County of Bristol, Massachusetts Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Initial Recovery Plan Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The Bristol County Commissioners are developing a program for the intended and actual uses of funding to promote a response to the pandemic and economic recovery. The program details will be included in subsequent Recovery Plan Reports.

Uses of Funds

The Bristol County Commissioners are developing a program for the intended and actual uses of funding to help support a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. The program details will be included in subsequent Recovery Plan Reports. The subsequent reports will include strategies employed to maximize programmatic impact and effective, efficient, and equitable outcomes. The subsequent reports will include how the funds would support the communities, populations, or individuals in Bristol County. The subsequent reports will address how Bristol County is promoting each of the following Expenditure Categories, to the extent they apply:

- a. Public Health
- b. Negative Economic Impacts
- c. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- d. Premium Pay
- e. Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- f. Revenue Replacement

Promoting equitable outcomes

The Bristol County Commissioners are developing a program to promote equity. Each annual report to follow will provide an update, using qualitative and quantitative data, on how the recipients' approach achieved or promoted equitable outcomes or progressed against equity goals during the performance period.

The subsequent report will include how programs were designed with equity in mind. The reports will include how Bristol County will consider and measure equity at the various stages of the program, including:

- a. Goals: Are there particular historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups that you intend to serve?
- b. Awareness: How equal and practical is the ability for residents or businesses to become aware of the services funded by the SLFRF?
- c. Access and Distribution: Are there differences in levels of access to benefits and services across groups? Are there administrative requirements that result in disparities in ability to complete applications or meet eligibility criteria?

d. Outcomes: Are intended outcomes focused on closing gaps, reaching universal levels of service, or disaggregating progress by race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions where relevant for the policy objective?

The Bristol County Commissioners are developing a program to prioritizes economic and racial equity as a goal. Subsequent reports will include specific targets intended to produce meaningful equity results at scale, and strategies to achieve those targets. The Plan will include an overall equity strategy that details the specific services or programs offered by Bristol County in the following Expenditure Categories:

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

The Bristol County Commissioners are developing a program to promote equity using qualitative and quantitative data on how Bristol County's approach will achieve or promote equitable outcomes or progress against equity goals. Subsequent reports will describe any constraints or challenges that impacted project success in terms of increasing equity.

Subsequent reports will describe the geographic and demographic distribution of funding, including whether it is targeted toward traditionally marginalized communities.

Community Engagement

The Bristol County Commissioners are developing a program to incorporate written, oral, and other forms of input that capture diverse feedback from constituents, community-based organizations, and the communities themselves. Subsequent reports will describe how funds will build the capacity of community organizations to serve people with significant barriers to services, including people of color, people with low incomes, limited English proficiency populations, and other traditionally underserved groups.

Labor Practices

The Bristol County Commissioners are developing a program to develop workforce practices on infrastructure projects being pursued. Subsequent reports will describe how the projects use

strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality infrastructure projects while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers.

Use of Evidence

Subsequent reports will identify whether SLFRF funds are being used for evidence-based interventions and/or if projects are being evaluated through rigorous program evaluations that are designed to build evidence. Subsequent reports will describe the overall approach for using evidence and evaluation.

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
- 1	Expenditure Category: Public Health	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.2	COVID-19 Testing	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.10	Mental Health Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.11	Substance Use Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.12	Other Public Health Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral jobtraining, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.13	Other Economic Support	\$0.00	\$0.00
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.5	Education Assistance: Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay	\$0.00	\$0.00
4.1	Public Sector Employees	\$0.00	\$0.00

	Category	Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.13	Drinking water: Source	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.14	Drinking water: Storage	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.17	Broadband: Other projects	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	Administrative and Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
7.1	Administrative Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis	\$0.00	\$0.00
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government	\$0.00	\$0.00
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project Inventory

The Bristol County Commissioners are developing a program for the intended and actual uses of funding to promote a response to the pandemic and economic recovery. To date, no projects have been undertaken.