \$3 million toward the child care sector with a three-pronged strategy focusing on the following initiatives: child care sector program relief, stabilization, and tuition assistance; program expansion and quality improvement; and reinvigoration of the child care workforce.

A collaborative consortium of local child care sector organizations came together to manage the distribution and monitoring of the SLFRF child care funds. The organizations include the SLO County Office of Education, First 5 SLO County, the SLO County Child Care Planning Council (the County’s existing dedicated advisory body on child care needs for children 0-12), and the Child Care Resource Connection based at Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO). Other partners are expected to join the effort over time, either as members of the Child Care Planning Council, additional program leads, and/or recipients of ARPA funding. As with the other funding categories, a portion of the funds are dedicated to program management, monitoring, and reporting requirements.

In the first year of implementing the child care grant, the program focused on business relief and stabilization grants targeting employee recruitment and retention efforts. Technical assistance was provided by the CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection. In total, 262 grants were awarded to child care centers as of May 3, 2023, resulting in increased capacity, improved quality, equitable access to resources, and business stabilization. In the coming year of implementation, the focus will be continued targeted outreach for non-competitive business stabilization grants, the release of the competitive expansion grants, and reinvigorating the workforce through the Ticket2Teach apprenticeship program and Quality Counts program focusing on upskilling child care professionals to increase wages.

Amount	Purpose
\$1,200,000	0-12 year-old child care sector program relief and stabilization & tuition assistance
\$900,000	Program expansion & quality improvements
\$900,000	Reinvigoration of the child care workforce

**Housing & Homelessness Projects (\$6 million)**

Many people in the County are currently experiencing or at risk of homelessness, which has intensified as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. With housing/homelessness as one of the Board’s identified priorities, the Board approved \$6 million in ARPA spending towards

housing/homelessness projects that will target investments aimed at increasing and retaining existing low-income permanent housing and expanding existing sheltering capacity.

The toll of homelessness on the individual includes a reduced life expectancy in addition to exacerbating existing health problems or causing new ones. Homelessness has an obvious toll on the community’s wellbeing. As the numbers of those experiencing homeless in our region continue to rise, the community suffers immeasurable losses to quality of life, environmental wellbeing, and economic vitality. Based on the most recent comprehensive Point in Time Count report (2022), 1,448 individuals in San Luis Obispo County met the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) definition of homelessness. Among communities categorized as “largely suburban,” San Luis Obispo County had the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest percentage of unsheltered homelessness nationwide in 2020 at 82.4%. Contributing to the homelessness issue are high rents and a significant shortage of affordable housing units within the county.

The County, in August of 2022, implemented a Countywide strategic plan to address the housing and homelessness problem throughout the community. The plan, called the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness 2022-2027, focuses on implementing a strategy that is bold, systematic, and based on an integrated sequence of actions designed to substantially reduce homelessness.

On March 1, 2022, the Board approved four housing/homelessness projects totaling approximately \$5.3 million to address this critical need. As noted in the table below, the projects include funding to preserve low-income housing, adding new housing to serve low-income individuals, a temporary non-congregate emergency shelter for low-income individuals, maintaining and expanding the County’s Safe Parking project to provide homeless individuals and families with access to safe and clean spaces to park and sleep overnight. The table below highlights the projects selected, the amount awarded, and project’s purpose.

Project	Amount	Purpose
Anderson Hotel Preservation	\$2,000,000	Preserves 68 units of very low-income housing
Arroyo Grande Affordable Housing	\$1,946,000	Adds 63 new units to serve up to 124 low to very low-income individuals
Non-Congregate Shelter (5Cities Homeless Coalition)	\$400,000	New temporary non-congregate emergency shelter providing 80 very low-income individuals with non-congregate shelter
Safe Parking Homeless Project	\$1,000,000	Continued operation and expansion of the Safe Parking project.

On July 12, 2022, the Board approved directing the remaining \$654,000 of allocated housing/homelessness funding towards the County’s efforts to reduce homelessness. Specifics on the use of this funding have not been identified to date.

These projects will transform the lives of those who are homeless or facing homelessness in San Luis Obispo County. For example, the 5-Cities Homeless Coalition Non-Congregate Shelter provides wrap-around services including case management and direct financial assistance with a special emphasis on housing stability. The Anderson Hotel Preservation Project will also provide apartment units, 66 will be income restricted as per the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) guidelines, and 59 units will be offered to households with income levels, at or below, 40 percent of area median income (AMI) with the average income level being 38.9 percent of area median income. Two units will be reserved for on-site property managers. The Arroyo Grande Affordable housing project hasn’t initiated yet but will also offer future affordable housing units in the future.

A Safe Parking Homeless Pilot Project was initiated in the County and currently serves over 100 individuals.

Public Health Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)	\$5.3 Million
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Public Health Workforce Capacity

Due to the unprecedented response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Health Department has set-aside some of its SLFRF allocated funding to increase its work force capacity to provide critical resources in support of a broad range of COVID-19 response activities. This will be achieved through the addition of several limited-term and temporary positions, which will allow some permanent staff to return to their regular jobs providing services and supporting various Public Health programs. When available, other state and federal funding may be used, besides the SLFRF funds, to support the temporary additional work force capacity.

Water, Wastewater, Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5)	\$13 Million
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**Water & Wastewater Projects**



On August 10, 2021, the Board approved SLFRF funding for 12 high priority water/wastewater projects identified by the Public Works and Parks departments. The projects were approved based on their ability to address health and safety needs, meet regulatory requirements, replace aging infrastructure in the County’s water and wastewater systems, and do not have identified funding. These projects are spread throughout the various Supervisorial Districts and have been scoped and have community support through previous master planning efforts.

In addition, on December 13, 2022, the Board approved and updated its list of various water and wastewater infrastructure projects to be funded with SLFRF funds. The up-to-date list of water and wastewater infrastructure projects and descriptions of the projects broken down by expense subcategories is included in the Project Inventory section of this report.

**Broadband Projects**



The County’s Information Technology Department identified 5 priority broadband projects to increase connections in the County’s fiber optic network to smaller departmental offices throughout the County. Like water/wastewater projects, these projects did not have identified funding and were approved by the Board at the same time as the water/wastewater projects. The recommended projects focus on County departmental offices that directly serve the public and are in four of the Supervisorial Districts. Additionally, the recommended projects will result in ongoing cost savings, as the County will no longer need to pay an internet service provider to supply the proposed connections. More detail on these specific broadband projects is provided in the Project Inventory section of this report. The estimated cost for broadband projects is \$2 million. This is in addition to the \$11 million for water/wastewater projects.

Revenue Replacement (EC 6)	\$15.2 Million
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The County can choose to expend SLFRF funds over a broad range of general government services under the Revenue Replacement category. The U.S. Treasury’s Final Rule for SLFRF funding includes two ways to determine how much is allowed under this category. The County may either elect to take a \$10 million Standard Allowance or it may calculate actual revenue loss



according to a Formulaic Approach based on the U.S. Treasury Department's formula outlined in the Final Rule. The County has chosen the Formulaic Approach to calculate its estimated revenue loss due to the pandemic and is allocating \$14.2 million of its total SLFRF funding to the Revenue Replacement category. This amount is well within the maximum amount allowable when calculated by the County using the formulaic approach. Revenue Replacement spending was allocated on a departmental basis based on requests made by departments and prioritized based on the extent of direct impacts to the department or individuals served by the department. The Revenue Replacement funds will be spent over three fiscal years starting in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22. Of the total amount, \$1 million of the County's Revenue Replacement funds have been set aside for administrative costs to ensure that effective project management, as well as legal and regulatory compliance is achieved.

As a result of substantial stormwater and road damage caused by Winter storms in the beginning of 2023, the County's Administrative Office requested that the Public Works Department identify SLFRF funding previously earmarked for water/wastewater projects, which could potentially be redirected to fund storm damage. Public Works concluded that \$2 million could be redirected from currently allocated SLFRF funds for water/wastewater projects to the Revenue Replacement category to address immediate expenditures resulting from the 2023 storm damage. This is reflected in the total \$15.2 million allocated within the Revenue Replacement category.

## Promoting Equitable Outcomes

The County of San Luis Obispo is steadfast in promoting equity and inclusion in managing and implementation of its ARPA plan. The County is committed to and is working diligently to ensure that the Board's directives prioritize and target communities most impacted by the pandemic. This includes a focus on homelessness populations, some of the most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The broad range of projects under the County's ARPA framework allows us to reach underserved communities and vulnerable residents in the San Luis Obispo region.

As part of the County's selection process for awarding ARPA funding to subrecipients, the County directed applicants to consider specific objectives that were data-driven, evidenced-based, and impacted underserved/unserved communities. The County considered both specific SLFRF eligibility requirements as well as overall goals of promoting equitable outcomes and reaching underserved groups.

The County and its partners implemented ARPA projects that are pivotal in focusing on current recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic while contributing to the County's vision of a safe, healthy, livable, prosperous, and well governed community.

## Community Engagement

To reach the broader community with projects that provide relief, sustainability, equity, and are integral to the County's ARPA framework; the County works with recognized partners who represent all sectors from government, business, schools, and community organizations to embody the diverse needs within San Luis Obispo County.

To ensure that the distribution of the County's SLFRF funds included community engagement, transparency, and equal access; the County engaged with several local agencies, community advocates, and County staff to form several ARPA Advisory Committees. The Advisory Committees were critical in advising the Board on which projects would influence health and equity while representing underserved communities.

Below is a list of Advisory Committees and the category of projects funding they represented:

- Public Health Community Health Improvement Projects: Members of SLO Health Counts, a community-wide initiative that works to equitably improve health for those who live, work, and play in San Luis Obispo County, developed the Public Health Impacts Request for Applications (RFA) to solicit funding proposals for projects. They established a Review Committee, which consisted of members from healthcare, maternal and child health, behavioral health, community advocates, and public health. The Review Committee reviewed, evaluated, and recommended applications for funding. The Review Committee sought input from the full SLO Health Counts membership (Steering Committee and Leadership Council), incorporating their insights into the final recommendations presented to the Board of Supervisors.
- Technical Assistance, Workforce Development, Job Training projects: The Assistant County Administrator convened a review committee of three Department Heads with experience in economic and workforce development. The committee evaluated applications and provided funding recommendations to the Board's Subcommittee on ARPA. From there, project recommendations were presented to the Board during their public meeting. Given the variety of local economic development and educational organizations represented in the applicant pool for funding, external reviewers were not included on the review committee.
- Non-Profit Grants: A committee was formed to review the various non-profit organization proposals and make grant recommendations to the Board. The committee included members of the Adults Policy Council, Children's Resource Network, Health Commission and two members at large.
- Small Business grants: The Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce served as the lead entity on behalf of the Central Coast Coalition of Chambers in determining which small businesses impacted by the pandemic would be recommended for funding. The Chamber of Commerce provided support with application intake, technical review, and outreach to the business community as part of its efforts.
- Child care grants: A collaborative consortium of local child care sector organizations was formed to manage the distribution and monitoring of the SLFRF funds and included the SLO County Office of Education, San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council, Child Care Resource Connection, and First 5 SLO County.

The County continues to be transparent in its communication of ARPA spending and its COVID-19 response efforts. Community members have had the opportunity, as part of the County Board of Supervisor's public meetings, to provide both oral and written comments regarding the use of SLFRF funds during regularly held Board meetings. Over the past two years, the Board has publicly approved the County's ARPA framework as well as each of the ARPA projects discussed in this report.

## Labor Practices

The County has experience administering labor requirements as required by state and federal grants. For example, San Luis Obispo County completes several Federally funded contracts per year. The Federal contracts contain Federal Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements, which include Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) programs; prevailing wage payment oversight, review, and verification; apprenticeship or trainee programs; and subcontractor designation requirements to promote fair bidding. Most Federally funded projects are highway infrastructure, with Caltrans review and oversight. Staff also receive formal training from Caltrans in contract administration and prevailing wage compliance.

Locally funded contracts include prevailing wage requirements under California law, with oversight by the California Department of Industrial Relations. As a result, County construction management staff and consultants hired by the County are experienced with administering prevailing wage requirements and providing oversight of these contracts.

## Use of Evidence

The County will use strong data and analytics for SLFRF funded projects when applicable. Using evidence and/or program evaluation will be critical in reviewing how the various programs are proceeding with their implementation plans. The County will perform regular performance assessments to ensure that project goals are being met and if necessary, make course corrections.

The County of San Luis Obispo has been successful in implementing new and innovative projects that use evidence-based interventions and program evaluation. For example, one of the evaluation criteria for the Public Health Impacts Request for Applications (RFA) Process was whether projects planned to leverage evidence-based practices or models. Public Health Impact subrecipients that are using evidence-based practices include:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast	CAPSLO Adult Day Center
City Farm SLO	CAPSLO Mobile Reproductive Health Clinic
Community Counseling Center of San Luis Obispo County	French Hospital Medical Center
Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County	HASLO
Lumina Alliance	One Cool Earth
San Luis Obispo County Office of Education	Transitions-Mental Health Association

## Performance Reporting

The County continues to work closely with its partners and various organizations to identify unmet needs and enact programs that ensure the equitable use of SLFRF resources. As projects commence, data and performance management are a critical tool in ensuring that the services provided meet the needs of our community members as intended. When available, key performance indicators will be included and reported for each project and included within the Project Inventory section.



## Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination	-	-
1.2	COVID-19 Testing	-	-
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing	-	-
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Child care facilities, etc.)	-	-
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment	-	-
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)	-	-
1.7	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (Including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)	-	-
1.8	COVID-19 Assistance to Small Businesses	-	-
1.09	COVID-19 Assistance to Non-Profits	-	-
1.10	COVID-19 Aid to Impacted Industries	-	-
1.11	Community Violence Interventions	-	-
1.12	Mental Health Services	-	-
1.13	Substance Use Services	-	-
1.14	Other Public Health Services	1,568,391	1,568,391
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs	-	-
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	-	-
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers	-	-
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs	-	-
2.5	Household Assistance: Paid Sick and Medical Leave	-	-
2.6	Household Assistance: Health Insurance	-	-
2.7	Household Assistance: Services for Un/Unbanked	-	-
2.8	Household Assistance: Survivor's Benefits	-	-
2.9	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers	-	-
2.10	Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g., job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)	-	-
2.11	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care	2,250,000	2,250,000
2.12	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting	-	-
2.13	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System	-	-
2.14	Healthy Childhood Environments: Early Learning	-	-
2.15	Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing	2,000,000	2,000,000

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
2.16	Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons	720,516	720,516
2.17	Housing Support: Housing Vouchers and Relocation Assistance for Disproportionately Impacted Communities	-	-
2.18	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	-	-
2.19	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators	-	-
2.20	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation	-	-
2.21	Medical Facilities for Disproportionately Impacted Communities	-	-
2.22	Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety	-	-
2.23	Strong Healthy Communities: Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties	-	-
2.24	Addressing Educational Disparities: Aid to High-Poverty Districts	-	-
2.25	Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic, Social, and Emotional Services	-	-
2.26	Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services	-	-
2.27	Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time	-	-
2.28	Contributions to UI Trust Funds	-	-
2.29	Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship	545,000	545,000
2.30	Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning	715,000	715,000
2.31	Rehabilitation of Commercial Properties or Other Improvements	-	-
2.32	Business Incubators and Start-Up or Expansion Assistance	-	-
2.33	Enhanced Support to Microbusinesses	-	-
2.34	Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)	1,022,871	1,022,871
2.35	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	-	-
2.36	Aid to Other Impacted Industries	-	-
2.37	Economic Impact Assistance: Other	-	-
3	Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity		
3.1	Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers	947,040	900,922
3.2	Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff	-	-
3.3	Public Sector Workforce: Other	-	-
3.4	Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery	-	-
3.5	Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs	-	-
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
4.1	Public Sector Employees	-	-
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers	-	-
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment	54,705	28,693
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance	26,579	26,579
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater	-	-
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows	-	-
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure	190,537	154,039
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater	35,250	35,250
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation	-	-
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation	70,492	69,450
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source	-	-
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment	-	-
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution		(167)
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation	-	-
5.13	Drinking water: Source	158,149	4,335
5.14	Drinking water: Storage	269,745	229,979
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure	4,653	4,653
5.16	Water and Sewer: Private Wells	47,118	24,750
5.17	Water and Sewer: IJJA Bureau of Reclamation Match	-	-
5.18	Water and Sewer: Other	30,265	-
5.19	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects	75,414	67,638
5.20	Broadband: IJJA Match	-	-
5.21	Broadband: Other projects	-	-
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	12,976,661	7,929,500
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses	16,976	16,976
7.2	Transfers to Other Units of Government	-	-

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Public Health Impacts

Project Identification Number: 160100

Funding Amount: \$5,925,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1-Public Health

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

Project Overview:

This project addresses critical health impact areas exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Activities will focus on access to care, mental health, substance abuse, food access, and healthy aging. The goal is that residents from under-resourced geographical communities and underserved populations will experience improved health outcomes. This project also addresses health disparities exacerbated by the pandemic by removing barriers or hurdles to accessing services and addressing the root causes of inequities (like racism, gender inequality, power imbalances). The Public Health department hosted a competitive Request for Application (RFA) process to distribute project funds to community organizations and coalitions to carry out work to address the critical health impact areas and health disparities.

Obligated Funds:

- 160101 - Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast (\$300,000)
- 160102 - Central Coast Ag Network, Inc. dba City Farm SLO (\$155,000)
- 160103 - Community Action Partnership of SLO-Adult Day Center (\$200,000)
- 160104 - Community Action Partnership SLO-Mobile Reproductive Health Clinic (\$500,000)
- 160105 - Community Counseling Center (CCC) of San Luis Obispo County (\$425,000)
- 160106 - Dignity Community Care dba French Hospital Medical Center (\$400,000)
- 160107 - Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County (\$985,000)
- 160108 - Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo (\$400,000)
- 160109 - Lumina Alliance (\$200,000)
- 160110 - One Cool Earth (\$350,000)
- 160111 - Center for Family Strengthening (\$275,000)
- 160112 - San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (\$245,000)
- 160113 - Meals That Connect (\$200,000)
- 160114 - SLO Noor Foundation (\$840,000)
- 160115 – Transitions Mental Health Association (\$450,000)

Status: Completed less than 50%

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Mid-Central Coast:</b>	
1) Members will demonstrate a positive change in their attitude towards learning.	Survey to be conducted in fall of 2023
2) Members will promote to the next grade level on time for the next school year.	

## Project Inventory

Indicator	Metric
<b>CAPSLO Adult Day Center:</b>	
1) Participants will experience an improvement in quality of life.	1) 90% of participants are experiencing an improvement in their quality of life as reported by their loved ones.
2) Participants' caregivers will experience an improvement in quality of life.	2) 90% of caregivers reported an improvement in their quality of life because of services.
<b>CAPSLO Mobile Reproductive Health Clinic:</b>	
People who are uninsured, underinsured, undocumented, LGBTQIA+, unhoused, substance using, teens, foster youth, and other vulnerable populations will have increased access to reproductive health care.	Mobile clinic purchased with operational start date to be determined in the near future.
<b>Center for Family Strengthening:</b>	
Community Health Workers/Promotores will be trained and certified.	15 Community Health Workers/Promotores completed 16 hours of training that will go towards their CHW/P certification.
<b>City Farm SLO:</b>	
Students who are part of an under-served population group will have increased access to the Youth Employment Program.	27 out of 29 applicants to the Youth Employment Program identify as part of an under-served population group.
<b>Community Counseling Center:</b>	
Spanish speakers improve moods and reduce negative symptoms through a formal multi-disciplinary partnership.	83% of all CONSOLE clients served with a combination of psychotherapy and supplementary maternal wellness resources experienced an improvement in mood and reduction in negative symptomology.
<b>Food Bank Coalition of SLO County:</b>	
Eligible households will enroll in and utilize CalFresh.	Households utilizing CalFresh increased 8.6%. (September 2022: 14,249 households; April 2023 15,474 households)
<b>French Hospital / Hearst Cancer Resource Center:</b>	
Spanish-speaking underserved and uninsured cancer patients will have continuity of care through in-person interpretation, resource navigation, education, group support, and access to mammograms.	Spanish-speaking cancer patients received in-person interpretation at 658 medical appointments, 836 referrals, coverage for 87 mammograms and participated in 662 Spanish-language one-on-one learning sessions and four group learning sessions.
<b>Housing Authority of City of San Luis Obispo:</b>	
Extremely low and very low-income tenants will increase their utilization to services that include health and mental health care, CalFresh, and senior-related services.	30 tenants accessed and were connected to services including on-site mental health services, eviction prevention, CalFresh, job placement, health insurance, drug and alcohol, SSI, etc.
<b>Lumina Alliance:</b>	
Adults and children who experienced sexual assault/abuse and/or intimate partner violence will feel a reduction in the negative impacts of violence/trauma and increase their overall sense of safety and self-sufficiency.	215 survivors accessed individual therapy services and 30 survivors participated in group therapy. 72% (13 of 18) reported a decrease in symptoms.
<b>One Cool Earth:</b>	
Students increase positive nutritional behaviors through garden-based programming and nutrition education at their schools.	Operating at 29 schools, including 6 new schools, and reaching an additional 2,000 students.

## Project Inventory

Indicator	Metric
<b>San Luis Obispo County Office of Education:</b>	
Students increase their attendance at school and increase their access to wrap-around services that include mental health, substance abuse, healthy food options, and career technical education.	4% overall gain in attendance over the last year and a reduction in behavioral referrals.
<b>SLO Noor Foundation-Free Mobile Clinic:</b>	
Non-English-speaking individuals, immigrants, undocumented individuals, farmworkers, racial or ethnic minorities, low-income persons and other underserved populations have greater access to inclusive primary care where they reside.	Mobile clinic purchased with operational start date to be determined in the near future.
<b>Transitions-Mental Health Association:</b>	
Youth are less likely to report chronic sad and/or hopeless feelings: Less deaths by suicide.	Youth surveys and pre- and post-training surveys will be conducted.

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Public Health Other Services & Supplies

Project Identification Number: 160200

Funding Amount: \$1,144,360

Project Expenditure Category: 1-Public Health

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 1.14-Other Public Health Services

### Project Overview:

This project is an accumulation of various public health contractual services and supplies. The services include contracted services for an Emergency Operations (EOC) Action Report, assistance with the development of the Public Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), development and evaluation of a Workforce Development Project, and partial staff hours in support of the County's Public Information Office. Also included is the purchase of an electronic patient care reporting database for Emergency Medical Services system and interpretation services for monolingual Mixteco language speakers. Supply costs include rental charges for storing medical supplies, ventilator maintenance fees, and office workstations including floor plan configurations.

### Obligated Funds:

- 160201 – EOC After Action Report (\$130,610)
- 160202 – Support for Public Information Office of County Administration (\$50,000)
- 160203 – SLO Health Counts consultant (\$24,750)
- 160204 – Office furniture and workstation reconfiguration (\$10,000)
- 160205 – Workforce Development Project (\$368,000)
- 160206 – Herencia Indigena interpretation contract (\$400,000)
- 160207 – Electronic patient care reporting database (\$112,000)
- 160208 – Medical supplies storage (\$24,000)
- 160209 – Ventilator maintenance (\$25,000)

Status: Completed less than 50%

### Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Final version of EOC After Action Report submitted and presented to management.	Report completed in May 2023 and presented to management.

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Support & Stabilize the Child Care Sector in the County

Project Identification Number: 104600

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 2.11-Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care

### Project Overview:

The County Board of Supervisors provided staff direction to proceed with creating an implementation plan through a coalition of child care organizations to address unmet child care needs countywide. Under this implementation plan, \$3 million in SLFRF funds will focus on three primary areas of work, with a goal to stabilize and expand child care capacity to better serve local working families raising young children 0-12 years of age. In alignment with ARPA guidelines, the areas of focus include:

- 1) Child care sector program relief and stabilization
- 2) Program expansion & quality improvement
- 3) Reinvigoration of the child care workforce

Several local partners came together to draft the initial ARPA child care sector proposal. This collaborative consortium of local partners included: SLO County Child Care Planning Council, SLO County Office of Education, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection, Quality Counts SLO County, First 5 SLO County, and the We Are the Care Initiative. All partners are engaged in the shared development and implementation of this ARPA Child Care Funding Plan. Collectively, the partners hold significant expertise in designing and managing investments in child care capacity, quality improvement and workforce development. The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education is acting as the Fiscal Lead and responsible for implementation of programs and distribution of funding to subcontracts.

Status: Completed less than 50%

### Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Focus Area #1: Provide non-competitive direct financial assistance to all currently licensed/active child care providers (centers and family child care homes) in SLO County.	As of May 3, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 262 grantees (52 centers, 105 small family child care centers, 105 large family child care centers)</li> <li>• \$741,954 awarded</li> <li>• 84% of providers</li> </ul>
Focus Area #2: Develop a child care program expansion grant application process and timeline. Provide outreach/technical assistance to identify and guide center-based programs and family child care homes for children 0-12 that want to expand or start up.	Grant application process is finalized and the review committee for the expansion grants has been selected. The application is expected to be released in August 2023.
Focus Area #3: Directly subsidize the cost to train individuals interested in entering the child care profession by doubling funding for the Ticket 2Teach apprenticeship program. Upskill existing child care professionals to increase wages through the Quality Counts Program.	Sub-budgets and targets have been developed and will be executed in the 2023-24 fiscal year.



## Project Inventory

Project Name: Affordable Housing Projects

Project Identification Number: 104300

Funding Amount: \$3,946,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 2.15-Long-Term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Project Overview:

Two projects have been approved to assist with maintaining and expanding very low-income housing options. One essential project involves the preservation of the Anderson Hotel as a permanent affordable housing option in San Luis Obispo County. The property has operated for 50 years as 68 units of privately owned affordable housing serving extremely low-income, frail, elderly, and the disabled. The second project consists of the construction of 63 affordable apartments. The project consists of a mix of 1, 2 and 3-bedroom affordable apartments, recreation/education room, laundry office, exterior recreation and play areas. The project is in the City of Arroyo Grande. Ten percent (10%) of the apartments will be set aside for those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Obligated funds:

- 104301 - Anderson Hotel Preservation (\$2,000,000)
- 104302 - Arroyo Grande Affordable Housing (\$1,946,000)

Status: Completed 50% or more

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Anderson Hotel Affordable Housing Project: Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed.	While still in construction, 68 affordable housing units will be preserved or developed. Two million was granted for the purpose of the acquisition of the property.
Arroyo Grande Affordable Housing Project: Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed.	63 affordable housing units will be developed. Project has not initiated yet.

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Emergency Shelter Services

Project Identification Number: 104400

Funding Amount: \$1,400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 2.16-Services for Unhoused Persons

Project Overview:

A new temporary emergency shelter in Grover Beach will pilot the use of modular cabins, also referred to as “pallet shelters,” which will be placed on currently unused County-owned land. This is a non-congregate shelter model, which means that individuals will be housed in independent cabins rather than sleeping all together under one roof. In addition, SLFRF funding will be used to continue as well as expand operations of the County’s Safe Parking Project. This project offers individuals living in their cars a safe place to park overnight, access showers, meals, physical health services, and housing case management.

Obligated funds:

- 104401 – 5-Cities Homeless Coalition (\$400,000)
- 104402 - Safe Parking Project (\$1,000,000)

Status: Completed 50% or more

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Metrics will be available following the first full year of implementation.	

## Project Inventory

Project Name: County Homeless Strategy

Project Identification Number: 104500

Funding Amount: \$654,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 2.16-Services for Unhoused Persons

Project Overview:

Funding set aside to be used in conjunction with the County's homeless efforts.

Status: Not Started

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
To be determined.	

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Small Business Grant Program

Project Identification Number: 104010, 104020

Funding Amount: \$550,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 2.29-Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

### Project Overview:

The Small Business Grant Program supported small businesses facing economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. While \$500,000 was made available originally for this program, an additional \$50,000 was subsequently allocated due to the high demand for this program. The funding was split among the five supervisorial districts to support a distribution of funding across the county. Business owners used the funds for eligible purposes as defined by the U.S. Department of Treasury. This included mitigation of financial hardship such as declines in revenue or impacts of business closure; implementing COVID-19 prevention or mitigation tactics; or securing technical assistance, counseling, or other services to assist with business planning needs. All participants were required to document and submit their expenditures and describe how their business was affected by the pandemic and how the grant funds were used.

A total of 98 businesses were awarded grants of \$5,000 or \$10,000 depending on the number of employees they have. The industries receiving grants were predominantly retail trade and food service. The most common uses of the funds included: 1) mortgage/rent and utilities; 2) supporting payroll and benefits; and 3) other operating costs.

Status: Completed

### Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Number of small businesses assisted.	98 businesses received grants of \$5,000 or \$10,000 based on their number of employees.

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Job Training, Technical Assistance, Workforce Development

Project Identification Number: 104100

Funding Amount: \$2,430,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 2.30-Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning

### Project Overview:

The project provides a multitude of critical support to businesses and individuals by providing technical assistance to businesses and entrepreneurs, workforce development, education, and job training. The intention of this program is to provide technical assistance to local businesses and entrepreneurs in navigating the challenges of starting, surviving, adapting, and growing their business during the pandemic. The funding for workforce development and job training is intended to address the regional labor shortage, particularly a shortage of skilled labor, and to benefit unemployed and underemployed people and those who have suffered economically because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The projects build upon partnerships the County has had with community organizations to support economic development, small business development, workforce development, and job training.

### Obligated Funds:

- 104101 – SLOCOE & SLO Partners (\$750,000)
- 104102 - Atascadero & Paso Chambers of Commerce (\$197,500)
- 104103 - South County Chambers of Commerce (\$250,000)
- 104104 - Cal Poly Corporation and CIE (\$1,232,500)

Status: Completed less than 50%

### Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
The “Get Your Business Online” program at the Atascadero and Paso Robles Chambers of Commerce aims to support 200 small businesses impacted by COVID-19 in getting online by the end of 2024.	From January 30 – July 27, 2023, the program has achieved the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 47 consultations conducted</li> <li>- 26 new websites launched</li> <li>- 18 trainings held</li> </ul>
For the project with the Cal Poly Corporation and the Cal Poly Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE), CIE will launch three Outreach Centers to provide technical assistance, business planning, counseling, and job training to small businesses County-wide. CIE will create specialized incubator projects at each location: AgTech in Paso Robles, Aerospace in Grover Beach,	For the reporting period October 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, the project has achieved the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Organizational capacity:</u> Completed its first key hire to increase its capacity to successfully carry out the activities outlined in the work plan.</li> <li>2. <u>Specialized incubator programs:</u> Across all specialized incubator projects, relationship building, industry/corporate outreach, and exploration of investment opportunities has occurred.</li> </ol>

## Project Inventory

<p>CleanTech in Morro Bay, and MedTech in San Luis Obispo.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. AgTech Incubator Project in Paso Robles: Facilitated 2 workshops, including one bilingual workshop.</li> <li>b. Aerospace and Aeronautics Incubator Project in Grover Beach: An expert lead mentor was onboarded and a membership agreement with The Launchpad Grover Beach was finalized.</li> <li>c. CleanTech Incubator Project in Morro Bay: An expert lead mentor was onboarded, negotiations are moving forward for a coworking location in Morro Bay, and one cleantech startup has been onboarded.</li> <li>d. MedTech Incubator Project in San Luis Obispo: An expert lead mentor was onboarded, a membership agreement with the HotHouse was finalized, and 2 MedTech startups have been onboarded.</li> </ul> <p>3. <u>Incubator Activities Across All Verticals</u>: All project results for the 2022 work plan have been delivered. Relationships with the Cal Poly Administration, Deans, the Tech Transfer Office, and Tech Park are being strengthened. Ongoing programming and activities include a Techstars Founders Day, partnerships with large incubator programs, and identifying partnerships with corporations and other organizations to bring more POCs and other opportunities to companies in each vertical.</p>
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## Project Inventory

Project Name: Non-Profit Grant Program

Project Identification Number: 104200

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2-Negative Economic Impacts

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 2.34-Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

### Project Overview:

The Non-Profit Grant Program distributes funding to non-profit organizations that are aligned with the Board of Supervisor's priority for housing and homelessness services to low-income families by maintaining and expanding very low-income housing options and shelter for those that are homeless. In addition, funds are provided to assist low-income families, whether it be for food assistance, or offsetting the cost of participating in afterschool or art/cultural activities they otherwise would not be able to participate in.

### Obligated Funds:

- 104201 - Community Action Partnership of SLO (\$450,000)
- 104202 - El Camino Homeless Org (\$430,000)
- 104203 - 5-Cities Homeless Org (\$275,000)
- 104204 - Food Bank (\$200,000)
- 104205 - People's Self-Help Housing (\$200,000)
- 104206 - South County Youth Coalition (\$150,000)
- 104207 - Transitions Mental Health Association (\$150,000)
- 104208 - Boys & Girls Club Mid Central Coast (\$150,000)
- 104209 - Boys & Girls Club So SLO County (\$150,000)
- 104210 - Court Appointed Special Advocates (\$115,000)
- 104211 - SLO Noor Foundation (\$100,000)
- 104212 - Other smaller non-profit awards (\$630,000)

Status: Completed less than 50%

### Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
<b>El Camino Homeless Organization:</b>	
At least 200 people will receive shelter and related services annually.	El Camino Homeless Organization exceeded the goal by serving 325 individuals during the first 12 months with shelter services.
<b>Food Bank:</b>	
Distribute 4.2 million pounds of food through agency partners and direct distributions annually, a total of 3.5 million meals.	From January 2023 to May 2023, Food Bank distributed an average of 344,000 pounds of food each month, with the rate continuing to increase.

## Project Inventory

Indicator	Metric
<b>People's Self Help Housing:</b>	
<p>1) Four clinical case managers and 2 clinical supervisors will provide over 160 weekly hours of services and program support.</p> <p>2) 20 homeless households will move into permanent housing and begin receiving supportive services.</p>	<p>1) Four clinical case managers and 2 clinical supervisors provided over 160 weekly hours of services and program support.</p> <p>2) Placed 19 homeless households into supportive housing.</p>
<b>South County Youth Coalition:</b>	
<p>Two eight-week psychoeducational group sessions will be provided by a licensed clinician or clinical intern each school year Eight to ten students will be enrolled in each 8-week group session on each elementary school campus.</p>	<p>A total of 17 students, 8 students at Oceano Elementary and 9 students from the Grover Beach Elementary completed the group sessions.</p>
<b>South County Youth Coalition:</b>	
<p>1) The ARPA family advocate will serve 20 households (this includes all households that have an intake completed).</p> <p>2) The ARPA family advocate will make 160 community service contacts that will assist in improving the wellbeing of the family.</p> <p>3) The ARPA family advocate will make 100 community service contacts to the Spanish speaking community.</p>	<p>The ARPA family advocates served 17 families: 8 families at Oceano Elementary and 9 families at Grover Beach Elementary.</p> <p>The family advocates made 78 community service contacts to help improve the wellbeing of the families.</p> <p>The family advocates made 41 community service contacts to the Spanish speaking community.</p>
<b>Boys and Girls Club of Mid Central Coast:</b>	
<p>1500 Club Members will be able to enroll in afterschool programming at 5 Club sites in SLO County between April 2022 through the rest of the year.</p>	<p>1500 Club Members were able to enroll in afterschool programming at 5 Club sites in SLO County during the school year 2022-23.</p>
<b>Boys and Girls Club of South SLO County:</b>	
<p>1) 500 youth will participate in our out-of-school enrichment programming.</p> <p>2) 80 youth will receive \$25 in scholarship support for a period of 50 weeks.</p>	<p>Over 500 youth participated in our out-of-school enrichment programming.</p> <p>80 youth received \$25-\$50 in scholarship support for a period of 50 weeks.</p>
<b>Court Appointed Special Advocates:</b>	
<p>60 new or returning private donors (individuals and corporations) will be secured; current major donors will receive significant one-on-one attention.</p>	<p>Cultivated 53 Corporate Sponsors as part of "30 for 30" campaign, which kicked off last fall to honor SLO CASA's 30th anniversary serving foster youth countywide. This resulted in a 150% increase in corporate gifts over the prior year. Engaged 482 active donors, a 205% increase from the 158 active donors the prior year. Received 763 donations, a 129% increase from the prior year</p>



## Project Inventory

Project Name: Public Health Impacts

Project Name: Public Health COVID response

Project Identification Number: PH BAR 2122074

Funding Amount: \$4,132,939

Project Expenditure Category: 3-Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 3.1-Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

Project Overview:

Staffing augmentations within the Public Health Department to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The additional temporary and limited positions are providing critical resources in support of a broad range of COVID-19 support functions including Human Resources, Finance, Public Information communications, and ongoing Information Technology (IT) support.

Status: Completed 50% or more

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Number of temporary and limited-term full time equivalent (FTE) positions funded with SLFRF funds.	36 FTE's

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Infrastructure-Wastewater Treatment (Combined)

Project Identification Number: PW#11, PW#12, PW#15

Funding Amount: \$1,052,181

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.1-Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment

### Project Overview:

Wastewater improvements are required to ensure wastewater is conveyed and treated preventing spills, treating effluent to remove contaminants, and meeting all State and Federal discharge requirements. These projects protect our communities drinking water supplies. The Effluent Pump Station Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) project includes installing four VFD's, one on each of the Los Osos Water Recycling Facility's effluent pumps and using program logic to dictate when a second pump turns on, allowing these pumps to operate within their best efficiency envelope. The recycled water effluent pumps are a critical part of the water treatment process. These VFDs will maintain more constant and reasonable pressure in the distribution system and reduce the frequency of pump starting and stopping. This will reduce energy cost and increase the life span of the effluent pump motors.

The Polishing Pond and Effluent Pump Station project for the Oak Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant involves replacement of the effluent flowmeter/pump and wet well which have reached the end of their service life. The effluent wet well is significantly corroded and must be replaced very soon as the polishing ponds require sludge removal. This project will also evaluate the wet well intake structure.

### Obligated Funds:

- Effluent Pump Station VFDs (\$275,000)
- Cl2 Analyzer at the gate of treatment plant (\$280,279)
- Polishing Pond & Effluent Pump Station (\$496,902)

Status: Completed less than 50%

### Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
To be determined.	

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Infrastructure-Wastewater collection & conveyance (Combined)

Project Identification Number: PW#31, PW#30

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.2-Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance

Project Overview:

Wastewater facilities must regularly clean their collection systems to keep them in good working condition. Currently the wash water must be transported and disposed of offsite which can be very expensive and time consuming. Washout stations will save County wastewater systems considerable time and money.

Replacement of Lift Station 3 hoist for lifting submersible pumps from wet well at Community Service Area CSA 7A (Oak Shores). In below ground wet/drywell (47' below ground), hoist removes pumps from wet well to dry well. Ventilation system requires two fans at grade operating continuously in tandem to ventilate wet well/dry well for confined space entry. Corrosion assessment of wet/drywell walls (made of carbon steel) is included, and coating repair as needed to extend station life. Project enhances key maintenance practices to keep the pump station in continuous operations.

Obligated Funds:

- Sewer Collection and Disposal Facilities-Various Locations (\$1,000,000)
- CSA 7A - Lift Station No. 3 Rehabilitation (\$1,000,000)

Status: Not started

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Number of sewer miles.	Not started.

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Infrastructure-Other sewer (Combined)

Project Identification Number: PW#32, PW#16, PW#13

Funding Amount: \$2,587,819

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.5-Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure

### Project Overview:

The Vacuum and Jetter Truck purchase will allow the County to respond to emergencies, such as sewer spills, without relying on outside contractors.

The Los Osos Effluent Pump Station and Leach Field Improvement Maintenance project involves upgrading equipment in the Los Osos Water Recycling System leach fields including replacing Cla-Val and flowmeter at Broderson leach field and replacing Cla-Val at Bayridge leach field. Existing Cla-Val valves are oversized for required flowrates and must be replaced with smaller valves that can be adjusted to meet actual flow requirements. Flowmeter at Broderson is necessary to better report flows discharged at Broderson leachfield where no flowmeter exists, and staff must rely on calculating flows that involve meter readings taken at other locations throughout the day leading to inaccuracy.

The CSA-7A (Oak Shores) Sewer Collection System's sewer interceptor is exposed in several areas along the Nacimiento reservoir shoreline. During high lake levels, the interceptor is completely submerged beneath the lake. The sewer interceptor, a 45+ year old existing pipe is ductile iron pipe and is pitting on the outside. The interceptor flows down to a lift station at the lakeside. This project is needed to evaluate the system and design a solution for repairing and/or replacing the sewer interceptor pipeline for the community of Oak Shores to substantially reduce the risk of a sewer spill into the lake, or a substantial inflow of lake water into the sewer interceptor. Consulting services are needed to make a condition assessment of the existing sewer system and lift station that is approaching the end of its service life, perform geotechnical evaluations, develop alternatives, project phasing, and final design of a sewer interceptor bypass/replacement project.

### Obligated Funds:

- Sewer Collection Equipment - Vacuum and Jetter Truck (\$737,819)
- Los Osos Effluent Pump Station & Leach field Improvements Project (\$325,000)
- CSA 7A Interceptor Design Development (\$1,250,000)

Status: Completed less than 50%

### Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
To be determined.	

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Avila Beach flooding study

Project Identification Number: PW#22

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.6-Clean Water: Stormwater

Project Overview:

Study to identify a preferred solution to reduce the risk of flooding to homes, businesses, roads, and the public parking lot near First Street in Avila Beach. With the area being located at a low point, it experiences frequent flooding during storm events as well as nuisance water which occurs periodically year-round. An in-depth study is necessary to identify a feasible/preferred solution and develop the scope and budget to seek funding for implementation of a project that will reduce flooding risks. As part of the project, the consultant will provide a review of the previously completed reports in the area and recommend a proposed solution to address flooding concerns based on the alternatives presented. The solution will address the protection of public and private property from flooding. In addition, the solution will address water quality improvements for San Luis Obispo Creek, Avila Beach Lagoon, and San Luis Bay. The study will facilitate the solution that aims to minimize operational and maintenance staff response and in turn, decrease operational costs for the County long term.

Status: Completed less than 50%

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Report completed.	Targeted completion December 2023.

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Connections to other REW users

Project Identification Number: PW#14

Funding Amount: \$350,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.8-Clean Water: Water conservation

Project Overview:

To reduce pumping demands in the Los Osos groundwater basin, the Los Osos Recycled Water System is looking to increase potential users that are not currently connected. Connections will require plumbing modifications both off and onsite. Targeted connections will help reduce groundwater pumping for turf irrigation in the basin. The project will fund the purchase of piping materials, appurtenances, recycled water signage, and the purchase of purple sprinkler heads. The targeted focus will be to maximize the use of recycled water on large turf areas within the basin.

Status: Completed 50% or more

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
To be determined.	

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Cyanotoxin Detection System

Project Identification Number: PW#3

Funding Amount: \$200,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.13-Drinking water: Source

Project Overview:

The Cyanotoxin Detection System (CDS) project includes sampling and analytical equipment for monitoring cyanotoxins in raw water (surface water or groundwater under the influence of surface water), treated water, and recycled water systems with open reservoirs. Additional work will include updating the Cyanotoxin Management Plan. Harmful algal blooms (HABs) in freshwater systems are becoming increasingly common and present critical threats to drinking water systems and recreational waters. Cyanotoxins may enter a drinking water supply because of HAB growth in surface water, recycled water, and ground water under the direct influence of surface water. The monitoring and measurement of algal toxins is essential for the effective management of water resources and compliance with regulatory advisories. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has established a stepwise approach to monitor and/or treat for cyanotoxins as well as how to communicate with the public. These steps include:

- 1) Evaluation of vulnerability to blooms
- 2) Activities to prepare for a bloom
- 3) Monitoring activities to determine when cyanotoxin are present and recommended communication and treatment activities
- 4) Monitoring activities to determine if cyanotoxins are present in finished water and recommended communication with the public
- 5) Continue with finished water monitoring until HAB bloom disappears

Status: Completed 50% or more

Indicator	Metric
To be determined.	

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Infrastructure-Drinking Water Storage (Combined)

Project Identification Number: PW#1, PW#4, PW#5, PW#6, PW#8

Funding Amount: \$4,455,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.14-Drinking water: Storage

### Project Overview:

To protect the water supply, provide clean water, and provide resiliency to the public, three new water storage tanks will be installed, and a water system intertie will be upgraded. Two storage tanks will replace existing aging storage tanks and one tank will be a second tank to provide additional fire flow storage. The intertie will provide resiliency to emergencies in the Avila area by upsizing an existing emergency intertie that can provide an alternative water supply during times of emergency. A water shortage contingency plan will be developed for the County Operations Center (COC) to identify ways to supply water in times of drought and develop a list of projects that would make the water system more resilient.

### Obligated Funds:

- Install New Storage Tank (\$1,500,000)
- Replace Bolted Water Tank (\$1,100,000)
- CSA 12 - Water System Resiliency (\$275,000)
- COC Water System Resiliency Project (\$100,000)
- Install New Storage Tank (\$1,480,000)

Status: Completed less than 50%

### Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
To be determined.	



## Project Inventory

Project Name: Water Quality Lab - Generator

Project Identification Number: PW#29

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.15-Drinking water: Other water infrastructure

Project Overview:

A backup generator will enable the water quality lab to continue with bacteriological analysis and maintain integrity of regulatory analytical samples during power outages. Maintaining critical lab functions is necessary to ensure drinking water continues to meet public health and safety requirements during emergencies or incidents resulting in a power outage. This project would improve resiliency of our drinking water systems by enabling our water quality lab to be functional during a power outage to analyze drinking water samples and provide valid results, ensuring drinking water is safe for our communities.

Status: Completed less than 50%

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Purchase backup generator.	Projected installation date September 2024.

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Drywell Health Inspections

Project Identification Number: PW#9

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.16-Water and Sewer: Private Wells

Project Overview:

Environmental Health permit fee inspection waivers for dry well replacements during drought periods.

Status: Completed less than 50%

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Number of dry well fee waivers allowed.	49

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Water Billing Software/ Hardware

Project Identification Number: PW#7

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.18-Water and Sewer: Other

Project Overview:

Upgrade the current water billing database software to a cloud-based system offering streamlined billing, payment receipting, and offering an online payment portal for customers. This portal enhances the customers' ability to track utility usage, pay bills online, enroll in automated payments, sign up for paperless billing, process services request, and receive important information on any device anywhere. The new system also offers additional reporting to better understand water usage for each residence within our CSA's.

Status: Completed

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Purchase and implement billing database software.	Database was purchased and implemented in May 2022.

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Broadband Projects (Combined)

Project Identification Number: PW#23, PW#24, PW#25, PW#26, PW#27

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5-Infrastructure

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 5.19-Broadband: 'Last Mile' projects

Project Overview:

Project Description:

Extend the existing fiber optic data network to five new facilities throughout the county that offer services to COVID-impacted members of the community. New broadband connectivity will provide greater network speed and bandwidth than currently available at the locations and will result in annual costs savings of over \$35,000/year through elimination of low-speed data circuits provided by commercial telecom providers.

Obligated Funds:

- Fiber to DSS Paso Robles (\$270,000)
- Extend fiber to DSS in Arroyo Grande (\$650,000)
- Fiber to South County Regional Center (\$240,000)
- Fiber to DSS Atascadero (\$740,000)
- Fiber to DSS Morro Bay (\$100,000)

Status: Completed less than 50%

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Total miles of fiber deployed.	Projects not completed.

## Project Inventory

Project Name: Small Business Grant Administration

Project Identification Number: 180101

Funding Amount: \$20,000

Project Expenditure Category: 7-Administrative

Project Expenditure Subcategory: 7.1-Administrative Expenses

Project Overview:

These funds supported administrative costs for the Workforce Development Board, in the Department of Social Services, to administer the Small Business Grant Program. Please see more details about this program under Project Identification Numbers 104010 and 104020 in the Project Inventory.

Status: Completed

Performance Report:

Indicator	Metric
Administer small business grant program.	98 small business grants were awarded, and funding distributed to eligible small businesses.